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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
May 26, 2024

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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:

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ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY: 401 E. Water St. Open to

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STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: **\$10,654.76**

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,120.00.

School Collection: Next weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES
TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 25 (St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII,
pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi)

4:00 p.m. 30th wedd ann Derek & Lisa Schafer

Sunday, May 26 (The Most Holy Trinity)

7:00 a.m. Bill Wallace

9:30 a.m. Parish

Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day; St. Augustine of Canterbury)

10:30 a.m. All our deceased loved ones

Tuesday, May 28

7:00 a.m. Janet Hurt

Wednesday, May 29 (St. Paul VI, pope)

7:00 a.m. Rita Bolen

Thursday, May 30

7:00 a.m. William & Ann Christesen

Friday, May 31 (Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:00 a.m. 26th ann Hank Masching

Saturday, June 1 (St. Justin)

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

4:00 p.m. Mary Jo Murphy

Sunday, June 2 (The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ)

7:00 a.m. 16th ann Phyllis Mullen

9:30 a.m. Parish

EUCCHARISTIC 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 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, June 1**.

SUMMER HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Friday afternoons from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and family of **Elizabeth Enriquez**, daughter of Wilce & Cara Enriquez, who was recently baptized as a member of our faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner Connie Wydajewski, R.I.P. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

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.

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 **June 6 & 7**. Donated items in good condition are needed for the sale such as books, jewelry, linens, toys, household items, decorations and miscellaneous items. **NO CLOTHES!** **Drop off times the week of the sale will be Monday from 9am-3pm, Tuesday from 10am-6pm, Wednesday from 9am-3pm.** The Rummage Sale will be open on Thursday from 12noon-4pm and Friday from 8am-4pm.

HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT: Pick up a baby bottle at the doors of the church. Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, drop in your spare change, bills, or a check. Return it to church Father's Day weekend and know that the spare change collected will be used to help mothers and their babies. Your change can change lives!

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.

LECTORS FOR JUNE

4:00pm Mike VanSickle
7:00am Mick Peterson, Paul Giordano, Nancy Smith
9:30am Brenda Shaughnessy, Bernie Timmerman

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR JUNE

4:00pm Earline Devito, Jack & Mary Timmerman
7:00am Joan Duffy, Dianne Hanley
9:30am Marie Kane, Debbie Alsdorf, Amanda Lauritsen

GREETERS & USHERS FOR JUNE

4:00pm Joyce Ashcraft, Lynn DiNardi, Bill Bertram, Jim Sporrer
7:00am Jill Francis, Mile Follmer, Chad Trachsel, Don Verdun
9:30am Bob Kane, Carol Miller, Roger & Paula Corrigan, Doug & Linda Zick

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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. (Slightly longer than years past.) 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. The trolley will be available to follow the procession for those with physical limitations.

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.

TOTUS TUUS 2024



ENTERING Gr 1 to 6
Mon-Fri
9am - 2:30pm
\$40 per child
Lunch provided daily by
The Women's Guild

July 7 - 12th
At St. Mary's
Parish Hall
(\$80 Family Max)

ENTERING
Gr 7 to 12
Sun-Thur
6:30pm - 8:00pm
\$20 per teen

Totus Tuus is a fun, spiritual program that allows kids to reach a deeper level of religious education through catechesis, prayer, and the celebration of the Sacraments. If you want to learn more about your faith and strengthen your relationship with God while having a great time with friends and classmates, be sure to join us and our 4 college-age missionaries this summer!

DAY PROGRAM (1ST-6TH) MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9 AM - 2:30 PM
TEEN PROGRAM (7TH-12TH) SUN-THURSDAY 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Return Registration Forms To School or Parish Office



ENCOUNTERING THE EUCHARIST

"Consider the generosity of our Savior: what He acquired by dying becomes ours by eating. As often as we receive this Sacrament with proper dispositions, we make our own the fruits of all the labors, injuries and sufferings of His life, especially those borne at the time of His passion and death. Just as the power and the sensations of the head reach all the members of the body, in the same way, because Christ is "the head of the Church which is His Body" (Eph. 1:23), the treasures of His grace are made abundantly available to all who through charity are one with Him as living members."
~Louis of Grenada (1554-1623)

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 17-21: 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis

> <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>

ENCOUNTERING THE EUCHARIST WEB PAGE

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

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26, 2024

Sunday	The Most Holy Trinity Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20
Monday	St. Augustine of Canterbury 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday	1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday	1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 10:46-52
Friday	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday	St. Justin Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Ex 24:3-8, Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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!

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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.

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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.

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| Mon May 27 | David Carroll Family, Mark & Karla Connolly Family |
| Tues May 28 | Charles Cassady Family, Jackie Cool Family |
| Wed May 29 | Paul & Avis Casson Family, Robert & Beth Limberg Family |
| Thurs May 30 | Randy & Sandy Carstens Family, Craig & Jodi Cramer Family |
| Fri May 31 | Janet Cassady Family, Michael Cool Family |
| Mon June 3 | Bonnie Coriell Family, Roger & Paula Corrigan Family |
| Tues June 4 | Rosemarie Corrigan Family, Alfredo & Nancy Cortez Family |
| Wed June 5 | Joanne Coriell Family, Diane Cramer Family |
| Thurs June 6 | Joan Crowley Family, Craig & Rita Curry Family |
| Fri June 7 | Leo Cuttill Family, Russell & Megan Dahlinger Family |



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