

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 6th, 2020 - Second Sunday of Advent

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR DECEMBER 5- DECEMBER 13

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Thomas Pachlhofer
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+James Cahalan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rose Anna Abramovitz

ST. AGNES

Tues.	10:00 a.m.
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sat., Dec. 5 & Sun. Dec. 6
Monday, December 7
Tuesday, December 8

**Special Collection: Christmas Project to help a Pierce City Family for Christmas
Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.**

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Schedule for Holy Day: St. Mary's 8:15 a.m. St. Agnes 10:00 a.m.**

National Night of Prayer: 8:00 p.m. to Midnight

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

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 9
Saturday, December 12

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 14
Wednesday, December 16
Thursday, December 17

Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

8:15 a.m. Mass

Father Matt's Birthday! This year due to Covid-19 we are not going to have a dinner, but instead we are doing a card shower.

8:15 a.m. Mass

Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses: St. Mary's 12:00 a.m. St. Agnes 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 18
Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2451.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Fr. Peter J. Morciniec, Peggy Heidlage, Jerry Gasser, Charlotte Sloan, Louise Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

THANK YOU: I cannot thank you enough for all of your thoughts, prayers and cards during my recent hospital stay in Kansas City. I am slowly improving at home with continued doctor visits. I am truly blessed with such great family, friends and church.

Thank You again Peggy Heidlage!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: On Tuesday evening, December 8, 2020 from 8:00 P.m. to Midnight, we will be participating in the National Night of Prayer for Life. The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and to bring about an end to procured abortion. The hours that have been chosen are to coincide with Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to Juan Diego in 1531.

THE PCCW LADIES are selling pecans during the month of November and part of December. You may contact an officer to purchase them. The price is \$12.00 a bag. We appreciate your support. Contact Bonnie Parrigon at 417-489-3866, Patty Osterloh at 417-540-4182 and Beverly Phillips at 417-737-0774. Thank you.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We are sad to announce that we will not be having our traditional Christmas Program this year. We will be putting together class presentations and posting them to our school Facebook page for everyone to enjoy.

Welcome to the second Sunday of Advent! What a special time of year. In fact, this is a very joyous time that should be full of anticipation and good will as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. This is why we feel it is important for us to do some sort of Christmas Program through video since we cannot do the big version. The kids are still learning, talking, and singing about the coming of Jesus along with the charity and good will of the season.

DECEMBER APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, Dec. 12th 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Garrett Schmidt, Beverly Miller
Ushers: Bryan Stellwagen, Philip Gollhofer

Saturday, Dec. 19th 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Garrett Schmidt
Ushers: Bill Seufert, Michael Abramovitz

Saturday, Dec. 26th 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski
Ushers: Larry Carver, Leonard Fenske

Sunday, Dec. 13th 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Cody Washam, Michael Myers
Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam

Sunday, Dec. 20th 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachele Brown, Jennifer Eaton
Ushers: Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper

Sunday, Dec. 27th 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell
Ushers: Jim Barchak, Ian Brottlund

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

2nd Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 85:9-14
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Monday December 7

St. Ambrose

Isaiah 35:1-10
Ps 85:9-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday December 8

Immaculate Conception

Genesis 3:9-15,20
Ps 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday December 9

Isaiah 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-4,8,10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday December 10

Isaiah 41:13-20
Ps 145:1,9-13ab
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday December 11

Isaiah 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4,6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2:14-17 or
Rev. 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab
Judith (15:9d)13:18-19
Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

God. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and create a wider road into your heart that's easy for Jesus to travel, a through-way upon which he can arrive in great speed and glory.

All humankind is as frail as grass, and all our glory is like the flower of the field that withers and wilts. Only the glory of God stands forever.

Prepare for the Lord! – for whatever he wants to give us, do for us, and ask of us. He has a plan for our lives, a divine purpose that will bring us to our full potential.

We can only do this by uniting ourselves to Christ, joining him on the straight path, the holy path. How do we know when we are on the right path? By the fruits of the journey.

Isaiah says: A voice cries out in the desert! What is barren in your life, and dry, hot, or empty? Sins dry up our potential for fruitfulness.

Advent is a good preparation for Christmas – and meeting the Lord anew – if we use it to face our sins, reconcile with God, and follow Jesus back onto the holy path. If we neglect this opportunity, our lives will be barren of the strong faith we need during difficulties..

Prepare the way of the Lord! He has more love to give you, more healing, more joy! Make straight in the wasteland of your sins a highway for our



What are your troubles and struggles? Here is where Jesus wants to minister to you, and here is where you are most vulnerable to sin.

What in your life is going well? What activities are you doing that seem productive? Are any of them grassy glories that can wither away? A hundred years from now, will what you're doing today still have an impact – a beneficial impact?

God has given you talents and a calling, a special purpose that requires those talents. Yes, you! We are all called to have fruitful lives that make an eternal difference. Jesus wants to come straight to us to produce the fruits of his kingdom in our lives and in others.

Prepare for the Lord to make an eternal difference through you!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you going to do to straighten a crooked path?
2. What are you spending time on that will wither up and wilt away?
3. How does thinking about eternity straighten the path that you're walking on today? What changes because of this perspective?