

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

July 16, 2023 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 15- JULY 23

ST. MARY'S

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| Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | +Terry Campbell |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | +Laura Rose Severs Birthday Remembrance |
| Monday | 8:15 a.m. | Rosary & Communion Service |
| Wednesday | 8:15 a.m. | No Mass |
| Friday | 8:15 a.m. | No Mass |
| Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | +Dwight Severs Anniversary |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | +Tom Knott Birthday Remembrance |

ST. AGNES

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| Tues. | No Mass |
| Thur. | No Mass |
| Sun. | 10:30 a.m. |

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, July 17

Saturday, July 22

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 24

Tuesday, July 25

Wednesday, July 26

Friday, July 28

Saturday, July 29

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service
Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service
Feast of Saint James, Apostle

Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

No Mass

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in July: Bonnie Parrigon & Glen Carver

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ Will Be in next week's bulletin

DDF: To date our parish has given \$17,215.00 toward our \$19,044.00 goal. We are still short \$ 1,829.00 of meeting our goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please make a sacrifice, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card. We ask everyone to participate, as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mary Catherine Miller, Joan (Whitman) Johnson, Brenda (Wroblewski) Buchanan, Guessie Pierce, Melissa Cahalan, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

CHURCH SECRETARY will be out of town July 7-July 18. If you need to reach Shelly or Fr. Matt call the church number 476-2827 and Shelly will be able to answer your calls. If she is unable to answer leave a message for her by selecting option 1 and she will call you back.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We are still in need of some help for the next school year. We could use a volunteer for PE and a volunteer to serve as a long term substitute teacher. We also are in need of a teacher for 1st & 2nd grade. If you know of anyone who would have the credentials and the ability to come in and teach at a high level for our students, have them get a hold of us. 417-476-2824.

Dear Friends,

As we look forward to the next 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 had an amazing response!

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 will end on July 19th. 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 friend in Christ,
Jason Kramer (Principal)

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, July 22 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Servers: Wittley Cahalan, Reece Cahalan

E.M.: Jessica Cahalan, Jennifer Garner, Tommy Cahalan

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan, Leonard Fenske, Larry Gasser

Sunday, July 23 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Cody Washam, Barbara Glouse

Servers: Ember Cole Quinn Barchak

E.M. Dale Jasumback, Jerri Jasumback, Mellanie Carder, Rachelle Brown (Choir)

Ushers: Dereck, Washam, Rick Washam, Cody Washam, Dustin Avondet

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 16

Isalah 55:10-11

Ps 65:10-14 (Luke 8:8)

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

Monday July 17

Ex 1:8-14,22

Ps 124:1b-8

Matthew 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday July 18

Ex 2:1-15a

Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34

Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday July 19

Ex 3:1-6,9-12

Ps 103:1b-4,6-7

Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday July 20

Ex 3:13-20

Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27

Matthew 11:28-30

Friday July 21

Ex 11:10 – 12:14

Ps 116:12-13,15,16b-18

Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b OR

2 Cor 5:14-17

Ps 63:2-6,8-9

Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Sunday's readings are about sowing seeds. The important thing to remember about seed sowing is that the effort is worthless if the seeds are not changed by being cast to the ground. Each seed must give up its former self, dying in the dirt while new life stirs within it. Only then can it send out a tender, first root, which will multiply and grow stronger and deeper to support upward growth. Even so, it has to be properly nourished to survive.

If all this takes place, the end result is a plant that looks nothing like the seed, which as it grows develops the ever-more important mission of benefitting the wider world of Nature beyond itself.

As we listen to Jesus explain the parable, we say yes, we want to be seeds that become fruitful lives. But desiring it does not automatically transform us. What is it that makes the soil of our lives rich and growth-producing?

The reading from Isaiah tells us that it is God himself who is the rich soil – God and his Word. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that suffering is part of creation (seeds must fall in the dirt and die in order to produce a fruitful life). Redemption grows from suffering and death.

We will never feel truly fulfilled until we've surrendered to the



soil and have allowed God to nourish our growth.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What tender, new roots do you have that are sprouting from times of suffering and loss?
- † What blessings are springing up from them?
- † What ministry (what benefit to others) could be a fruitful gift of these blessings?
- † Share with your family or faith sharing group what it means to give up your former self to allow new life to stir and grow.
- † What is the will of God (what does the Word say) regarding the end result? Give examples from your life or from the lives of others.