

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
October 1, 2023

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 119 E. HOWARD ST., P.O. BOX 374 PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764

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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

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

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Phone: 815-844-6585

Principal: Mrs. Karen Jones, jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org

Facebook: St. Mary's School Instagram: stmaryspontiac

ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY: 401 E. Water St. Open to Livingston County residents every Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm.

Phone: 815-844-FOOD(3663)

SCRIP: SCRIP is now an electronic only format using the RaiseRight app or at www.raiseright.com. If you do not have an online account and would like to set one up, please contact Taryn Tissiere at tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-979-7663.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$11,246.00

School Collection: This weekend.

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

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 30 (St. Jerome)

4:00 p.m. George Woll

Sunday, October 1 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 15th ann Betty Murphy

Monday, October 2 (The Holy Guardian Angels)

7:00 a.m. Dick & Millie Johnson

Tuesday, October 3

7:00 a.m. Mary Margaret "Peg" Hoffman

Wednesday, October 4 (St. Francis of Assisi)

7:00 a.m. 13th ann Mike Loughran

Thursday, October 5 (St. Faustina Kowalska; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos)

8:15 a.m. Rita Schaeffer

Friday, October 6 (St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher)

7:00 a.m. 3rd ann RoseMary McDermott

Saturday, October 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)

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

4:00 p.m. Elizabeth Baltz

Sunday, October 8 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Rachel Germain

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, October 7

4:00 p.m. Volunteers **Servers for Sunday, October 8**

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

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

EUCHARISTIC 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 18 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 Catholics from our parish and families. A rosary is prayed at 7:30am prior to Mass. Please join us on Saturday, October 7!

PLEASE PRAY FOR David Haag (brother of Dewey Haag), R.I.P. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

THE PARISH SECRETARY IS ON VACATION THIS WEEK. She will be back in the office on Tuesday, October 10. Any business that can wait for her return is greatly appreciated.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE



This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 14 at 12:00 noon on the front steps of our church. The Legion of Mary invites you to join them. Bring a lawn chair if needed. 20,000 outdoor rosary rallies are planned around the country on this day to bombard heaven with our prayers and petitions.

ALL SOUL'S DAY MEMORIAL MASS: As parishioners and family of parishioners pass away we try to acknowledge these people in the bulletin each week. The Bereavement Group is putting together a Memorial Mass to be held on **Thursday**, **November 2 at 6:00pm**. They have taken names from the bulletin over the past year. If you have lost a loved one since November of last year and did not see their name in the bulletin, please call the Rectory at 844-7683 to add their name to our Memorial list.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP has begun but you can still join in on **Mondays from 6:30-8pm** 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.

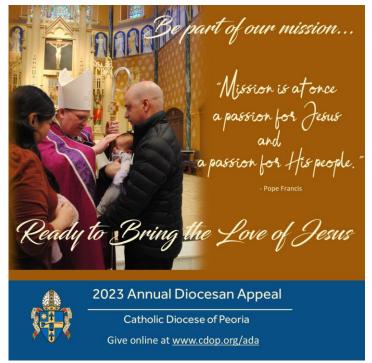
ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP: All high school students are invited to join us **every Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm**. Youth group meets in the upstairs of the Parish Center (former rectory). Please use the back door.

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.

RCIA CLASSES HAVE BEGUN BUT YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP: If you would like to learn more about becoming Catholic, contact the parish office at 815-844-7683.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE OF ILLINOIS VOCATIONS RAFFLE: Raffle tickets to support the Knights of Columbus State of Illinois Vocations Program are available at all doors of the church. A book of 15 tickets is \$15 with a chance to win \$10,000! Take a book and return it to the collection basket the following weekend with your check made payable to Knights of Columbus. Proceeds from this raffle will allow us to support seminarians from our Diocese who are needed to help make our churches strong and lead our Church into the future. If you have any questions, please call Mark Corrigan at 815-848-3066.

BOOK BORROWING LIBRARY has been set up in the back vestibule of the church by the Legion of Mary for all to use. On the honor system, you may take home and enjoy books, CDs, DVDs, cassette tapes and videos to assist in your spiritual growth.



