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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
June 11, 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

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

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



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$15,667.23

School Collection was \$2,159.00.

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 10

4:00 p.m. Dorothy Broerman & Becky Catalano

Sunday, June 11 (The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Bernadine Alvershire & John Gschwendtner

Monday, June 12

7:00 a.m. Sergio Mangubat

Tuesday, June 13 (St. Anthony of Padua)

7:00 a.m. Jim Cahill

Wednesday, June 14

7:00 a.m. David Fry

Thursday, June 15

7:00 a.m. John E. Brady

Friday, June 16 (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

7:00 a.m. Deceased Weller & Berns Family

Saturday, June 17 (The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed
Virgin Mary)

4:00 p.m. 1st ann Diane Flaherty

Sunday, June 18 (Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. John DiNardi

Servers for Saturday, June 17

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan

Servers for Sunday, June 18

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

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

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 have 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 reserve your spot. Baptism
preparation classes will take place on the **third Thursday of each
month at 6:00pm**. *Please do not ask godparents until the class
has been attended, as this will be a topic that is covered.

HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT:
Baby bottles are due back next week on Father's Day. Return the
bottles to the bins at the doors of the church.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to **Matthew Kozak & Allison Hankins**
who were recently married in our church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner Ellen Gayon, Ralph Pouliot
(brother of George Pouliot), Steven Hogan (son of Janet Hogan),
Jonathon Gilleran (nephew of Theresa Schopp) and Donna Jean
Earing (sister of Virginia Bassett), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their
families and friends.

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.



ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP: All high school students are invited to join us throughout the summer on **Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm**. Youth group meets in the upstairs of the Parish Center (former rectory). Please use the back door. Please feel free to join us any Monday you are free throughout the summer!

MEN'S GROUP: Come join the men of St. Mary's Parish. Our Men's Group meets the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:30-9pm**. We are currently studying the Book of John and would love to have you join us! Meeting location varies so please reach out to Kel Krenz if you are interested: krenz.kel@stmaryspontiac.org

WOMEN'S GUILD RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER: 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 HOURS:

Mon June 19	1pm-4pm
Tues June 20	10am-6pm
Wed June 21	10am-6pm
Thurs June 22	10am-1pm
Thurs June 22	4-7pm
Fri June 23	9am-3pm
Sat June 24	9-11am

SALE HOURS:

All items will be 25 cents. Shopping is encouraged when dropping off or helping with set up. Pack up will begin at 11am Saturday until complete. Help is needed anytime for any length of time. For questions, call Mary Lou Legner at 815-848-4826 or Margaret Legner at 815-674-9705.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. ADAM

**Sunday, June 11 after the
Corpus Christi Procession
until 2pm in the parish hall.**

**Please stop by to say goodbye to Fr. Adam
and wish him well on his new assignment.
Refreshments served by the Women's Guild**



4-H FAIR KITCHEN: The Livingston County Ag & 4-H Fair is scheduled for **July 19-22**. It's time to begin signing up to help work at the St. Mary's Kitchen. If you are able to help bake, grill, serve, take money, etc., please go to our website www.stmaryspontiac.org to sign up to help. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and have fun helping out St. Mary's. Also, Mark & Anne will need help cleaning and setting up the week before the fair. Contact them for dates and times. Any questions, please contact Mark & Anne Corrigan at 815-848-3066 or 815-848-6767.

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.

Join us this summer for

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Every Wednesday May 31 - Aug. 16
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- 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
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A flight - ages 16+
B flight - ages 15 & under
Maximum 2 kids per team

**\$30/
player**

**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.



I am making another pilgrimage to the Holy Land beginning October 1, 2024 and I am inviting you to join me. This is the same trip I took last time so I am no longer a rookie. It was a beautiful experience. I hope to have the same guide and bus driver who made the pilgrimage a spiritually strengthening and fun-filled trip. I made many new friends and hope to make more this trip. Instead of printing out information and applications, I will email you the info so you can look at it in the comfort of your own home. Email me at fr.david.sabel@gmail.com if you want the information you need to make an informed decision. You can also catch me at church or call the office. Let the Holy Land and Our Lord build your faith!
Fr. David Sabel

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 11, 2023

Sunday Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Monday 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday **St. Anthony of Padua** 2 Cor 1:18-22;
Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6;
Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10;
1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday **The Immaculate Heart of Mary** 2 Cor 5:14-21;
Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100: 1-2, 3, 5; Rom 5:6-11;
Mt 9:36—10:8

**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.



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



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.

EMMAUS DAYS: SESSION II

Sessions II is an overnight retreat. 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 II June 23-26

High School Juniors & Seniors

Session held at St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign

EMMAUS DAYS: SESSIONS III & IV

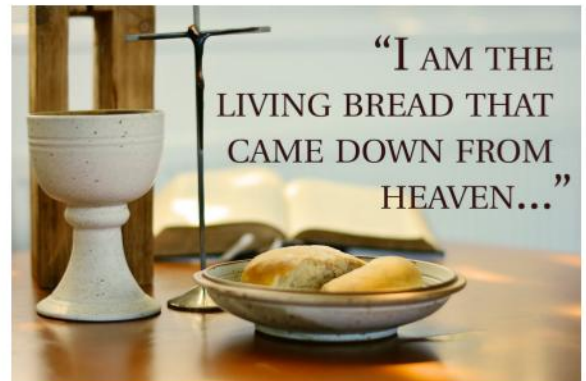
Sessions III and IV are overnight retreats. Led by seminarians, participants hear God's call to become authentic Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks from seminarians and activities like basketball, ultimate frisbee, card games, and swimming.

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**



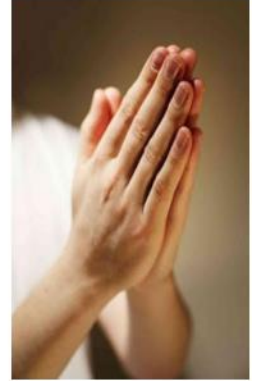
PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

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 June 12	James Motteler Family, Leonor Moreno Family
Tues June 13	Jake & Bridget Morrissette Family, Denise Mrozek Family
Wed June 14	Kay Morgan Family, Lety Morrissette Family
Thurs June 15	Jeff & Patti Muir Family, Jeannae Morta Family
Fri June 16	Betty Murphy Family, Kevin Murphy Family
Mon June 19	Laura Mussari Family, William Nolan Family
Tues June 20	Laurie Murphy Family, Justin & Cynthia Nedza Family
Wed June 21	Thomas & Patricia Noonan Family, Mike & Shannon Murphy Family
Thurs June 22	Mark & Susan Nelson Family, Jana Norman Family
Fri June 23	Patrick Murphy Family, Joel & Whitney Newkirk Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!

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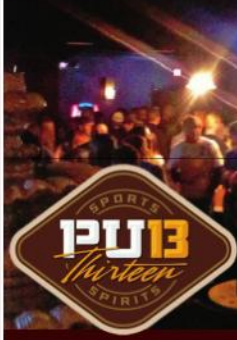
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