

He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.' Matthew 13:29-30

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

Pontiac, Illinois
July 23, 2023

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



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$11,464.65

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,328.00.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish. We
now offer Online Giving through our website. Check it out at
www.stmaryspontiac.org



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 22 (St. Mary Magdalene)

4:00 p.m. In honor of George Pouliot's
93rd Birthday

Sunday, July 23 (Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Jesus Padilla

9:30 a.m. Parish

Monday, July 24 (St. Sharbel Makhluf)

7:00 a.m. Vince Brancato

Tuesday, July 25 (St. James, Apostle)

7:00 a.m. Rose Thomas & Gertrude Kennedy

Wednesday, July 26 (Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:00 a.m. 5th ann James Berta

Thursday, July 27

7:00 a.m. James Verdun

Friday, July 28

7:00 a.m. Wayne & Bernadine Denaple

Saturday, July 29 (Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus)

4:00 p.m. Parish

Sunday, July 30 (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Mac McCorvie

9:30 a.m. Chuck Landrus

Servers for Saturday, July 29

4:00 p.m. Nicholas & Carter Doughan

Servers for Sunday, July 30

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis

9:30 a.m. Jonathan & Zach Becker, Hudson Simmons

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.

BABY BOTTLES FOR HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER:
We are still 25 bottles short. Whether they are filled or not,
please return the bottles in the collection basket or to the par-
ish office as soon as possible so we can return them to the
Hope Pregnancy Center.

Pray For Peace

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, July 27 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.

**THE PARISH DIRECTORIES
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Register online at school.stmaryspontiac.org. For more information, or to schedule a tour, contact the school office at 815-844-6585.



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.



SOUND OF FREEDOM MOVIE is being shown at the Crescent Cinemas in Pontiac this weekend through Monday, July 24. Please check with the theater for show times. **GOD'S CHILDREN ARE NOT FOR SALE!!!**

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION
FOR GRADES K-8
FOR 2023/2024**



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 through Aug. 30
6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

We will have:

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

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

HOUSE-PARENTS NEEDED: Elizabeth Home is thanking you for your prayers and asking you to continue! We are currently searching for whom God may be leading into this life-changing ministry! All rent & groceries provided! Would you join us in prayer? Here is a snapshot of the qualifications:

- Christian adults with personal integrity and Godly character.
- Christians willing to move to our Pontiac ministry house and make their homes with our single mothers in residential care.
- Christians willing to offer non-judgmental, unbiased love.
- Christians willing to provide residents with emotional and social support, and appropriate affection.

If you are feeling the Holy Spirit's nudge, or may know of someone with these qualities, please call us at 309-824-8270 or visit our website for more information. www.ehpontiac.org We are confident that the Lord has many years of love and nurturing in store for these hurting hearts, needing Jesus! May we be used as hands and feet of Him! P.O. Box 442 – Pontiac, IL 61764. www.ehpontiac.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

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
PRESENTS



2023 SMS SCRAMBLE

Sunday
July 30 2023

Wolf Creek
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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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23, 2023

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Monday St. Sharbel Makhlof
Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15;
Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Ex 16:1-5, 9-15;
Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9;
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
Mt 13:10-17

Thursday Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23

Friday Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Saturday

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128,
129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or
Mt 13:44-46

**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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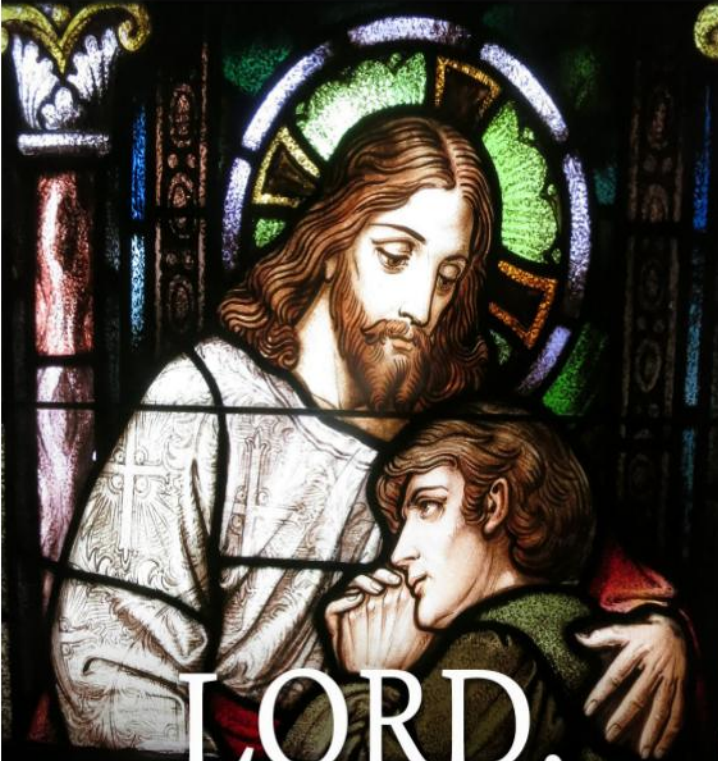


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ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Everyday at 4:30am and 8:30pm.
MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM



Join us for an afternoon
to reminisce, share memories
and celebrate the life of
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Saturday July 29, 2023
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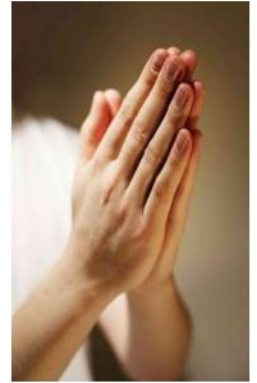


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PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

*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 July 24	Rose Quellhorst Family, Robert Reilly Family
Tues July 25	Jason & Betsy Quinn Family, Bill & Sue Ramseyer Family
Wed July 26	Steve & Linda Renner Family, Sheila Rainbolt Family
Thurs July 27	John Randa Family, John Rhode Family
Fri July 28	Rod Rasmussen Family, Dan & Linda Rhodes Family
Mon July 31	John & Anita Rebholz Family, Andrew Rice Family
Tues Aug 1	Kelly Robinson Family, Al & Sue Rich Family
Wed Aug 2	Jeff & Kristi Ringle Family, Roberta Robinson Family
Thurs Aug 3	Denny & Deb Rich Family, Chuck Rinn Family
Fri Aug 4	Stephanie Robinson Family, Paula Rich Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!

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