

*Transfiguration Of The Lord*



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**Pontiac, Illinois**  
**August 6, 2023**

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OFFICE HOURS:

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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

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

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Tissiere at [tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org](mailto:tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org) or 815-979-7663.



## STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$11,287.65

School Collection: This weekend.

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

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



## Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 7 (St. Sixtus II, pope, and companions;  
St. Cajetan)

7:00 a.m. Dorothy & Richard Roche

Tuesday, August 8 (St. Dominic)

7:00 a.m. Gail Woods Weiner & Sharon Woods  
Chalkey

Wednesday, August 9 (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

7:00 a.m. Jim & Anna Mae Scott

Thursday, August 10 (St. Lawrence)

7:00 a.m. Tim Frederiksen

Friday, August 11 (St. Clare)

7:00 a.m. 15th ann Clem Benedino

Saturday, August 12 (St. Janes Frances de Chantal)

4:00 p.m. 1st ann Teresa Stark

Sunday, August 13 (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Raymond & Pauline Johnson

Servers for Saturday, August 12

4:00 p.m. Volunteers

Servers for Sunday, August 13

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

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

**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 23 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Delores Schulz (mother of Bill Schulz),  
and Shirley Filas (mother of Paulette Krippel), R.I.P. Our sympa-  
thy to their families and friends.

**THANK YOU:** George Pouliot would like to thank everyone  
who visited with him at his 93rd Birthday Open House and for all  
the cards, prayers and well wishes.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS NOW AVAILABLE. TALK TO FR.  
JOE IF NEEDED.**





**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.

**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE** will meet **Thursday, August 10 from 9am to 12:30pm** in the parish hall.

**CCD REGISTRATION:** If you have children in Grades K-8 who attend public school, then you will want to sign-up for Religious (CCD) classes. Classes will be held on Sundays between the Masses beginning September 10. New registrations welcome! Please call Karen at 815-822-2382 to set up a meeting.

**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](mailto:krenz.kel@stmaryspontiac.org)

**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.*

Join us this summer for

**The  
CHOSEN**

**SEASON 3  
STARTS AUGUST 9**

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.



**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](http://www.stmaryspontiac.org) and click on the online giving link.
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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.

## THE FIVE FOUNDATIONS

### FOUNDATION 5: CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF VENERABLE ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN



Msgr. Jason Gray, a priest of the Diocese of Peoria and Director of the Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation, and Katie Bogner, a teacher and creator of the "Teaching with Fulton Sheen" curriculum, discuss the legacy of Fulton Sheen in the latest Growing Disciples Five Foundations video.



Their conversation includes reflections on Sheen's teachings and devotions, such as his love for the Eucharist.







# RCIA

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**Have you been thinking about joining the church?**

**Do you have friends you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith?**

**Want to learn more about the depth and beauty of a 2000-year-old faith tradition?**

**Do you desire to grow closer to God with the support of a faith community?**

The next session of RCIA will begin this September.

To join, be a part of the team, or ask questions, please contact

the Parish Center (815-844-7683),

Kate Harrold (815-848-1705, [kate.russow@gmail.com](mailto:kate.russow@gmail.com)),

or Tyler Shrewsbury (815-674-5569, [tshrewsbury94@gmail.com](mailto:tshrewsbury94@gmail.com)).

RCIA will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 8:00 pm

in the Parish Hall on the following dates:

September 13, 27

October 11, 25

November 8, 15, 29

December 13

January 10, 24

February 7, 14, 28

March 13, 20

April 3, 10

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6, 2023**

**Sunday** 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

**Monday** St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions; St. Cajetan  
Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;  
Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday** St. Dominic Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab,  
6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
Nm 13:1-2, 25 – 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35;  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday** St. Lawrence  
2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

**Friday** St. Clare Dt 4:32-40;  
Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday** St. Jane Frances de Chantal Dt 6:4-13;  
Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14;  
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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tickets and learn more.



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](mailto: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.



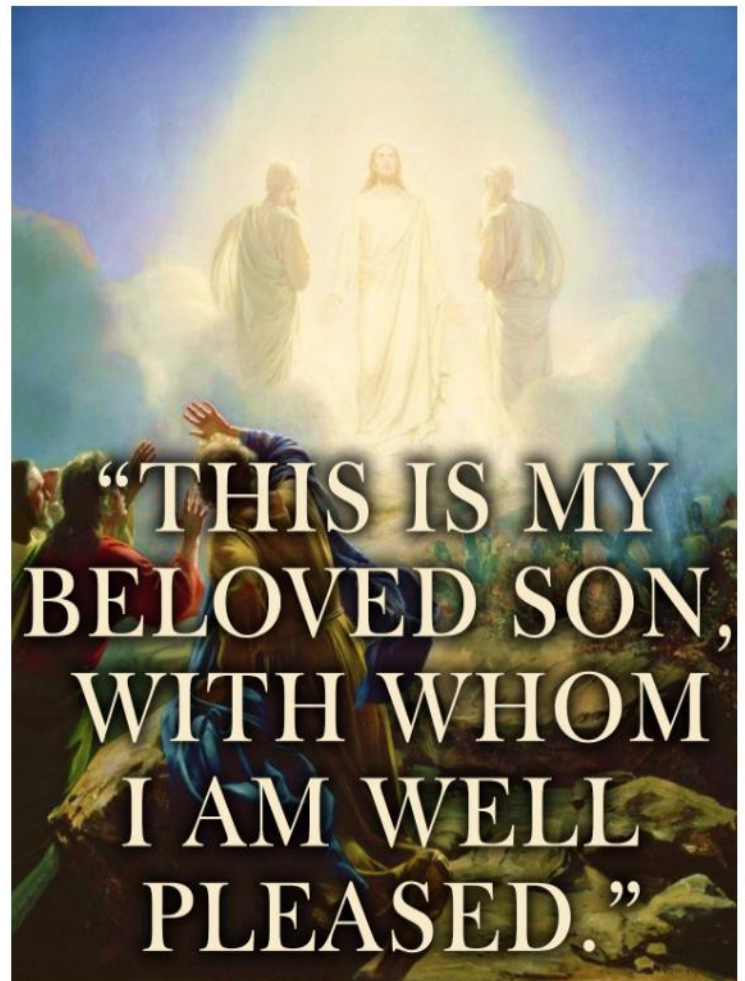
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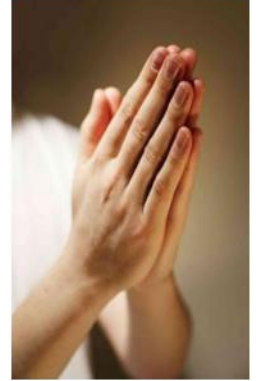




## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

*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 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
Mon Aug 14	Jeanette Ruiz Family, Emmanuel & Maximina Romero Family
Tues Aug 15	Ed & Rose Romonosky Family, Jesus Ruiz Family
Wed Aug 16	Julian & Agustina Romero Family, Paula Rosenbaum Family
Thurs Aug 17	Jose Ruiz Family, David Ross Family
Fri Aug 18	Paula Ruiz Family, Elizabeth Roybal Family



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