

Jesus said,

“This poor widow put in  
more than all the others.

For they have all  
contributed  
from their  
surplus  
wealth,

but she has  
contributed  
all she had.”

Mark 12:43-44

**32ND SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

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**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
Pontiac, Illinois  
November 10, 2024

ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

MASS TIMES:

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am & 9:30 am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Thursday 8:15 am when school is in session

CONFESSION TIMES:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30-6:50 am

Tuesday 5:00-5:25 pm

Wednesday 12 noon - 1:00 pm

Saturday 3:45-4:45 pm

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

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## STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: **\$13,029.25**

School Collection was \$3,072.00.

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 9 (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

5:00 p.m. 2nd ann George Woll

Sunday, November 10 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 1st ann Nancy Fraher

Monday, November 11 (St. Martin of Tours)

7:00 a.m. Melinda Vallow

Tuesday, November 12 (St. Josaphat)

5:30 p.m. Joan Dittmer

Wednesday, November 13 (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini)

7:00 a.m. Elzie Fry

Thursday, November 14

8:15 a.m. Wakey Family

Friday, November 15 (St. Albert the Great)

7:00 a.m. 4th ann Bernadine Denaple

Saturday, November 16 (St. Margaret of Scotland;  
St. Gertrude)

5:00 p.m. Ernie Charlier

Sunday, November 17 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Gertrude Kennedy & Margaret Haluska

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** The Adoration Chapel is open weekdays, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8am until 8pm and Saturday from 8am until 3pm. On Tuesday, Adoration is in the church from 8am to 5:30pm. 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. *We could especially use additional people for Adoration on Tuesdays in the church.*

**BAPTISM PREP CLASS:** If you are looking to have your first child baptized, parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class which takes place on the **third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm**. Call the parish office at 815-844-7683 at least one week in advance to reserve your spot to help us prepare. \*Do not select godparents until the class has been attended, this topic will be covered.

**ATRIUM NEEDS:** The children of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd would greatly appreciate your holy cards and images for their prayer work in the Atrium. Any size or kind will do, including Easter or Christmas cards. Various charitable organizations often send unsolicited items in the mail, and we would put them to good use! Donations can be left at the school office. **THANK YOU!**

**MASS AT OSF ST. JAMES HOSPITAL** is offered every **Wednesday at 11:30am**. All are welcome to attend.

**MASS AT LOCAL NURSING HOME:** Mass will be offered at The Pointe on **Friday, November 15 at 10am**.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the parents and family of **Lillie Mae Kinate**, daughter of Chris & Ally Kinate, who was recently baptized as a member of our faith.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** parishioner Kevin Alsdorf, Beverly Davies (sister of Marie Rice), and Bodee Edward & Banks Allan Heller (twin grandsons of Vic & Tammy Johns), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
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**VETERAN'S DAY LUNCH & PROGRAM:** St. Mary's Student Council is hosting a Veteran's Day Program on **Monday, November 11 at 2:00 pm** in the new gym. Everyone is welcome. We would also like to invite all veterans to a luncheon provided by St. Mary's Student Council to be held on November 11 starting at 11:30 or shortly after the services downtown. Please call the school office at 815-844-6585 if you would like to attend the luncheon.

**ADULT EDUCATION/OCIA (RCIA):** Classes will be offered on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm in the parish hall.** This program is designed for:

- Anyone who is contemplating joining the Catholic Church
  - Non-Catholics who have questions or concerns about Catholicism
  - Catholics who would like a review of authentic Catholic teaching
- Our goal is to prepare all participants to apply Christian virtues to their daily lives and establish a basis for our beliefs. Please plan to join us for any, or all, of our upcoming classes.

**Nov 19 Commandments/Love of Neighbor**  
**Dec 17 Communion of Saints/Blessed Virgin Mary**

Please contact Jim (815-419-4022) or Mary (815-674-7197) with questions or suggestions.

**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE** will meet **Thursday, November 14 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.

**ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD** will meet **Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30pm** in the Rosary Room. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**A NIGHT OF PRAYERS AND SONGS**  
**Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30 in church**

Come celebrate St. Mary's collaboration with Evangelical Catholic this past year and a half in an hour of prayers of thanksgiving and petition and hymns of praise and adoration. The program includes a reflection by Father Joe, music prepared by Kathy Schulz and Merryn Krenz and a variety of prayers and litanies. Evangelical Catholic disciples at St. Mary's have longed to pray with our parish in offering God thanksgiving for His faithfulness and asking for His continued support of evangelical efforts at St. Mary's. Please come and share our joy! The evening will be followed by wine, lemonade and cookies.

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FUNERAL DINNERS:**

If you would be willing to provide a side dish or dessert for a funeral dinner when called upon, please contact the parish office at 815-844-7683 to volunteer. You do not have to be a member of the Women's Guild to help with this ministry.

**DISHES LEFT BEHIND FROM FUNERAL DINNERS:** The following parishioners have a dish to claim from a funeral dinner: **Joanne Coriell, Carole Peterson, Cherry Cole, SP, Cece White, Shirley Eckel and many more, including two crockpots with no names.** Contact the church office if you need to pick up a dish.

**QUICK DRAW WINNERS:** St. Mary's School Quick Draw Raffle is pleased to announce the October winners. Congratulations to Mark Myre, Jim Burke, Sydney Benning, Sharon Green and Emma Lind. Thank you for your support of St. Mary's School.



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## ENCOUNTERING THE EUCHARIST

By virtue of its close relationship to the sacrifice of Golgotha, the Eucharist is a sacrifice in the strict sense, and not only in a general way, as if it were simply a matter of Christ's offering himself to the faithful as their spiritual food. The gift of his love and obedience to the point of giving His life (cf. Jn 10:17-18) is in the first place a gift to His Father. Certainly it is a gift given for our sake, and indeed that of all humanity yet it is first and foremost a gift to the Father: "a sacrifice that the Father accepted, giving, in return for this total self-giving by His Son, who 'became obedient unto death' (Phil 2:8), his own paternal gift, that is to say the grant of new immortal life in the resurrection."  
~Pope St. John Paul II (1920-2005)

**ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP:** All students in Grades 8 through high school Seniors are invited and encouraged to join us on **Sunday, November 10 from 6:30-8pm** in the upstairs youth group room of the parish offices for some time in fellowship, faith and fun. Jamie Woolford is offering her time and talents to the youth group while we search for new leadership.

**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.

**GONZAGA YOUTH RETREAT!** Get ready for an unforgettable experience! The Gonzaga Youth Retreat is happening right here at St. Mary's! This overnight retreat is open to all 8th graders through high school seniors. It starts on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 10:00 AM and goes until Sunday, January 5 at 3:00 PM. The cost is just \$25. Applications are available in the back vestibule of church. For any questions or concerns, reach out to Jamie Woolford at woolford.jamie@stmaryspontiac.org or call/text 815-674-4061. Don't miss out!



**ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY TURKEY PROJECT:** *You can provide a turkey for a family in need.* Special envelopes are available in the pews. St. Mary's

Pantry hopes to distribute approximately 200 frozen turkeys to pantry patrons in November in time for a nice Thanksgiving meal. Any additional dollars collected will be used to buy other Thanksgiving dinner items such as canned sweet potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, chicken broth, pie filling, canned cranberries, etc. Donations of these kinds of food items may be dropped off at the pantry on Thursdays from 9am-3 pm. **Thank you for your support!**



**TEACHER NEEDED AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:** **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](mailto:jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org)

**VOLUNTEER GRANTS & MATCHING GIFTS AVAILABLE:** Do you or a family member work for Caterpillar or State Farm? Employees of Caterpillar and State Farm are eligible to participate in a volunteer service match program. For every 10 hours of volunteerism at St. Mary's School, the Caterpillar Foundation will give a \$100 grant to the school. For every 40 hours volunteered at SMS, State Farm will give \$500 to SMS. Perhaps you work for one of these companies and volunteer at the concession stand. Or maybe a grandparent is employed at Cat or State Farm and helps in the lunchroom or library. Additionally, State Farm, Caterpillar and Exelon have a matching gifts program for donations made to St. Mary's School. For more information, contact Danielle Gill at [gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org](mailto:gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org). Thank you.



