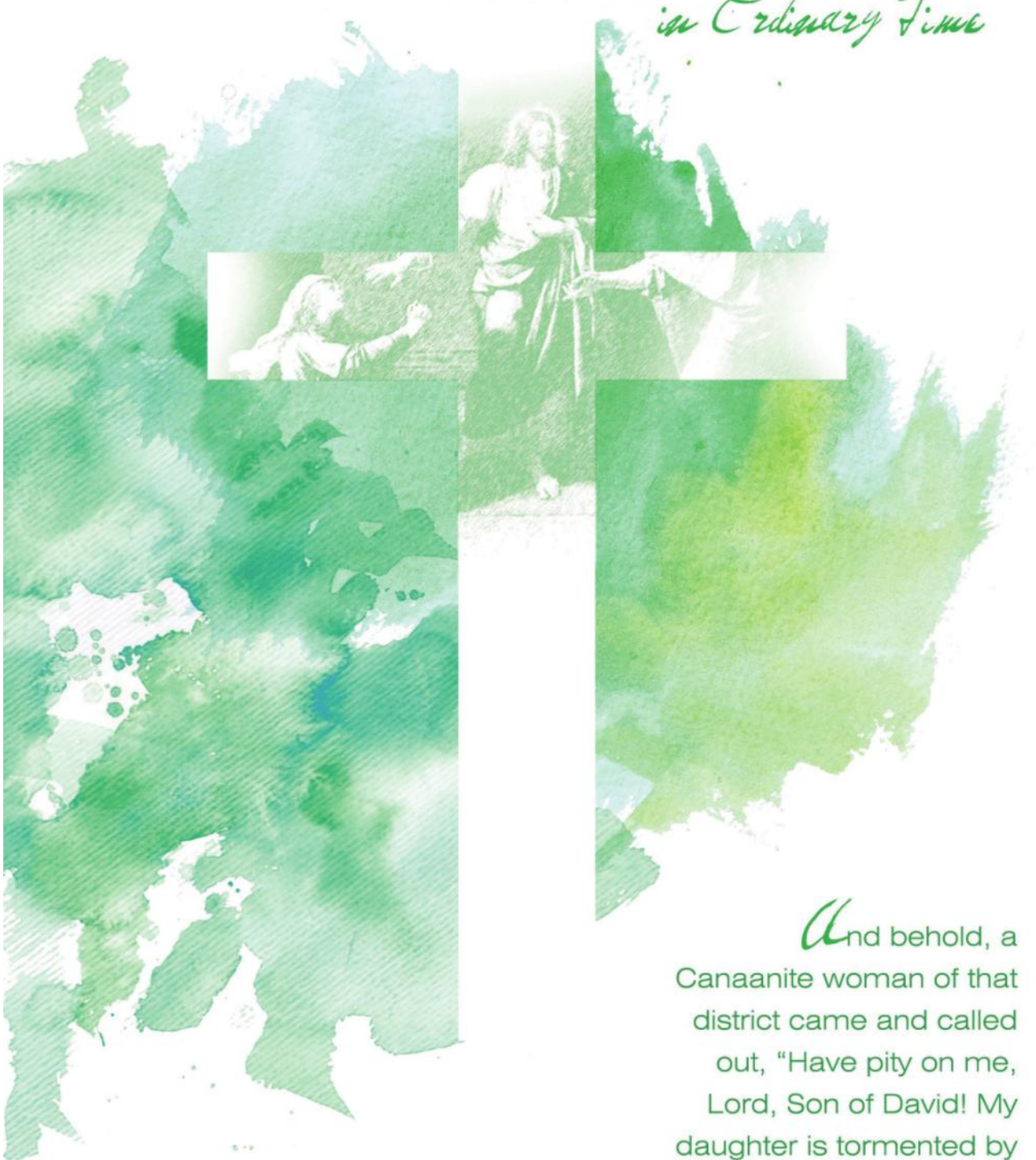


TWENTIETH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time



And behold, a
Canaanite woman of that
district came and called
out, "Have pity on me,
Lord, Son of David! My
daughter is tormented by
a demon."

Matthew 15:22

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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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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: \$11,809.00

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: This weekend.

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, August 19 (St. John of Eudes)

4:00 p.m. Pamela Sopers

Sunday, August 20 (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Chuck Landrus

Monday, August 21 (St. Pius X, pope)

7:00 a.m. Lori Bristow

Tuesday, August 22 (Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:00 a.m. 5th ann John W. Brunskill Jr.

Wednesday, August 23 (St. Rose of Lima)

7:00 a.m. Melinda Vallow

Thursday, August 24 (St. Bartholomew)

8:15 a.m. John Giovanini

Friday, August 25 (St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz)

7:00 a.m. Jean Jones

Saturday, August 26

4:00 p.m. Carolyn Harty

Sunday, August 27 (Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Maxine Norville

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, August 26

4:00 p.m. Volunteers

Servers for Sunday, August 27

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

9:30 a.m. Kate, Drew, Abby & Jacob Lauritsen

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The Adoration Chapel
is open each weekday, Monday-Friday from 8am until 8pm
and Saturday 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 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 21 bottles short. Whether they are filled or not,
please bring the bottle to church or the parish office as soon
as possible so we can return them to the Hope Center.

