

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR DECEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 22

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Guessie Pierce 1 Year Anniversary
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Bernice Wagner
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary and Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Dwight & Laura Rose Severs
Friday	8:15 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Terry Campbell
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Helen Marie Mettlach

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, December 15

Help with Setting up Christmas Trees after 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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

The Community Christmas Service will be held at the First Congregational Church at 2:00 pm.

Advent Penance Service in Pierce City at 4:00 p.m.

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Advent Penance Service in Verona at 6:30 p.m.

Fr. Matt's Birthday

Advent Penance Service in Billings at 6:00 p.m.

8:15 a.m. Mass

Choir Practice for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 p.m.

St. Mary's School Christmas Program at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

8:15 a.m. Mass

St. Mary's School Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.

Please join us in a Pot-luck dinner celebrating Father Matt's birthday following 4:00 Mass. It will be held in the cafeteria. Drinks and paper products will be provided. If your last name begins with A-F, please bring a dessert, G-L please bring a salad, M-R please bring a vegetable, and S-Z bring a bread. Every family will provide a meat dish. We hope to see you there.

Help Decorate the Church for Christmas after Mass

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

Advent Penance Service in Sarcoxie at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 16

Tuesday, December 17

Wednesday, December 18

Thursday, December 19

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

Sunday, December 22

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 23

Tuesday, December 24

Wednesday, December 25

Thursday, December 26

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

Sunday, December 29

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 p.m.

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Mass 12 Midnight

Feast of Saint Stephen, The Martyr

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

NO MASS

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

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: \$ 4524.00 Christmas Collection: \$1066.39

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jack Parrigon, 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.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Russ Ellis and the Youth kids for stepping up and representing St. Mary's Church, along with Fr. Matt, at the Christmas Community Service at the First Congregational Church in Pierce City Sunday. You are ALL greatly appreciated! Rhonda Forgey

SPECIAL THANK YOU to the family of Dorothy Witt for the new music stands and foldable seating for our choir members. We appreciate the donation in Dorothy's memory. St. Mary's Choir

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

One more week until Christmas Break! The days are rushing past us at warp speed. Please check our upcoming events for all that is coming your way.

We are advertising for a new teacher (7th-8th) for next school year. This could be a part-time or full-time position depending on the candidate. Please see Mrs. Salsman for details. We will be accepting applications at the St. Mary's School office.

Next Friday, Dec. 20th, we will dismiss at 1pm. **There will be no buses or afterschool on Friday, Dec 20th.**

The Twelve Days of Christmas we have left are:

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.

CHRISTMAS CARD LIST: During this Christmas season, the PCCW will be sending cards to those who are in nursing homes, those who are shut-ins, and those who are ill. We invite you to join us in remembering these parishioners. These members include the following:

Brenda Buchanan, 2605 Liberty Landing Road, Liberty, MO 64608

Pat and Judy Chapman, 10744 Barry Road, Pierce City, MO 65723

Joyce DeCamp, 510 Dairy, Apt. 4, Monett, MO 65708

Leonard (Gus) Fenske, Lawrence County Manor, 915 Carl Allen Street, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

Wilma Fenske, Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 US Highway 60, Monett, MO 65708

Loretta and Robert Grasskamper, 27115 Highway J, Pierce City, MO 65723

Pat Kaiser, 19773 Highway 97, Pierce City, MO 65723

Dale Klassen, 200 Tammy Lane, Pierce City, MO 65723

Imogene Kutz, Saint Luke's Nursing Center, 1220 E. Fairview Ave., Carthage, MO 64836

Lillian Kristek, Lacoba Villa, Apt. 2, P.O. Box 885, Monett MO 65708

Mary Catherine Miller, Saint Luke's Nursing Center, 1220 E. Fairview Ave., Carthage, MO 64836

Father Peter Morciniec, Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 US Highway 60, Monett, MO 65708

Caroline Parrigon, 20517 Highway 97, Pierce City, MO 65723

Krishna Paul, 408 Walnut, Wentworth, MO 64873

Maura Sparks, 4353 Lawrence 2220, Pierce City, MO 65723

John and Janice Stricklin, 203 N. Elm St., Pierce City, MO

Florene Towers, Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 US Highway 60, Monett, MO 65708

Josephine Witt, Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 US Highway 60, Monett, MO 65708

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, December 21 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Ron Dunaway

Servers: Otto Cahalan, Reece Cahalan

E.M.: John Witt, Cindy Witt, Jessica Cahalan

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan, Michael Abramovitz, Larry Gasser

Announcements:

Sunday, December 22 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

Servers: Ben Brown, Jay Brown

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

Ushers: Darren Brown, Max Brown, Dustin Avondet, Kellen Avondet

Announcements: Mike Kaiser

Tuesday, December 24 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Sign-up Sheet in the Back of Church

Wednesday, December 25 12 Midnight Christmas Mass

Sign-up Sheet in the back of Church

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Mass: St. Mary's 5:00 p.m. Christmas Day Masses: St. Mary's 12:00 a.m. Midnight St. Agnes 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve Vigil: St. Mary's 6:00 p.m. New Year's Day Masses: St. Agnes 10:00 a.m.