

# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

*Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah.*

*For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*

*Matthew 16:15-18*



# Messiah

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

**Pontiac, Illinois**

**August 27, 2023**

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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

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

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ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY: 401 E. Water St. Open to

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## STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$11,719.00

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,228.00.

School Collection: Next weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



## Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 28 (St. Augustine)

7:00 a.m. Keith Cleary

Tuesday, August 29 (The Passion of St. John the Baptist)

7:00 a.m. 21st ann Jerry Reilly

Wednesday, August 30

7:00 a.m. Jamie Claret

Thursday, August 31

8:15 a.m. 26th ann Kathleen Kane

Friday, September 1

7:00 a.m. Ellen Zick

Saturday, September 2

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

4:00 p.m. Patricia Collette

Sunday, September 3 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Randy Brubaker

Servers for Saturday, September 2

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan

Servers for Sunday, September 3

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

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

**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 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 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.

**MASS FOR FALLEN AWAY CATHOLICS:** Every First Saturday of the month, we offer a Mass at 8am for all the fallen away Catholic from our parish and families. A rosary is prayed at 7:30am prior to Mass. Please join us on **Saturday, September 2** for this rosary and Mass.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Chance Carlson & Kathryn Edwards** who were recently married in our church.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the parents and family of **Evelyn Rae Mundy**, daughter of Jacob Mundy & Amanda Cortez, who was recently baptized as a member of our faith.



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**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 815-822-3282 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. Youth Group will NOT meet Labor Day weekend and then we will move our weekly gatherings to SUNDAY nights from 6:30-8:30pm for the school year.

**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.

**LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER**

4:00pm Cynthia Mangubat, Paula Rosenbaum  
7:00am Nancy Smith  
9:30am Jim Marx, Brenda Shaughnessy

**EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

4:00pm Sue Ledford, Gary Doughan, Earline Devito  
7:00am Vicki McBeath, Joan Duffy  
9:30am Carol Schopp, Marie Haag, Margo Law

**GREETERS & USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

4:00pm Lisa Doughan, Julie Wenger, Bill Bertram, Mike Linskey, Joe & Kristy Duda, Mike Van Sickle  
7:00am Beth Legner, Mick Peterson, Jeff & Kenzie Meister, Dan Smith, Bob Fox  
9:30am Linda Rhodes, Roger & Paula Corrigan, Pat Martin, Peg Meier, Sue Smith

**THE PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE 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 SCHOOL QUICK DRAW:** You could win money all year long. Tickets are \$25 each and are good for all drawings from September 2023 through May 2024. Prizes of \$200, \$100, or \$50 will be given away five times each month throughout the school year plus three bonus drawings of \$250 each. Every ticket is in every drawing, so there is no limit on a person's chances to win! *Tickets will be for sale after all Masses this weekend at the Sacristy and Howard Street entrances.*



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**2023 Annual  
Diocesan Appeal**

In two weeks, our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria. As disciples of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to be ready to bring the love of Jesus to others. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so help others encounter Christ in a personal way. There are many ministries and apostolates that the Diocese can offer that we as a single parish cannot. Recruitment and training of priests, vocation discernment program for young men, marriage preparation, ministry to our students on college campuses, evangelization, Catholic Charities programs... these are just a few of the many services we receive from the Diocese of Peoria. Your support, in prayer and through your sacrificial gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, makes it possible to provide these services.

**Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this year's appeal.**

*Join us this summer for*

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## EUCCHARISTIC CORNER



Hello Fellow Parishioners! We as a Church are entering into the 2nd year of the Eucharistic Revival called for by our Bishops. This year is focusing in on the Parish level-you and me. We are being asked to choose to deepen our knowledge and our relationship with Our Lord in the gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) quotes from the Vatican II document, *Lumen Gentium*, that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life." So, is the Eucharist the source of your Christian life? Hmm...something to think about.

In the coming months you will be finding more information, events and thought-provoking mediations on the Holy Eucharist here in the "Eucharistic Corner". By the way, the Diocese of Peoria Traveling Monstrance will be here at St. Mary's November 6-8 so save the date and we'll look forward to seeing you there! May God Bless You and Keep You!!

**GREYBEARD:**  
The Man, The Myth, The Mississippi

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## 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](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 27, 2023

**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

**Monday** St. Augustine 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10;  
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday** The Passion of Saint John the Baptist  
1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab;  
Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17;  
Mt 24:42-51

**Friday** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12;  
Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday** Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;  
Mt 16:21-27

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE  
HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER

**For people living on the margins:** We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



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

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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*

**God needs priests. Is He calling you?  
If you are 30-60, you may be surprised.**

**First Friday Visits, 5:00 PM**  
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**September 1, 2023**  
**October 6, 2023**  
**November 3, 2023**  
**December 1, 2023**

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**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR**

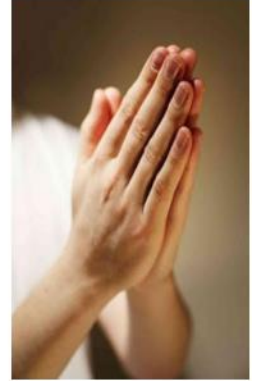
*We ask everyone to pray for specific church and school families each weekday.*

*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 28  
Tues Aug 29  
Wed Aug 30  
Thurs Aug 31  
Fri Sept 1  
Mon Sept 4  
Tues Sept 5  
Wed Sept 6  
Thurs Sept 7  
Fri Sept 8

Diana Salinas Family, Travis Sancken Family  
Nick & Caroline Sartoris Family, Chuck & Carol Schopp Family  
Richard & Karla Schultz Family, Rita Schaefer Family  
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Joe & Donna Schopp Family, Zara Bartnik's Family  
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