



St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
April 23, 2023

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Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon and 1:00-4:30 pm

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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:

414 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764

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

Facebook: St. Mary's School

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

ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY: 401 E. Water St. Open to
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Phone: 815-844-FOOD(3663)

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



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$10,166.40

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,185.00.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Collection was \$2,528.00.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 24 (St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen)

7:00 a.m. 2nd ann Carol Ann Trainor

Tuesday, April 25 (St. Mark, Evangelist)

7:00 a.m. Carmen Alcosoba

Wednesday, April 26

7:00 a.m. 6th ann Patsy Paris Woll

Thursday, April 27

8:15 a.m. Sergio Mangubat

Friday, April 28 (St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignon
de Montfort)

7:00 a.m. 9th ann Juli Sullivan

Saturday, April 29 (St. Catherine of Siena)

4:00 p.m. 45th wedd ann Steve & Linda Renner

Sunday, April 30 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

7:00 a.m. Jesus Padilla

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, April 29

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan

Servers for Sunday, April 30

7:00 a.m. Brock, Drew & Leah Clement

9:30 a.m. Abe Jean Jacques, Riley & Payton Rogers

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 to Richard & Joyce Fox who cel-
ebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past week on
April 20. May God bless you both!

CONGRATULATIONS to McKenna Jo Woodcock,
daughter of Timothy & Samantha Woodcock, who was re-
cently baptized as a member of our faith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our parish will celebrate
First Holy Communion with a special Mass next Sunday,
April 30 at 11:30am. This Mass is open to the public.

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CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, April 27 from 9am to 12:30pm** in 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS wish to thank everyone who provided desserts, helped cook or clean up, and especially those who attended this year's Lenten Fish Frys.

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.

TOTUS TUUS 2023:
Mark your calendars for
June 25-29 for junior high
and high school students,
and June 26-30
for those entering 1st-6th grades.

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

HOUSE-PARENTS NEEDED: Elizabeth Home is thanking you for your prayers and asking you to continue! We are currently searching for whom God may be leading into this Life-changing ministry! All Rent & groceries provided! Would you join us in prayer? Here is a snapshot of the qualifications:

- Christian adults with personal integrity and Godly character.
 - Christians willing to move to our Pontiac ministry house and make their homes with our single mothers in residential care.
 - Christians willing to offer non-judgmental, unbiased love.
 - Christians willing to provide residents with emotional and social support, and appropriate affection.
- If you are feeling the Holy Spirit's nudge, or may know of someone with these qualities, please call us at 309-824-8270 or visit our website for more information www.ehpontiac.org We are confident that the Lord has many years of love and nurturing in store for these hurting hearts, needing Jesus! May we be used as hands and feet of Him!

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CAN YOU HELP US CLEAR THE LIST AND HELP A CHILD RECEIVE A CATHOLIC EDUCATION?

There are 27 students who need financial assistance to be able to attend St. Mary's School next year. So far, we have been able to raise funds to help 10 of these students. To 'CLEAR THE LIST' and help the remaining students, we need to raise an additional \$51,587. Through the Invest in Kids Act scholarship program, 75% of every dollar you donate will come back to you as a State of Illinois tax credit next year. Additionally, employers like Caterpillar, State Farm, and Exelon will match gifts made by employees and/or retirees. 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, contact Danielle Gill at gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org.



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 www.stmaryspontiac.org 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 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.

ST. MARY'S MEN'S GROUP

SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
7:30-9:00PM

Join in fellowship, Bible study, prayer and discussions relating to challenges for Catholic men in a modern world.

To sign up, scan the QR code or
Contact Kel Krenz at
krenz.kel@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-419-5027
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As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.
-Proverbs 27:17





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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2023

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
Monday	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Mary de Montfort Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	St. Catherine of Siena Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



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

MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

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.

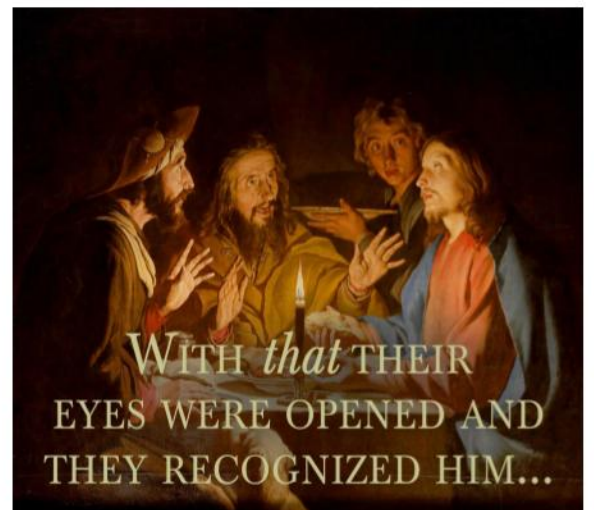


Presented by
Drs Scott Hahn & Jeff Bergsma



Holy Trinity Catholic Church
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Saturday, April 29, 2023

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<https://stpaulcenter.com/bloomington2023/>



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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.

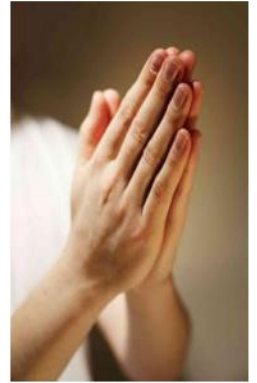
A list will be published here in the bulletin and in the newsletter you receive in the mail.

Please remember these families in your prayers each day for them to grow in their faith this year.

Mon Apr 24
Tues Apr 25
Wed Apr 26
Thurs Apr 27

Fri Apr 28
Mon May 1
Tues May 2
Wed May 3
Thurs May 4
Fri May 5

Mike & Trisha Haag Family, Jim & Nanette Marx Family
Nathan Hayner Family, Tim & Diane Masching Family
Alvin Heinrich Jr. Family, Jim & Lisa Martin Family
Tim & Cheyenne Henson Family,
Gene & Tammie Masching Family
Vincent & Abby Hobart Family, Todd Masching Family
Mark & Kristy Masching Family, Linda Minar Family
Bill & Michelle Masching Family, Helen Million Family
Jerry & Jeannine Mathia Family, Santos & Letisia Molina Family
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