

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

August 4, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 3 – AUGUST 11

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Donna James
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Gene Gripka
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	+Deceased Members of PCCW
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	For the Country of Haiti
	7:30 p.m.	+Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus
Friday	8:15 a.m.	For the Health of Ronnie Freed
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Frank & Catherine Roetto
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Pauline Whitman Birthday Remembrance

### ST. AGNES

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

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, August 5	8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service
Tuesday, August 6	Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord
	6:00 p.m. Mass
	PCCW Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the C.R.
Wednesday, August 7	8:15 a.m. Mass
	7:30 p.m. Mass
	Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the C.R.
Thursday, August 8	Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest
Friday, August 9	8:15 a.m. Mass
Saturday, August 10	Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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
Tuesday, August 20	First Day of School for St. Mary's

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00      Last Week's Collection: \$ 2059.00

## 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) Litril, Mary Catherine Miller, Brenda (Wroblewski) Buchanan, Melissa Cahalan, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**CAMPAIGN FOR PRAYER AND FIRST SATURDAY MASSES:** In the June 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Aug. 3, 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.salsamn@stmarys-piercecity.org. Our Open House event will be August 18<sup>th</sup> following the All School Mass. Our first day of school is August 20<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your summer!

## APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, August 10 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Ron Dunaway, Madeline Ceselski

Servers: Ivy Cole, Ember Cole

E.M.: Cathy Brown, Shelly Stellwagen, Bonnie Parrigon

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Bryan Stellwagen, Robert Mitchell, Michael Abramovitz

Announcements: Cathy Brown

Sunday, August 11 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Teresa Boman, Jocelyn Washam

Servers: Lilly Boman, Abram Boman

E.M.: Adam Boman, Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell, Dale Jasumback

Ushers: Adam Boman, Dale Jasumback, Jesse Cooper, Rex Cooper

Announcements: Frances Boman

# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2024: Ex 16:2-4,12-15 | Ps 78:3-4,23-25,54 | Eph 4:17,20-24 | Jn 6:24-35

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the gift of Jesus, the bread of heaven. Amen.

**Christ nourishes our hungry and thirsty souls with His own Body and Blood.**

Jesus loved using simple examples to teach about Himself, the way to holiness, and about heaven. He knew everyone would understand the natural experience of hunger and thirst for food and drink and how it affects people's lives. A baby cries when it is time to nurse. Children get fussy before dinnertime... sometimes adults do, too! Students and workers who do not eat breakfast might notice that their concentration and work performance suffer. Those who go shopping on an empty stomach tend to make unhealthy choices and do more impulse buying.

Hunger can affect mental health and cognitive abilities, causing fatigue, depression, and irritability. On the other hand, those who maintain a healthy, balanced diet on a regular schedule feel better, have more energy, lead more active lives, have fewer diseases, have happier moods, and usually live longer lives.

Beyond hunger and thirst for food and drink, many naturally crave other things that can shape their lives for the good or the bad. Some have a strong desire for acceptance, popularity, power, control, pleasure, or wealth. These powerful forces of hunger can destroy us through things like obsessive gambling, drugs, alcohol, sex, and other addictions.

Jesus sought to help the crowds following Him to

Capernaum make a new spiritual connection to satisfy their hungry hearts and souls. He wanted them to understand the real meaning behind the manna in the desert and the miracle of the loaves and fishes. The Father had sent Him to nourish our souls as heavenly food. His wholesome grace would give us the power to avoid temptations, satisfy our unhealthy passions, and draw us to holiness.



Christ is the Bread of Life sent from God to feed their souls and ours. It is a gift of the Father to draw believers to Jesus. All that is required is that we truly believe that He is the Son of God and follow Him and His teachings with our whole hearts and lives. We must sincerely believe in and receive the gift of His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. This holy food for our souls will nourish us in faith, hope, and love and lead us to eternal life.

### **Reflect & Discuss:**

- † Are you hungry for Jesus in your life, or do you hunger for something else?
- † How is the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist transforming your life in Communion with Him?
- † How does receiving Christ in the Holy Eucharist help us in today's challenging world?