*A CELEBRATION OF BLESSINGS*

**PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**Sunday, November 10**

**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**

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**\$35 family max—immediate household**

**50/50 Drawing      Silent Auction      (Need not be present to win)**

**HOSTED BY ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD**

**BOOTIE TREE:** The Christ Child Society will have a Christmas tree in the parish hall on **November 10** (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 24. 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.

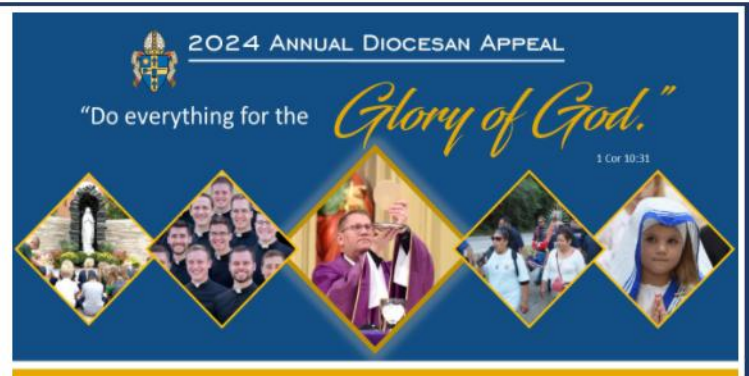
**BOUTIQUE TABLE:** The Christ Child Society will also have a Boutique Table at the Thanksgiving Dinner with handmade items that can be purchased to help fund the work of the Society in providing layettes to newborns in need. There will also be a quilt, made by one of the talented members of the Society,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

**2024 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 services and every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to the parish.

**This year's goal: \$80,751**

**Pledged to date: \$55,851 (as of October 9)**





**ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS**

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

**For anyone who has lost a child:** We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

**Sunday**            **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28;  
Mk 12:38-44 or Mk 12:41-44

**Monday**           **St. Martin of Tours**  
Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday**          **St. Josaphat**    Ti 2:1-8, 11-14;  
Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29; Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday**     **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**  
Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6; Lk 17:11-19  
Phmn 7-20; Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk 17:20-25

**Thursday**        **St. Albert the Great**  
2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37

**Friday**             **St. Albert the Great**  
3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

**Saturday**         **St. Albert the Great**  
3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday**            **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18;  
Mk 13:24-32



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- School Annual Fund
- Scholarships

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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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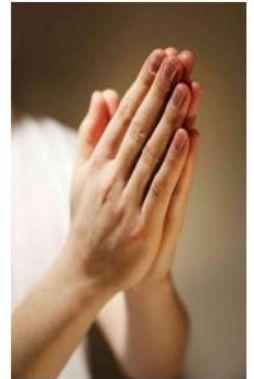
**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR**

*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 Nov 11   | Vic & Susan Johns Family, Marshall & Patricia Johnson Family |
| Tues Nov 12  | Ken & Christy Jones Family, Bill & Kathy Kallas Family       |
| Wed Nov 13   | Mike & Joan Kane Family, Vic & Tammy Johns Family            |
| Thurs Nov 14 | Heath Kapper Family, Larry & Karen Jones Family              |
| Fri Nov 15   | Jeff Keller Family, Bob & Marie Kane Family                  |
| Mon Nov 18   | Eric & Lisa Kelley Family, Delores Kelly Family              |
| Tues Nov 19  | John & Sue Kelly Family, Ashlee Keneipp Family               |
| Wed Nov 20   | Jan Kennedy Family, Nikki Kiest Family                       |
| Thurs Nov 21 | Alex & Corinne Klus Family, Leo Kelly Family                 |
| Fri Nov 22   | Patrick & Seely Kelly Family, Bob & Stephanie Kennedy Family |



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