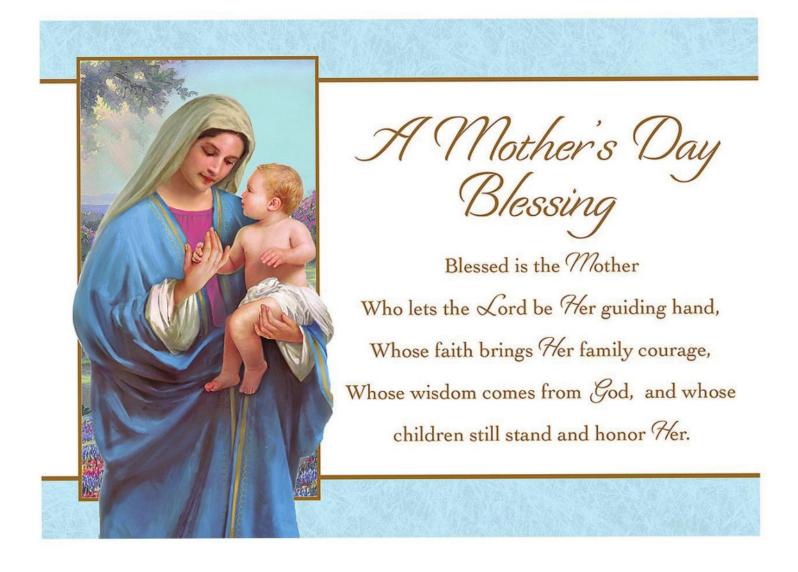
# GOD BLESS ALL OUR ST. MARY'S MOTHERS



St. Mary's Catholic Church Pontiac, Illinois May 12, 2024

#### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 119 E. HOWARD ST., P.O. BOX 374 PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764 Phone: 815-844-7683 Fax: 815-842-4345 Parish & School Website: www.stmaryspontiac.org Facebook: St. Mary's Parish-Pontiac

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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 6:30-6:50 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: \$12,103.89

School Collection was \$3,564.00.

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 11 4:00 p.m. Parish Sunday, May 12 (The Ascension of the Lord) 7:00 a.m. Mary Weber 9:30 a.m. Mary Jo Murphy Monday, May 13 (Our Lady of Fatima) 7:00 a.m. 13th ann Jim Wallace IV Tuesday, May 14 (St. Matthias) 7:00 a.m. Helen Garvey Wednesday, May 15 (St. Isidore) 7:00 a.m. Connie Larkin Thursday, May 16 8:15 a.m. Larry & Oveta Hepperly Friday, May 17 7:00 a.m. Chuck & Celeste Margherio, Larry Baker, Vicki Metzke Saturday, May 18 (St. John I, pope) 4:00 p.m. Laura Schilling Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost Sunday) Alvin & Eva Heinrich 7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Parish

**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, please call the parish office at 815-844-7683 to reserve your spot in our Baptism preparation class which takes 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.

**GARDENING ANGELS NEEDED:** Volunteers are needed to help with designated areas around the parish campus. Some areas have perennials already in place, so just weeding and pruning are needed in those areas. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office at 815-844-7683.

MASS AT LOCAL NURSING HOME: Mass will be offered at The Pointe on Friday, May 17 at 10am.

**VOTIVE CANDLE PRICE CHANGE:** Effectively immediately, the cost to light a tall votive candle is now \$4 per candle. Money can be placed in the box on the wall to the left of the candles.

**THE PARISH SECRETARY WILL BE ON VACATION** May 14-17. She will be back in the office on Monday, May 20. Any business that can wait for her return is greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** parishioners John "Jack" Leach and Mary Landrus, R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON JIM WALLACE** on the 22nd anniversary of his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate on May 18.



Join us for our upcoming monthly Holy Hour for Vocations which will include time for quiet prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, group prayers for Vocations, and will conclude with Benediction.

#### Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm

Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Peoria, will be present to lead the evening.

Our diocese and our world need many good, holy priests and consecrated men and women, in addition to faithful marriages, to continue God's mission on this earth. Please join us to pray for all vocations.

**GRADUATES MASS:** This year's Senior Graduates Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday**, **May 19 at the 9:30am Mass**. Invitations have been sent out. If you have a senior graduate and did not receive this invitation, please contact the parish office. RSVPs can be returned in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet **Wednesday**, **May 15 at 6:30pm** in the Our Lady of the Rosary Room of the parish hall

**ATTENTION LADIES IN YOUR 20'S AND 30'S:** Join us the **third Wednesday of every month** for fellowship as we work our way through the Gospel of Luke in 2024. Come to as few or as many as you can make. If interested or if you have any questions, text or call Kate Harrold at 815-848-1705.

