

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

November 24, 2024 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NOVEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 1

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Terry Campbell
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Stan & Pauline Whitman Wedding Anniversary
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Donald Geisen
Thursday	10:30a.m.	In Thanksgiving for All Gods Blessings
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Larry & Patty Parrigon
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Mark Blinzler

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, November 24

Monday, November 25

Wednesday, November 27

Thursday, November 28

Saturday, November 30

Sunday, December 1

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 2

Tuesday, December 3

Wednesday, December 4

Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 7

Sunday, December 8

PSR Classes 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

St. Mary's School in Session

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

St. Mary's No School

8:15 a.m. Mass

St. Mary's No School

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

PSR Classes 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass

7:30 p.m. Mass

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

8:15 a.m. Mass

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament December 6, 2024 we have Exposition starting at 1:00 p.m. with Adoration until 7:00 p.m. Exposition closes with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Please remember that there must be at least two people present at all times during Adoration. If you have signed up for a time slot, but cannot make it, please call on one of the other people on the list who signed up to be substitutes. Also, anyone, at any time during Adoration is encouraged to spend time praying in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, written by St. Alphonsus Liguori, will be available on the small table in the center of the aisle at the back of church for use during adoration.

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Dr. of the Church

Christmas Collection: We will be taking up a second collection on December 7th & 8th to sponsor Pierce City Families with kids that need help buying Christmas gifts. This gift stays 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 marked Christmas Collection with your name on it, and it will go on your tithing amount for the year.

NO PSR Classes

Breakfast with Santa: St. Mary's Home and School along with The Outreach committee invite you to join us for a morning of Christmas cheer and fellowship Sunday, December 8 following 8:30 Mass. Breakfast will be provided by The Outreach committee and there will be children's crafts and photos with Santa.

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in November: Joe & Denise Crowell

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 3280.00

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.

THANK YOU: The four new chalices used by the Extra Ordinary Ministers are a gift from the Stan and Pauline Whitman family. Since Pauline was one of the first lay Extra Ordinary Ministers in St. Mary's parish, these chalices are given in memory of her. Memorial donations that were given to St. Mary's school in her honor were used to purchase library licensing software, new library books and teacher curriculum. Thank you to all who made this memorial gift to the school possible.

THANK YOU: The family of Donald Eimer would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for all the support, and kindness expressed during our recent loss. Thanks to Father Matt for leading the rosary, officiating the funeral Mass, graveside services and providing spiritual comfort in our time of need. Thanks to Rhonda Forgey and singers for the beautiful music, as well as the Extra Ordinary Ministers. Thank you to the funeral circle led by Jerri Jasumback for the delicious meal. We are so grateful for the kind words, thoughts and many prayers.

CONFIRMATION: St. Mary's Parish will have the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, October 25, 2025. There will be a **mandatory Confirmation preparation meeting on November 24** after 830 mass in the cafeteria. Students planning to be confirmed and their parents are required to attend. In our Diocese, those students who are enrolled in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade (or anyone older) can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with proper sacramental preparation. Confirmation classes are currently on-going and occur after 8:30am mass each Sunday. Regular attendance of preparation classes is expected to receive the sacrament. If your child expects to be confirmed in the fall of 2025, they need to be attending regularly. For more information please contact the Parish DRE Jennifer Graves at 417-635-4003

BISHOP EMERITUS JOHN J. LEIBRECHT 40th Episcopal Anniversary. Join us as we celebrate on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 St. Agnes Cathedral, 533 S. Jefferson Ave. Springfield, Missouri 65806 | Mass at 7:00 p.m.

THE PCCW LADIES are selling pecans during the month of November and part of December. We are selling after both weekend Masses. You may also contact an officer to purchase them. The price is \$12.00 a bag. We appreciate your support. Contact Bonnie Parrigon at 417-489-3866, Patty Osterloh at 417-540-4182 Cathy Brown 417-489-9530 or Trish Bachert at 417-434-2027. Thank you.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

The Community Christmas Service will be held at the First Congregational Church on December 15th at 2:00 pm. They would like for us to come and join in the service. They would like for us to sing a song or two at the service. If so, I need a count of how many of your kids can participate. Please see forms in this week's folder.

When we return to school on Dec. 3rd, we will be decking the halls at St. Mary's School. We ask that students bring in decorations from home to put up in the hallways and classrooms. We are looking for tinsel, door décor, snowflakes, window decorations, etc. Christmas trees and ornaments will not be needed. Students may wish to bring in wrapping paper for decorating their lockers.

Also, we will be doing the 12 days of Christmas upon our return. They will be in the following order. Wednesday, Dec. 4- Candy Cane Day- Dress in red and white Thursday, Dec. 5 -PJ Day- Put on your comfy Christmas PJs (or regular PJs) and snuggle up to learning!

Friday, Dec. 6th- Christmas Sock Day- Put your best foot forward and wear some festive footwear!

Monday, Dec. 9th- Jingle Bell Day- Here is your chance to drive your teachers crazy as you "jingle all the way" down the hall with your jingle bells.

Tuesday, Dec. 10th- Whoo- hair day- Do you hair in crazy Whoo- hair styles. Wednesday, Dec 11th- Ugly Sweater Day- Pick out your ugliest Christmas sweater and show it off. Thursday, Dec. 12th- Christmas Character Day- Pick your favorite Christmas story/ movie character and wear that to school. Friday, Dec. 13th- Christmas Colors Day- Wear red, white, and green to show your Christmas spirit!

Tuesday, Dec. 17th- Elf Day- Got pointy ears and pointy shoes? Wear them on this day to show you are Santa's little helper!

Wednesday, Dec. 18th- Christmas in July- Hawaiian shirts, surfing shorts, etc. It may be cold outside, but dress for July (all clothing must meet dress code standards.) Thursday Dec 19th- Christmas Tree Day- Add some ornaments to your clothing or tinsel yourself up. Look like a festive Christmas tree. Friday, Dec. 20th- Christmas Hat Day- Put on a hat that best symbolizes the Christmas spirit.

Finally, we will be doing an All- Parish Children's Mass on Sunday, January 19th. This Mass will include school children and PSR students. If you wish for your student to participate in this Mass, please return the Mass signup sheet or see Mrs. Salsman or Jenifer Graves after Mass to sign up.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, November 30 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Ron Dunaway

Servers: Lexie Blackburn, Brent Beard

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

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan, Bryan Stellwagen

Announcements: Cathy Brown

Sunday, December 1 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Cody Washam, Barbara Glouse

Servers: Lydia Marchlewski, Cecilia Marchlewski

E.M.: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell, Dale Jasumback, Jerri Jasumback

Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam, Cody Washam, Jared Barchak

Announcements: Cody Washam