

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 19 – SEPTEMBER 27**

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

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+James Cahalan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rose Anna Abramovitz
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	NO MASS
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Thomas & Loretta (Kuntz) Garvey & their departed children
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maury McDunneer
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Stacy Mitchell

### **ST. AGNES**

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

## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Monday, September 21

Wednesday, September 23

Saturday, September 26

**Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**PSR/CCD Classes at 6:15 p.m.**

**Grounds clean-up day!!** We will start at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and help! The more people we have the quicker it will go. Bring your racks, trimmers ect.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

Wednesday, September 30

**Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Feast of Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

**Mass 8:15 a.m.**

**PSR/CCD Classes at 6:15 p.m.**

**Mass 6:30 p.m.**

**St. Mary's School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.**

**Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

**Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels**

**Mass 8:15 a.m.**

Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 2

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 5022.00

Mission Co-Op: \$100.00

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Marjorie Layton (recovering from hip surgery) Charlotte Sloan, Louise Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**ST. MARY'S PICNIC DINNER:** We will be having a dinner on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will be Fried Chicken or Roast Beef Dinner with all the fixings! Advanced Tickets Sales: \$10 Adults \$5 ages 6-12 5 under Free. Door Ticket Sales: \$12 Adults \$7 ages 6-12 5 under Free. **TO GO DINNERS AVAILABLE!!!** To purchase tickets call the church rectory 476-2827 or come by the church or school offices. We will also be holding the Church Raffle at the dinner, so if you have not turned in your raffle tickets yet you can mail them to the church office or put them in the weekend collection in an envelope marked raffle tickets.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** PSR/CCD still needs 3 teachers. If you would like to volunteer please call Martha Randall at 489-4589.

**READERS:** 9/26 Madeline Ceselski, Garrett Schmidt

9/27 Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

**USHERS:** 9/26 Larry Gasser, Doug Witt

9/27 Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper

**(Ushers will only be greeting people. They will not be taking up the collection)**

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We are already half way through the first quarter of the school year. It is great! I must say, we have had an overwhelming amount of support to start this school year. We have always had great support to start a new school year, but this year that support has come from many other areas. It is great! It is great to see. It is great to be a part of. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you all!

The school will be selling mums and pumpkins this year. Order forms for the mums can be picked up from the back of the Church or from the school office. The order forms are due back to the school office by Thursday, September 24th. Pumpkins will be available first come first serve when you pick up your mums on September 29th.

We are working on putting together the St. Mary's Trade Show for Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th. This will be a big show that consists of a Crafters Market, Direct Sales, Business Promo Exhibits, and Farm Supply Vendors. There will be something for everyone. If you would like more information, contact Jason Kramer at 417-476-2824 or [jason.kramer@stmarys-piercecity.org](mailto:jason.kramer@stmarys-piercecity.org).

**ST. MARY'S HOME & SCHOOL SCRIP PROGRAM:** [Shopwithscrip.com](http://Shopwithscrip.com) Scrip is simply a word that means "substitute money"-in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They're the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program. The way that we make our money off of the program is by these retailers offering the cards through Scrip at a discount. This means that when you pay face value for the card, i.e. \$25 will get you a \$25 gift card Scrip will charge is a reduced amount to buy that card. The reduced amount varies widely depending on the participating retailer. On line you can see the % we earn on each retailer's card, but you can also contact me at anytime if you have any questions. Using the Scrip program is simple and easy, it just requires planning ahead before you will be visiting your favorite stores and restaurants. The reason for planning ahead is because we may not place a order every week. If you would like your orders to be sent home with your child from school or left at school to be picked up, please note that on your enrollment form (in the back of church). We also have Wal-mart, Casey's, Town & Country, Academy, Visa, Discover, Lowe's, Kohl's, Acambaro, Starbucks, Subway and Dairy Queen cards available for purchase anytime in the school office. **You don't have to be a school family to participate in this great program.** This helps the school, so please enroll and enjoy the ease of paying for things with your scrip cards!!

½ of the money raised each year in the Scrip program goes to Home & School. Each family has control over the other ½ of the money their rebates earned. They can choose for that money to go to one of the following 3 places.

