

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 4**

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

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maury McDunner
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Stacy Mitchell
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Anna Marie Parrigon
	6:30 p.m.	Justice and Peace
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Maria Logan
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+James Parrigon Sr.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family

### **ST. AGNES**

Tues. 8:30 a.m.

Thurs. 8:30 a.m.

Sun. 10:30 a.m.

## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

Wednesday, September 30

Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 2

Sunday, October 4

Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

Feast of Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

PSR/CCD Classes at 6:15 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

Respect Life Sunday

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, October 5

Wednesday, October 7

Friday, October 9

Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier

Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Mass 8:15 a.m.

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

Mass 7:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the C.R.

Mass 8:15 a.m.

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1876.00

Retirement Collection: \$ 262.00

## **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.

**THANK YOU** to Fr. Matt for the beautiful service, and to the PCCW for the wonderful lunch and delicious desserts. The Family of Maria (Parrigon) Logan

**GROTTO:** We would like to thank Greg and Stephanie Brown for taking over the up keep of the grotto from Marjorie Layton. We would also like to thank Marjorie Layton again for everything she had done over the years.

**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.

### **NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**

Thank you, to everyone who has ordered mums. When the mums are here and ready for pick up we will give you a call to come and pick them out. Pumpkins will be available first come first serve, if you are interested. They will be available starting Tuesday, 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). If you have a business or work for a business who would benefit from having a booth to sell items or to show their items to the public, let's get together and talk sometime about how we can help each other.

**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!

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### **WEEKEND 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

### **A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY**

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great.

Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion.

Be close to our president and our statesmen: give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world.

Make me more deeply aware of my heritage: realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen.

Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen.

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

Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

### Monday September 28

Job 1:6-22  
Ps 17:1b-3,6-7  
Luke 9:46-50

### Tuesday September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14  
or Revelation 12:7-12a  
Ps 138:1-5  
John 1:47-51

### Wednesday September 30

St. Jerome  
Job 9:1-12,14-16  
Ps 88:10bc-15  
Luke 9:57-62

### Thursday October 1 St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Job 19:21-27  
Ps 27:7-9c,13-14  
Luke 10:1-12

### Friday October 2 Holy Guardian Angels

Job 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5  
Ps 139:1-3,7-10,13-14ab  
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

### Saturday October 3

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17  
Ps 119:66,71,75,91,125,130  
Luke 10:17-24

Today's Gospel story was meant to shock people who think they're okay spiritually but do not honestly examine how well they do the Father's will.

Jesus said that tax collectors and prostitutes (professions considered to be the most contemptible and unholy) were entering the kingdom of God ahead of religious experts!

These so-called "ex-perts" knew the correct answer to the question that Jesus posed – they knew to say yes to God – but knowing the right answer and actually DOing the right answer is the dividing line between heaven and hell.

God doesn't want right answers; he wants righteous actions. God doesn't want dutiful compliance to Church teachings; he wants obedience motivated by love and an enthusiastic attitude of serving in the mission of the Church.

What's the value of going to Mass every Sunday, for example, if it doesn't result in deeds of holiness outside the Mass?

Do you know someone who's saying "no" to coming to Mass? If they're doing good works because they genuinely love God, who's to say they won't reach full



unity with him sooner than people who attend every Mass but do little to help others?

God wants us to do both: Know the right answers and be righteous. Go to Mass faithfully and be changed by it. Say yes to his calling to make the world a better place by uniting ourselves to Christ

in church and following out him out the door, taking him to everyone we meet.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What opportunities to serve God in your parish or out in the community have you said "no" to? Spend some time praying to understand whether or not that was an invitation from Christ himself.
2. What can you say "yes" to now?
3. What types of people today are despised the most?
4. Who seems least likely to get into heaven? (A terrorist perhaps? An ex-spouse?) How is it possible (to our surprise) that we might be greeted by them when we arrive in heaven? How would you feel about it?