

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
June 25, 2023

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 119 E. HOWARD ST., P.O. BOX 374 PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764

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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

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: \$10,996

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,729.00.

School Collection: Next weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 24 (The Nativity of St. John the Baptist)

4:00 p.m. Jan Brubaker

Sunday, June 25 (Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Chuck Landrus

Monday, June 26

11:15 a.m. Martin & Helen Turner

Tuesday, June 27 (St. Cyril of Alexandria)

11:15 a.m. Mary Helen Burke

Wednesday, June 28 (St. Irenaeus)

11:15 a.m. Jack & Shirley Nolan

Thursday, June 29 (Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles)

11:15 a.m. Pat Watson

Friday, June 30 (First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church)

11:15 a.m. Frank Panno

Saturday, July 1 (St. Junipero Serra)

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

4:00 p.m. Teresa Stark

Sunday, July 2 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Bill Vallow 9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, July 1

4:00 p.m. Volunteers

Servers for Sunday, July 2

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis 9:30 a.m. Finan & Rosie Krenz

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 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:

If you did not return your baby bottle last weekend, please do so as soon as possible. Return the bottles to the bins at the doors of the church or to the church office.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner Germaine Knudsen, R.I.P. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO 7AM MASSES THIS WEEK. ALL MASSES WILL BE OFFERED AT 11:15AM DUE TO TOTUS TUUS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MASSES WITH THE KIDS.

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR FR. JOSEPH BAKER

This Sunday, June 25
after 9:30 Mass until 12 noon
in the parish hall
Come meet Fr. Joe and introduce
yourselves. Refreshments will be
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.

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!

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.

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

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED: Adults committed to sharing our Catholic Faith with public school students on Sunday mornings may call Karen at 815-822-3282. Be a disciple this year.

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

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.

THIS WEEK'S EPISODES OF THE CHOSEN WILL BE SHOWN IN THE MPR (OLD GYM) DUE TO TOTUS TUUS. ENTER THE DOUBLE DOORS OFF THE EAST PARKING LOT.

LECTORS FOR JULY

4:00pm Ann Finnegan 7:00am Mick Peterson

9:30am Debbie Alsdorf, Nick Milhauser,

Bernie Timmerman

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR JULY

4:00pm Steve Renner, Bob & Shari Paris 7:00am Bryan & Susan Schweigert

9:30am Lisa M. Martin, Nancy Smith, Jenn Murphy

GREETERS & USHERS FOR JULY

4:00pm Donna Cahill, Nathan Joerndt, Margaret Legner, Bill Bertram, Mike Linskey, Jim Sporrer, Mike

VanSickle, Joanne Coriell

7:00am Mary Follmer, Mike Follmer, Brad Follmer 9:30am Pat Hepperly, Katie Wille, Joe & Mary Baker,

Megan Lauritsen, Bernie Timmerman.

Pat Martin

SANCTUARY CLEANERS FOR JULY

Bernie Timmerman, Sue Smith, Karen Moen, Margo Law

25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage during the year 2023, please call the Rectory at 844-7683 by July 25 so that we can submit your names to the diocese for recognition by the Bishop.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

As we walked with Jesus through the rain on Corpus Christi Sunday, I was yet again amazed by your faith and devotion to Jesus. I could not believe how many people were walking with us in procession on a rainy day. I am beyond grateful for that great blessing to walk with all of you and Jesus through the wet streets of downtown Pontiac.

The whole day was a gift that I will never forget nor be able to properly thank you for. Thank you to everyone who made the Mass so special. Thank you to everyone who made the reception after the procession so special. Thank you to everyone who stayed in line for a really long time so that I could say goodbye, offer a prayer and give you the Lord's blessing. It was an incredibly special day that I will never forget. These last weeks have been a gift beyond words – from the kids playing Family Feud with me at school, to the awesome goodbye video, the many fun moments, the many kind words and especially being able to offer Mass with all of you so many times on very special days – thank you, thank you!

I also want to thank you all for the incredible number of kind cards and gifts that I have received. I have always made it a commitment to respond to each card or gift I receive with an individual thank you. Given the unbelievable number of them that I have received, I wanted to let you know of my overwhelming gratitude for your kind words, cards and gifts in the bulletin. As I hit the ground running in Morton, please know I will be praying for every person as I open your card and gifts while offering your intentions to Jesus. I am forever amazed by the goodness of the holy people of St. Mary's in Pontiac. I am forever indebted and forever grateful for your many, many kindnesses to me.

