

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 6, 2023 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 5- AUGUST 13

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Terry Larkin
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	+Deceased Members of PCCW
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Justice and Peace
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+James Seufert Birthday Remembrance
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Jim & Jo Ann Conley
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Teresa Heeter and Steve Heeter

ST. AGNES

Tues.	8:30 a.m.
Thur.	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, August 6

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

St. Mary's Pre-Kindergarten (2-3 p.m.) and Preschool Students (3-4 p.m.) Ice Cream Social

Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

6:00 p.m. Mass

PCCW Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the C.R.

St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the C.R.

Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

St. Mary's 1st & 2nd Grade parents and students meeting with your teacher after Mass

St. Mary's Kindergarten parents and students meeting with your teacher after Mass

Tuesday, August 8

Wednesday, August 9

Thursday, August 10

Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

Sunday, August 13

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 14

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

First Day of School for St. Mary's

8:15 a.m. Mass

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Tuesday, August 15

Wednesday, August 16

Friday, August 18

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in August:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$3836.00

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 PHONE: Due to the high volume of solicitation calls, your call to St. Mary's & St. Agnes will be directed to a prompt where you can choose St. Mary's, St. Agnes or Father Matt and your call will be answered.

ATTENTION PCCW MEMBERS: The new funeral circles are available in the back of church. The circles have been updated and two of the circles have been combined. Please take one.

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. 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.

THE PIERCE CITY SENIOR CITIZENS will have a Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday morning, August 19 from 7:00am to 10:00am. This is our only fundraiser this year. We will be serving Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Biscuit and Sausage gravy, fruit, and drinks. Price is \$10.00 adults, \$7.00 age 5-10, 4 and under free. Everyone is welcome. Donations are always appreciated. We also serve lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays, price is \$5.00. We serve at 12:00 noon. All are welcome!

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, August 12 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Servers: Kallie Taylor, Kelcie Taylor

E.M.: Richard Ceselski, Shelly Stellwagen, Dan Witt

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

Sunday, August 13 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton

Servers: Abram Boman, Ember Cole

E.M.: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton, Mellanie Carder, Adam Boman (Choir)

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

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday August 6

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

Monday August 7

Numbers 11:4b-15

Ps 81:12-17

Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Numbers 12:1-13

Ps 51:3-7,12-13

Matthew 14:22-36 or

Matthew 15:1-2,10-14

Wednesday August 9

Numbers 13:1-2,25 -

14:1,26a-29a,34-35

Ps 106:6-7b,13-14,21-23

Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday August 10

St. Lawrence, Dcn, Martyr

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Ps 112:1-2,5-9

John 12:24-26

Friday August 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Ps 77:12-16,21

Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday August 12

Deuteronomy 6:4-13

Ps 18:2-4,47,51

Matthew 17:14-20

Atop Mount Tabor in Israel is where the pure light of Christ -- the uncreated light of his true identity -- was first revealed to the world. Not at his birth, not at his baptism, nor as he preached and healed. Although the Light of the World came to us in those momentous events, it was not revealed so clearly, so powerfully, so dramatically as when he let Peter, John, and James witness it on the mountaintop, as seen in today's Gospel passage.



The highest experience of faith was, and still is what happens when the Father says, "This is my beloved Son; *listen to him.*" The transfiguration of Christ occurs again and again every time we listen to him and our faith is enlightened. It happens every time we have a breakthrough from blindness to understanding, from sinfulness to holiness, from doubt to trust. However, now we are transfigured *with Jesus!*

Whenever we let his uncreated light consume the darkness within us, the people around us see Christ's true

being that was created in the image of God. It's our sainthood!

Listen. Can you hear God's voice saying about you what he said about Jesus on Mount Tabor? "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." He is saying this to

others as you do the work to which he's called you. Some folks will hear him, some won't, but our yes to his calling is not based on how many people will heed his voice. We serve God because we have been transfigured. Our holiness impels us to go where we can do the greatest good.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What sins do you still try to hide or deny?
- † Why are you afraid to let Jesus shine his light into these areas of darkness? Are you afraid he'll stop loving you?
- † What do you do that reveals your sainthood?
- † Describe a time when you listened to Jesus and the truth you learned from him transformed you. How did it help you become a true child of God more fully? How did it reveal your true identity more accurately?

identity in us. We shine with him. Therefore, it's vitally important that we give Jesus the areas of darkness that still linger within us and let him expose the truth in his light. By repenting (which means we change), we're transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost