

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
October 22, 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:

414 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764

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: \$13,259.39

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,137.00.

World Mission Sunday Collection: This weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 21

4:00 p.m. 16th ann Agnes Masching

Sunday, October 22 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Rita Schaeffer

9:30 a.m. Parish

Monday, October 23 (St. John of Capistrano)

7:00 a.m. Joseph Ruddy

Tuesday, October 24 (St. Anthony Mary Claret)

7:00 a.m. Pamela Sopiars

Wednesday, October 25

7:00 a.m. Bob Fraher

Thursday, October 26

8:15 a.m. Jean Jones

Friday, October 27

7:00 a.m. 3rd ann Wayne Denaple

Saturday, October 28 (Sts. Simon & Jude)

4:00 p.m. Irene Fraher

Sunday, October 29 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 26th ann Ron Schultz

Servers for Saturday, October 28

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan

Servers for Sunday, October 29 7:00 a.m. Volunteers

9:30 a.m. Zach & Mallory Masching

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner Kay Lyons, and Earl "Butch" Wilcox (father of Charlotte Stock), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Thanks to all who have made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. No gift is too small. If you have not yet made a gift to

the ADA, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to the parish.

This year's goal: \$89,801 Pledged to date: \$47,996 (as of Sept. 29)

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Friday, October 27 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Fried pollack, baked cod, fried shrimp, potato, green beans, & drink

\$11 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12, \$35 family max Carryouts available

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 26 from 9am to 12:30pm in the parish hall.

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.

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 looking for people to assist our supervisors. 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.

MISSION APPEAL: This weekend, October 21/22 we welcome Fr. John Bosco Mujuni who will speak at all the masses about supporting his home mission Church in the Archdiocese of Mbarara, Uganda, East Africa.

Fr. John Bosco will share the needs of his home mission church that is currently under construction. The new church was necessitated by an increase in the number of Christians in his home area. The old Church that was used since 1983 is very small to accommodate the number of Church participants. It was also constructed with poor materials that cannot make it last longer. The Church under construction has been roofed. The next phase is of completion, which entails: Stained glass windows, internal and external finishing, electric wiring and plumbing; estimated at \$70,000. Any amount you can donate will be highly appreciated.

Currently Fr. John Bosco is one of the African priests serving in our Diocese of Peoria at St. Patrick Parish, Dwight and St. Paul Parish, Odell. As a way of appreciating the services rendered by the priests from Africa and other mission lands, the Diocese of Peoria encourages each parish to have a missionary visit arranged, in order to support some churches in the mission lands.

Fr. John Bosco will have envelopes available where you can put your donation. If you will not be at Mass, you can send your donation by any other envelope of your choice, and mark your donation as Mission appeal. Please let us welcome Fr. John Bosco and be as generous as we can.



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 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!



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.

We are more than halfway through the month of October, and more than half our parishes have hosted their parish meetings regarding Round 2 of the proposed parish models. Your feedback regarding our parish model is needed and valued as Bishop Tylka discerns the future footprint of the Diocese of Peoria. To provide feedback go to growingdisciplescdop.org and click on the link in the upper right hand corner. Please respond by November 22.

You may still have questions after your meeting. Please check out <u>growingdisciplescdop.org</u> for an updated version of the most frequently asked questions, and please continue to pray that all our efforts today will bear fruit for a brighter tomorrow.

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO LEAD OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH? We are in need of an individual, or perhaps a married couple, to lead our high school youth group program. If interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Fr. Joe.





ENCOUNTERING THE EUCHARIST

"How can Jesus distribute his Body and his Blood? By making the bread into his Body and the wine into his Blood, he anticipates his death, he accepts it in his heart, and he transforms it into an action of love. What on the outside is simply brutal violence- the Crucifixion- from within becomes an act of total self-giving love." -Pope Benedict XVI, August 21, 2005

"In the Holy Eucharist we become one with God like food with the body." -St Francis De Sales

If you were unable to attend the Eucharistic video this past Sunday, want to share with family & friends, or just wish to watch it again, here is the link. Enjoy! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VS3CYsDHvGU

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 7 at 6:00pm

Holy Hour in Church with Diocese of Peoria Traveling Monstrance If you have never been to Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction or are curious about what it even is, come! Bring the family! We'll see you there!!

Saturday, November 18 after 4:00 Mass
Wine/Cheese/Crackers/Eucharistic Video in the MPR (old gym)

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



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE OF ILLINOIS VO-CATIONS 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.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023

1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Sunday Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10;

Monday St. John of Capistrano Rom 4:20-25;

Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday S.t Anthony Mary Claret Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-

19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

 Wednesday
 Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

 Thursday
 Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 12:49-53

 Friday
 Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94;

Lk 12:54-59

Saturday Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51;

1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Come volunteer with OSF Hospice! We have a variety of opportunities that help serve our patients and their families. Available opportunities: visiting with patients, crocheting prayer shawls, sewing fidget blankets, office help etc. Training is provided. For more information on requirements or to obtain an application please call 309-451-5925 Ext 7 or email Mary.Cox@osfhealthcare.org.





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 www.stmaryspontiac.org 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.



CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO

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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 8:30nm.

MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

Catholic Spirit Radio has a new free app.

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CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO - FALL APPEAL: Catholic Spirit Radio is having its Fall Appeal on October 25 & 26th. This will be a live, on-air radio event with host Debbie Georgianni from EWTN. Other EWTN celebrities, Fulton Sheen experts, and various priests and people throughout the extended listening audience will be guests. The event celebrates the station's first million potential listeners and reflects on Archbishop Fulton Sheen and his millions of television listeners. Tune in for special guests, matching funds, give-aways, and lots of fun this Wednesday and Thursday from 7am-6pm. Donate by calling 309-807-2427 or online at catholicspiritradio.org As a non-profit station with an all volunteer staff, Catholic Spirit Radio depends on donations to help support their radio mission of evangelization on 88.3 FM.

the mission field where bold action meets lasting outcomes. Over 750 priest alumni discerned a sacred call later in life. Maturity with God's grace can move mountains. Can you leave it all to follow Christ? Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA is offering the latest in its "First Friday Visits" program on November 3 at 5:00 pm. Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. Option to attend in person or virtually. In person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact: msgr.fay@psjs.edu or 781.899.5500 ext. 134. www.psjs.edu

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 Oct 23 Donna Steffens Family, Nora Eppel Family Steve Smith Family, Harper Highland Family Tues Oct 24 James Stadel Family, Kennedy Krenz Family Wed Oct 25 Thurs Oct 26 Cindy Steiner Family, Arkadiy Kukharskiy Family Fri Oct 27 Sue Smith Family, Anna Loucks Family Jim & Sharon Stahler Family, Mon Oct 30 Margaret, Leo & Natalia Matthews Family Cindy Stepro Family, Everett & Bruce Meiner Family Tues Oct 31 Wed Nov 1 Joe Stock Family, Preston Richardson Family Thurs Nov 2 Alex Strong Family, Landry & Wilder Saxton Family Tom & Deb Sullivan Family, Finn Voigts Family Fri Nov 3



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!



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