

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

November 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NOVEMBER 7 – NOVEMBER 15**

### **ST. MARY'S**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Charlie Kristek
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Rodney Hanley Jr.
	6:30 p.m.	Justice and Peace
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Jo Ann Abramovitz Birthday Remembrance
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Edmund & Rose Anna Abramovitz

### **ST. AGNES**

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

### **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Monday, November 9	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Wednesday, November 11	PSR/CCD Classes at 6:15 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R. Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Friday, November 13	

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, November 16	Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday, November 17	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Wednesday, November 18	Mass at 8:15 a.m. PSR/CCD Classes at 6:15 p.m. St. Mary's School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM
Friday, November 20	Mass 8:15 a.m.
Sunday, November 21	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### **OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in November: Joe & Denise Crowell**

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 5022.00

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:** During the month of November we will be doing the Thanksgiving Food Drive for the needy of our area. Please bring non perishable items and hygiene items and put in the back of church. The last day to bring food will be Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**THE PCCW LADIES** are selling pecans during the month of November and part of December. We will sell after both weekend Masses. You may also contact an officer to purchase them. The price is \$12.00 a bag. We appreciate your support. Contact Bonnie Parrigon at 417-489-3866, Patty Osterloh at 417-540-4182 and Beverly Phillips at 417-737-0774. Thank you.

**MONETT THANKSGIVING MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE SERVICE** on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jerry Hall memorial Pavilion. It is located at the intersection of fifth and Front Street in Monett.

### **NOVEMBER APPOINTMENTS**

**If you are unable to make your appointment, please find a replacement**

#### **Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Garrett Schmidt, Beverly Miller  
Ushers: Bryan Stellwagen, Philip Gollhofer

#### **Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: Cody Washam, Michael Myers  
Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16  
Ps 63:2-8  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

**Monday November 9**  
**Feast of Lateran Basilica**  
Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9, 12  
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17  
John 2:13-22

**Tuesday November 10**  
**St. Pope Leo the Great**  
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14  
Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29  
Luke 17:7-10

**Wednesday November 11**  
**St. Martin of Tours**  
Titus 3:1-7  
Ps 23:1b-6  
Luke 17:11-19

**Thursday November 12**  
**St. Josaphat**  
Philemon 7-20  
Ps 146:7-10  
Luke 17:20-25

**Friday November 13**  
**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**  
2 John 4-9  
Ps 119:1,2,10,11,17,18  
Luke 17:26-37

**Saturday November 14**  
3 John 5-8  
Ps 112:1-6  
Luke 18:1-8

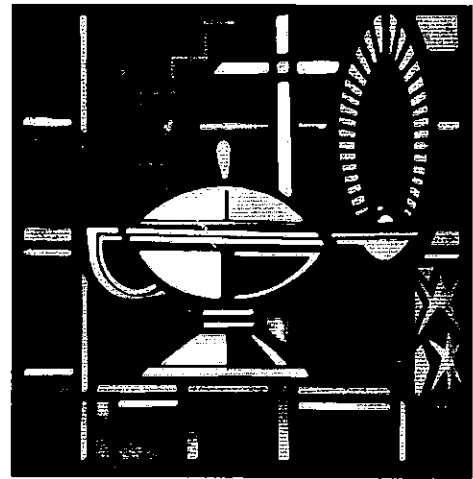
This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us what it means to be truly foolish. We believe in Christ – good! We pray – good! We put time into our faith growth and we value opportunities for more faith formation – very wise! And we say that we trust God – wonderful!

But what happens when God doesn't answer our prayers fast enough? What if we need Christ's loving embrace or his protection from evil and yet we're suffering with no end in sight? Where is Jesus then?

Usually, God's timing is not ours. We think we have the right idea about how soon God should intervene when we ask for his help. Right now is a good time for it, right? Of course! But perhaps not from God's perspective. (Why do we want to leave God in charge anyway, if he doesn't see things our way, huh?)

When we despair over unanswered prayer, the reality behind it is that we're emotionally unprepared for any timing that's different from what we think it should be.

The foolish bridesmaids thought the groom would arrive before their lamps burned out. They thought they understood the situation. Do we? Furthermore, if God's plans are illogical – if they don't make sense to us – we distrust them. And then we get ourselves into the mess of trying to handle things apart from God.



We cannot trust our logic. We cannot trust our perception or our understanding of the situations we're in. The sooner we decide to enjoy the absurdity of being a Christian, the sooner we will find out that God's ways are awesomely much, much better than anything we can imagine!

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What have you resisted doing because it doesn't make sense?
2. What can you do, where can you turn, to whom can you go for help in discerning whether or not it's God's plan for you?
3. How do you know when an illogical plan is really what God wants you to do?
4. What's happened in your life that has taught you to trust the Holy Spirit's surprises?
5. Share a lesson you learned when you weren't ready for God's plan because you didn't believe it.