

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
October 29, 2023

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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: \$9,189.40

Mission Appeal for Uganda Church was \$3,318.35.

School Collection: Next weekend.

**THANK YOU** to those who regularly support our parish.



# Mass Intentions

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. 27th ann Ron Schultz

Monday, October 30

7:00 a.m. John Benedino

Tuesday, October 31

7:00 a.m. Diane Coons 5:30 p.m. David Haag

Wednesday, November 1 (All Saints Day)

7:00 a.m. Caroline Heinrich 8:15 a.m. Rita Schaeffer

5:30 p.m. Parish

Thursday, November 2 (All Souls Day)

7:00 a.m. Intentions of the Holy Father 12:00 noon All the Faithful Departed 6:00 p.m. All Souls Memorial Mass

Friday, November 3 (St. Martin de Porres)

7:00 a.m. Joe & Virginia Smith Saturday, November 4 (St. Charles Borromeo)

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

4:00 p.m. Charlene Austraco

Sunday, November 5 (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Margaret Trainor

Servers for Saturday, November 4

4:00 p.m. Nicholas & Carter Doughan

Servers for Sunday, November 5

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis 9:30 a.m. Jonathan, Zach & Grace Becker

**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.

# ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (A Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, October 31 at 5:30 pm in Pontiac, Flanagan, Lexington Wednesday, November 1 at 7 am, 8:15 am & 5:30 pm in Pontiac 7:00 pm in Chenoa & Chatsworth

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 am regular morning Mass

12:00 noon at St. Mary's Cemetery-bring a lawn chair

6:00 pm All Souls Day Memorial Mass in church with names of deceased read and candles lit in their memory

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** George Schopp (brother of Joseph Schopp), R.I.P. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

ALL SOUL'S DAY MEMORIAL MASS: On Thursday, November 2 at 6:00pm, parishioners and family of parishioners who have passed away during this last year will have their names read and a candle will be lit in their memory at this special Mass. The All Soul's Memorial Mass will be live streamed on YouTube.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM: Calling all Veterans and their families! St. Mary's Student Council invites you to their annual Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 10 at 2pm in the gym. We are creating a slideshow of local Veterans and would like to include yourself or others. Please send pictures to Mrs. Corrigan via email at <a href="mailto:corrigan.anne@stmaryspontiac.org">corrigan.anne@stmaryspontiac.org</a> and include with the photo your name, branch of service, and years of service. Also, if any Veteran would like to come in to read a story to any of the younger classes on November 10, please email Jordi Cavanagh, <a href="mailto:cavanagh.jordi@stmaryspontiac.org">cavanagh.jordi@stmaryspontiac.org</a>, or Mrs. Jones, <a href="mailto:jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org">jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org</a>. Thank you for your service!

**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.

**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.

## LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER

4:00pm Gary Doughan

7:00am Bridget Morrissette

9:30am Carol Faust

#### EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER

4:00pm Paula Rosenbaum, Bob & Shari Paris

7:00am Paul Giordano, Vicki McBeath

9:30am Jim & Nanette Marx, Linda Rhodes

### **GREETERS & USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

4:00pm Arlene Fry, Joanne Coriell, Jim Sporrer, Mike VanSickle

7:00am Mary Follmer, Pat Duffy, Chad Trachsel, Mike & Brad

Follmer

9:30am Karen Moen, Joe & Mary Baker, Jordan Farris, Bob Kane

**7:00AM SUNDAY LECTORS NEEDED:** Anyone interested in being a lector at the 7am Sunday Masses, please contact Bernie Timmerman at 815-822-2961.

A CELEBRATION OF BLESSINGS

# PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 12 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Hall

Please use the Main Street door or enter from the east at the courtyard between the buildings. Carryouts use Chicago Street entrance.

