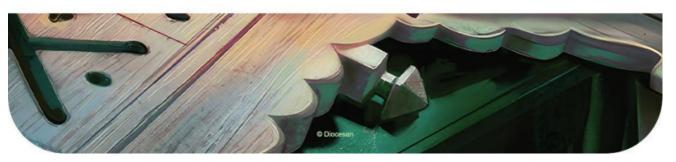


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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
July 7, 2024

#### 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 6:30-6:50 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: \$12,763.95

School Collection: This weekend.

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

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



#### PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 6 (St. Maria Goretti)

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

4:00 p.m. Earl Simpson

Sunday, July 7 (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. **Betty Pouliot** 9:30 a.m. Parish

Monday, July 8

11:15 a.m. William & Vera Nolan

Tuesday, July 9 (St. Augustine Zhao Rong & companions)

11:15 a.m. Tom Harmon

Wednesday, July 10

11:15 a.m. Bernadine Denaple

Thursday, July 11 (St. Benedict)

John "Jack" Schaefer 11:15 a.m.

Friday, July 12

11:15 a.m. Janet Hill Saturday, July 13 (St. Henry)

45th ann Roger Edwards 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 14 (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Kenny Cramer

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.

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 remain 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.

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.

MASS AT LOCAL NURSING HOME: Mass will be offered at Goldwater Care on Friday, July 12 at 9:15am.

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE AT 11:15AM THIS WEEK DUE TO TOTUS TUUS. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE KIDS AT MASS EACH DAY.

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.

**BOOK STUDY:** All are welcome to join in a Book Study of "Biblical Walk Through the Mass" by Dr. Edward Sri. The group will meet on **Thursdays beginning July 11 from 10-11am** at Heartland Community College, second floor of the Pontiac Public Library (elevator available). If you have any questions, please call Sue Smith at 815-307-4647.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet Thursday, July 11 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.

**HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT:** If you have not yet returned your baby bottle, please do so as soon as possible, even if it is empty. Return bottles in the collection basket or to the parish office.

**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.

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 7th & 8th 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** 

Pray For Peace

## 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

**HELP OUR FOCUS MISSIONARY:** Parishioner Cori Martin is excited to answer the Lord's call to become a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) Missionary. She was recently placed at Indiana University and needs <u>YOUR</u> help to reach college students and keep them active in their faith! Please reach out to her at 815-644-2211 or by email

at corinne.martin@focus.org and give her an opportunity to share her enthusiasm for the Lord with you. She needs the support of our Parish to go on this mission. You can also scan the QR code to learn more about her apostolate and see if the Lord is calling you to help through spiritual or financial support! https://focus.org/missionaries/corinne-martin/



# 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**

What is the NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL? And why does it matter?

REVIVAL IS NOT SOMETHING WE DO. IT'S GOD STIRRING UP THE HEARTS OF HIS PEOPLE.

In response to our prayers, the Holy Spirit is filling us with grace and zeal, setting our hearts ablaze with His love and sending us out to share it with the world.

The National Eucharistic Revival movement is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the Church in the United States to the divine invitation to be united once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Through the Eucharist, God desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.

Attention Day trippers: Please contact Deb Bromberek (815-844-6149 or text her at 815-673-9534) or Deacon Ray White (815-674-5520) so we can set you up with others that are planning a day trip who may be looking to carpool.

For those of you who are not attending the Congress but would like to follow the events, you can go to EWTN website (more information is on the Eucharist poster on the table in the back of the church). They are planning on livestreaming events. For those of you who listen to Relevant Radio, they will be there as well.

If you are still wanting to attend the Congress, EWTN has discounted tickets still available on their website or if you would like to check out studies and other programs on the Eucharist, just go to ewtn.com/eucharist



### PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JULY

For the pastoral care of the sick: We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7, 2024**

Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 2:2-5;

Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

**Monday** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22,

Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday St. Augustine Zhao Rong, and Companions

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10;

Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;

Mt 10:1-7

Thursday St. Benedict Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9;

Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17;

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday St. Henry

Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9 -10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13





#### 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.

# SPIRIT

#### CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO

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FM in the Pontiac area, and online at <a href="www.catholicspiritradio.com">www.catholicspiritradio.com</a> 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.

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store to find the new app: Catholic Spirit Talk Radio.

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SHRINES OF ITALY & THE HOLY STAIRS: 14 Day Tour from Milan to Rome, October 2-15, 2025. Land starting at \$3,399 (based on double occupancy) Come with Deacon Michael Balchus on this trip on a lifetime to witness the most visited shrines in Italy, attend Mass, experience the Holy Shroud Museum, see the Abbey of Pomposa, visit the Papal Summer Residence, attend the candlelight procession in San Giovanni Rotondo, attend the Papal Audience, and so much more! You will start in Milan, then travel to Turin, Pavia, Padua, Pomposa, Ravenna, Rome, Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo, Mont Sant'Angelo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi Area, Cascia, and then return back to Rome. For more information and to make your reservation, contact Brian Johnson at Catholic Cruises and Tours at 860-399-1785.

**TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST** (TEC), is a 3 day, overnight, fun filled, and spiritually exciting weekend that is open to teens of all faith from **High School Sophomore through age 19**. A TEC weekend provides you with an opportunity to experience the true love that Christ has for all of us. A TEC weekend can be summed up in 4 words: **FAITH, FRIENDS, FUN, and FOOD!** The upcoming weekend

is July 13-15 and will be held at Central Catholic High School in Bloomington. There will be 2 TECs running concurrently. TEC 157 for young ladies, and TEC 158 for young men. So if you will have completed your freshman year you are eligible. Just go to <a href="mailto:bn-tec.org">bn-tec.org</a> to register. Get your application in early to secure your spot, and don't forget to invite a friend!



#### 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.

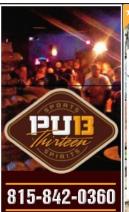
Mon July 8	Sarah Duffy Family, Marcia Eckel Family
Tues July 9	Kathy Dunham Family, Steve & Joan Duffy Family
Wed July 10	Virginia Eilts Family, Rebecca Dunham Family
Thurs July 11	Nick & Angela Ehrgott Family, Andy & Amy Eppel Family
Fri July 12	Shari Dunham Family, Wilce & Cara Enriquez Family
Mon July 15	Tim Dunham Family, Mark & Penny Eppel Family
Tues July 16	LeAnn Erickson Family, Zac Dunham Family
Wed July 17	Jesse & Mary Faber Family, Cory & Samantha Farris Family
Thurs July 18	Sandy Durham Family, Carol Faust Family
Fri July 19	Jerry & Linda Farris Family, Steve & Pam Faber Family



#### MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!



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