

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time



*A*gain, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away.

Matthew 13:47-48

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July 30, 2023

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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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Collection last Sunday: \$10,934.65

School Collection: Next weekend.

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now offer Online Giving through our website. Check it out at
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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, July 31 (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

7:00 a.m. 1st ann Joseph Masching

Tuesday, August 1 (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

7:00 a.m. Mike Ganta

Wednesday, August 2 (St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard)

7:00 a.m. 43rd wedd ann Jim & Karen Peissig

Thursday, August 3

7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Flaherty Family

Friday, August 4 (St. John Vianney)

7:00 a.m. Emilio Liquido

Saturday, August 5 (Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary
Major)

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

4:00 p.m. Earl Simpson

Sunday, August 6 (Transfiguration of the Lord)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Kathryn Grove & Michael Duncan

Servers for Saturday, August 5

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan

Servers for Sunday, August 6

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

9:30 a.m. Zach & Mallory Masching

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The Adoration Chapel is
open each weekday, Monday-Friday from 8am until 8pm and Sat-
urday from 8am until 3pm. 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.

BABY BOTTLES FOR HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER: We
are still 24 bottles short. Whether they are filled or not, please re-
turn the bottles in the collection basket or to the parish office as
soon as possible so we can return them to the Pregnancy Center.

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.*



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.

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

LECTORS FOR AUGUST

4:00pm Phyllis Moritz
7:00am Paul Giordano
9:30am Kim Frauli & Margo law

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR AUGUST

4:00pm Paula Rosenbaum, Pat Bednar, Joanne Coriell
7:00am Chuck & Dianne Hanley
9:30am Amanda Lauritsen, Linda Rhodes, Pat Hepperly

GREETERS & USHERS FOR AUGUST

4:00pm Arlene Fry, Joanne Coriell, Lynn DiNardi
7:00am Bryan & Susan Schweigert, Chad & Jackie Trachsel, Pat Duffy, John Kelly, Tim Kelly
9:30am Bernie Timmerman, Margo Law, Scott Drilling, Doug Zick

SANCTUARY CLEANERS FOR AUGUST

Brenda Shaughnessy, Karen Peissig,
Paula Rosenbaum, Earline Devito

FROM THE PASTOR'S



Dear Parishioners,

I'd like to update you on a slight change I have made to our adoration chapel which took effect this past Monday. Since Covid, we have had the practice of exposing the Blessed Sacrament for a period of 15-20 minutes in our church after our daily Masses, before taking the monstrance to the adoration chapel where the Blessed Sacrament remained exposed until the evening. At 8pm, the priest or deacon would *repose the Blessed Sacrament*, a fancy word which basically means take the Eucharist out of the monstrance and return it to the tabernacle in the church.

Prior to Covid when our chapel had 24/7 adoration, there was no formal exposition and reposition on a daily basis. However, it has always been required that someone be present in the chapel while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. As a result, parishes that regularly have adoration have always sought to ensure there are specific individuals signed up for all the hours so the Eucharist is never left alone. That said, it is not uncommon that in some circumstances adorers may not be able to show up for their regularly scheduled hour.

On account of this problem, many adoration chapels developed a system in which the adorers could appropriately "begin" and "end" adoration without actually exposing and reposing the Eucharist by taking it in and out of the monstrance. In some chapels, it is as simple as a veil being removed from the monstrance or placed in front of it. In others, the tabernacle is on a swivel which allows it to be rotated and appropriately placed behind a barrier. Some chapels have doors that can be opened and closed to reveal or hide the monstrance. Each of these examples were developed to allow the lay people to have a period of adoration, while also allowing them to end their time of adoration without actually touching the monstrance or removing the Eucharist. Off the top of my head I know of five such chapels.

Well, it just so happens that here in Pontiac we also have a similar design. When our chapel was first installed, it was purposely arranged such that the adorers could close adoration by simply pulling down the brown door which is in front of the glass barrier, behind which is our exposed monstrance. Conveniently there is a long stick in our chapel to aid those who are a bit vertically challenged to reach the top of the door.

Knowing the chapel was designed with just this idea in mind, I would like to begin utilizing it and simply allowing the first adorers of the day (at 8am) and the last adorers (at 8pm or 2pm on Saturday) to begin and end adoration for the day by opening and closing this door. While this does mean we'll no longer have exposition at the end of daily Masses and reposition at the end of the day, one advantage is that the monstrance will remain in our chapel 24/7. In time, it would be great to return to perpetual adoration, but in the meantime if you'd like to have access to adoration, even in the times in which the church is normally locked, you're welcome to call the office to get a code to access the chapel for private prayer at any time of the day or night.

