

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 19th, 2020 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 18th - JULY 26th

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maury McDunner
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Laura Rose Severs Birthday Remembrance
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	For Justice and Peace
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+RoseAnna Abramovitz
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Leo & Patricia Schulte
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Dwight Severs Anniversary

ST. AGNES

Tues. No Mass
Thurs. 8:30 a.m.
Sun. 10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Wednesday, July 22

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

8:15 a.m. Mass

No St. Mary's School Board Meeting

Feast of St. James, Apostle

Saturday, July 25

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, July 29

Memorial of St. Martha

Friday, July 31

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2246.45

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

WEEKEND MASSES are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Our attendance is down due to covid-19, therefore the church is open to all who wish to attend. By Lawrence County ordinance there is still a restriction on the number that can attend and that number is 50.

ST. MARY'S MASS ON THE RADIO: Due to covid 19, there are a variety of reasons that you may not be comfortable coming into the church for Mass. It is also possible that you may get to church, and find that the capacity prescribed by the county has already been reached inside the church. Beginning this weekend, you will be able to hear the weekend Masses on your radio if you are in the parking lot here at St. Mary's. By tuning your radio to 88.1 FM, you will receive a broadcast of the Mass live. I spoke with the Bishop concerning the question of coming in for communion. He told me that, for the time being, that would be fine. If you choose this option though, you are encouraged, after returning to your car, to stay until the final blessing. He said that he does not want to ever encourage a "come and go" attitude toward the reception of the Blessed Sacrament. He is completely right on this point. I am pleased that we are able to do this, and want to thank those who worked so diligently and provided the equipment to make this happen. I will now have the opportunity to prove out what the ford dealer in Houston used to tell me, "Fr., you have a great face for radio!" So, remember: 88.1 FM. St. Mary's Pierce City. Fr. Matt

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PSR/CCD still needs 3 teachers. If you would like to volunteer please call Martha Randall at 489-4589. Classes will begin Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. at this time you will be able to register your children.

MISSING FAN: Our big fan that was stored in the garage has gone missing, so if you have borrowed it or know where it is at please contact the church office. Thank you

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf. Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us. Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Monday July 20

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Ps 50:5-6,8-9,16b-17,21,23
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday July 21

Micah 7:14-15,18-20
Ps 85:2-4,5-6-8
Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday July 22

St. Mary Magdalene
Jeremiah 1:1,4-10
Ps 71:1-6b,15,17
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday July 23

Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13
Ps 36:6-11
Matthew 13:10-17

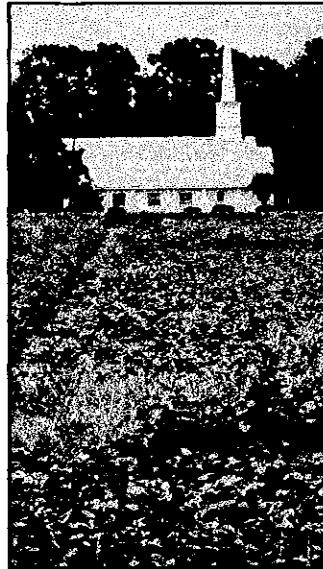
Friday July 24

Jeremiah 3:14-17
Jer 31:10-13
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday July 25

St. James
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Ps 126:1bc-6
Matthew 20:20-28

Go and Make Disciples, published by the US Bishops in 1992, names three important layers of evangelization: (1) Nurture your own faith-growth, (2) invite others to conversion, and (3) transform society through true Christian living. Jesus teaches us these same three strategies, using parables.



(1) Nurture your own faith-growth: In the kingdom of God, we are like good wheat growing amidst weeds. This takes effort; the weeds will take over if we're not working daily at growing in holiness. What have you been doing to prevent the weeds around you from taking over and strangling your holiness? How is your faith life benefiting from living in the midst of non-believers and evil? Your Father-Creator is empowering you to grow.

(2) Invite others to conversion: In the kingdom of God, we are like the tiniest of seeds that grow into a bush so large that others benefit from our growth. Who is benefiting from your faith? How is your spiritual growth inviting them into a closer relationship with Jesus? The Holy Spirit is empowering you to evangelize others if you're willing to minister to them using what you've learned from your experiences.

(3) Transform society: In the kingdom of God, we are like yeast that helps the whole batch swell up and mature into the bread of life that nourishes others. What are you involved in, as a Christian, that improves the world? Is your faith making a difference in your workplace, your community, and your parish? During Mass, as you receive the nourishment of the Eucharist, you are empowered to become Eucharist for

the world. Mass ends with Christ commissioning you, through the presider, to be the yeast of goodness that affects those around you.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Maybe you never saw yourself as an "evangelist", but you are! This is your calling as a baptized Christian. Which of the above three areas of evangelization are you most actively doing?
2. Which needs more of your attention?
3. Give an example from your own life (or from the life of someone you know or have heard about) that illustrates one of the three goals above.
4. What about the other goals? Make sure that, in your discussion as a family or faith sharing group, examples are given for all three goals of evangelization.