

St. Mary's Catholic Church Pontiac, Illinois May 21, 2023

ST. MARY'S CHURCH PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon and 1:00-4:30 pm Closed on Friday afternoons Memorial Day to Labor Day

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 Phone: 815-844-6585 Principal: Mrs. Karen Jones, jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org Facebook: St. Mary's School Instagram: stmaryspontiac

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 <u>tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org</u> or 815-979-7663.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$11,640.00

St. Mary's Food Pantry Collection was \$2,101.00.

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: This weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 20 (St. Bernardine of Siena) 4:00 p.m. Ann Broerman Miller Sunday, May 21 (Ascension of the Lord) 7:00 a.m. Larry Baker Parish 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 22 (St. Rita of Cascia) 7:00 a.m. Vicki Baker Metzke Tuesday, May 23 7:00 a.m. Carmen Alcoseba Wednesday, May 24 7:00 a.m. Jack Brady 8th Grade Graduation 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25 (St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII, pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi) Melinda Odi 8:15 a.m. Friday, May 26 (St. Philip Neri) 7:00 a.m. Patrick Green Saturday, May 27 (St. Augustine of Canterbury) 4:00 p.m. Bob Fraher Sunday, May 28 (Pentecost Sunday) Rita Schaeffer 7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Parish Servers for Saturday, May 27 4:00 p.m. Volunteers Servers for Sunday, May 28

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

9:30 a.m. Brooklyn & Kaylee 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.

HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT: Pick up a baby bottle at the doors of the church. Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, drop in your spare change, bills, or a check. Return it to church Father's Day weekend and know that the spare change collected will be used to help mothers and their babies. Your change can change lives!

PLEASE PRAY FOR David Corrigan, R.I.P. (son of Rosemarie Corrigan). Our sympathy to his family and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRIESTS AS THEY CELEBRATE THE ANNIVER-SARIES OF THEIR PRIESTHOOD ORDI-NATIONS THIS WEEK: Fr. Adam Cesarek, 8th Anniversary on May 23 Fr. David Sabel, 14th Anniversary on May 23



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CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet Thursday, May 25 from 9am to 12:30pm in the parish hall.

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.

POOL TABLE TO GIVE AWAY: A parishioner has a standard size pool table to give away, but you have to move it yourself. It is currently in a basement. If interested, please call Brenda at 773 -355-9560.

Pray For Peace

Corpus Christi Procession

June 11, 2023 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

All are welcome to join in the Corpus Christi Procession through downtown Pontiac. Mass begins

> at 9:30AM with a half mile Corpus Christi Procession though downtown Pontiac following immediately after Mass.

> > For those who would like to join but cannot walk the distance, the trolley will be available to drive you with the procession.



MEMORIAL DAY MASS

MONDAY, MAY 29 AT 10:30 AM AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

This Mass will honor all of our deceased loved ones. Please bring a lawn chair. If the weather is inclement, a Flocknote message will be sent out and the Mass will be held at the church at the same time. The City service will be at 9am.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ST. MARY'S 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Graduation will be held Wednesday, May 24

Trinity Cheek Leah Clement Ethan Deal Mikayla Gray Ryne Mackinson Mallory Masching Thomas (TJ) Murphy Guy (Darrin) Pierce Hudson Simmons Nevaeh Vogt Reese Wehri Isaac Yedinak

Join us this summer for

CHOSEN

Every Wednesday May 31 - Aug. 16 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall* Two episodes shown each week *June 21 & 28 in the MPR

Chairs will be available but you can bring a lawn chair or blanket if you wish. You are welcome to bring snacks and drinks as well.

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THE FIVE FOUNDATIONS

FOUNDATION 4: DEEPEN OUR AWARENESS

OF THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

Fr. Luke Spannagel, a Diocese of Peoria priest and National Eucharistic Preacher, and Ana Rodas, Assistant Director of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Peoria, discuss the Eucharist in the latest Growing Disciples Five Foundations video.

Their conversation includes where this core pillar of our faith comes from, how to deepen our faith in the Eucharist, details about the National Eucharistic Revival, and more.



Watch the video:

GROWING DISCIPLES

TORAL PLAN FOR THE DIOCESE OF PEORIA

DEAR FRIENDS:

I am truly humbled. I was truly surprised! I was totally clueless of the beautiful celebration you all planned for my 70th birthday.

I am so blessed to be a humble shepherd of 5 parishes over the span of my 14 years as a priest. Seeing my spiritual families coming together to share their live for me was, as you noticed, a real emotional, but joyful, experience! Thank you for making my birthday so special and my priesthood a labor of love. God willing, He will continue to guide and strengthen me for many more years.

