

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Matthew 21:43

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

Pontiac, Illinois October 8, 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:

414 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764

Phone: 815-844-6585

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

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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)

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STEWARDSHIP

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 9 (St. Denis & companions;

St. John Leonardi)

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Brady

Tuesday, October 10

7:00 a.m. Florence Sullivan

Wednesday, October 11 (St. John XXIII, pope)

7:00 a.m. Mary Weber

Thursday, October 12

8:15 a.m. Elizabeth Fitzgerald Family

Friday, October 13

7:00 a.m. Joseph Masching

Saturday, October 14 (St. Callistus I, pope)

4:00 p.m. Mary Jo Murphy

Sunday, October 15 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Ron Kennedy

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, October 14

4:00 p.m. Nicholas & Carter Doughan

Servers for Sunday, October 15

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis

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

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 AT LOCAL NURSING HOME: Mass will be offered at Goldwater Care on Friday, October 13 at 9am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Edith Mathis (mother of Pam Faber), R.I.P. Our sympathy to her family and friends.



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.

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

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.

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.

GROWING DISCIPLES MEETING Wednesday, October 11 at 6pm in the Parish Hall

Join us for this one-hour meeting to learn what's being proposed for our area churches and how we can provide feedback to the diocese. More information can be found on page 5.



VOLUNTEERS & FOOD NEEDED FOR PAR-ISH THANKSGIVING DINNER: Workers, as well as desserts and food items are needed for our dinner on November 12. Please go to:

www.stmaryspontiac.org and click on the link to sign up. If you do not have a computer or are having trouble signing up, please call Bernie Timmerman at 815-822-2961 or 815-844-1479 to sign up with your times or food donations. If donating a pie, it would be appreciated if it was in a non-returnable container in case someone wants to purchase a whole pie. Thank you for your help!

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.

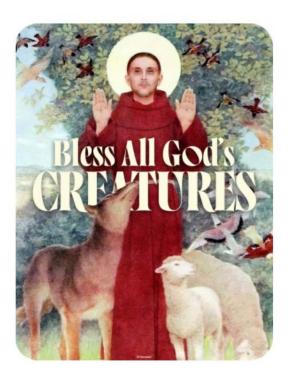
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ST. MARY'S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: St. Mary's School is looking to start an afterschool program from 3:00pm-5:30pm five days a week. We are asking for your help in supervising it. If you are interested in learning more about this new program, please contact Karen Jones at St. Mary's School, by emailing her at jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org or calling the school at 815-844-6585.

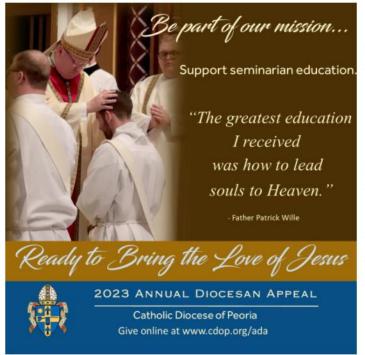
DISHES LEFT BEHIND FROM FUNERAL DINNERS: The following parishioners have a dish to claim from a funeral dinner: Kelli Trainor, M. Baker, Sue Smith, Joanne Coriell, Mary Timmerman, Brenda Shaughnessy, Paula Rosenbaum, Jane Kuerth, Jamie Drilling, and many more with no names. Contact the church office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

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.

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







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.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH PONTIAC, ILLINOIS



Why are we doing Growing Disciples 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. No decision

has been made – and Bishop Tylka will consider all of the data and your feedback as he discerns the future footprint of the Diocese of Peoria.

Please attend our parish meeting, and check out <u>growingdisciples.cdop.org</u> for information about how the second draft models were created and how to provide your feedback to them. Please continue to pray that all our efforts today 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

Because Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honored with the worship of adoration. "To visit the Blessed Sacrament is...a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord." (Paul VI, MF66) CCC1418.

[MF are the initials for Saint Pope Paul VI's Encyclical Mysterium fidei]

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)

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.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2023

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

Monday St. Denis & Companions, and St. John Leonardi

Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

 Tuesday
 Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:28-42

 Wednesday
 Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

 Thursday
 Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 &6; Lk 11:5-13

 Friday
 Jl 1:13-15. 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16; 8-9;

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday St. Callistus I, Pope

JI 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5- 6; Phil 4:12-14,

19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10







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 <u>www.stmaryspontiac.org</u> and click on the online giving link.
- 2. Create an account.
- 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.

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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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 funfilled 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

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.



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!





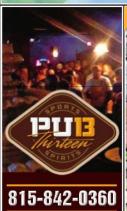
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