

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 25<sup>th</sup> - AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### **ST. MARY'S**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Leo & Patricia Schulte
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Dwight Severs Anniversary
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Gene & Rosie Marie Gasser and Jeannie Gasser
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Dan Boman

### **ST. AGNES**

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

## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Wednesday, July 29

Memorial of St. Martha

Friday, July 31

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, August 3

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Wednesday, August 5

8:15 a.m. Mass

7:30 p.m. Mass

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

Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:15 a.m. Mass

Thursday, August 6

Friday, August 7

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2646.00

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**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

## **FAMILY PRAYER**

O Sacred Family, O Jesus, Mary and Joseph, sublime models and tutors of Christian families, we appeal to you not only to comfort ourselves with sweet contemplation of your lovely examples, but also to implore your protection and to promise fidelity to you on the path which you have pointed out for us. Your peace, your unalterable serenity refresh our spirits struggling amid the anxieties of an increasingly complicated and difficult life. They show us eloquently that our hearts can find the rest and happiness to which they aspire so greatly only in a home adorned and enriched with the domestic virtues that you teach us, Help us, O Joseph, mirror of the most admirable fatherhood in your devoted care of the Savior and of the Virgin, faithfully following the divine inspirations. Come to our aid, O Mary, most loving, most faithful and purest of all wives and mothers, Help us, O Jesus who, in order to become a shining example for us in all things, willed to become the most submissive of all children. May all three of you always be close to us, in happy hours and sorrowful, in our work and in

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

1 Kings 3:5,7-12  
Ps 119:57,72,76-77,  
and 127-130  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52

**Monday July 27**  
Jeremiah 13:1-11  
Deut 32:18-21  
Matthew 13:31-35

**Tuesday July 28**  
Jeremiah 14:17-22  
Ps 79:8,9,11,13  
Matthew 13:36-43

**Wednesday July 29**  
**St. Martha**  
Jeremiah 15:10,16-21  
Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17,18  
John 11:19-27  
or Luke 10:38-42

**Thursday July 30**  
Jeremiah 18:1-6  
Ps 146:1b-6ab  
Matthew 13:47-53

**Friday July 31**  
**St. Ignatius of Loyola**  
Jeremiah 26:1-9  
Ps 69:5,8-10,14  
Matthew 13:54-58

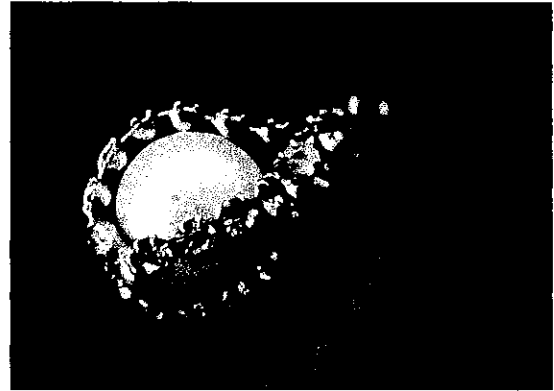
**Saturday August 1**  
**St. Alphonsus Liguori**  
Jeremiah 26:11-16,24  
Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34  
Matthew 14:1-12

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a buried treasure, a pearl purchased at all cost, and a net from which the bad catch of fish will be tossed away and the good catch will be valued.

In other words, our Christian lives are a huge cache of valuables. If our treasure chest has any worthless trash, the garbage needs to be tossed away to make room for more valuables. Some of our treasures have only temporary, earthly value, and ultimately they will be worthless unless they're used for the kingdom of God.

The reading from Romans tells us that all things work together for the good of those who love God. As we purge our lives of false pearls and dead fish, we become more like our Lord. We become more useful to the kingdom of God. Even the bad things that happen to us, under the creative hand of our all-powerful, mercifully loving God, get put to good use as polishing cloths that brighten our pearls and bring out from us a better shine.

In the first reading, Solomon could have asked God for great wealth and he would have received it, but he asked for an understanding heart so that he'd have wisdom to rule the nation well. Even though he ruled imperfectly, his reputation as the wisest king on earth



spread throughout the known world and he accumulated great wealth.

This is meant to teach us that when we seek first the treasures of God's kingdom, then we can safely use the treasures of the earth, because God's wisdom guides us in using them for the benefit of his kingdom. The more we love Christ and follow his ways, the easier it is to identify what's really valuable, separate out the junk that does not belong to God, and use everything else for his purposes.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What treasures are buried within you? What pearls of wisdom have you gained, and what did it cost you to learn these?
2. Write a list of your many good qualities. How do they prove that the Lord's presence is within you?
3. Choose one treasure, gift, or pearl that God has given to you – something that reveals the kingdom of God. How did you discover it or gain it?
4. What effect does this pearl have on others?