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

**WOMEN'S GUILD RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER:** The Women's Guild will be holding a Rummage Sale Fundraiser in the parish hall on **Friday, June 7 & Saturday, June 8.** Donated items in good condition are needed for the sale such as books, jewelry, linens, toys, household items, decorations and miscellaneous items. NO CLOTHES! Start saving your items. Drop off information will be provided closer to the sale date.

TOTUS TUUS 2024: Mark your calendars for July 7-11 for junior high and high school students, and July 8-12 for those entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY MASS** MONDAY, MAY 27 AT 10:30 AM AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

This Mass will honor all of our deceased loved ones. Please bring a lawn chair. If the weather is inclement, a Flocknote message will be sent out and the Mass will be held at the church at the same time. The City service will be at 9am.



#### 3rd ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION SUNDAY, JUNE 2 Immediately after the 9:30 Mass

All are encouraged to join us for this half mile walk through downtown Pontiac. We will sing hymns of praise as we walk to four altars to pray with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please bring an umbrella for rain or to shade you from the sun.



**TEACHER NEEDED** 

St. Mary's School has a teacher opening for Junior High Math: Job will start August 2024. Must have a valid Illinois teaching certificate, Middle

school/Junior High Endorsement in Math preferred.

We are seeking a Jr. High Math Teacher who knows and loves Jesus. We seek someone with a desire to make disciples of their students and grow in discipleship with other staff. Candidates must portray abilities of healthy teamwork among colleagues along with a desire to share their knowledge and love of Jesus with students and staff.

Please send 3 letters of recommendation and a copy of your transcripts, along with your resume and cover letter to Mrs. Karen Jones, St. Mary's School, 414 N. Main St. Pontiac, IL 61764 or you may email these items to: jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org

**PART-TIME CUSTODIAN NEEDED:** St. Mary's Parish is looking to hire an able-bodied individual to serve as a part-time custodian for St. Mary's School. Qualifications for this position include: striving to live a Christian life - be practicing the faith if Catholic, if not Catholic, have a respect for the Catholic Church and be comfortable working in a Catholic environment, possessing knowledge, skills, and experience in handling janitorial equipment and basic maintenance tools; assisting the head custodian in duties/ projects as needed; maintaining security of buildings, equipment, and tools. Duties would be cleaning of classrooms, hallways, gym following games, offices, pre-K area, and the parish hall, setting up and taking down of tables and chairs as needed, making sure all lights are out and doors are locked, and collecting trash or anything else determined by the maintenance director. Hours would be late afternoon/early evening. If interested, please send a letter of interest, stating qualifications and references, to Fr. Joseph Baker, P.O. Box 374, Pontiac, IL 61764 or drop it off at the church office.

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Now registering Gr. 1 through 8 for the 2024-2025 school year <u>Preschool and Kindergarten classes are full.</u>

Why choose us?	<ul> <li>Full, state private school recognition</li> <li>Certified teachers</li> <li>Scholarships available</li> <li>K - 8 building, one class of each</li> <li>Music, Art, PE, and Computers</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religion program</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>preparing students to be productive citizens and future leaders.</li> <li>instilling the value of service to others in our students.</li> </ul>
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Sow the Seeds of Success: Join Our School Family Today!



#### May 12th-June 16th

Please join Hope Center's Baby Bottle Project from Mother's Day to Father's Day

Take a baby bottle home with you today. Drop your spare change, dollars, or a check into the bottle and watch it fill to the top! Then bring the bottle back to church on Father's Day. The spare change collected will be used to help Moms, Dads and babies..



Your change can change lives!

#### SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS Your child <u>can</u> attend a Catholic School, Financial Assistance Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eli-Parents must apply online at: gible for an award. online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.



## **ENCOUNTERING THE EUCHARIST**

In response to my fears, it seemed that my soul was made to understand that my God willed to come and abide in it; not as a place wherein to make delight, but as His property and possession. So, in that sense, I had no right to deny Him entrance. Therefore, I was to receive Him as its sovereign owner and implore Him to make my heart the seat of His divine Majesty. The Holy Communion of the Body of Jesus Christ causes us to enter into possession of the Communion of Saints and the joys of Paradise.

~St. Louise de Marillac (1591-1660)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

July 17–21: 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis > <u>https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register</u>

<u>ENCOUNTERING THE EUCHARIST WEB PAGE</u> Visit: church.stmaryspontiac.org > News & Events > Encounter the Eucharist

## **EMMAUS DAYS**

#### Session I June 7-9 College & Young Adult Men

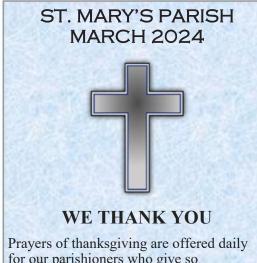
#### Session II June 21-24 High School Juniors & Seniors

Sessions I and II are overnight retreats at St. John's Catholic Newman Center in Champaign. Participants deepen their faith and focus on discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to and spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a glimpse into their lives.

