

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of The Lord

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JANUARY 6- JANUARY 14

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Patricia Pachlhofer
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Charles & Veta Seufert
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Lois Fenski
Friday	8:15 a.m.	Justice and Peace
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Betty Rakoski
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Bill Seufert

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, January 7

Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord

St. Mary's All School Mass

Free Throw Contest. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The gym will open at 12 noon and the contest will start at 1:00 p.m.

Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR Classes from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. All children K-12th.

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

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

8:15 a.m. Mass

Monday, January 8

Wednesday, January 10

Friday, January 12

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 15

Wednesday, January 17

Friday, January 19

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR Classes from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. All children K-12th.

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

8:15 a.m. Mass

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in January: Bonnie Parrigon and Glen Carver

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 12,736.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Melissa (Campbell) Culp, Fr. Peter Morciniec, Pat Kaiser, Judy Litril, Margie Jensen, Erin (Gasser) Carnes, Mary Catherine Miller, Joan (Whitman) Johnson, Brenda (Wroblewski) Buchanan, Melissa Cahalan, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

2024 YOUTH GROUP: All St. Mary's parish youth in grades 6-12th and parents are invited to attend a kickoff activity on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00 in the parish hall. New group, new leaders, new vision! Check us out on Instagram @ pccatholicyouthgroup or on Facebook @ St. Mary's Youth Group Pierce City, Mo

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTER: If you would like a copy of your contributions for the 2023 year, please print your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church. The letter will be in the back of church the weekend of January 27 & 28.

PCCW NEWS: Attention Ladies. It's time to pay our annual dues of \$10. If you don't receive church envelopes simply put your money in an envelopes and label it PCCW. Also the Annual Valentine's Day Tea at Holy Family Church in Shell Knob. It will be held on Feb. 12, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending please RSVP by January 26 to Janet (913)5260180 or jmurph2@aol.com. Due to limited seating, reservations will be accepted until capacity is reached or Jan. 26 whichever comes first. Please, no walk ins. We ask each guest to bring a monetary donation for the Alliance of Churches' Food Pantry.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The school is back in full swing after a nice break for the holidays. Thank you to everyone for the support of our little school in 2023. May your new year be full of blessings.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, January 13 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, January 14 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Cody Washam, Barbara Glouse

Servers: Selma Graves, Averi Caddell

E.M.: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton, Mellanie Carder, Cari Caddell (Choir)

Ushers: Ian Brottlund, Dustin Avondet, Cody Washam, Dereck Washam

Parish Pastoral Council: Our new parish pastoral council has been busy the last several months. Last year, Bishop Rice formed new guidelines for all parish councils that transformed the structure and purpose of parish councils. The focus of parish councils is no longer church financials and maintenance of the church, its buildings, and church grounds. Instead, all councils are now to be focused on ongoing spiritual renewal of our parishes.

As part of our renewed focus on spiritual growth and formation, our parish pastoral council has formed four new committees:

Youth Formation, Adult Formation, Outreach, and Liturgical/Prayer. Chairpersons from each committee have reached out to many of you to be part of these committees. Each of these committees will be meeting the next several months to develop plans for renewed spiritual growth in our parish and community. Feel free to reach out to chairpersons of each committee with ideas or to participate in planning activities.

Youth Formation: Adam Boman, Melanie Carder

Adult Formation: Jared Barchak, Ian Brottlund

Outreach: Mike Kaiser, Patty Osterloh

Liturgical/Prayer: Caroline Randoll, Judy Flehmer, Dale Jasumback.

While the purpose and focus of the parish council is shifting, maintenance and financial issues will still require regular oversight. Fr. Matt and the Finance Committee will still focus on the financials of the parish. As we go forward, it is our hope to form a "Maintenance Team" which will work under Fr. Matt to maintain the church buildings and grounds. If you would be interested in being on this team, or have any questions about the new pastoral council, please reach out to Fr. Matt or Parish Pastoral Council President Adam Boman.

Once our committee plans are formed, we will be putting them together in a parish wide Plan For Ongoing Spiritual Renewal. It is our hope that every individual in St. Mary's Parish will be able to contribute in their own way, according to their unique talents and gifts. Through our work together, God will continue to help us all grow in holiness and witness to the world around us.

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great.

Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion.

Be close to our president and our statesmen: give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world.

Make me more deeply aware of my heritage: realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen.

Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen.