

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

April 11, 2021 - Second Sunday of Easter

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR APRIL 10 - APRIL 18

### ST. MARY'S

Holy Saturday 7:00 p.m. For the Health of Jerry Gasser  
Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's Parish Family  
Monday 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service  
Wednesday 8:15 a.m. +Poor Souls in Purgatory  
7:30 p.m. Justice and Peace  
Friday 8:15 a.m. +Thomas & Loretta (Kuntz) Garvey  
Saturday 4:00 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Family  
Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. +Edmund & Rose Ann Abramovitz

### ST. AGNES

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

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, April 12 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service  
Wednesday, April 14 8:15 a.m. Mass  
PSR Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. Mass  
St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.  
Friday, April 16 8:15 a.m. Mass

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, April 19 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service  
Wednesday, April 21 8:15 a.m. Mass  
PSR Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.  
Friday, April 23 8:15 a.m. Mass  
Sunday, April 25 Catholic Home Mission Appeal Special Collection

## OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in April: Tim & Patty Osterloh

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 7645.00

**The Mirror** subscription is due. If you have not paid for your subscription to The Mirror yet the Diocese wishes that all families receive The Mirror- Please help defray the cost by paying \$14 toward your subscription. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's. **We have received the bill for The Mirror, it is \$2,660.00. We have only collected \$944.00. If you have not yet paid for the Mirror you still have time.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Ed Flehmer, Pauline Whitman, Jerry Gasser, Charlotte Sloan, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**\*COVID 19 NEWS\*** As of March 27, 2021 Bishop Rice has repealed the general dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Other changes mandated by the Bishop will be announced at a later date.

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

**The spring flower and plant order forms are in the back of church.** As you begin to spruce up the yard and get those gardens ready, please keep us in mind before purchasing your spring plants. **Deadline to order is Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.** You will pick-up your flowers on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Times will be announced later

Preschool - Pre-Kindergarten registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year. This is to register for our three year old program and for our four year old program. If you have or you know of someone with a student who will be three or four years old by August 1st send them by to talk with us about our proven effective programs. We are now registering students from surrounding Catholic parishes.

Dear Friends,

As we look toward the end of this school year, it is time for our special annual fundraiser called "Angels Among Us." We truly believe that St. Mary's School has *many angels* that are here for us in so many ways! Last year we did not do this fundraiser because of the covid 19 virus. With so many people experiencing pandemic related problems, we felt that it wasn't an appropriate time.

For everyone who donates \$10 or more, their names will be posted on angels and placed in the gym. For those who donate \$400 or more, they will also get their names engraved on a metal "leaf" and placed on our Giving/Endowment tree in the school's hallway. Donations may be made in the memory of a loved one. Please make a note telling us whose name you want on the angel and/or leaf. The fundraiser ends on May 1. The profits from this fundraiser will go directly to help the school. If you would like to make a donation to St. Mary's School, you may contact the office or mail it to the school at the following address. If it is not possible to give at this time, then we ask that you please remember us in your prayers. If you know of any alumni who do not live locally and do not get our newsletter, but would like to, please contact the office. Thank you and may God bless you!

Attn: Angels  
202 Front Street  
Pierce City, MO 65723

Your friends in Christ  
Jason Kramer (Principal)  
Sally Heidlage (Chairperson)

### APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, April 17 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Ushers: Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Kalem Parrigon, Doug Witt

Sunday, April 18 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

Ushers: Dale Jasumback, Ellis Motley, Darren Brown Dustin Avondet

## **Good News** INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 118:2-4,  
13-15,22-24  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 20:19-31

**Monday April 12**  
Acts 4:23-31  
Ps 2:1-9  
John 3:1-8

**Tuesday April 13**  
Acts 4:32-37  
Ps 93:1-2,5  
John 3:16-21

**Wednesday April 14**  
Acts 5:17-26  
Ps 34:2-9  
John 3:16-21

**Thursday April 15**  
Acts 5:27-33  
Ps 34:2,9,17-20  
John 3:31-36

**Friday April 16**  
Acts 5:34-42  
Ps 27:1,4,13-14  
John 6:1-15

**Saturday April 17**  
Acts 6:1-7  
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19  
John 6:16-21

"My Lord and my God!" This exclamation of Thomas in the Gospel reading used to be our exclamation at the raising of the Eucharist during Mass. It would be good to renew this habit. It's an awe-filled, humble recognition of Christ's Lordship *and* of the reality of his presence in the form of bread and wine.

Notice how Jesus convinced the disciples that he had truly come back to life in the flesh. At first, they thought he was a ghost, or they didn't know what to think. They found the miracle of the resurrection too incredible to grasp.

Jesus opened their minds to the truth of the miracle by showing his wounds. He does the same for us in every Mass.

Through the use of our logic and our senses, it's difficult to grasp the truth that the bread

and wine miraculously become the actual body and blood of Christ – the same broken and bleeding body that died on the cross 2000+ years ago. It's even harder to see and understand that the resurrected Jesus is also there!

During Mass, we enter the timelessness of eternity to benefit from the living Christ. When we realize that we personally need the sacrifice he made on Good Friday, because we've sinned, we begin to look at his wounds from a crucial perspective. It is then that we begin to understand the truth about the Eucharist.



The first step toward believing in the miracle of the Eucharist is to want Christ's death to save us from our sins and to want his resurrection to take us to heaven. The final step occurs when our desire to unite to Jesus is so thorough that we yearn for him to consume our lives with his presence. We want the divine Jesus to come to us in the flesh, in whatever manner he chooses, to transform us into his likeness.

It is this desire that makes us exclaim whenever we see the Eucharist, "My Lord and my God!"

#### **Reflect & Discuss:**

1. Have you ever doubted Christ's real presence in the Eucharist?
2. How do you feel when you look at the Eucharist? Does your spirit exclaim, "My Lord and my God"? Why or why not?
3. How has Jesus revealed himself to you in surprising ways – "in his many forms of presence"?
4. When have you found him incredible, difficult to grasp? What helped you accept the truth of his presence in that situation?
5. How has Jesus revealed his presence to you in the Eucharist?