



14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COME TO ME, ALL YOU
WHO LABOR AND ARE
BURDENED, AND I WILL
GIVE YOU REST.
TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU
AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR
I AM MEEK AND HUMBLE
OF HEART; AND YOU WILL
FIND REST FOR YOURSELVES.
FOR MY YOKE IS EASY,
AND MY BURDEN LIGHT.
MATTHEW 11:28-30

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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
July 9, 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

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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
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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: \$13,409.40

School Collection was \$2,441.00.

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 8

4:00 p.m. Johnny DiNardi

Sunday, July 9 (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Henry Hogan

9:30 a.m. Parish

Monday, July 10

7:00 a.m. Bernadine Denaple

Tuesday, July 11 (St. Benedict)

7:00 a.m. Judith Bohm

Wednesday, July 12

7:00 a.m. In honor of Delores Kelly 95th birthday

Thursday, July 13 (St. Henry)

7:00 a.m. 44th ann Roger Edwards

Friday, July 14 (St. Kateri Tekakwitha)

7:00 a.m. John W. "Jack" Schaefer

Saturday, July 15 (St. Bonaventure)

4:00 p.m. Jim & Mary Bertrand

Sunday, July 16 (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Kenny Cramer

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, July 15

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan

Servers for Sunday, July 16

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

9:30 a.m. Ella Ashcraft, Kaylee & Brooklyn Delheimer

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 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 PRO-
JECT:** If you have not returned your baby bottle, please
do so as soon as possible. Return the bottles in the collection
basket or to the church office.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR Louis Krenz (father of Kel Krenz),
R.I.P. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS



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.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, July 13 from 9am to 12:30pm** in the parish hall.

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.

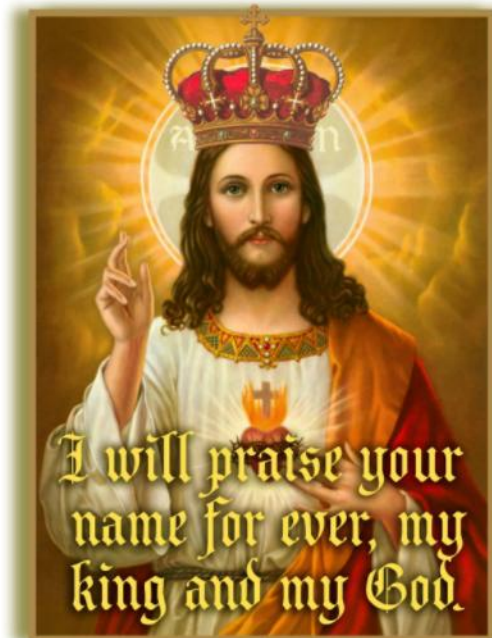
MEN'S GROUP: Come join the men of St. Mary's Parish. Our Men's Group meets the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:30-9pm**. We are currently studying the Book of John and would love to have you join us! Meeting location varies so please reach out to Kel Krenz if you are interested: krenz.kel@stmaryspontiac.org

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.

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.



FANNING THE FLAME returns in August – 1 Day Only!! We would like to invite you to attend a one day renewal retreat: **FANNING THE FLAME** sponsored by WATCH. The day is open to everyone even if you have never attended a prior WATCH retreat. Bring a friend and join us **Saturday, August 26 from 9am-3:30pm** at St. Mary's Parish Hall. A light lunch will be provided and there is no cost to attend but free will offerings will be accepted. For more information and to RSVP please contact Sherri Hatzler at (815) 848-6787.



THE PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE FINALLY HERE!!
If you had your picture taken, you can pick up your free directory at the parish office, Monday-Thursday 9am to 4pm, Friday 9am to noon. Extra copies are available to purchase for \$20 each.



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.

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

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- Activities for kids
- Chairs available

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

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



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

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/
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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 9, 2023

Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Monday	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	St. Benedict Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b & 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a; 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	St. Henry Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	St. Bonaventure Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER FOR JULY**

For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



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

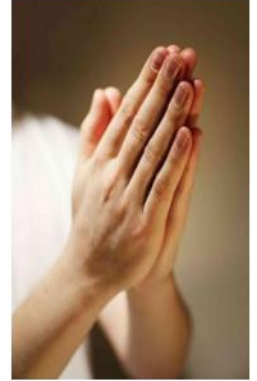
“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”



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 July 10	John Pfaff Family, Robert & Sharri Pfaff Family
Tues July 11	Joe & Melissa Pina Family, Alzina Porter Family
Wed July 12	Clay Pfeiffer Family, Jose Pina Family
Thurs July 13	Jim & Denise Potter Family, Paula Pflieger Family
Fri July 14	Dennis & Connie Ping Family, George Pouliot Family
Mon July 17	John & Angie Pickett Family, Dale Popp Family
Tues July 18	Jeremiah & Shayna Pulliam Family, Kathy Pike Family
Wed July 19	David & Sheila Popp Family, Richard Quas Family
Thurs July 20	Esmeralda Pina Family, Ryan & Stephanie Quas Family
Fri July 21	Mike & Julie Ralph Family, Bianca Redfern Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!

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