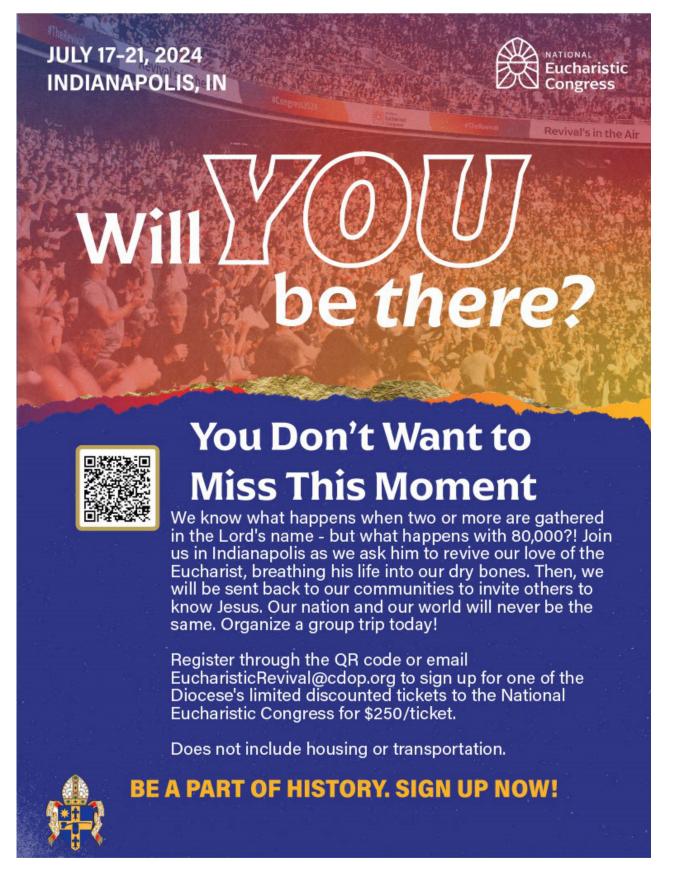
The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you received your pledge card in the mail, please complete it and mail it back to the diocese. If you did not receive a card in the mail, there are pledge cards at the doors of the church that can be returned in the collection basket. Our goal this year is \$89,801. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parish.

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

DISHES LEFT BEHIND FROM FUNERAL DINNERS: The following parishioners have a dish to claim from a funeral dinner: Kelli Trainor, M. Baker, Sue Smith, Joanne Coriell, Mary Timmerman, Brenda Shaughnessy, Paula Rosenbaum, Jane Kuerth, Jamie Drilling, and many more with no names. Contact the church office if you need to pick up a dish.

If you sign up to attend this event next summer, please contact parishioner Deb Bromberek, a member of our Eucharistic Revival committee, so we can have a complete list of those from our parish who are attending in case any gatherings may be planned at the event: Deb Bromberek. 815-844-6149. auntiedeb @frontier. com



ST. MARY'S CHURCH PONTIAC, ILLINOIS



Growing Disciples is a multiyear pastoral planning process for the Catholic Diocese of Peoria to renew discipleship and enhance relationships with Jesus Christ in every corner of our region. The Bishop will be examining the current structure of parishes in the diocese to evaluate how they can best meet the needs of the faithful and address challenges facing the Church today.

Why are we doing this as a Diocese? We are Growing Disciples. Bishop Tylka chose that title intentionally. The world is different and we have to find new ways of doing things. We have fewer priests. Fewer Catholics. Fewer children. People are moving. We have to reimagine the way we reach people with the Good News.

The Growing Disciples process is designed to provoke conversation, to gather data and receive feedback. Based on the feedback from recent priest meetings, the Diocese is changing the way they release the second draft models. You will be able to see your parish's second draft model with appropriate context and information, online by October 1 at cdop.org That way, all parishioners have access to all the information at the same time, and can come prepared to their parish meeting. Your input is needed and valued as Bishop Tylka discerns the future footprint of the Diocese of Peoria.

Please check out cdop.org/pastoral-plan for more frequently asked questions, and please continue to pray that all our efforts to-day will bear fruit for a brighter tomorrow.