1. The Next School Year Tuition for student (Preschool-8)
2. The Next School Year Operating Costs of the School
3. Home & School

If you are a new family to begin participating in the Scrip program an enrollment form is required. If you are already enrolled please update your account or let me know where you want your rebates to go. Then fill free to place your orders at anytime.

I look forward to a great year with everyone's help!

Shelly Wroblewski

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### OCTOBER APPOINTMENTS

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

#### **Saturday, Oct. 3 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

#### **Sunday, Oct. 4 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: Heather Gripka, Vince Witt

Ushers: Dale Jasumback, Ellis Motley

#### **Saturday, Oct. 10 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Garrett Schmidt, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Bryan Stellwagen, Philip Gollhofer

#### **Sunday, Oct. 11 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: Cody Washam, Michael Myers

Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam

#### **Saturday, Oct. 17 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Garrett Schmidt

Ushers: Bill Seufert, Michael Abramovitz

#### **Sunday, Oct. 18 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton

Ushers: Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet

#### **Saturday, Oct. 24 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Ushers: Terrance Campbell, Larry Carver

#### **Sunday, Oct. 25 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

Ushers: Jim Barchak, Ian Brottlund

#### **Saturday, Oct. 31 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Garrett Schmidt, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Leonard Fenske, Larry Gasser

#### **Sunday, Nov. 1 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: Heather Gripka, Vince Witt

Ushers: Levi, Cooper, Jesse Cooper

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

Isaiah 55:6-9  
Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18  
Philippians 1:20c-24,27a  
Matthew 20:1-16a

**Monday September 21**  
**St. Matthew**  
Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13  
Ps 19:2-5  
Matthew 9:9-13

**Tuesday September 22**  
Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13  
Ps 119:1,27,30,34,35,44  
Luke 8:19-21

**Wednesday September 23**  
**St. Pio of Pietrelcina**  
Proverbs 30:5-9  
Ps 119:29,72,89,  
101,104,163  
Luke 9:1-6

**Thursday September 24**  
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11  
Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17bc  
Luke 9:7-9

**Friday September 25**  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Ps 144:1b-4  
Luke 9:18-22

**Saturday September 26**  
Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8  
Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17  
Luke 9:43b-45

God's not fair! How many times have we felt that way? And it's true, at least by our standards. The parable in the Gospel reading is a fine example of this.

The landowner seems to be very unfair. We can begin to understand him, however, if we think of this parable in terms of parenthood. A loving father cares about each of his children equally. Although he gives more attention to the child who needs it more, he loves the others just as much.

God the Father is like a vineyard owner who gives equally to all. Since we cannot earn our way into heaven, equal benefits are not an injustice to those who labored longer. Rather, God gives complete and perfect love even to those who only discovered, at the last minute, the value of having a relationship with him. He can



We don't have to *understand* God's higher ways. We only have to be *grateful* that God loves us even when we are unloving. No matter how undeserving of his love we might be, he still gives us the same amount of love that he gives to the holiest of saints. He loves us as much as he loves Mary the Blessed Mother of Christ! "Am I not free to

do as I wish with my own love?" he asks.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. When have you felt undeserving of God's goodness?
2. What evidence proves that he never stopped loving you? What did he do for you?
3. How has your own opinion of yourself interfered with feeling his love?
4. Share the story of a time when you saw something good happen to a "bad" or undeserving person, or a time when you prayed for something that you didn't get while an unfaithful person received it without turning to God for help. Despite the unfairness of this, why are you glad that you have known God's love?
5. Can you also be glad for the blessings that unbelievers receive from God?

do no less.

The first reading reminds us that as high as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are greater than our ways and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We think that justice (fairness) means equal treatment, but that harkens back to the Old Testament concept of justice: "an eye for an eye". Jesus raised justice to its highest level, which means being equally loving and kind to all, whether they deserve it or not.

# ST. MARY'S PICNIC DINNER!!

Saturday, November 7, 2020 5:00 p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Chicken or Beef Dinner with all the fixings! Please come and join us for a wonderful dinner and an evening of fun! We will also be holding a raffle at the dinner.

Advanced Tickets Sales: \$10 Adult    \$5 ages 6-12    5 under Free  
Door Ticket Sales:            \$12 Adult        \$7 ages 6-12    5 under Free

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For Advanced Tickets call St. Mary's Rectory at 476-2827

