

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 2nd, 2020 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 1st - AUGUST 9th

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+ Gene & Rosie Marie Gasser and Jeannie Gasser
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Dan Boman
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	For the Health of Louise Bellm
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Fr. Justin Monaghan
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maury McDunner
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rose Anna Abramovitz

ST. AGNES

Tues. 8:30 a.m.
Thurs. 8:30 a.m.
Sun. 10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Thursday, August 6

Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 10

Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Wednesday, August 12

8:15 a.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, August 14

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.
Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Saturday, August 15

8:15 a.m. Mass
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in August:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 3995.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Charlotte Sloan, Louise Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

WEEKEND MASSES are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Our attendance is down due to covid-19, therefore the church is open to all who wish to attend. By Lawrence County ordinance there is still a restriction on the number that can attend and that number is 50.

ST. MARY'S MASS ON THE RADIO: Due to covid 19, there are a variety of reasons that you may not be comfortable coming into the church for Mass. It is also possible that you may get to church, and find that the capacity prescribed by the county has already been reached inside the church. Beginning this weekend, you will be able to hear the weekend Masses on your radio if you are in the parking lot here at St. Mary's. By tuning your radio to 88.1 FM, you will receive a broadcast of the Mass live. I spoke with the Bishop concerning the question of coming in for communion. He told me that, for the time being, that would be fine. If you choose this option though, you are encouraged, after returning to your car, to stay until the final blessing. He said that he does not want to ever encourage a "come and go" attitude toward the reception of the Blessed Sacrament. He is completely right on this point. I am pleased that we are able to do this, and want to thank those who worked so diligently and provided the equipment to make this happen. I will now have the opportunity to prove out what the ford dealer in Houston used to tell me, "Fr., you have a great face for radio!" So, remember: 88.1 FM. St. Mary's Pierce City. Fr. Matt

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PSR/CCD still needs 3 teachers. If you would like to volunteer please call Martha Randall at 489-4589. Classes will begin Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. at this time you will be able to register your children.

MISSING FAN: Our big fan that was stored in the garage has gone missing, so if you have borrowed it or know where it is at please contact the church office. Thank you

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3
Ps 145:8-9,15-18
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Monday August 3

Jeremiah 28:1-17
Ps 119:(68b)29,43,
79,80,95,102
Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday August 4

Saint John Vianney
Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22
Ps 102:16-23,29
Matthew 15:1-2,10-14

Wednesday August 5

Jeremiah 31:1-7
Jer 31:10-13
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday August 6 Transfiguration of Jesus

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

Friday August 7

Nahum 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7
Deut 32:35-36,39,41
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday August 8 Saint Dominic

Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:4
Ps 9:8-13
Matthew 17:14-20

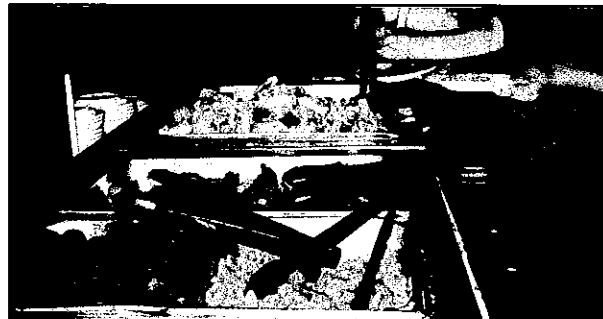
This Sunday's readings make me thirsty and hungry! Can we go out to dinner after Mass?

As we say in the responsorial Psalm, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs." Yet, despite knowing this, we think we never have enough. We're not content with what we have.

Even when things go well, we're not fully satisfied. We want more. Especially in relationships. We're starving for more affection, we crave more attention, our guts grumble over not getting enough concern and support and approval from those who should give it to us.

Every person in our lives has been called by God to be a provider of his love for us. But no one loves us perfectly, and some totally reject this calling. If because of this we live in a state of frustration and anger or cynicism or self-protective isolationism, we're always hungry.

When we choose instead to forgive the imperfect people and turn to Jesus, he miraculously multiplies a little into a lot. By keeping our eyes on Jesus rather than on those who fail to love us fully, his love for us fills our hearts to overflowing.



Feeling dissatisfied is a sign that Jesus is trying to get our attention; there's something he wants to give us. But how is he going to give us what we need if we can't see him and feel touched by him?

To feel satisfied by an invisible God, we need to stay closely connected to him in prayer *and* in Christian community. We have to pay attention to what he's doing and through whom he's chosen to do it. That means getting more involved and expecting the unexpected!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you hungry for? Who's not giving you enough of what you need?
2. How can you find other ways of receiving this?
3. Describe a time when God met your needs in an unexpected way. From whom did you expect to get it, and how did it happen that you received it another way?
4. Did you receive more – or less – than what you had wanted? Was it satisfying?