

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

September 6, 2020 - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 5 - SEPTEMBER 13

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Geneieve Frey
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Phyllis McClure Anniversary
Monday	8:15 a.m.	For God's Blessings of Man's Labor
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Mary Gable
	6:30 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Dale Parrigon
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:

Monday, September 7

Tuesday, September 8

Wednesday, September 9

Saturday, September 12

Labor Day

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PSR/CCD Classes will begin Class will start at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00p.m. in the C.R.

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 14

Wednesday, September 16

Friday, September 18

Monday, September 21

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

8:15 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Mass

PSR/CCD Classes will begin Class will start at 6:30 p.m.

8:15 a.m. Mass

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1907.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: Father Peter's birthday is September 23. If anyone would like to send him a card his address is :
Father Peter Morciniec 1100 E. Montclair Room #327 Springfield, Mo 65807

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.

GROTTO: We need a volunteer to take over the care of the grotto. If anyone is interested please contact the church office at 476-2827 or
Marjorie Layton 476-2265. We would like to thank Marjorie Layton for all of her years of volunteering to take care of the grotto.

<u>READERS:</u> 9/12 Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller	9/19 Garrett Schmidt, Beverly Miller	9/26 Madeline Ceselski, Garrett Schmidt
9/13 Michael Myers, Heather Gripka	9/20 Rachele Brown, Jennifer Eaton	9/27 Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

<u>USHERS:</u> 9/12 Michael Abramovitz, Terrance Campbell	9/19 Larry Carver, Leonard Fenske	9/26 Larry Gasser, Doug Witt
9/13 Jim Barchak, Ian Brottlund	9/20 Dale Jasumback, Ellis Motley	9/27 Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper

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

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday September 7

1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Ps 5:5-7, 12
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday September 8 Birth of the Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a
or Romans 8:28-30
Ps 13:6
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday September 9 St. Peter Claver

1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Ps 45:11-12, 14-17
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday September 10

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24
Luke 6:27-38

Friday September 11

1 Corinth 9:16-19, 22b-27
Ps 84:3-6, 12
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday September 12 Holy Name of Mary

1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Ps 116:12-13, 17-18
Luke 6:43-49

This Sunday's readings all speak of the need to stand up for what is holy and right and true in a way that invites others to turn away from sin. If we don't, we indirectly play a part in the sins he or she commits, and we *will* be held accountable (see the first reading).

If we do take a stand against sin but without compassion and mercy and unconditional love, that too is a sin (the second reading).

Jesus shows us in the Gospel reading that in our efforts to stop a fellow Christian from sinning, it's important to rely on our Christian community for advocacy and prayer support.

How?

First, we speak to the sinner. When we know that someone is harming himself and others (all sins are harmful even when we can't see the harm), if we don't try to impart this knowledge to him or her at least once, our silence is un-

loving and uncaring.

Once we've shared the truth, even if the sinner does not change, we're free of any guilt. But we must not stop trying, and so we take one or two others with us in a stronger effort to help the sinner understand and repent.

And if that fails, we try again with still more backing.



When every attempt to help someone has failed, only then do we quit. In reality, it's not us who's walking away. The sinner is the one who has chosen the path of separation. However, remember how Jesus treated the Gentiles and tax collectors (i.e., the outsiders, the separated ones): He never stopped loving them. He still chose to die for them.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Whose sins have greatly disturbed you lately?
2. What have you done about it? How loving and caring have you been while handling it?
3. What bothers you about the way some people have pointed out your sins or the sins of others? How could they have been more compassionate?
4. Share the story of a time when someone successfully led another into repentance and growth. Explain why the effort was effective.