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, sweet potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, roll, dessert & drink

\$10 for adults \$5 for children Grades 1-8 Free for children 5 and under \$30 family max—immediate household

50/50 Drawing Need not be present to win

HOSTED BY ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD

**VOLUNTEERS & FOOD NEEDED FOR PARISH 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 scroll down to "What's Happening at St Mary's"

Use the arrows to find the Thanksgiving 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!

**BOOTIE TREE:** The Christ Child Society will have a Christmas tree in the parish hall on **November 12** (at the Thanksgiving Dinner), adorned with "booties" for needy babies. Please take a bootie (or 2 or 3), purchase the item on the bootie, then return the bootie and item to the bin in the back vestibule no later than November 26. Please do not wrap the gift. Sizes needed are newborn and preemie. Thank you for your help. Call Shari Paris at 815-419-8620 if you have questions.

**BOUTIQUE TABLE:** The Christ Child Society will also have a Boutique Table at the Thanksgiving Dinner with handmade items that can be purchased to help fund the work of the Society in providing layettes to newborns in need. There will also be a quilt, made by one of the talented members of the Society, that will be up for raffle.

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.



# 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.





Attention SMS Alums: Did you or your children graduate from St. Mary's School? Help us keep our alumni database current by sending us contact information for SMS graduates. Go to <a href="school.stmaryspontiac.org">school.stmaryspontiac.org</a> and click on "Alumni". Thank you!



# **ENCOUNTERING THE EUCHARIST**

"What is the objection to Eucharistic Adoration? It's not that it's hard or requires any special gifts or education. The only requirements are faith and love....

But what do you do when you adore? You let God do things. He forms our minds and hearts if we give them to Him."

- Peter Kreeft

"Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist should be like touching Heaven, and that should change the way we live here on earth!"

- Matthew Kelly

(Quotes take from the book *Beautiful Eucharist*)

#### **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)

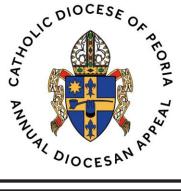
If you sign up to attend this event >>>>>> next summer, please contact parishioner Deb Bromberek, a member of our Eucharistic Revival committee, so we can have a complete list of those from our parish who are attending in case any gatherings may be planned at the event: Deb Bromberek, 815-844-6149, auntiedeb@frontier.com

# 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 ser-

vices 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)





## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2023**

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

Monday Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 & 4, Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;

Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday All Saints Day Rv 7:2-4, 9-14;

Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**Thursday** All Souls Day Wis 3:1-9;

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

**Friday** Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;

Lk 14:1-6

Saturday St. Charles Borromeo Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-

29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3;

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

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 <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 NOVEMBER

For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

# SPIRIT

# CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO

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

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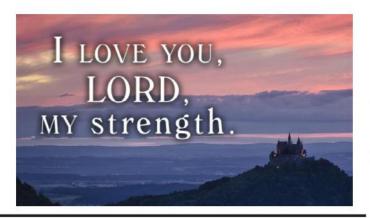
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# PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

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 Oct 30 Jim & Sharon Stahler Family, Margaret, Leo & Natalia Matthews Family Tues Oct 31 Cindy Stepro Family, Everett & Bruce Meiner Family Joe Stock Family, Preston Richardson Family Wed Nov 1 Thurs Nov 2 Alex Strong Family, Landry & Wilder Saxton Family Tom & Deb Sullivan Family, Finn Voigts Family Fri Nov 3 Matt & Charlotte Stock Family, Greg Bradshaw Family Mon Nov 6 Tues Nov 7 Brian Studnicki Family, Jack DeYoung Family Wed Nov 8 Douglas & Patty Swartz Family, Chris Gray Family Thurs Nov 9 Mark & Tricia Stoeckel Family, Kate, Jacob & Grace Lauritsen Family Dave & Mary Jo Sullivan Family, Lanie McGuckin Family Fri Nov 10



# MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!



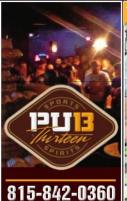


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