You have truly been caring and supportive of this priest. Your Christ-like charity and sincerity will continue to motivate me to be the priest that Jesus chose me to be. Thank you all! I love you! *Fr. David Sabel*

HELP SAVE OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!

The "Invest in Kids" Illinois tax credit scholarship program provides income -eligible families with critical scholarships to private schools like St. Mary's. Over the last five years, this program has provided dozens of scholarships to SMS students. Unfortunately, this program is due to expire at the end of this calendar year. We need your help! Please scan this QR code to send an email to your state legislator asking them to 'remove the sunset' so this program does not expire.



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.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

TOTUS TUUS 2023





Totus Tuus is a fun, spiritual program that allows kids to reach a deeper level of religious education through catechesis, prayer and celebration of the Sacraments. If you want to learn more about your faith and strengthen your relationship with God while having a great time with friends and classmates, join us and our 4 college-aged missionaries this summer!

ENTERING GR 1 TO 6

M - F 9am to 2:45pm \$40 per child Lunch provided daily by the Women's Guild

ENTERING GR 7 TO 12

S - Th 6:30 to 8:00pm \$20 per teen

\$80 Family Maximum



JUNE 25-30TH 😤

SUMMER PROGRAM

AT ST MARY'S PARISH HALL

RETURN REGISTRATION FORMS TO SCHOOL OR PARISH OFFICE

CONTACT:

Coordinator: Taryn Tissiere Email: tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org

We are looking for families to host our missionaries for dinner ONE evening from 5-6pm throughout the week. If you are interested, please contact Taryn.



*Learn about the Catholic faith * Draw closer to Mary * Attend daily Mass * Play games * Pray together * Water Balloon fight * Skits * Celebrate the Sacraments * Study the rosary * HAVE FUN!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21, 2023

Sunday	Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11;
	Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
Monday	St. Rita of Cascia Acts 19:1-8;
	Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; J
	n 17:11b-19
Thursday	St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, Pope,
	St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi Acts 22:30; 23:6-
	11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8. 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	St. Philip Neri Acts 25:13b-21;
	Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	St. Augustine of Canterbury Acts 28:16-20,
	30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday
	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b Or Ez 37:1-
	4 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 20, 30;
	Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
	Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1
	Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23





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.

ROSARY EVENT: Catholic Spirit Radio invites you to an outdoor Rosary Event on **Wednesday**, **May 31**, the feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Mary Virgin, in their north parking lot at 108 Boeykens Place in Normal. Treats, tours of the station, and fellowship begin at 7pm. The Joyful Mysteries start at 7:30pm. Afterwards, an hour-long movie, *Oceans of Mercy*, will be shown on the outdoor screen. Bring lawn chairs, family, and friends for an evening of rosary, movie, treats, and a special drawing! There is a special parking area for those needing to remain in their vehicle. Activities will be moved indoors in the case of inclement weather.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY

For church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO

7 days a week, 24 hours a day! Catholic Spirit Radio broadcasts EWTN and local programming for you! It's lively, entertaining, and informative. Catholic Spirit Radio is on 89.5 FM and 92.5 FM, and now on 88.3 FM in the Pontiac area, and online at www.catholicspiritradio.com

We would like to thank the following local businesses for underwriting the efforts of Catholic Spirit Radio: Knights of Columbus Council #854 & Lyons-Sullivan Realty. If you would like to support CSR, please contact Jerry LoPiccalo at 630-514-6221.

ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Everyday at 4:30am and 8:30pm. MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

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 be come 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

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.

Session I June 9-11 Working & College Men Session II June 23-26 High School Juniors & Seniors Both sessions held at St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign

EMMAUS DAYS: SESSIONS III & IV

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. Session III July 16-19 High School Freshmen & Sophomores Session IV July 19-21 Seventh & Eighth Graders Both sessions held at Peoria Notre Dame High School To register for any session, go to: comeandfollowme.org/emmausdays

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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 May 22 Tues May 23	Regina McGuire Family, Julie Michel Family Kathy McMillan Family, Aaron & Kieran Metcalf Family
Wed May 24	Teri McWethy Family, Tom & Colleen Melvin Family
Thurs May 25	Maddie Mehrkens Family, Mike Melvin Family
Fri May 26	Mark & Kim Mehrkens Family, Jeff & Kenzie Meister Family
Mon May 29	Peg Meier Family, Michael & Amanda Meiner Family
Tues May 30	Connie Monical Family, Drew Mills Family
Wed May 31	Kale & Jody Minnaert Family, Gregory Monical Family
Thurs June 1	Eric Mills Family, Ron Minnaert Family
Fri June 2	Mary Monical Family, Gerry & Brenda Mills Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!



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