

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 8, 2021 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 7 - AUGUST 15

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maury McDunner
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raymond & Marie Witt
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Justice and Peace
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Rodney Hanley Jr.
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Don Beard
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+John & Cecilia Eck

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Tuesday, August 10	Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Wednesday, August 11	Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin
Saturday, August 14	Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Sat., Aug. 14 & Sun., Aug. 15	Second Collection: St. Mary's School Tuition Assistance Program.
Sunday, August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. Mary's All School Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 16	8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Wednesday, August 18	St. Mary's First Day of School
Friday, August 20	8:15 a.m. Mass Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbott and Dr. of the Church
Saturday, August 21	8:15 a.m. Mass Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 2360.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Travis Allcock, Lenard Bauer, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO SHIRLEY O'HARA AND RITA SEUFERT AND THEIR FAMILIES ON THE DEATH OF THEIR SISTER JUDY ALLCOCK. May she be living with God and may her family feel her peace.

THE PCCW (REVISED) The PCCW has recently served several funeral dinners. Circles 9, 10, 2, 3, and 4 have served these dinners. If you are on one of these circles we really appreciate your help with providing a food dish and/or a monetary donation. This helps keep our costs down. Thank you so much. If you've been asked to help with a monetary donation please drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the church rectory. Please include the circle number. We appreciate you. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the 2021-2022 school year we have a need for willing persons to assist with sharing their love of Music and musical activities, PE and sports related activities or another skill. The position can be short term or long term. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Mr. Kramer at 417-476-2824 or jason.kramer@stmarys-piercecity.org

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR/CCD): We have been blessed to have dedicated teachers who willingly give their time to make PSR a rewarding experience for the kids. Would you like to be involved? If you have thought about offering to teach a class but have hesitated, please pray about it. It is a personally enriching experience and a great way to contribute to YOUR CHURCH. We are needing teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering to teach please contact Martha Randall at 417-489-4589.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: A new school year is fast approaching! We have cleaned and cleaned. We have prepped and we have planned. We are excited about getting the new year under way. St. Mary's will have an All School Mass on Sunday, August 15. Then after Mass everyone is invited to go to the school for the back to school open house. Please pray for St. Mary's. Pray for the church. Pray for the school. Most importantly, pray for the teachers and the students for a safe and fruitful school year.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, August 14 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Larry Gasser, Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Doug Witt

Sunday, August 15 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Michael Myers Heather Gripka

Ushers: Ian Brottlund, Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Dale Jasumback

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ps 34:2-9
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

Monday August 9
Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Ps 147:12,15,19-20
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday August 10
St. Lawrence
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Ps 112:1-2,5-9
John 12:24-26

Wednesday August 11
St. Clare
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Ps 66:1-3a,5,8,16-17
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday August 12
Joshua 3:7-10a,11,13-17
Ps 114:1-6
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday August 13
Joshua 24:1-13
Ps 136:1-3,16-18,21-22,24
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday August 14
St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Joshua 24:14-29
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-8,11
Matthew 19:13-15

This Sunday we hear Christ's explanation of the Eucharist: "Whoever believes has eternal life; I am the bread of life."

Why does he call the Eucharist "the bread of life"? How does it give us life?

He answers: "Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." In other words, he gave himself to us – he gave his life for us – on the cross.

Our sinfulness put us on the path of death, but he who was sinless and divine substituted himself for us, taking our deaths upon himself so that we could have the eternal life of God.

The resurrection of his body defeated this death. Therefore, his body, crucified and risen, is the source of our life. This is what we celebrate in Mass. We are not re-enacting his death during the sacrifice of the altar, as some mistakenly assume; we are uniting ourselves to his life.

The "sacrifice of the altar" is our participation in the entirety of Christ – his life, his ministry, his crucifixion for our sins, his resurrection, and his ascension to heaven.

We unite with him by offering our lives to him so that he ministers to the world through us, sacrificing our will where it interferes with his, which results in being raised up to new life as we follow Christ to heaven.



Every Catholic Mass accomplishes this by providing us with our Savior's body and blood, here and now, in the form of edible food: the bread of life. This holy communion comes to us from Christ's Last Supper, through generation after generation of the apostolic priesthood, beginning with the very first Apostles.

Christ is as fully present and as truly real here as he was when he sat among the Apostles and said, "This is my Body, this is my Blood." Thus anyone who adores and honors Jesus in the Eucharist, believing that he is their Savior, is feasting on the source of their eternal life.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How do you know that the Eucharist is truly the high point and center of *your* life?
2. What's missing from your current experience of meeting Jesus in person in the miracle that takes place on the altar?
3. How is the Eucharist life-giving for you? Share how Jesus has revealed himself to you through the Blessed Sacrament.
4. How did it change you?