WITH SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION, 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, 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.



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 24 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 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.

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



**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 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.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to the following parishioners, past and present, that were recently recognized as Distinguished Alumni at Pontiac Township High School: **Katie Wille, Chris Kutsor, Greg Manabat, Joseph Jobst and John Rodino.**

Join us this summer for

The CHOSEN

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

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ST. MARY'S PARISH
JUNE 2023



"They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you."
~ Deuteronomy 16:16-17

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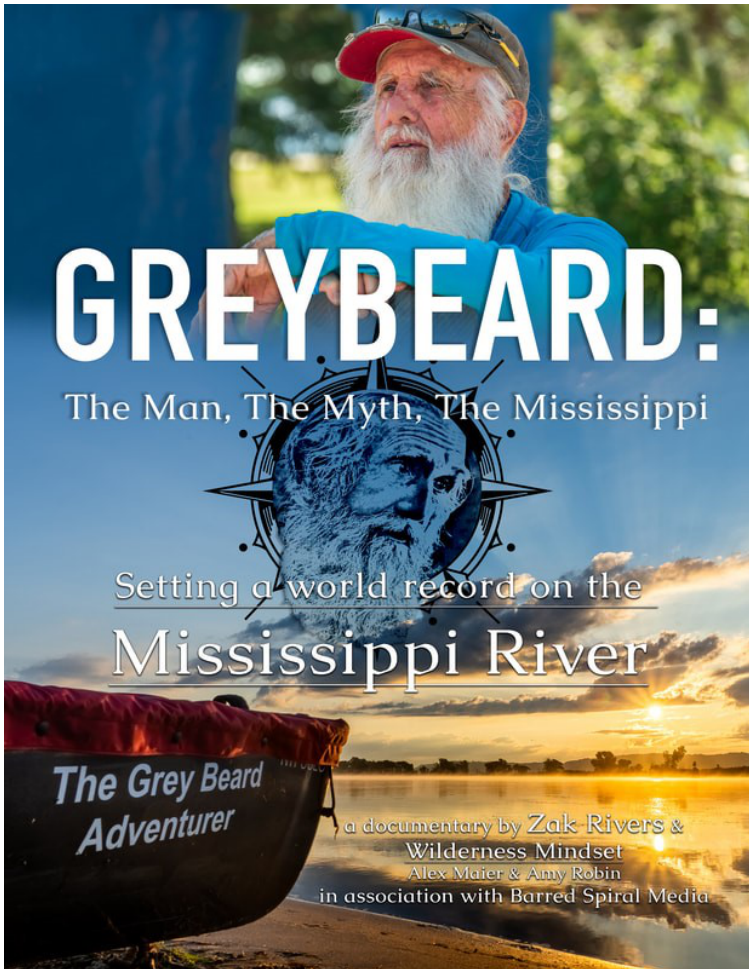
We continue to be truly humbled by the generosity of our parishioners. We invite you to support our church and school to the best of your ability, sharing the gifts that God has given you. Every contribution is greatly appreciated. Prayerfully consider the impact you can have.

A QUARTERLY UPDATE ON OUR
FINANCIAL JOURNEY

	Previous Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30, 2022	Current Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30, 2023
REVENUES	\$1,443,576.86	\$1,695,714.40
EXPENSES	\$1,452,591.56	\$1,520,058.63
GAIN/(LOSS)	(\$9,014.70)	\$175,655.77

- Report covers both Parish and School Operations

We continue to rely on your prayers and generosity to provide what we need to run our operations, and we work hard to be good stewards with the gifts we have been given. Our investments recovered from the previous year, we qualified for a Retained Earning Credit due to Covid and received a substantial refund, and we received a generous parishioner gift at the end of the calendar year which gave us a healthy finish to the fiscal year. We kindly ask everyone to use your weekly envelopes or use Online Giving through our website: www.stmaryspontiac.org



**SHOWING AT
ST. MARY'S
PARISH HALL**

In honor of the Livingston County Environmental Association's 20th Anniversary, please join us for a FREE presentation of

"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),

or Tyler Shrewsbury (815-674-5569, 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 20, 2023

Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
Monday	St. Pius X, Pope Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40; 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	St. Rose of Lima Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	St. Bartholomew Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday	St. Louis of France and Saint Joseph Calasanz Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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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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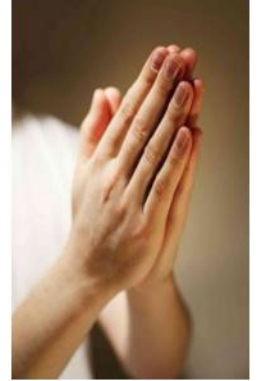
PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

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 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 |
| Fri Aug 25 | Larry Russow Family, Joanne Sancken Family |
| Mon Aug 28 | Diana Salinas Family, Travis Sancken Family |
| Tues Aug 29 | Nick & Caroline Sartoris Family, Chuck & Carol Schopp Family |
| Wed Aug 30 | Richard & Karla Schultz Family, Rita Schaefer Family |
| Thurs Aug 31 | Jacob & Jessica Schopp Family, Kathy Schulz Family |
| Fri Sept 1 | Joe & Donna Schopp Family, Zara Bartnik's Family |



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