

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 31, 2021 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JANUARY 30- February 7

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Joan Parrigon Birthday Remembrance
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Frances Rehrauer
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Justice and Peace
	7:30 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maury McDunner
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Francis & Mildred Witt

### ST. AGNES

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

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, February 1  
Tuesday, February 2  
Wednesday, February 3

Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.  
Feast of The Presentation of the Lord  
Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr  
8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR/CCD Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Mass

Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:15 a.m. Mass

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

The Mirror subscription is due. The diocese wishes that all families receive The Mirror-please help defray costs by paying the \$14 toward your subscription. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Church.

Friday, February 5

Saturday, February 6

Sunday, February 7

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, February 8  
Wednesday, February 10

Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR/CCD Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Mass

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.

World Day of the Sick

8:15 a.m. Mass

Thursday, February 11

Friday, February 12

## OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in February: Tom & Sharon Swift

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2559.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Theresa Heidlage, Fr. Peter J. Morciniec, Jerry Gasser, Charlotte Sloan, Louise Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

OVER 65 DINNER- The over 65 dinner will be held on March 28, 2021. Due to Covid-19 and social distancing, the dinner will be PICK UP ONLY. You must sign up to receive a dinner. You may sign up through the church at 476-2827. If no answer, please leave a message. You may also sign up via email at [st\\_marys@live.com](mailto:st_marys@live.com). The deadline for signing up is March 19, 2021. The dinners may be picked up at the cafeteria door between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. on March 28, 2021.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTER: If you would like a copy of your end of year contribution letter for 2020, please print your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church. (If you have already signed-up to get your tax letter in the back of church your name will be crossed off and your letter will be in the back of church.)

HELP WANTED: We are looking for someone to clean the gym and cafeteria after rentals. The pay is \$200.00 each event. If you are interest please contact Shelly Wroblewski at (417) 476-2827 or by email at [st\\_marys@live.com](mailto:st_marys@live.com)

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Catholic Schools Week will begin the last Sunday of January (the 31st) and run to February 6th. We will have a few activities going on throughout the week to highlight the great things that happen at our Catholic School. We will also be doing family activity, similar to the challenge presented last year. Keep an eye on the school Facebook page for the updates on these activities.

We are trying to do a Zoom style career day. If you would be interested in sharing your career and experiences with the students via a Zoom call, please let me know. 417-476-2824 or [jason.kramer@stmarys-piercecicity.org](mailto:jason.kramer@stmarys-piercecicity.org)

## FEBRUARY APPOINTMENTS

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

### Saturday, Feb. 6 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski  
Ushers: Larry Gasser, Doug Witt

### Saturday, Feb. 13 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller  
Ushers: Michael Abramovitz, Larry Carver

### Saturday, Feb. 20 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski  
Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

### Saturday, Feb. 27 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller  
Ushers: Bryan Stellwagen, Bill Seufert

### Sunday, Feb. 7 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Heather Gripka, Michael Myers  
Ushers: Jim Barchak, Ian Brottlund

### Sunday, Feb. 14 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton  
Ushers: Levi Cooper, Dale Jasumback

### Sunday, Feb. 21 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell  
Ushers: Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet

### Sunday, Feb. 28 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Cody Washam, Heather Gripka  
Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam

# Good News

## INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Ps 95:1-2,6-9  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28

#### Monday February 1

Hebrews 11:32-40  
Ps 31:20-24  
Mark 5:1-20

#### Tuesday February 2 Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4  
Ps 24:7-10  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

#### Wednesday February 3

Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15  
Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a  
Mark 6:1-6

#### Thursday February 4

Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24  
Ps 48:2-4,9-11  
Mark 6:7-13

#### Friday February 5

##### St. Agatha

Hebrews 13:1-8  
Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9  
Mark 6:14-29

#### Saturday February 6

Sts. Paul Miki & co.  
Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21  
Ps 23:1-6  
Mark 6:30-34

*Gaudium*, paragraph 64) that this leads to a feeling of disorientation instead of joy.

The path to joy has been forged by the footsteps of Jesus. To benefit from his authority over evil and over human sufferings, we have to follow his example and obey his teachings. This means choosing to trust him, realizing that his ways are the best ways even when

This Sunday's Gospel reading illustrates the authority of Jesus. If we truly accept and understand his authority over our lives, we can rejoice in the Lord even when life hands us hardships.

Why? Because we know that Christ's authority is supreme, which means that everything we've placed under his authority will produce good fruits. Even bad situations will be transformed into blessings. Tragedies will be changed into triumphs. Sorrows will be transfigured into joy. Frustrations will lay the groundwork for new growth, new knowledge, and a greater ability to minister to others.

However, if we reject Christ's authority by acting as if we're the ones in charge, deciding for ourselves how to end a problem or how and when to escape from a hardship, our problems will only get worse. This is called "moral relativism." Pope Francis wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Gospel of Joy (*Evangelii*



they're unpleasant ways. It means that we're willing to reach resurrection glory by going through the cross with Jesus.

There are no successful shortcuts to the triumphant victory that awaits us. There is no easy way to overcome evil. If this were not true, Jesus wouldn't have needed to die on a cross.

The good news – the reason why we can rejoice – is that the most loving, most powerful, most wise One in the universe is using his supreme authority on our behalf. The question is: Will we submit to it?

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what ways are you still rejecting Christ's authority by trying to do things your own way? Which Church teachings have you been rejecting because you've decided to live by your own rules?
2. Are you willing to ask the Holy Spirit to change your mind on these matters and teach you the value of Christ's ways?
3. In what ways do Christians often reject Christ's authority in favor of defining their own rules? Why?
4. What are the apparent risks to living completely under Christ's strict authority?
5. How can we replace these risks with a sense of safety?