

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 25, 2021 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 24 - AUGUST 1

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+James Parrigon Sr.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Dwight Severs Anniversary
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Friday	8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Gene & Rose Marie Gasser & Jeannie McInnis
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Mass for The People

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:

Monday, July 26	Memorial of Saint Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, July 29	Memorial of Saint Martha
Saturday, July 31	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Sunday, August 1	Mass for The People

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 2	8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Wednesday, August 3	Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest
	No Mass
Friday, August 6	Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord
	No Mass

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 4237.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Lenard Bauer, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

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 31 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Ushers: Larry Gasser, Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Doug Witt

Sunday, August 1 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Heather Gripka, Michael Myers

Ushers: Ian Brottlund, Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Ellis Motley

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ps 145:10-11,15-18
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

Monday, July 26
Sts. Joachim & Anne
Exodus 32:15-24,30-34
Ps 106:19-23
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 27
Exodus 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28
Ps 103:6-13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 28
Exodus 34:29-35
Ps 99:5-7,9
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday, July 29
St. Martha
Exodus 40:16-21,34-38
Ps 84:3-6a,8a,11
John 11:19-27
or Luke 10:38-42

Friday, July 30
Leviticus 23:1,4-11,
15-16,27,34b-37
Ps 81:3-6,10-11ab
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola
Leviticus 25:1,8-17
Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8
Matthew 14:1-12

Sometimes people de-supernaturalize John 6:1-15 with explanations such as: "The real miracle is that Jesus got the people to share the food they had brought with them", and even this: "There wasn't enough food for everyone to have their fill, but what they had was offered to everyone, and the people were just so appreciative and willing to make sacrifices that they ate very little and thus there was food left over."

Yeah, r-i-i-ight. As if God can't multiply food miraculously.

The multiplication of the loaves and fish into a meal that not only satisfied everyone but was more than what they needed is an important foreshadowing of the Eucharistic banquet we celebrate today. If we pay close attention to what's going on in Mass, and if we take it to heart, Jesus satisfies our hungers and gives us more than we need. What did you

need from him before you arrived at church? He's trying to give it to you or lead you to it -- in abundance!

Receiving all that he wants to miraculously give us requires that we trust him to provide for us. We have to expect the unexpected. We have to wait on his perfect timing. But rest assured that he wants to give us more than we need.

Maybe some of the folks on that ancient hillside wanted steak instead of fish, but what they received was a Messiah who filled their hearts with more than enough faith to grow spiritually, more than enough hope to become stronger in their trials, and more than enough love to share as they went forth to reveal Christ to others.



In our Liturgies of the Eucharist, there's a lot more abundance to receive from Jesus than just a little wafer of his Body and a sip of his Blood. What do you really need from

Jesus? More faith? More hope? More love? It's a good idea to think about this on the way to Mass so that you can participate in Mass more expectantly.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Why do you go to Mass? Was there ever a time when you didn't go, and if so, why didn't you? What motivated you to start attending Mass again?
2. How satisfied are you now? What's missing? How might God provide for those needs?
3. What is available from Jesus during Mass other than his real presence in the Host and Precious Blood of the Eucharist?
4. How are the various elements of Mass gifts from God that can help satisfy our spiritual, emotional, and even physical needs?