

**He woke up,
rebuked the
wind, and said
to the sea,
“Quiet! Be
still!” The wind
ceased and
there was great
calm.
Mark 4:39**

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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
June 23, 2024

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Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon and 1:00-4:30 pm

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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 6:30-6:50 am

Wednesday 12 noon - 1:00 pm

Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

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Facebook: St. Mary's School

Instagram: [stmaryspontiac](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryspontiac)

ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY: 401 E. Water St. Open to
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Tissiere at tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-979-7663.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: **\$11,389.40**

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,187.00.

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Mass Intentions

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE
TO THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 22 (St. Paulinus of Nola;

Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More)

4:00 p.m. Phyllis LoPiccalo

Sunday, June 23 (Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Bernadine Alveshire & John Gschwendtner

Monday, June 24 (The Nativity of St. John the Baptist)

7:00 a.m. Jack Leach

Tuesday, June 25

7:00 a.m. Amy Rutherford

Wednesday, June 26

7:00 a.m. Gertrude Kennedy & Rose Thomas

Thursday, June 27 (St. Cyril of Alexandria)

5:30 p.m. Joan Dittmer

Friday, June 28 (St. Irenaeus)

7:00 a.m. 17th ann Larry Hepperly

Saturday, June 29 (Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles)

4:00 p.m. 7th ann Michelle Ocean

Sunday, June 30 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Mary Verdun

9:30 a.m. Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The Adoration Chapel is
open each weekday, Monday-Friday from 8am until 8pm and Sat-
urday 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 re-
serve 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.

HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT:
If you did not return your baby bottle last weekend, please do so
as soon as possible. Return the bottles to the bins at the doors of the
church or to the parish office.

MASS AT LOCAL NURSING HOME: Mass will be offered at
Accolade Health Center on **Friday, June 28 at 9:30am**.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 MASS & ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration 4:30-5:30pm

Confessions 5:00-5:25pm

Mass 5:30pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Matthew T. Clarke, Chaplain at
OSF-St. James Hospital, is attempting to initiate a *No One Dies
Alone* Program. On occasion, patients' families are unable to re-
main at a loved one's bedside in their final hours. So groups of
volunteers are being enlisted to sit, pray, or read at such patients'
bedsides in these instances. If you are interested in volunteering
for a program like this, please call the parish office. Thank you.

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4-H FAIR KITCHEN: It is time to begin signing up to help work at the St. Mary's 4-H Fair Kitchen. This year's fair runs July 17-20. We will be in the air-conditioned kitchen to serve food during the fair. If you are able to help bake, grill, serve, take money, etc., please go to the link below and sign up. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and have fun helping out St. Mary's. Also, Mark & Anne will need help cleaning and setting up the week before the fair. Contact them for dates and times. We will need someone to run and pick up more food for us during the fair. John and Katie Wille have graciously volunteered to collect the desserts again this year and bring them out to the fairgrounds. If you can help with that, please let us know. Thanks again for helping us out. Any questions, please contact Mark & Anne Corrigan at 815-848-3066 or 815-848-6767. We can also be reached by email at corrigan65120@gmail.com. To sign up online go to church.stmaryspontiac.org > under News and Events.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, June 27 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.

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.

25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage during the year 2024, please call the Rectory at 844-7683 by July 26 so that we can submit your names to the diocese for recognition by the Bishop.

UNIFORM SWAP: Please mark your calendar for the St. Mary School Uniform Swap which will be held in the MPR room on **Monday, July 8 and Tuesday, July 9 from 2:15pm-6:30pm**. If you have questions, please email Nikki Salinas at nickit82@yahoo.com

EMMAUS DAYS

Session III July 7-10 HS Freshmen & Sophomore
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 either session, go to: comeandfollowme.org/emmausdays

COMING SOON...
ADULT EDUCATION ON THE SACRAMENTS

Wednesdays, July 24, 31, August 7 & 21
6:00-7:30pm in the Parish Hall

Weekly topics to be posted soon. This is not a series.
You can come to all sessions or just those that interest you.



TEACHER NEEDED AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL STARTING AUGUST 2024

Third Grade Teacher: Must have a valid Illinois teaching certificate. We are seeking Teachers who know and love 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

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Sun-Thur
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\$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

It is pleasant to spend time with him, to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the intimate love present in his heart. If in our time Christians must be distinguished above all by the "art of prayer," how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament?
-Pope St. John Paul II

Come and join us- whether it has been a while since you have been to Adoration or your first time-Thursday June 27th 4:30 pm- 5:30 pm for Adoration in the Church to experience spiritual converse, silent adoration and heartfelt love that JP II talks

about. Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 17-21: 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis To follow the pilgrimage or for other information, go to, <http://www.eucharisticrevival.org> Follow the pilgrims by going to the pilgrimage tab then click on the pilgrimage digest to read up on the four pilgrimages with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

ENCOUNTERING THE EUCHARIST WEB PAGE

Visit: church.stmaryspontiac.org > News & Events > Encounter the Eucharist

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

2:00p shot gun start

9 hole Team Scramble

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER FOR JUNE**

For migrants fleeing their homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 23, 2024

Sunday	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41
Monday	The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday	St. Cyril of Alexandria 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday	St. Irenaeus 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1-11, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



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

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2. Create an account.
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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.



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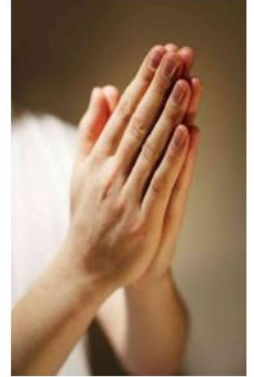
PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

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 June 24 | Shannon Dohleman Family, Mark Donovan Family |
| Tues June 25 | Judy Donze Family, Gary & Lisa Doughan Family |
| Wed June 26 | Barb Drach Family, Scott & Jamie Drilling Family |
| Thurs June 27 | Joseph Bartnik Family, Linda Drach Family |
| Fri June 28 | Robert & Debra Duffy Family, Joe & Kristy Duda Family |
| Mon July 1 | Katie Duffy Family, Kathleen Duffy Family |
| Tues July 2 | Beth Dunham Family, Andy & Shirley Eckel Family |
| Wed July 3 | Kevin Duffy Family, Joe & Mary Dunham Family |
| Thurs July 4 | Bob & Kelly Eckhoff Family, Marc & Allison Duffy Family |
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