

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

August 27, 2023 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 26- SEPTEMBER 3

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+James & Caroline Parrigon 70 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Remembrance
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Louie Fenske Birthday Remembrance
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Eugene & Betty Wroblewski
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	For all the descendants of the Birkenback
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	For the Health of Margie Gripka

### ST. AGNES

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

### EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, August 27

All School Mass for St. Mary's School Children  
Open House for St. Mary's School after Mass  
Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist  
St. Mary's Diner Tickets will be sold after Mass  
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Monday, August 28

Tuesday, August 29

Saturday, September 2

Sunday, September 3

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR Registration from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. All children Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

7:30 p.m. Mass

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

St. Mary's School Grandparents Day!

8:15 a.m. Mass

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Special Collection for the Fires in Maui

St. Mary's School will be in Session

Friday, September 8

Saturday, September 9

Sat. Sept. 9 & Sun. Sept. 10

Monday, September 11

### OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in September: Tim & Patty Osterloh

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$3445.00

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Erin (Gasser) Carnes, 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.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SEPTEMBER 1, 2023** On First Friday of each month, we have Exposition starting at 1:00 p.m. with Adoration until 7:00 p.m. Exposition closes with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Please remember that there must be at least two people present at all times during Adoration. If you have signed up for a time slot, but cannot make it, please call on one of the other people on the list who signed up to be substitutes. Also, anyone, at any time during Adoration is encouraged to spend time praying in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, written by St. Alphonsus Liguori, will be available on the small table in the center of the aisle at the back of church for use during adoration.

**PIERCE CITY COMMUNITY SURVEY:** Submissions are requested from residents of Pierce City and the surrounding area prior to September 17, 2023. Hard copies of the survey can be found at City Hall, Old Town Pharmacy, First State Bank and Tonto's or scan the QR code on the flyer in back of the church or go to [smcog.org/piercecirycommunity](http://smcog.org/piercecirycommunity) survey.

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

It's been a productive second week of school. We would like to thank everyone that purchased mums from us, and you will be able to pick them up on Saturday, September 23 before Mass or at the St. Mary's Diner Fall Opening. Don't forget to get your tickets for the fall opening of the St. Mary's Diner. Advance ticket sales only! See the flyer attached for more information. We are still in need for a volunteer on Wednesdays for

## APPOINTMENTS

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

### Saturday, September 2 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Servers: Charlie Jones, Lexie Blackburn

E.M.: Cathy Brown, Lora Saffer, Richard Ceselski

Ushers: Michael Abramovitz, Leonard Fenske, Larry Gasser, Doug Witt

### Sunday, September 3 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Deidre Brown, Mellanie Carder

Servers: Lilly Boman, Abram Boman

E.M.: Adam Boman, Cari Caddell, Mellanie Carder, Joe Parrigon (Choir)

Ushers: Jim Barchak, Jared Barchak, Ian Brottlund, Dale Jasumback

### Saturday, September 9 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Servers: Reece Cahalan, Wittley Cahalan

E.M.: Bonnie Parrigon, Debbie Parrigon, Jim Parrigon

Ushers: Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

### Sunday, September 10 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton

Servers: Lucy Elbert, Aubrey Elbert

E.M.: Mary Abramovitz, Ralph Abramovitz, Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton (Choir)

Ushers: Ralph Abramovitz, Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Rex Cooper

### Saturday, September 16 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Servers: Blythe Garner, William Garner

E.M.: John Witt, Cindy Witt, Jennifer Garner

Ushers: Michael Abramovitz, Leonard Fenske, Larry Gasser, Doug Witt

### Sunday, September 17 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

Servers: Avery Caddell, Selma Graves

E.M.: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell, Dale Jasumback, Jerri Jasumback (Choir)

Ushers: Ellis Motley, Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet, Dale Jasumback

### Saturday, September 23 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Servers: Kelcie Taylor, Kallie Taylor

E.M.: Shelly Stellwagen, Cathy Brown, Lora Saffer

Ushers: Bryan Stellwagen, Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Tommy Cahalan

