

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 6, 2024 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OCTOBER 5 – OCTOBER 13

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Sr. Josephine Fenske
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Gene & Lorene Kluck
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+The Bartsch Family
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+The Litchy Family
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Hank & Donna James
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raymond & Marie Witt

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Saturday, October 5	Apple Butter Making Day at the Patch, (weather permitting) Come and watch the process of making it
Sunday, October 6	PSR Classes 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Monday, October 7	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, October 9	8:15 a.m. Mass
Friday, October 11	8:15 a.m. Mass
Sunday, October 13	PSR Classes 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 14	8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service
Mon., Oct. 14-Fri., Oct 18	Fr. Matt will be gone to the Annual Priest Institution
Tuesday, October 15	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, and Doctor
Wednesday, October 16	
Thursday, October 17	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Friday, October 18	Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist
Saturday, October 19	Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and companions, Martyrs
Sunday, October 20	Collection for World Mission Sunday PSR Classes 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 2639.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Dale Klassen, Gary Hawshaw, Sharon Bandy, 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.

ADULT FORMATION: If you are interested in deepening and enriching your Catholic Faith, please sign up for Adult Formation classes that will be starting again this fall. Signup sheets are in the back of church. Please sign under the Day/Time you wish to attend and provide a contact number so we can let you know details of when classes will begin.

THE PSR AND YOUTH GROUP will be hosting a rosary at the pumpkin patch every Wednesday night during the month of October at 6:30 pm. The intention will be for our parish family, the success of the pumpkin patch, and for all youth of the parish. If anyone would like to come early at 6:15 to help rotate the pumpkin to prevent bottom rot it would also be appreciated!

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 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.”

PUMPKIN PATCH: The Pumpkin Patch is going really well so. If you haven't been to visit us and shop, please come on out. There is Homemade Apple Butter made by our very own.

Some of the ways the money we are working so hard for, will be spent for:

- Outreach Breakfasts
 - Packets for first time visitors to our Church.
 - Youth activities and speakers to come in to talk to them.
 - Pizza parties and game nights for our parish youth and other churches youth to congregate together.
 - Supplies needed for the education and activities.
 - Admission for attendance to activities at the diocese level
- and much more.

Still need lots of work slots filled to sell our items. If you are able to work any shift, please call 417-693-0174.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We had a tremendous week of learning. The kindergarten through 4th grade classes went to the public school to participate in the Food 4 America event. They were able to learn about how farmers grow the food we eat. There were farming animals, farming equipment, plants, and other agricultural displays for the students to explore. Thank you to the Pierce City FFA for allows us to join in on this activity.

In addition to our academic pursuits, this week was a first Friday of the month which means we participate in adoration. This is a fantastic opportunity to be in the presence of the Lord and mediate on his mercy.

It feels like a long way out, but our Fall Festival and Chili Cookoff will be here before you know it (October 26th). This year we will introduce a new category in the cookoff, nontraditional and soup category. So dig up those old family favorite recipes and wow the judges. Save the date and be ready to chip in to make this annual tradition a success! We would love to see the parish out there.

As always, I would like to thank all of those who support our school. This is done with donations of time and treasure and we at St. Mary's are very grateful for the dedication of this parish to the mission of our school. Thank you!

Ms. Lanetta's preschool and pre-K are heading up a community project this year. Saint Suzanne's of Mount Vernon has a food bank that services the local area. As their service project, Ms. Lanetta's class is collecting canned goods, and the other classes are pitching in to help to fill St. Suzanne's shelves. This is a yearlong project, so send in your canned or nonperishable food items.

Finally, let us remember why we are here. We want our students to grow academically, but above all, we want our students to develop a close relationship with God. Teaching science, math, language arts, and other challenging subjects at a high level is a proud tradition at St. Mary's. I also want our students to learn how to rely on, talk with, and surrender themselves to God. In essence, let our goal be to nurture our student's minds and souls, preparing them for the future. Have a great week! Be an ambassador for Christ!

HELP WANTED: We need help in the school cafeteria to prepare, serve, and clean up after lunches. This will not be an everyday assignment. You will only be needed once every few weeks. If interested, please call Cathy Brown at 417-489-9530 or Shirley Doss at 417-235-5250.

APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Readers: Ron Dunaway, Madeline Ceselski

Servers: Lexie Blackburn, Drake Gibbs

E.M.: Cathy Brown, Lora Saffer, Richard Ceselski

Ushers: Michael Abramovitz, Larry Gasser, Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan

Announcements: Bonnie Parrigon

Sunday, October 13 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