

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
April 9, 2023

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MASS TIMES:

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am & 9:30 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am Thursday 8:15 am

CONFESSION TIMES:

Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6:25-6:55 am Wednesday 12 noon –1:00 pm Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

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Principal: Mrs. Karen Jones, jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org

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ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY: 401 E. Water St. Open to Livingston County residents every Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm.

Phone: 815-844-FOOD(3663)

SCRIP: SCRIP is now an electronic only format using the RaiseRight app or at www.raiseright.com. If you do not have an online account and would like to set one up, please contact Taryn Tissiere at tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-979-7663.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$14,520.40

School Collection was \$2,681.00.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Collection: This weekend.

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 8 (Holy Saturday)

4:00 p.m. *** **NO MASS** ***
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 9 (Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 a.m. 7th ann Blaze Masching

9:30 a.m. Wakey Family

11:00 a.m. Parish

Monday, April 10

7:00 a.m. *** **NO MASS** ***

Tuesday, April 11

7:00 a.m. *** **NO MASS** ***

Wednesday, April 12

7:00 a.m. *** **NO MASS** ***

Thursday, April 13

8:15 a.m. Celeste Margherio

Friday, April 14

7:00 a.m. Clemencia Perez

Saturday, April 15

4:00 p.m. Parish

Sunday, April 16 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

7:00 a.m. 15th ann Patricia Rich

9:30 a.m. James Brogan

Servers for Saturday, April 15

4:00 p.m. Volunteers Servers for Sunday, April 16

7:00 a.m. Tyson Cramer

9:30 a.m. Ella Ashcraft, Kaylee & Brooklyn Delheimer

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adoration is open each weekday, Monday-Friday from 8am until 8pm and Saturday from 8am until 3pm. Adoration is in the Chapel except for Thursdays when it is held in the church. If you would like to spend an hour with Jesus or share an hour with someone, please contact Darlene DeMattia at 815-674-2375 or the Parish Office at 815-844-7683.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS: If you are looking to get your first child baptized, or are expecting your first child and would like to be prepared for the sacrament of Baptism when they arrive, please call the parish office at 815-844-7683 to set up a date and time for Baptism prep class.

CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and family of **Gabriel Manolo Orozco**, son of Julio & Angela Orozco, who was recently baptized as a member of our faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioners Margaret Trainor and Brendan Greil, R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

ST. MARY'S DRAWDOWN: What a night! We are pleased to announce that the profit from our 30th Annual DrawDown is \$34,860! Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket, sponsored, donated, or helped in any way. We are so grateful for your support. ~ St. Mary's DrawDown Committee

NO MASSES MON, TUES, WED THIS WEEK



Easter Memorial Flowers

Bill Fuss-Bonnie & family Chuck Porter-His family

Lee & Irene Ramsey-Their grandchildren

Gerre & Vic Reyniers-Paula, Josh & Ryan

George & Marcy Harback, Steve & Theresa Kamnikar-Bob & Julie Harback

Celeste Margherio-Mom

Frank Wynant-Shirley Wynant

Jim Cahill-Donna Cahill

Vince, Betty, Kathy, Tim, Colleen & Amber Murphy-Their family

John DiNardi-His family

Howard & Barb Sancken, Marvin & Carol Wunderlin, John & Hope Sancken-Joanne Sancken & family

Jerry Pike-His family

Lyle, Mary & Michael Krieghauser, Oakley, Betty & Jeanette Smith-

Paul Krieghauser Family

Our Parents and all deceased family members-Mike & Kathy Dawson

Adam Davis & Our Parents-Ron & Nancy Davis

Grandpa Crowley, Aunt Jan, Uncle Randy-,M,C,M,M,R,P,S,K,C,K,B,L,R,C,H,P Our Parents, Don E. Kiley, Henry Michael Shrewsbury-Dewey & Marie Haag

John & Marcella James, Marie Sancken-Andy & Shirley Charles & Ruth Schopp-Their family

Bernie Cassady-Janet & family

Joseph Matthew Wesselhoff-Bob & Debi Wesselhoff & family

Ogie & Luke Hale-Your family

Jean Jones-Hazletts & Greenebergs John W. Schaefer-Rita Schaefer

Joe & Lena Leach & entire Leach & Lebo Family-the family

Brown, Dillon & Legner Families-Margaret Ann

Paul & Betty Folks-Their family

Clem & Ruth Benedino-Linda & Betty

Ron & Jo Schultz. Ernie Ledford-Gene & Sue Ledford Family

Francis & Gertrude Rusterholz, Ed & Mary Fox, Francis Fox-Dick & Joyce Fox

Maxine Norville-Her children & grandchildren

Bob & Irene Fraher-Tom, Joan, Nancy, Jim & family

Pat & Bill Rich-LeAnn & Greg Dixon & family, Bill & Sherri Rich & family Karolyn "Dodie" Rinn & Kris Martin-Chuck, Lyn, Megan & family

Bob Leah & Nancy Wilkins-Bernice & Harold Brown Jan, Randy & Bill-Their family

Elsie & Ramon Fornero, Fred , Betty, Tim & Marie Heidenreich-

Tim & Linda Fornero and family

Benedino Family & Bennington Family-Linda & Betty

Our Parents-The Dick Hatzer Family

John Sancken & Hope Sancken

Ganta Family-Rice Family

John & Dolores Waldschmidt-Their family

Colleen Murphy-The WB Society

Raymond Grove, Kathryn Grove, Michael Duncan-Their family

Giordano Family-Giordano Family

Butch & Rosie Schulz, Clint & Gayle Mills-Ron & Kim Schulz Family

Helen Green-Karen Moen

Mary Verdun-Her family

Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Krieghauser, Michael Krieghauser-Regina & Keli McGuire

Tijuanna J. Kisela-Husband John, Lori, Kim, & Tracy

Roger, Bernice & Everett Edwards-Their family

John, Kathryn & Patrick Vicars; Howard & Bernadette Wille-John & Katie

Elzie & David Fry-Arlene & family

Earl & Selma Simpson-Simpson Family

Timothy, Martha & Patrick Linskey-Their family

Mervyn & DeLores Schweigert, Jane Smith-Bryan, Susan & Alyssa Schweigert

Our deceased family members-David & Mary Billington

Henry Hogan-Janet & family

Patricia, David & Michael Smith-Frances Becker & Shirley Wynant

John Panno-His family Ray & Dorothy Broerman, Ann Miller, Rebecca Catalano & Jim Broerman-

Broerman Family Kenny Cramer & Dorothee Tjelle-Diane, Craig & family, Chris & family

"Bugs" & Martha Vitzthum-Their family

Helen & Herman Vill-Daughters

Harry & Irene Vitzthum-The family

Paul & Mary L. Trainor-Paula Trainor Rosenbaum

Larry & Ron Kennedy-Jan, Craig, Jodi, Peyton & Tyson



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION: The first Sunday after Easter is celebrated as the Feast of the Divine Mercy. This year, we invite everyone to St. Joseph Church in Chenoa to join in their Divine Mercy celebration on Sunday, April 16 at 5:00 pm. Brochures to pray the Novena at home starting on Good Friday are available at the church entrance.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet Thursday, April 13 from 9am to 12:30pm in the parish hall.

ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD will meet Tuesday, April 18 at 5:30pm in the parish hall. Please note change of time. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP: All high school students are invited to join us every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30pm starting September 11. Youth group meets in the upstairs of the Parish Center (former rectory). Please use the back door.

LEGION OF MARY: Want to tell the world about Jesus through Evangelization? Become a disciple. Join the Legion of Mary every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Please use the back door.

WOMEN'S GUILD RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER: The Women's Guild will be holding a Rummage Sale Fundraiser in the parish hall on Friday, June 23 & Saturday, June 24. Donated items in good condition are needed for the sale such as books, jewelry, linens, toys, household items, decorations and miscellaneous items. NO CLOTHES! Start saving your items. Drop off information will be provided closer to the sale date.

PARISH FAMILY IN NEED: Looking for a strong, youthful, mature female that could assist with volunteer care for 2-6 hours/1-2 days a week, scheduling flexible! Volunteer would help as a caregiver assistant for a neurologically disabled middle aged lady that has weakened motor controls, speaking/eating difficulties and mobility issues. Typical tasks would be assisting in feeding, meal prep, walking assistance, general comfort and personal companionship. This family tries to take the patient on regular outings for lunch, shopping and events. The volunteer is welcome to join the family on these outings, refreshments and transportation provided by the family. If caregiver would become comfortable with the patient's companionship they would be welcome to take her shopping or for a walk as well. Please contact the parish office at 815-844-7683 if you would be willing to help this family.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS CONTINUED

Jerry & Jo Reilly, Ernie & Mary Lou Charlier, Merle & Kathleen Kane-Bob, Karen & Mary Jo

Kay & Marion Vill-Nieces Our Parents & Son-Jim & Laura Wallace Ed Behrendt & Jerry Duffy-Mike Linskey John F. Heenan, Shirley B. Stevens, Patrick J. Heenan-Heenan Family

Keith & Rose Mills-Bob & Steph Kennedy & family

EASTER FLOWER HONORS

Our Parents-Jeff & Jackie Froelich My Family-Joan Crowley Jane Greeneberg-Hazletts & Greenebergs Our Small Group Leaders-Anonymous Alzina Porter-Her family





MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCED: CAN YOU HELP A CHILD RECEIVE A CATHOLIC EDUCATION?

Through the Invest in Kids Act, students living at or below the federal poverty level can receive a scholarship to attend St. Mary's School. Scholar-

ships cover up to 100% of private school tuition and fees. These scholarships are 100% funded by donations. Donors will receive a 75% tax credit for their donation. We have 27 students who have qualified and are on the waiting list, hoping to receive a scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year. We recently learned that a generous donor has created a 1:1 matching gift program. For every dollar donated, this donor will match the gift up to \$10,000! We need to raise \$10,000 by April 15 to unlock the full gift. Additionally, Caterpillar employees and retirees can have their gift matched by the Caterpillar Foundation. A \$1,000 gift matched twice becomes \$3,000 to SMS! Please consider making a gift to help these families provide a Catholic education for their children. All donations must be made directly to Empower Illinois, our Scholarship Granting Organization. If you can help, call the school office at (815) 844-6585 or email Danielle Gill.





St. Mary's Parish is now offering Online Giving.

Online Giving can be used to give to:

- Sunday Offering
- School Collection
- Food Pantry
- · Building Maintenance Fund
- Memorials/Gifts
- · School Annual Fund
- Scholarships

Start giving online today!

- 1. Visit our website at <u>www.stmaryspontiac.org</u> and click on the online giving link.
- 2. Create an account.
- 3. Schedule your gift. Gifts given via checking or savings account have no service charge. Debit and credit card gifts will be assessed a 3% fee.

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the parish office at 815-844-7683. Online Giving is provided by Our Sunday Visitor, a Catholic not-for-profit organization serving parishes for more than 100 years.

SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS: Your child <u>can</u> attend a Catholic School, Financial Assistance Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOT-ED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2023-2024 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award. Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2023-2024 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 28, 2023. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2023. Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at www.empowerillinois.org. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding





READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 9, 2023

Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or

Lk 24:13-35

Monday Monday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22;

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10: Ps 105:1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9: Lk 24:13-35

Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9;

Lk 24:35-48

Friday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a;

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21;

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL

For a culture of peace and non-violence: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Everyday at

4:30am and 8:30pm.

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PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

We ask everyone to pray for specific church and school families each weekday. A list will be published here in the bulletin and in the newsletter you receive in the mail. Please remember these families in your prayers each day for them to grow in their faith this year.

Katie Duffy Family, Sam Kelly Family Mon Apr 10 Hannah Collins Family, Alex & Corinne Klus Family Tues Apr 11 Wed Apr 12 Peg Denton Family, Madison Knowles Family Thurs Apr 13 Kevin Duffy Family, Ally Krenz Family Fri Apr 14 Wilce & Cara Enriquez Family, Deanna Lauer Family Mon Apr 17 Cory & Samantha Farris Family, Elizabeth Legner Family Tues Apr 18 Jeff Flott Family, James Mann Family Richard & Joyce Fox Family, Teresa Masching Family Wed Apr 19 Sharon Green Family, Jerry Marcin Family Thurs Apr 20 Fri Apr 21 Kevin & Vanessa Guidry-Jones Family, Marie Margherio Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!





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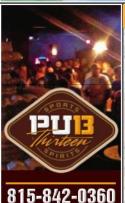
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