

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

December 18, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR DECEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 25

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Charlotte Sloan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+James Seufert
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	No Mass	
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday Christmas Eve	6:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday Christmas	12:00 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family

ST. AGNES

Tues.	8:30 a.m.
Thurs.	No Mass
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, December 18

Setting up the Christmas Trees after Mass. This is a big job, so the more that can help makes it a lot easier

Monday, December 19

Advent Penance Service in Billings at 4:00 p.m.

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Advent Penance Service in Monett at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20

Decorating the Church for Christmas at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and help, and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Advent Penance Service in Sarcoxie at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 p.m. (Choir Christmas Carols Start at 5:45 p.m.)

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Mass 12 Midnight (Guitar) St. Agnes 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 26

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Wednesday, December 28

8:15 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 30

8:15 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day Masses: St. Mary's 8:30 a.m. St. Agnes 10:30 a.m.

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in December: Ralph & Mary Abramovitz

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 11,113.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Melissa Cahalan, Kayla (Deickhoff) Thomas, Jack Parrigon, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

THE PCCW LADIES are selling pecans during part of December. They will be on sale after both Saturday and Sunday Masses. You may also 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 Miller at 417-737-0774. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: On second collections all checks need to be made out to St. Mary's Church. We will then send one check from the church. Thank You.

NOTES FROM FR. MATT: We are quickly coming down to the wire. With the fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas is just around the corner. We all tend to get really busy in these last few days. Please remember to pray during the times that you are finishing up details. When getting that last minute gift, pray for the person(s) for whom you are getting the present. When finishing decorations, pray for all those who will see them, that they know the love of Christ and rejoice as you do in the Christmas season. If you are able to help with decoration, please come and do so. It is said that many hands make light work. In this case, MANY HANDS BRING ABOUT A GREATER ABUNDANCE OF BLESSINGS. Your help in adding to the beauty of St. Mary's will bless us all. On a different tack, there are copies of the new Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Council available on one of the tables in the back of the Church. There are some changes in procedure and focus. If you are interested in serving St. Mary's by being an elected member of the Council, please take a copy, read and study in preparation for the election that will be coming in the new year. God Bless

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

The school is out for break now. We will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who ordered cinnamon rolls this year. They will be ready for pickup from 3:00-6:00 on December 23rd. Please pull around to the back to go in for them. In total we sold 147 pans of cinnamon rolls this year.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and once again Thank You to all of you for your support of the school!

CHRISTMAS CARDS: During this Christmas season, the PCCW will be sending cards to those are in nursing homes, those who are shut-ins, and those who are ill. We invite you to join us in remembering these parishioners. These members include the following:

David Baker, 4 Lawrence 2220, Pierce City, MO 65723

Carolyn Boman, 101 N. Gibbs, Pierce City, MO 65723

Melissa Cahalan, 700 Elm Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

Pat and Judy Chapman, 10744 Barry Road, Pierce City, MO 65723

Wilma Fenske, 402 Ford Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

Loretta and Robert Grasskamper, 27115 Highway J, Pierce City, MO 65723

Helen Marie Mettlach, Lacoba Villa #1, Apt, D, P.O. Box 885, Monett, MO 65708

Don Kutz, Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 U.S. HWY 60, P.O. Box 885, Monett, MO 65708

Imogene Kutz, 5035 Highway JJ, Wentworth, MO 64873

Andrea Kristek, 738 Kristek Lane, Monett, MO 65708

Lillian Kristek, Lacoba Villa, Apt. 2, P.O. Box 885, Monett, MO 65708

Mary Catherine Miller, Saint Lukes Nursing Center, 1220 E. Fairview Ave., Carthage, MO 64836

Father Peter Morciniec, Springfield Villa, Room 327, 1100 E. Montclair St., Springfield, MO 65807

Nora Montgomery, Lawrence County Manor, 915 Carl Allen Street, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

Verla Osterloh, Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 U.S. HWY 60, P.O. Box 885, Monett, MO 65708

Jack Parrigon, 20276 Hwy VV, Wentworth, Mo 64873

Tina Paul, 301 Pleasant Drive, #38, Monett, MO 65708

John and Janice Stricklin, 203 N. Elm St., Pierce City, MO65723

Kayla Dieckhoff Thomas, 3538 State Highway YY, LaRussell, MO 64848

Josephine Witt, Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 U.S. HWY 60, P.O. Box 885, Monett, MO 65708

Joyce DeCamp, 510 Dairy Street Apt. 4, Monett, Mo 65708

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, December 24 6:00 p.m. Mass

Sign-up Sheet in the back of Church

Sunday, December 25 Midnight Mass

Sign-up Sheet in the back of Church

AFTER YOU COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, consider sharing them with the Church. As the spirit of gratitude to God permeates our lives at this time of year, please prayerfully consider our parish in your giving. Your generosity helps to give others the most precious of gifts-the love of God, and the sacraments and ministries of the Church. By writing a check to St. Mary's Church by December 31, 2022 you can reduce the sting of income taxes if you itemize. Your gifts provide the necessary support for all our parish does. Thank You!