

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 9th, 2020 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 8th - AUGUST 16th

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maury McDunner
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rose Anna Abramovitz
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+James Parrigon Sr.
	6:30 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+James Cahalan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+John & Cecilia Eck Anniversary

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, August 10	Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Wednesday, August 12	St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.
Friday, August 14	Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Saturday, August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 17	8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday, August 19	8:15 a.m. Mass
Thursday, August 20	Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot and Dr. of the Church
Friday, August 21	Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope
	8:15 a.m. Mass
Saturday, August 22	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 6112.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO THE FAMILY OF GLADYS BOBSKI. May she be living with God and may her family feel her peace.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will made their First Communion on Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 3:00 p.m..

Brent Beard Jameson (Jay) Brown Cecelia Marchlewski Michael Masri Jaxon Saffer Kelcie Taylor
Jhade Torrez Macey Witt

THANK YOU: The Family of Diane Graskemper Geren, would like to thank all of you for your prayers, condolences, and other acts of kindness during this difficult time. Her untimely death has left a void in many hearts. Diane considered Pulaskifield & Pierce City her home away from home, having lots of family & friends in the area. God's blessing to each & everyone of you!! The Geren, White & Graskemper Families

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

WEEKEND MASSES 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. 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. 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.

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Ps 85:8-14
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Monday August 10
St. Lawrence

2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Ps 112:1-2,5-9
John 12:24-26

Tuesday August 11
St. Clare

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

Wednesday August 12

Ezekiel 9:1-7;10:18-22
Ps 113:1-6
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday August 13

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

Friday August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe

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

Saturday August 15
Assumption of Mary

Rev 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab
Ps 45:10-12,16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

In the Gospel reading, Jesus finishes with the miracle of multiplying a few loaves and fish to feed thousands of people, and then he goes off by himself to pray.

When you host a large dinner party or complete a big project or overcome difficult obstacles, do you give yourself time to recuperate and let God minister to you?

After spending time alone with his Father, Jesus was so uplifted by the experience that he walked on water!

Jesus frequently spent time in prayer. He probably went off by himself to pray a lot more often than what is written in scripture. So why did Matthew mention it here? What was significant about this particular prayer time?

Through Matthew, God is showing us how to achieve a well-balanced faith.

We need periods of prayer-filled solitude to restore our energies and renew our vision of what God is inspiring us to do. We all have work to

do for God in our families, in our workplaces, in social gatherings, in our parishes and in every problem that arises. Giving of ourselves to others will always drain us; to thrive and grow in our usefulness to God, we must allow him to replenish us often.

Prayer helps us to prepare for whatever lies ahead, even when we don't know what we're walking into.



What we gain from the Lord in our time alone with him is a gift designed for our benefit *and* for responding to the needs of others. It strengthens our faith, teaches us how to walk on water, and sends us to the next shore where people who need God's help are waiting. God wants to minister to them through us. Are you prayed up and ready?

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How much time do you spend in quiet aloneness with the Lord?
2. Is it enough to restore the inner peace that comes from staying in touch with God? Or do you feel drained and unprepared to continue?
3. What's your favorite way of praying? What kind of prayer makes you feel most connected to God? Why?
4. How does this help you in the tasks of your daily life?