Lastly, there was some discussion whether we would continue to have adoration in the church on Thursdays. After consulting several others, it seemed best to move this to the chapel as well, though once school starts we will likely continue to have adoration following our weekly school Mass. Please stay tuned for information on this as well as additional opportunities for adoration and community holy hours that we may have in the future.

Know of my blessings and prayers, *Fr. Joe*

Join us this summer for

The CHOSEN

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

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- Memorials/Gifts
- School Annual Fund
- Scholarships

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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.

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



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PRESENTS



2023 SMS SCRAMBLE

Sunday 2023
July 30

Wolf Creek
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A flight - ages 16+
B flight - ages 15 & under
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2:00
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30, 2023

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
Monday	St. Ignatius of Loyola Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	St. Alphonsus Liguori Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	St. Eusebius of Vercelli and St. Peter Julian Eymard Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	St. John Vianney Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

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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

FREE TV: Parishioner giving away a 1989 Zenith 25" screen wood cabinet console TV. Works well. Must pick up. Call 815-844-8849.

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

For World Youth Day: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



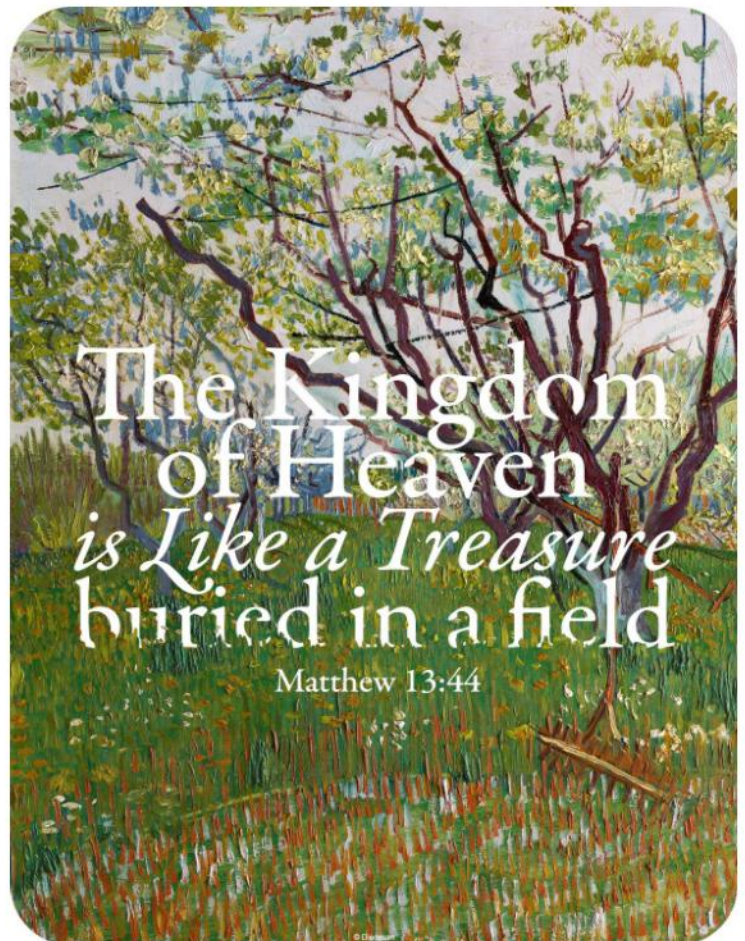
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ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Everyday at 4:30am and 8:30pm.

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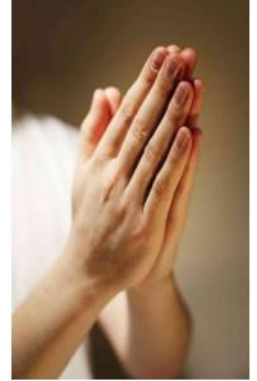
PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

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 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
Mon Aug 7	Judy Ripsch Family, Everett & Marsha Roe Family
Tues Aug 8	Bill & Sherri Rich Family, Kathy Roberts Family
Wed Aug 9	John & Ruth Rodino Family, Daria Robinson Family
Thurs Aug 10	Oscar & Lidia Romero Family, Mike & Deena Rodino Family
Fri Aug 11	Agnes Ruddy Family, Juan & Ma-De Romo Family



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