

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR DECEMBER 2- DECEMBER 10

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+In Memory of Edmund & Margaret Ceselski
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Maury McDunner
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Laverne Kutz
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Larry & Patty Parrigon
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Francis & Virginia Jasumback

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

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

St. Mary's School is in session

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

PSR CLASSES from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. All children Kindergarten to 12th grade.

Jesus and the Eucharist Adult Faith Formation Study from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Day of Obligation Masses: St. Mary's 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. St. Agnes 10:00a.m.

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Second Collection: Christmas Collection to sponsor Pierce City Families with kids to help buy Christmas gifts. These gifts stay within the Pierce City community, so if you are able to donate please do. Also it is tax deductible. Put your donation in an envelope with your name and it will be on your end of year tax letter.

Help with putting up Christmas Trees after Mass

Breakfast with Santa: Knights of Columbus and Home & School will host Breakfast with Santa following the All School Mass. Please join us for breakfast, crafts, and photos with Santa.

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

Community Christmas Service at 1:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church

Thursday, December 7

Friday, December 8

Sat., Dec. 9 & Sun., Dec. 10

Sunday, December 10

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 11

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

St. Mary's School is in session

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR CLASSES from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. All children Kindergarten to 12th grade.

Jesus and the Eucharist Adult Faith Formation Study from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Advent Penance Service in Verona at 6:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service in Sarcoxie at 6:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service in Cassville 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 16, 2023 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 dessert, G-L please bring a salad, M-R please bring a vegetable, and S-Z bring a bread. Every family will provide a meat dish. We hope to see you there.

Help with decorating the Church for Christmas after Mass

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

Advent Penance Service in Monett at 6:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service in Mt. Vernon at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 14

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

Sunday, December 17

Tuesday, December 19

Wednesday, December 20

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1894.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Fr. Peter Morciniec, Pat Kaiser, Judy Littril, Margie Jensen, 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.

CHOIRS MEMBERS NEEDED TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS. We would like to invite any PSR, ST. MARY'S children or ADULTS attending Christmas mass to sing in the choir. Practice for Midnight Mass will be after mass on Sunday mornings. Choir practice for the 6:00 pm mass will be Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm. "Music expresses that which cannot be put into words."

THE PCCW LADIES The PCCW ladies are selling pecans during November and December. They are \$12 a bag. We will sell after both weekend Masses. You may also contact one of the officers if you wish : Cathy Brown, Beverly Miller, Patty Osterloh, or Bonnie Parrigon. We appreciate your support. Thank you.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I hope you can join us for Mass on Sunday, December 10th as the school kids will be helping with the parts and the school choir will be singing. After that Mass will be Breakfast with Santa over in the gym. Make plans to get the kids or grandkids over for breakfast, crafts, and to see Santa.

Cinnamon roll orders are due back on Thursday, December 7th. If interested in getting some freshly made cinnamon rolls just in time for Christmas stop by the school office this week, Monday through Thursday.

DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, the PCCW will be sending cards to those are in nursing homes, those who are shut-ins, and those who are ill. We invite you to join us in remembering these parishioners. These members include the following:

David Baker, 4 Lawrence 2220, Wentworth, MO 64873
Carolyn Boman, 101 N. Gibbs, Pierce City, MO 65723
Brenda Buchanan, 2605 Liberty Landing Road, Liberty, MO 64608
Erin Carnes, 203 East Newman Avenue, Pierce City, MO 65723
Pat and Judy Chapman, 10744 Barry Road, Pierce City, MO 65723
Joyce DeCamp, 510 Dairy, Apt. 4, Monett, MO 65708
Leonard Fenske, 22539 Lawrence 1040, Pierce City, MO 65723
Wilma Fenske, Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 US Highway 60, Monett, MO 65708
Loretta and Robert Grasskamper, 27115 Highway J, Pierce City, MO 65723
Joan Whitman Johnson, 32025 South 616 Road, Grove, OK 74344
Pat Kaiser, 19773 Highway 97, Pierce City, MO 65723
Don Kutz, 918 Highway 97, Pierce City, MO 65723
Imogene Kutz, Saint Luke's Nursing Center, 1220 E. Fairview Ave., Carthage, MO 64836
Lillian Kristek, Lacoba Villa, Apt. 2, P.O. Box 885, Monett MO 65708
Judy Littrell, 1943 West Meadowlark Lane, Aurora, MO 65605
Helen Marie Mettlach, Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 US Highway 60, Monett, MO 65708
Mary Catherine Miller, Saint Luke's Nursing Center, 1220 E. Fairview Ave., Carthage, MO 64836
Father Peter Morciniec, , Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 US Highway 60, Monett, MO 65708
Krishna Paul, 408 Walnut, Wentworth, MO 64873
Mary (Guessie) Pierce, 8453 Walleye Road, Pierce City, MO 65723
John and Janice Stricklin, 203 N. Elm St., Pierce City, MO
Florene Towers, Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 US Highway 60, Monett, MO 65708
Josephine Witt, Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 US Highway 60, Monett, MO 65708

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, December 9 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Servers: Kallie Taylor, Kelcie Taylor

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

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

Sunday, December 10 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: St. Mary's School Children

Servers: St. Mary's School Children

E.M.: St. Mary's School Children Family (Choir)

Ushers: St. Mary's School Children

Christmas Eve Masses: St. Mary's 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses: St. Mary's 12:00 a.m. Midnight St. Agnes 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve Masses: St. Mary's 8:30 a.m. St. Agnes 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day Masses: St. Mary's 10:30 a.m. St. Agnes 8:30 a.m.