

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723
July 18, 2021 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 117 – JULY 25

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Don Beard
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+ Laura Rose Severs Birthday Remembrance
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15a.m.	No Mass
Friday	8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+James Parrigon Sr.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Dwight Severs Anniversary

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Thursday, July 22

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 26

Memorial of Saint Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

No Mass

Wednesday, July 28

Memorial of Saint Martha

Thursday, July 29

No Mass

Friday, July 30

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Saturday, July 31

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in July: Bonnie Parrigon and Charlotte Sloan
Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 3566.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCAM: If you receive an email from Fr. Matt don't reply to it. It is coming from the following email address churchofficeonline466@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S GYM will be closed the month of July, so that we can strip and wax the floor and we will also be redoing the restrooms off of the gym.

THE PCCW (REVISED) The PCCW has recently served several funeral dinners. Circles 9, 10, 2, 3, and 4 have served these dinners. If you are on one of these circles we really appreciate your help with providing a food dish and/or a monetary donation. This helps keep our costs down. Thank you so much. If you've been asked to help with a monetary donation please drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the church rectory. Please include the circle number. We appreciate you. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the 2021-2022 school year we have a need for willing persons to assist with sharing their love of Music and musical activities, PE and sports related activities or another skill. The position can be short term or long term. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Mr. Kramer at 417-476-2824 or Jason.kramer@stmarys-piercecity.org

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR/CCD): We have been blessed to have dedicated teachers who willingly give their time to make PSR a rewarding experience for the kids. Would you like to be involved? If you have thought about offering to teach a class but have hesitated, please pray about it. It is a personally enriching experience and a great way to contribute to YOUR CHURCH. We are needing ?? teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering to teach please contact Martha Randall at 417-489-4589.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, July 24 26 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Michael Abramovitz, Terrance Campbell, Larry Carver, Leonard Fenske

Sunday, July 25 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Cody Washam, Barbara Glouse

Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam, Jimmy Conley, Dale Jasumback

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

Monday, July 19
Exodus 14:5-18
Ex 15:1b-6
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 20
Exodus 14:21 – 15:1
Ex 15:8-10,12,17
Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 21
Exodus 16:1-5,9-15
Ps 78:18-19,23-28
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b
Daniel 3:52-56
John 20:1-2,11-18

Friday, July 23
Exodus 20:1-17
Ps 19:8-11
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 24
Exodus 24:3-8
Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15
Matthew 13:24-30

Everyone in ministry feels overwhelmed by their calling from time to time. Whether it's the ministry of raising children, or caring for an elderly spouse or parent, or working a job in a way that reveals Christ, or volunteering at a church or pastoring a parish, it's necessary to take time out for ourselves – a vacation, a holiday – for nourishment and rest and recuperation. Jesus says so in today's Gospel reading.

If we don't obey this commandment, we become cranky. We make selfish or poor decisions. We become like the evil shepherds of the first reading, who misled and scattered those whom they were called to serve. Why? Because we become vulnerable to temptations when we try to give what we do not have.

It takes energy to reveal God's love. It takes energy to remain enthusiastic in serving others. But how can we get recharged with new energy if we don't take time to sit still, rest, and pray? How can we care about others when we don't take good care of ourselves? Jesus lives within us, but before we can give him to others, we must first let him give himself to us.

Daily we encounter people who are like sheep without a shepherd; they are seeking Jesus whether they realize it or not. They want the unconditional love that he

has to give. They want the healing and peace that he offers. He wants to help them, but if we who are his hands and feet and voice are too weak and worn out from our hardships, what then?



We need to go to a deserted place with Jesus and rest awhile in his nourishing love. If we go away on a retreat or vacation and come back to our work and ministries still cranky (i.e., if the people we shepherd wish we'd go take a longer trip), we haven't rested enough. We've cut short the restoration process. Never-mind the

pile-up of workload. Jesus is inviting us to "Come away by yourself and rest awhile longer with Me until you become more like Me."

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What work of the Lord has become unhappy for you? What stole your joy? How can you get it back? (You might need a spiritual director to help you figure this out.)
2. What needs of yours must be met before you can feel enthusiastic about ministry? What will you do this week to let Jesus meet these needs?
3. Why do people neglect to give themselves enough time for rest and restoration?
4. What do you do to recharge your energy and restore Christian enthusiasm?