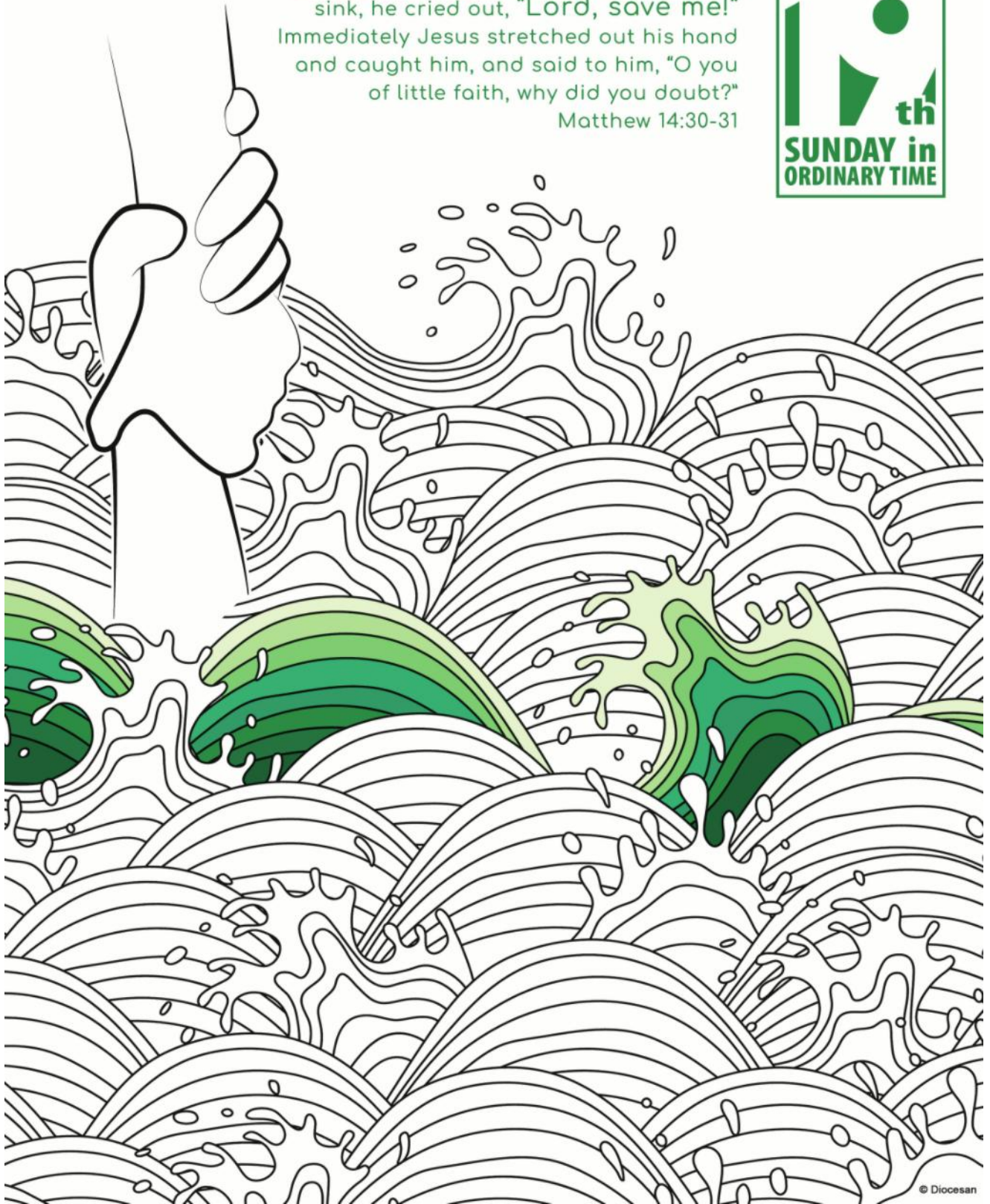


But when he saw how strong the wind was  
he became frightened; and, beginning to  
sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"  
Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand  
and caught him, and said to him, "O you  
of little faith, why did you doubt?"  
Matthew 14:30-31



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# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Pontiac, Illinois  
August 13, 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, Tuesday, Wednesday, 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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## STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$12,634.00

School Collection was \$2,894.00.

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 12 (St. Jane 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

Monday, August 14 (St. Maximilian Kolbe)

7:00 a.m. 3rd ann Elzie Fry

5:30 p.m. Fr. Neri Greskoviak

Tuesday, August 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

6:00 a.m. Parish

8:15 a.m. Wanda & Jay Groh

5:30 p.m. Colleen Murphy

Wednesday, August 16 (St. Stephen of Hungary)

7:00 a.m. R.J. Wallace Jr.

Thursday, August 17

8:15 a.m. James Berta

Friday, August 18

7:00 a.m. 2nd ann Fr. Jerry Verdun

Saturday, August 19 (St. John of Eudes)

4:00 p.m. Pamela Sopiers

Sunday, August 20 (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Chuck Landrus

Servers for Saturday, August 19

4:00 p.m. Nicholas & Carter Doughan

Servers for Sunday, August 20

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis

9:30 a.m. Finan, Rosie & Ryann Krenz

**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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** parishioner Janet Hurt, R.I.P. Our sym-  
pathy to her family and friends.

**PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICES WILL  
BE CLOSED MONDAY, AUGUST 14  
FOR A STAFF RETREAT**

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, A Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses will be offered at St. Mary's at the following times:

Monday, August 14 at 5:30pm

Tuesday, August 15 at 6am, 8:15am and 5:30pm

Flanagan & Lexington: Tuesday, August 15 at 5pm

Chenoa & Chatsworth: Tuesday, August 15 at 7pm



**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet **Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30pm** in the Rosary Room of 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 to 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.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** St. Mary's will offer a vicariate-wide Bereavement Support Group beginning **Monday, September 25 from 6:30-8pm** and ending on November 2 with the All Souls' Mass. The group will meet in the Rosary Room of the parish hall and follow a series of readings and discussions. All are welcome, no matter who you have lost or how long it has been since your loss. To register or for more information, please call St. Mary's Parish office at 815-844-7683, Margo Law at 815-579-5102, or Katie Wille at 815-842-1233.

**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.

**WITH SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION THIS WEEK,** we kindly ask that no one park in the school lot for morning Mass as student drop offs take place in the lot and parked cars disrupt the flow of traffic. Also, beginning this week, Thursday morning Mass will now be at 8:15am for school students and staff. The public is welcome to attend. Please sit in the back half of church.



Dear Parishioners,

As has been announced via other means, this Tuesday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the handful of Holy Days of Obligation in our Catholic Church. This is the day we commemorate the fact that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken up (assumed) body and soul into Heaven at the conclusion of her earthly life. I'll speak more about this at our Masses which will be Monday evening at 5:30pm and Tuesday at 6am, 8:15am, and 5:30pm. Just a reminder, as on Sundays, all Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on such holy days, hence the title *Holy Day of Obligation!*

Of special note regarding Tuesday's Holy Day, August 15 is the date of the first Mass celebrated at St. Mary's Church in 1887 Also being one of the most significant Marian feast days throughout the year, and our church being named *ST. MARY'S*, our *Liturgy Committee proposed offering a Marian procession on Tuesday.*

This is something I was quick to agree to! So essentially what this will be is a brief ceremony following the final 5:30pm Mass on Tuesday. We'll process out of the church with one of our statues of Mary while singing a Marian song. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome to follow along, first we'll go to the image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on the west side of our school building where we'll recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Then we'll sing Immaculate Mary while following the statue of Mary to one of our shrine areas on the east side of the church. Arriving there, we'll say together the 4th Glorious Mystery of the Rosary, the Assumption. After that we'll proceed back into the church where we'll conclude by reciting the Angelus, another Traditional Marian devotion. We'll also sing a verse or two of a Marian hymn at each station. I anticipate the whole thing taking no more than 20 minutes.

If this strikes your fancy, I look forward to having you join us for this beautiful occasion in honor of the Mother of Jesus and our mother.

In the Immaculate! *Fr. Joe*



ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
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**THANKYOU!**

What an awesome turnout this year for the St. Mary's 4-H Kitchen! We want to thank our many workers for their teamwork and dedication in making this another successful year. We had well over 100 volunteer workers along with over 50 volunteer bakers, and others who filled in adoration for workers, donated money, or said prayers for the success of the kitchen. We served 800 ribeyes, 600 hamburgers, over 480 hotdogs, over 425 pork chops, plus bbq pork burgers, nachos, fries, and so much more.

We raised over \$13,000 this year! We had many donations this year which included: cups, buns, meat, propane, water, eggs, and napkins. Without everyone's help it wouldn't have been possible. The camaraderie amongst the workers, young and old, was great to see. Many stepped up and helped out a little longer than their regular shift to get us through the busy time of the day or night. It was truly a blessing to see parishioners and non-parishioners helping out. We are truly blessed to have a great community of volunteers who are working for God's kingdom here on Earth.

Thank you again! Mark & Anne Corrigan

**THE PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE FINALLY HERE!!**

*If you had your picture taken, you can pick up your free directory at the parish office,  
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*"Greybeard: The Man, The Myth, The Mississippi."*

This full length feature film tells the story of Dale "Greybeard" Sanders and how he set a Guinness World Record as the oldest person (87 years old) to paddle the entire length of the Mississippi River.

Pontiac resident Dan Faust, husband of parishioner Carol Faust, paddled along on this trip.

Both presentations will also feature a live appearance by Dale Sanders himself. Don't miss this opportunity to meet a living legend.

**Saturday, September 2**  
**Doors open at 2pm**  
**Movie starts at 3pm**

**Sunday, September 3**  
**Doors open at 4pm**  
**Movie starts at 5pm**



# 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 13, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Maximilian Kolbe</b> Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <i>Vigil:</i> 1 Chr 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 <i>Day:</i> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Stephen of Hungary</b> Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
<b>Thursday</b>	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 – 19:1
<b>Friday</b>	Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24; Mt 19:3-12
<b>Saturday</b>	Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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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](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

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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.*

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|--------------|--|
| 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                 |
| Mon Aug 21   | Scott & Suzanne Runyon Family, Laura Russell Family        |
| Tues Aug 22  | Trevor Sancken Family, Teri Salinas Family                 |
| Wed Aug 23   | Mary Sanders Family, Kathy Russow Family                   |
| Thurs Aug 24 | Richard & Mary Lou Salvator Family, Richard Sargent Family |
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