#### Session III July 7-10 High School Freshmen & Sophomores Session IV July 10-12 Seventh & Eighth Graders

Sessions III and IV are overnight retreats at Peoria Notre Dame High School. Led by seminarians, participants engage in masculine fraternity and learn to become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and activities like basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, card games, and swimming.

To register for any session, go to: comeandfollowme.org/emmausdays



for our parishioners who give so generously for the financial security of our parish and school. Please continue to donate whatever you can, whenever you can.

#### A QUARTERLY UPDATE ON OUR FINANCIAL JOURNEY\*

	Previous Fiscal Year July 1 - March 31, 2023	Current Fiscal Year July 1 - March 31, 2024
REVENUES	\$1,340,850.21	\$1,499,420.50
EXPENSES	\$1,180,337.60	\$1,135,816.84
GAIN/(LOSS)	\$160,512.61	\$363,603.66

• Report covers both Parish and School Operations

We have been blessed this fiscal year with several large gifts from wills and estates and we have kept our expenses within budget. We try to be good stewards with the gifts we have been given.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2024**

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Sunday	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
	Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Monday	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
	Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	St. Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26;
	Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday	<b>St. Isidore</b> Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,
	35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,
	11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
	Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7;
	Jn 21:20-25
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-
	30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;
	Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY

**For the formation of religious and seminarians:** We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.





#### 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.



### CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO

7 days a week, 24 hours a day! Catholic Spirit Radio broadcasts EWTN and local programming for you! It's lively, entertaining, and informative. Catholic Spirit Radio is on 89.5 FM and 92.5 FM, and now on 88.3 FM in the Pontiac area, and

online at <u>www.catholicspiritradio.com</u> We would like to thank the following local businesses for underwriting the efforts of Catholic Spirit Radio: Knights of Columbus Council #854, Baby Bulls Restaurant & 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

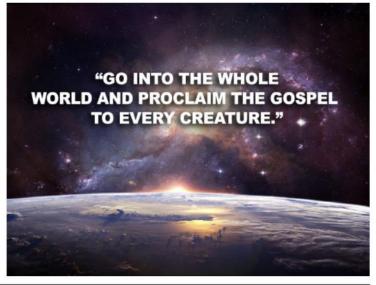
#### Catholic Spirit Radio has a new free app.

They upgraded so that listeners with newer phones, tablets, and other listening devices can access Catholic Spirit Radio programs and podcasts. Go to Google Play or Apple App store to find the new app:

Catholic Spirit <u>Talk Radio</u>. New App - Same Quality Catholic Programs!

Conoce alguna persona que estaría interesada en escuchar la radio católica en Español? Todos pueden escucharla usando la Pagina Web <u>catholicspiritradio.com</u> y hacer un clic Listen Live después otro clic Listen Live: Spanish. Adicionalmente, todos pueden escucharla por medio de <u>catholicspiritradio.com/copy-of-listen-live-</u> <u>1</u> (Ambas opciones también se pueden usar con la aplicación {app} Catholic Spirit Talk Radio.)

Do you know anyone who might be interested in listening to Catholic talk radio in Spanish? People can listen by using the website <u>catholicspiritradio.com</u> and clicking *Listen Live* then clicking *Listen Live: Spanish*. Additionally, people can hear it at <u>catholicspiritradio.com/copy-of-listen-live-1</u>. (Both options also work with the free listening app, *Catholic Spirit Talk Radio*.)



#### **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

### 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 May 13 Tues May 14 Wed May 15 Thurs May 16 Fri May 17 Mon May 20 Tues May 21 Wed May 22 Thurs May 23	Valerie Brown Family, Jerry & Nancy Cohlman Family Betty Buck Family, Don & Carla Chandler Family Rick & Kathy Campbell Family, Daniel Cohrs Family Todd & Patsy Campbell Family, Ryan & Jordan Collins Family Agile & Yvonne Carter Family, Kim Cheek Family John & Jeanne Cassady Family, Joe & Cherry Cole Family Mike & Shirley Casey Family, John Colvis Family Tom & Jane Cassidy Family, Lori Conkle Family Carrie Carrol Family Ed Corrigan Family
Thurs May 22	Carrie Carrol Family, Ed Corrigan Family
Fri May 24	Jorj Ann Casson Family, Robert & Michelle Cox Family



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