I have also had several people ask me for my new address at Blessed Sacrament in Morton. My mailing address is... Father Adam Cesarek

217 E. Greenwood Street

Morton, IL 61550

My new email is...fradam@bscmorton.org

I wish I could say it to you all personally, but for now, the best I can do is type it – THANK YOU! May God bless you! Know of my prayers for you and Fr. Joe as you continue bringing souls to Jesus and our Catholic faith, and please pray for me as I begin my new adventure with Jesus in Morton! Fr. Adam



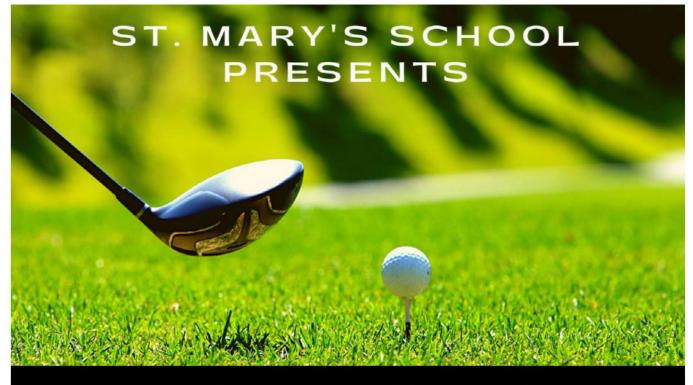
I am making another pilgrimage to the Holy Land beginning October 1, 2024 and I am inviting you to join me. This is the same trip I took last time so I am no longer a rookie. It was a beautiful experience. I hope to have the same guide and bus driver who made the pilgrimage a spiritually strengthening 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!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone at St. Mary's for your cards, gifts and attendance at the celebration for my 45th ordination anniversary. It was great to hear from and to see so many old faces again...like a family reunion! Thanks again for your many kind words. It was a blessing to me to be with you all at St. Mary's all those years!! St. Mary's will always have a special place in my heart!! Thanks again so very much!!

thank you

May Our Lord Jesus and His Blessed Mother continue to bless and watch over all of you! God Bless!

Msgr. Tom Mack



2023 SMS SCRAMBLE

Sunday ≥ July 30 %

Wolf Creek Golf Course

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





9 Hole Scramble
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2023

Sunday Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;

Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Monday Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 & 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday St. Cyril of Alexandria Gn 13:2, 5-18;

Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday St. Irenaeus Gn 15:1-12, 17-18;

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1: 11-20;

Jn 21: 15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Friday The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;

Mt 8:1-4

Saturday St. Junipero Serra Gn 18:1-15;

Lk 1:36-47, 48-49. 50 & 53, 54-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19;

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

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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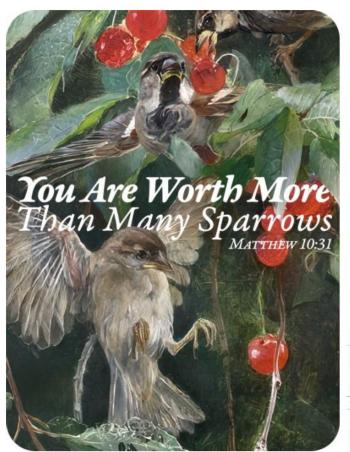
Online Giving can be used to give to:

- 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.



PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

We ask everyone to pray for specific church and school families each weekday.

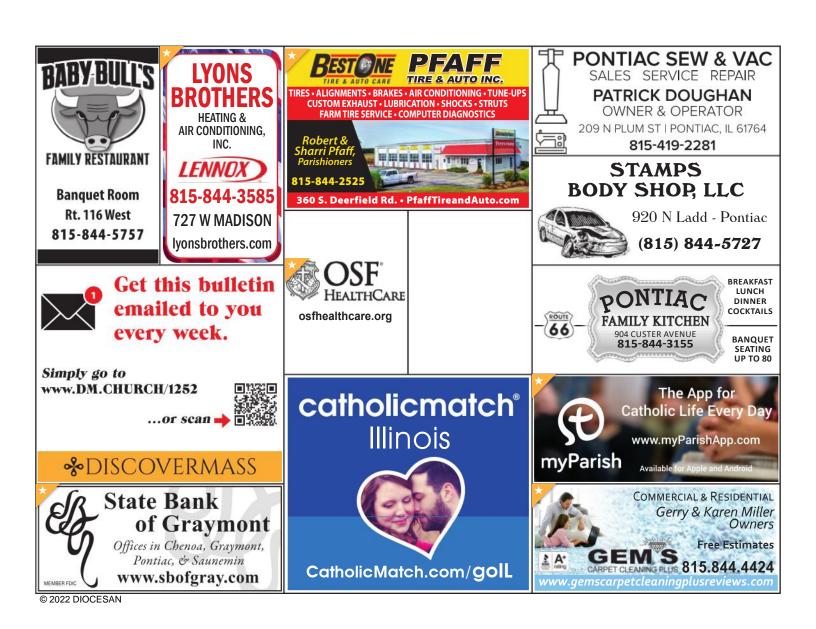
A list will be published here in the bulletin and in the newsletter you receive in the mail.

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

Mon June 26	Theresa North Family, Francis Nolan Family
Tues June 27	Birdie Ocean Family, Daniel Ocean Family
Wed June 28	Dave & Pat Ochs Family, Donna O'Shaughnessy Family
Thurs June 29	Jim & Karen Peissig Family, Susan Oestmann Family
Fri June 30	Elaine Otto Family, Bernard & Patricia Pelnarsh Family
Mon July 3	Tom & Kathryn Oestmann Family, John & Barbara Pagel Family
Tues July 4	David & Allison Pelnarsh Family, Richard & Mary Olson Family
Wed July 5	Gerry Panno Family, Jose & Otilla Perez Family
Thurs July 6	Dakota & Sarah Opperman Family, Bob & Shari Paris Family
Fri July 7	Marie Rice Family, Matthew & Daisy Rigsby Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!



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