

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

December 4, 2022 - Second Sunday of Advent

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 11

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Larry & Patty Parrigon
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Bill Seufert
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Lillian Heese
	7:30 p.m.	Justice and Peace
Thursday	8:15 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Eugene & Betty Wroblewski
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+James & Carolyn Witt
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family

### ST. AGNES

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

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, December 4

Monday, December 5

Wednesday, December 7

Thursday, December 8

Friday, December 9

Sunday, December 11

**Advent Penance Service** in Aurora at 4:00 p.m.

**St. Mary's School will be in session**

**Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**PSR/CCD Classes will begin.** Classes will be 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

**Choir Practice** at 6:30 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** at 8:00 p.m. in the C.R.

**Holy Day of Obligation:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**No School for St. Mary's**

**Advent Penance Service** in Cassville at 6:30 p.m.

**St. Mary's All School Mass**

**Second Collection:** Christmas Collection to sponsor Pierce City Families with kids to help buy Christmas gifts.

**Breakfast with Santa after Mass**

**Pierce City Community Christmas Service** at 2:00 p.m.

**Advent Penance Service** in Pierce City at 4:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 12

Tuesday, December 13

Wednesday, December 14

Thursday, December 15

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

Sunday, December 18

Tuesday, December 20

**8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service**

**Advent Penance Service** in Pulaskifield at 6:00 p.m.

**8:15 a.m. Mass**

**PSR/CCD Classes will begin.** Classes will be 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. (This will be the last class until the New Year.)

**Choir Practice** at 6:30 p.m.

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

**St. Mary's School Christmas Program** at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come!

**Advent Penance Service** in Mt. Vernon at 6:00 p.m.

**8:15 a.m. Mass**

**Advent Penance Service** in Verona at 6:30 p.m.

**Fr. Matt's Birthday Celebration:** Please join us in a Pot-luck dinner celebrating Father Matt's birthday on Saturday, December 17, 2022 following 4:00 Mass. It will be held in the cafeteria. Drinks and paper products will be provided. If your last name begins with A-F, please bring a salad, G-L bring a dessert, M-R please bring a bread, and S-Z bring a vegetable. Every family will provide a meat dish. We hope to see you there.

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

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

**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.

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4327.00

**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.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE**, Wednesday, December 7th & 14th, 2022 @ 6:30 PM. Please join us for two (2) choir practices and help to make the Christmas season music more beautiful. You are welcome to join us any Sunday, you do not have to feel obligated to sing in the choir every week. Our choir is getting smaller and we need more voices to continue music at mass. "MUSIC speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul."

**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:** Happy Advent, the season of the Church year that seems to go faster than any other. During this season there will be extra opportunities for those who wish to take advantage of the abundance of Grace given us by Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Penance / Confession, whatever you grew up hearing it being called, throughout the Parishes in our Deanery. There is a schedule in the main body of the bulletin. This year, the Community Christmas Service has been restored. It will be Sunday, December 11 at 2:00- p.m., at the Congregational Church here in Pierce City. If things go according to Hoyle, I will have copies of the guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils on the tables in the back of Church by the end of the week. These will be made available in preparation for the upcoming election process to give those who have served well and faithfully for the past few years a respite,

THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022. PIERCE CITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. THE SERVICE WILL INCLUDE SPECIAL MUSIC, SEASONAL READINGS, CHRISTMAS CAROLS, AND WILL CONCLUDE WITH SILENT NIGHT, SUNG BY CANDLELIGHT. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

**APPOINTMENTS**

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

**Saturday, December 10 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Servers: Charlie Jones, Lincoln Jones

E.M.: Lora Saffer

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

**Sunday, December 11 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: St. Mary's School Children

Servers: St. Mary's School Children

E.M.: Jessica Cahalan, Jennifer Garner (Choir)

Ushers: St. Mary's School Children