

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
May 28, 2023

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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-Friday 7:00 am

Thursday 8:15 am when school is in session

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

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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: \$14,047.75

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,026.00.

School Collection: Next weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 27 (St. Augustine of Canterbury)

4:00 p.m. Bob Fraher

Sunday, May 28 (Pentecost Sunday)

7:00 a.m. Rita Schaeffer

9:30 a.m. Parish

Monday, May 29 (Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day)

10:30 a.m. All our deceased loved ones

Tuesday, May 30

7:00 a.m. Irene Fraher

Wednesday, May 31 (Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:00 a.m. 25th ann Hank Masching

Thursday, June 1 (St. Justin)

7:00 a.m. George & Mary Paris & sons

Friday, June 2 (Sts. Marcellinus & Peter)

7:00 a.m. 15th ann Phyllis Mullen

Saturday, June 3 (St. Charles Lwanga and companions)

8:00 a.m. Prodigals of St. Mary's Parish

4:00 p.m. Phyllis LoPiccolo

Sunday, June 4 (The Most Holy Trinity)

7:00 a.m. Pat Lyons

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, June 3

4:00 p.m. Nicholas & Carter Doughan

Servers for Sunday, June 4

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis

9:30 a.m. Zach & Mallory Masching

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adoration is open each week-day, 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!

THURSDAY MASS TIME CHANGE: Now that school is out for the summer, **Thursday Mass will be at 7:00am** until school resumes in August.

SUMMER HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Friday afternoons from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

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 **June 22-24**. Donated items in good condition are needed for the sale such as books, jewelry, linens, toys, household items, decorations and miscellaneous items. **NO CLOTHES!** **Drop off times the week of the sale will be Monday from 1-4pm, Tuesday & Wednesday from 10am-6pm, Thursday from 10am-1pm.** The Rummage Sale will be open on Thursday from 4-7pm, Friday from 9am-3pm and Saturday, bargain day, from 9-11am.

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.

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MEMORIAL DAY

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 through 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.

LECTORS FOR JUNE

4:00pm Cara Enriquez
7:00am Bridget Morrisette
9:30am Jim & Lisa Martin

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR JUNE

4:00pm Paula Rosenbaum, Gary Doughan, Joanne Coriell
7:00am Vicki McBeath, Paul Giordano
9:30am Deb Bromberek, Paula Corrigan, Linda Rhodes

GREETERS & USHERS FOR JUNE

4:00pm Joanne Coriell, Paula Rosenbaum, Bill Bertram, Jim Sporrer
7:00am Linda & Betty Benedino, Chad Trachsel, Brad Follmer, Joe Stock
9:30am Karen Moen, Tammy Johns, Vic & Victor Johns, Bill Halpin

Join us this summer for

**The
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

We will have:

- Raffles
- Complimentary popcorn
- Activities for kids
- Chairs available

You are welcome to bring your own chairs, blankets, drinks, and snacks.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
PRESENTS



2023 SMS SCRAMBLE

Sunday 2023
July 30

**Wolf Creek
Golf Course**

A flight - ages 16+
B flight - ages 15 & under
Maximum 2 kids per team

\$30/
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2:00
Shotgun
Start

9 Hole Scramble
Family Friendly Event
Games & Fun Activities
50/50 Drawing
\$10 Mulligans

Food available for purchase.

Register today at school.stmaryspontiac.org

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.

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.



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 28, 2023

Sunday	Pentecost Sunday <i>Vigil:</i> 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 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23
Monday	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday	St. Justin Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 10:46-52
Friday	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday	The Most Holy Trinity Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER FOR JUNE

For the abolition of torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



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.catholicspiritradiocom

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 LoPiccolo at 630-514-6221.

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

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.

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



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.

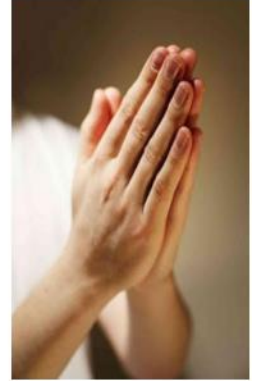


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PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

*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 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
Mon June 5	Dave Mishur Family, Jason & Clarissa Montello Family
Tues June 6	Michael Moore Family, Keith Moritz Family
Wed June 7	Angela Mote Family, Sandra Moore Family
Thurs June 8	Phyllis Moritz Family, Maryann Motes Family
Fri June 9	Shirley Moran Family, Josephine Morrison Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!

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