

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723
August 11, 2024 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 10 – AUGUST 18

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Frank & Catherine Roetto
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Pauline Whitman Birthday Remembrance
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Justice and Peace
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Teresa Heeter and Steve Heeter
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Betty Rakoski
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, August 12	8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday, August 14	Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr 8:15 a.m. Mass Liturgy/Pray Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the C.R.
Thursday, August 15	Holy Day of Obligation The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses: St. Mary's 7:00 p.m. St. Agnes 8:30 a.m.
Friday, August 16	8:15 a.m. Mass
Sunday, August 18	St. Mary's All School Mass St. Mary's School Open House after Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 19	8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service
Tuesday, August 20	Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Dr. of the Church First Day of School for St. Mary's
Wednesday, August 21	Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope 8:15 a.m. Mass Liturgy/Pray Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the C.R.
Thursday, August 22	Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, August 23	8:15 a.m. Mass
Saturday, August 24	Feast of Saint Bartholomew
Sunday, August 25	Back to School Breakfast Hosted by Our Outreach Committee Info below

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 6,434.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Chester Kirk, Linda VanEaton, Pam Miller, Margie Gripka, Regina (Jasumback) Jung, Maura Sparks, Loretta Graskemper, Gus Fenske, Melissa (Campbell) Culp, Pat Kaiser, Judy (Conley) Litrl, Mary Catherine Miller, Brenda (Wroblewski) Buchanan, Melissa Cahalan, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST AUGUST 25, AFTER 8:30 MASS, HOSTED BY: OUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Come everyone and enjoy breakfast with your fellow parishioners. Let's continue to encourage participation to church by expressing God's love for each other!!! Biscuits & Gravy, Breakfast Casserole, Sausage, Fruit, Lots of Sweet goodies, Coffee and Juice. LOVE TO ALL!

CAMPAIGN FOR PRAYER AND FIRST SATURDAY MASSES: In the June 7th issue of *The Mirror*, Bishop Rice asked for us to have "a strong prayer campaign invoking the help of the intercession of our Blessed Mother "before the November election. Please help by participating in Mass on the first five Saturdays of Sept. 7, Oct. 5, and Nov 2, followed by a rosary for life, marriage and family that will be offered in church after each of these 4:00 p.m. Masses. As *The Mirror* states, we are "invoking our Blessed Mother in our efforts to not enshrine the right to an abortion in our Missouri Constitution and to uphold the dignity of life in all its stages."

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: As my first favor to ask, the school needs someone to take over for PE classes. This would be a volunteer position on Wednesdays for about 3 to 4 hours. Please call the office for details or email me at susan.salsman@stmarys-piercecity.org. Our Open House event will be August 18th following the All School Mass. Our first day of school is August 20th. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 20th. Enjoy your summer!

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, August 17 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Ron Dunaway
Servers: Reece Cahalan, Wittley Cahalan
E.M.: John Witt, Cindy Witt, Jessica Cahalan
Ushers: Tommy Cahalan, Tom Cahalan, Doug Witt, Larry Gasser,
Announcements: Bonnie Parrigon

Sunday, August 18 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: St. Mary's School Children
Servers: St. Mary's School Children
E.M.: Family and Friends of St. Mary's School Children
Ushers: St. Mary's School Children
Announcements: Teresa Boman

Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 | Ps 34:2-9 | Eph 4:30 – 5:2 | Jn 6:41-51

Pray: Lord Jesus, rekindle our hearts anew with the treasure of the Eucharist. Amen.

Jesus is the Living Bread, the Gift of Eternal Life.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:51) The crowd of Jewish people, and even some of His disciples, had been listening to Jesus and they could not understand these strange and difficult words, so they chose to walk away from Him.

People had been amazed by Jesus' healing miracles and fascinated by His stories. If they had given Jesus more time and trusted Him, perhaps there would have been more believers in what He was sharing about being the Bread of Life. Jesus tried to show them that just as God had provided manna to feed the hungry Israelites in the desert, He knew their hearts were hurting and wanted to feed them, too. This bread from heaven, Jesus Himself, would feed their souls and give them everlasting life. This heavenly food would be a gift of total love, self-surrender, suffering, and sacrifice and would lead the way to victory over death through His Resurrection. Jesus was pointing out His divinity, which was more than they could handle.

Clergy and those who have ever served as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on visits to the homebound in hospitals, nursing homes, or prisons often witness a profound demonstration of what Jesus meant by "living

bread." It is truly humbling to walk into a hospital room to visit an elderly patient who is suffering and crying. When they receive Communion, their whole disposition often changes, and their face breaks out in a smile of relief and peace. By the same token, how beautiful it is when a retired deacon in the final stages of Alzheimer's Disease cannot carry on a conversation or do anything for himself, yet when offered prayers and Communion, he mouths the familiar prayers and smiles in recognition when receiving Jesus.



Without a doubt, the True Presence of Christ is with us in the Eucharist. Christ brings hope, healing, strength, and renewal to our souls. This gift is for all of us at every stage of our journey in life. Best of all, Christ promises everlasting life in heaven with Him for those who believe and follow Him. May we all be grateful and treasure this incredible gift of the Eucharist that we have been given.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Do you embrace the Eucharist as Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity?
- † Are there any other Church teachings that you struggle with? If so, will you commit to seek out the Church's wisdom with patience and trust – and the help of the Holy Spirit – in order to increase your understanding?
- † What does it mean to experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?
- † What are the fruits of going to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?