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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
April 16, 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

Facebook: St. Mary's School

Instagram: [stmaryspontiac](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryspontiac)

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Tissiere at tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-979-7663.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$14,557.40

Holy Land Collection was \$908.00.

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: This weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 17

7:00 a.m. 23rd ann Kevin Casson

Tuesday, April 18

7:00 a.m. George & Ethel Kirchgessner

Wednesday, April 19

7:00 a.m. Roberto Feliciano

Thursday, April 20

8:15 a.m. Lourdes Lazatin

Friday, April 21 (St. Anselm)

7:00 a.m. Melinda Vallow

Saturday, April 22

4:00 p.m. John "Jack" Schaefer

Sunday, April 23 (Third Sunday of Easter)

7:00 a.m. Maxine Norville

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, April 22

4:00 p.m. Carrington Gray

Servers for Sunday, April 23

7:00 a.m. Christopher Corrigan

9:30 a.m. Zach & Mallory Masching

EUCCHARISTIC 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 Par-
ish 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 AND WELCOME to **Ryan Car-
ley, Kyle Bachman, Dakota Opperman, Alexandra Cobix
and John Grundler** who became full members of our
Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil Mass.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Rita Dean, Jim & Rosie Duffy, Terri & Anne-

Steve, Joan, Katie, Kevin & Maeci

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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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet **Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30pm** in the Our Lady of the Rosary Room of the parish hall.

GRADUATES MASS: This year's Senior Graduates Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 21 at the 9:30am Mass**. Invitations will be sent out soon.

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.

EMMAUS DAYS: SESSIONS I & II

Session I June 9-11, 2023

Working & College Men

St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign

Session II June 23-26, 2023

High School Juniors & Seniors

St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign

Sessions I and II are overnight retreats. Participants deepen their faith and focus on discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to and spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a glimpse into their lives. Along with prayer and other devotions, activities like various sports and card games are played.

EMMAUS DAYS: SESSIONS III & IV

Session III July 16-19, 2023

High School Freshmen & Sophomores

Location: Peoria Notre Dame High School

Session IV July 19-21, 2023

Seventh & Eighth Graders

Location: Peoria Notre Dame High School

Sessions III and IV are overnight retreats. Led by seminarians, participants hear God's call to become authentic Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks from seminarians and activities like basketball, ultimate frisbee, card games, and swimming.

To register for any session, go to:
comeandfollowme.org/emmausdays



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Online Giving can be used to give to:

- Sunday Offering
- School Collection
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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.

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**MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY
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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. Scholarships 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.

SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS: Your child can attend a Catholic School, Financial Assistance Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED 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 award.



**APRIL 22, 2023
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
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1611 West Reynolds Street
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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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2023

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
Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



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ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Everyday at 4:30am and 8:30pm.

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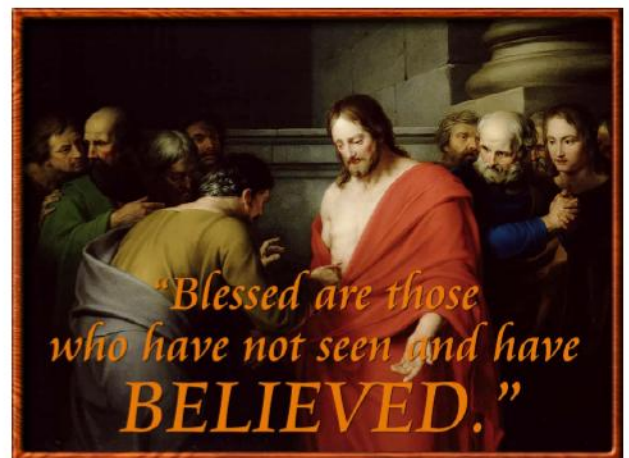
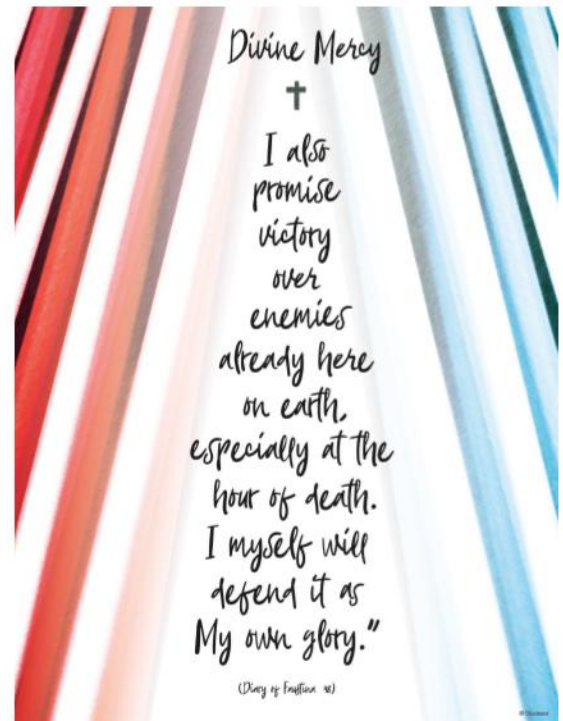
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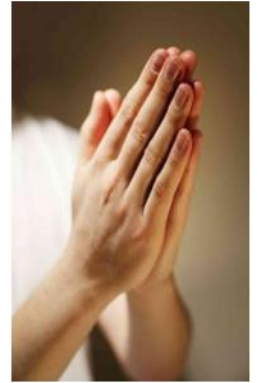
PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

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.

Mon Apr 17	Cory & Samantha Farris Family, Elizabeth Legner Family
Tues Apr 18	Jeff Flott Family, James Mann Family
Wed Apr 19	Richard & Joyce Fox Family, Teresa Masching Family
Thurs Apr 20	Sharon Green Family, Jerry Marcin Family
Fri Apr 21	Kevin & Vanessa Guidry-Jones Family, Marie Margherio Family
Mon Apr 24	Mike & Trisha Haag Family, Jim & Nanette Marx Family
Tues Apr 25	Nathan Hayner Family, Tim & Diane Masching Family
Wed Apr 26	Alvin Heinrich Jr. Family, Jim & Lisa Martin Family
Thurs Apr 27	Tim & Cheyenne Henson Family, Gene & Tammie Masching Family
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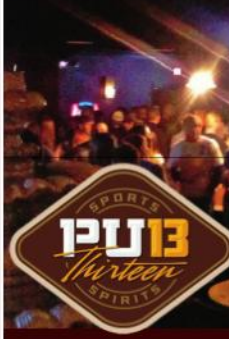
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