

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

July 9, 2023 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 8- JULY 16

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+ Ferdinand & Mary Witt and Descendants
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Bill Seufert
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.	+Terry Campbell
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Laura Rose Severs Birthday Remembrance

### ST. AGNES

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

### EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, July 10

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Tuesday, July 11

Memorial of Saint Benedict

Friday, July 14

Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Saturday, July 15

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Dr. of the Church

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 17

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Wednesday, July 19

No Mass

Friday, July 21

No Mass

Saturday, July 22

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

### 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: \$ 2736.00

**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 16. 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 15 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Servers: Layla Jones, Charlie Jones

E.M.: Shelly Stellwagen, John Witt, Cindy Witt

Ushers: Bryan Stellwagen, Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Michael Abramovitz

### Sunday, July 16 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

Servers: Abram Boman, Jack Randall

E.M.: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell, Joe Parrigon, Adam Boman (Choir)

Ushers: Jim Barchak, Dale Jasumback, Ellis Motley, Cody Washam

# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday July 9

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14  
Romans 8:9,11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

### Monday July 10

Genesis 28:10-22a  
Ps 91:1-4,14-15b  
Matthew 9:18-26

### Tuesday July 11

**St. Benedict, Abbot**  
Genesis 32:23-33  
Ps 17:1b,2-3,6-7b,8b,15  
Matthew 9:32-38

### Wednesday July 12

Genesis 41:55-57;  
42:5-7a,17-24a  
Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19  
Matthew 10:1-7

### Thursday July 13

Genesis 44:18-21,23b-29;  
45:1-5  
Ps 105:16-21  
Matthew 10:7-15

### Friday July 14

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha**  
Genesis 46:1-7,28-30  
Ps 37:3-4,18-19,  
27-28,39-40  
Matthew 10:16-23

### Saturday July 15

**St. Bonaventure**  
Genesis 49:29-32;  
50:15-26a  
Ps 105:1-4,6-7  
Matthew 10:24-33

Does the yoke of Jesus weigh you down or does it feel light? His yoke – according to what he exemplified with his life – is servanthood, a ministry that cares for others, a love that makes sacrifices.

We're weighed down by personal struggles; we have crosses to carry and so many people need our attention that we're exhausted from it all. We need a vacation, an escape, time out! So why does Jesus tell us that

his yoke is easy? Why does he say that the burdens of servanthood are light?

When the burdens of life wear us down and tire us out, it's usually because we've taken on more responsibility than God has actually given to us.

Or else it's because we're expending energy trying to get rid of a cross after Jesus has yoked us to it. If the burden leads to burn-out, God lets us get tired, because he's warning us: "Slow down! Simplify your life! Make a change! Spend more time in prayer!"

If it leads to anger and resentment,

God is showing us that our selfish desire for an easier life is, in reality, making our lives more difficult.

In other words, when we strain and pull against the yoke –

against our union with Christ – we suffer from our own mistaken ideas of what we should be doing. It is when we remember that we're yoked to Someone who is infinitely stronger and wiser than we are that the burden becomes light. The yoke becomes a source of joy.

Jesus offers us everything we need for plowing the fields that God assigns to us. When we cooperate with him, the burden is indeed light. We find rest in Jesus and we

benefit from his strength. We experience holy pleasure in our tasks, because we're yoked to the energy of Jesus.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What are you doing that seems good but is wearing you out?
- † What part of it is not God's idea?
- † What can you do to become more aware of the strength of Jesus?
- † Become accountable for the answer to the above questions by speaking of it to your family or faith community: What changes are you going to make to allow Jesus to refresh and renew you?
- † How might this make a difference?

