

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

August 7, 2022 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 6 – AUGUST 14

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Rose Marie Gasser Birthday Remembrance
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raymond & Marie Witt Anniversary
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+James Seufert Birthday Remembrance
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Edmund Fenske
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Becky Anderson
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Louise Bellm

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, August 8	Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest
Wednesday, August 10	Feast of Saint Lawrence Deacon and Martyr
Thursday, August 11	Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 15	Holy Day Masses: St. Mary's 8:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. St. Agnes 10:00 a.m. Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary St. Mary's Parish Celebrates its Feast Day of 139 years. Back to School Night at 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Mass PCCW Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R. 1 st Day of School for St. Mary's 8:15 a.m. Mass 8:15 a.m. Mass Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church St. Mary's School will have an All School Mass
Tuesday, August 16	
Wednesday, August 17	
Friday, August 19	
Saturday, August 20	
Sunday, August 21	

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 1997.00

UPDATE TUCKPOINTING PROJECT: We have met our goal of \$65,000.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Andrea Kristek, Loretta Graskemper, Robert Graskemper and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSRCCD): 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 2022-2023 school year. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering to teach please contact Martha Randall at 417-489-4589. Classes will start Wednesday, September 7, 2022 from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, August 13 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller
E.M.: Marjorie Layton

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

Sunday, August 14 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton
E.M.: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton (Choir)

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

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9
Ps 33:1,12,18-22
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Monday August 8

St. Dominic
Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28c
Ps 148:1-2,11-14
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday August 9

Ezekiel 2:8 3:4
Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131
Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday August 10

St. Lawrence
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Ps 112:1-2,5-6,7-8,9
John 12:24-26

Thursday August 11

St. Clare
Ezekiel 12:1-12
Ps 78:56-59,61-62
Matthew 18:21--19:1

Friday August 12

Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63
Isaiah 12:2-6
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday August 13

Ezekiel 18:1-10,13b,30-32
Ps 51:12-15,18-19
Matthew 19:13-15

We're told in Luke 12:32-48 that God is "pleased" to give us his kingdom, which includes eternal life in heaven as well as all the benefits of his love and goodness here on earth.

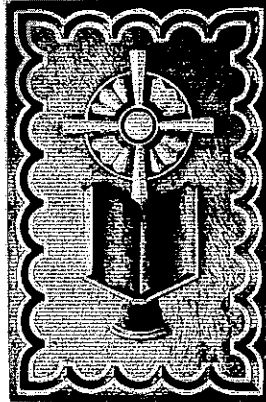
God does not withhold anything good from us. But do we avail ourselves of all he offers?

Jesus explains: If you value earthly treasures more than you treasure opportunities to share God's love and blessings with others, your hands are full of nothing that will last. If your "money bags" are filled with worldly goals that push God out, or selfish plans that push others out, or ungodly relationships that push holiness out from your life, there isn't much room for the wondrous and eternal gifts of God. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Anything not of God is detrimental to us and, in the end,

pointless, because it does not unite us to God and we cannot take it to heaven. We need to trade it in for the inexhaustible treasures that come from God.

Jesus isn't saying that we have to literally sell all of our worldly possessions in order to make room for divine treasures. What matters is our motive for having these things. Are they used for serving the kingdom of God or are they serving only earthly, temporary, selfish purposes?



Whatever enhances our union with God – and only this – is a treasure that we'll enjoy for all of eternity.

Jesus warns us not to waste time being lazy about purging our lives of earthly treasures. We don't know when the Master will come to take us to the heavenly banquet of eternal union with God. Will we be ready? Not if we're more interested in feeding our worldly desires.

This is why God, in his great mercy, provides Purgatory. Separation from earthly treasures (the purging) is painful when we prefer them over heavenly goods; Jesus describes this as the "beatings" that the Master's servants get. Why wait for that? Now is the time to prefer only the kingdom of God and build up our cache of gifts that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. If you knew you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do today to prepare?
2. What attitudes, what goals, and what plans do you have that don't assist the kingdom of God? What habits or addictions? Unloving behaviors? Unforgiveness and unresolved conflicts?
3. Describe an earthly attachment you used to have and explain how God helped you let go of it. What divine treasure did you gain?