### Sunday, September 24 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Baleigh Kleiboeker, Brenden Kleiboeker

Servers: JJ Randall, Michael Masri

E.M. Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton, Mellanie Carder, Joe Parrigon (Choir)

Ushers: Ian Brottlund, Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Rex Cooper

### Saturday, September 30 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: St. Mary's School Children

Servers: St. Mary's School Children

E.M.: St. Mary's School Family

Ushers: St. Mary's School Children

### Sunday, October 1 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Cody Washam, Barbara Glouse

Servers: Quinn Barchak, Hadley Barchak

E.M.: Mary Abramovitz, Ralph Abramovitz, Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam, Cody Washam, Ralph Abramovitz

**ST. MARY'S DINER**  
**Saturday, September 23, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**MENU**

**PORK TENDERLOIN, MASHED POTATOES &  
GRAVY, ORIENTAL SALAD, GREEN BEANS,  
DINNER ROLL, DESSERT  
TEA, LEMONADE, WATER**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A**

**WONDERFUL DINNER WHICH WILL BE SERVED**

**AT YOUR TABLE AND SEATED ONLY BY THE**

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OFFICIALS. COME**

**EXPERIENCE THIS UNIQUE DINNER!**

**ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY: \$12 ADULT**

**\$7 AGES 6-12 5 UNDER FREE**

**GET YOUR TICKETS @ ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OFFICE**

**TO GO DINNERS AVAILABLE!!**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST. MARY'S SCHOOL**

**CATERED BY PATTY OSTERLOH**

## 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday August 27

Isaiah 22:19-23

Ps 138:1-3,6,8

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

### Monday August 28

St. Augustine, Bp, Dr

1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10

Ps 149:1b-6a,9b

Matthew 23:13-22

### Tuesday August 29

Passion of St. John  
the Baptist

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Ps 139:1-6

Mark 6:17-29

### Wednesday August 30

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Ps 139:7-12b

Matthew 23:27-32

### Thursday August 31

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13

Ps 90:3-5a,12-14,17

Matthew 24:42-51

### Friday September 1

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Ps 97:1,2b,5-6,10-12

Matthew 25:1-13

### Saturday September 2

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11

Ps 98:1,7-9

Matthew 25:14-30

When Jesus ordained Peter to become the rock upon which he would build his Church, he made a promise. The gates of hell, he said, speaking of the netherworld that belongs to the principalities and powers of darkness (see Ephesians 6), "shall never prevail against it."

Jesus did not say that hell would never win battles against the Church. He said that the gates of hell would not win. Of course they won't; gates don't attack! Gates protect. Gates hold inside their boundaries whatever has been enclosed by a fence or wall. Do you know anyone who's been imprisoned by their sins? Or by hellish circumstances?

Christians are not called to take a defensive posture against attacks and encroachments from evil-doers. Christians are called to take the offensive – we are called to attack the very gates of hell, knock them down, and conquer the devils that are trying to drag people into their kingdom of misery and eternal death.

What are the keys? The gates of hell are unlocked by Sacraments; they open the way to eternal life. When a priest "looses" (releases) the grace and forgiveness of God upon a repentant sinner during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or when a priest "binds" a man and woman together in the Sacrament of Marriage, it's Jesus who's doing it through him.



The supernatural power of the Sacraments conquers evil every time

we take them seriously and rely on the graces they provide.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Where is there a locked gate in your life, which needs to get blown open so that Jesus can rescue you from some sort of darkness?
- † What will you do this week to utilize the Sacraments more deeply, more profoundly?
- † Who do you say Jesus really is, and how do you encounter this Jesus in the Sacraments?
- † Which Sacrament (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Marriage, Ordination, or the Anointing of the Sick) is most powerful for you personally? Why?

What Jesus did 2000 years ago to free people from evil he still does today through you and me.

For the sinners who want to escape from evil before it's too late, Jesus gave gate keys to Peter when he ordained him as the first shepherd (priest and pope) of Christianity. These keys have been passed from generation to generation through the unbroken line of Catholic priests.