St. Mary's will offer a full presentation for our parish at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 11 at 6pm in the parish hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend this one hour meeting which will provide you with the draft model for our planning area, an opportunity to ask questions, and show you how to provide feedback to the diocese. We hope you can join us.



ENCOUNTERING THE EUCHARIST

Man should be seized with fear, the earth should tremble, and the heavens rejoice exceedingly when Christ, the Son of the Living God, descends upon the altar in the hands of the priest. O admirable greatness and stupendous condescension! O humble sublimity! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the universe, God, and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under the form of a morsel of bread. Consider, brothers (and sisters), the humility of God! Pour your hearts out before Him (cf. Ps 61:9), and

be humbled so that you may be exalted by Him (1 Pet 5:6). Do not, therefore, keep back anything of yourselves so that He may receive you entirely who gives Himself entirely to you.

-St. Francis of Assisi

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 15 after 9:30 Mass

Coffee/Donuts/Eucharistic Video in the MPR (old gym)

Tuesday, November 7 at 6:00pm

Holy Hour in Church with Diocese of Peoria Traveling Monstrance

Saturday, November 18 after 4:00 Mass

Wine/Cheese/Crackers/Eucharistic Video in the MPR (old gym)

Here is a link to the Eucharistic video that was shown at last week's KC Breakfast: https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/eucharist.html

HELP SAVE OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!

The "Invest in Kids" Illinois tax credit scholarship program provides income-eligible families with critical scholarships to private schools like St. Mary's. Over the last five years, this program has provided dozens of scholarships to SMS students. Unfortunately, this program is due to expire at the end of this calendar year. We need your help! Please scan this QR code to send an email to your state legislator asking them to 'remove the sunset' so this program does not expire.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2023

Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or

Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday The Holy Guardian Angels

Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23;

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday St. Francis of Assisi

Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday St. Faustina Kowalska

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;

Lk 10:1-12

Friday St. Bruno and Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher

Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday Our Lady of the Rosary Bar 4:5-12, 27-29;

Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20;

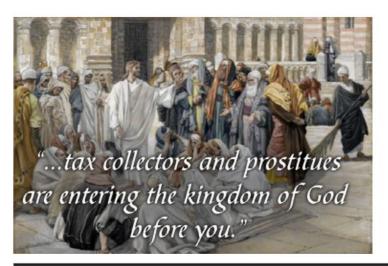
Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



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



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR OCTOBER

For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world

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www.catholicspiritradio.com We would like to thank the following local businesses for underwriting the efforts of Catholic Spirit Radio: Knights of Columbus Council #854 & Lyons-Sullivan Realty. If you would like to support CSR, please contact Jerry LoPiccalo at 630-514-6221.

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

MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

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OUTDOOR ROSARY: Join Catholic Spirit Radio on the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on Saturday, October 7 at 4pm for an Outdoor Rosary Event. The Glorious Mysteries will be recited across the United States in conjunction with the national sponsor, Rosary Coast-to-Coast. Fellowship and light refreshments begin at 3 PM. All ages are encouraged to participate. You may want to bring your lawn chair, a sweater, and rosary! Location: North parking lot of 108 Boeykens Place in Normal.



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.

John & Linda Shrewsbury Family, Bailey & Chloe Cox Family Mon Oct 2 Tues Oct 3 Jean Smetzer Family, Harper Francis Family Dan & Rose Smith Family, Madyson & Dominik Herkert Family Wed Oct 4 Thurs Oct 5 Tyler & Brooke Shrewsbury Family, Izzy, Evelyn & Myers Hinz Family Eldon & Nancy Smith Family. Fri Oct 6 Alexis, Adam & Amelia Legner Family Mon Oct 9 Suzanne Smith Family, Tiffany Legner Family Kenny & Margaret Stamm Family, Ella Ashcraft Family Tues Oct 10

Kelsey Smith Family, Amelia & Lucas Maier Family Wed Oct 11 Thurs Oct 12

Rob Snyder Family, Payton Rogers Family

Jeff & Christine Stark Family, Gavin Schaidle Family Fri Oct 13



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!



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