ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723 December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR DECEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 29

ST. MARY'S ST. AGNES Saturday 4:00 p.m. +Terry Campbell Tues. No Mass Sunday 8:30 a.m. +Helen Marie Mettlach Wed. 10:30 a.m. Monday 8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service Thurs. No Mass Christmas Eve Tuesday St. Mary's Parish Family 5:00 p.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m. Christmas Wednesday 12:00 a.m. St. Mary's Parish Family Friday No Mass

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK: Sunday, December 22

Monday, December 23

Tuesday, December 24

Thursday, December 26

Friday, December 27

Wednesday, December 25

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.

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 p.m.

The Nativity of the Lord

+Larry & Patty Parrigon

+Jim & Carolyn Witt

Christmas Mass 12 Midnight

Feast of Saint Stephen, The Marty

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

NO MASS

Saturday, December 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Sunday, December 29 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

NO PSR Classes

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 30 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service Tuesday, December 31 6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Vigil Mass Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day Mass at St. Agnes 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 2 Memorial of Saints Basil the Great, & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop and Doctors Friday, January 3

8:15 a.m. Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament January 3, 2025 On First Friday of each month, 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 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 Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

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

Sunday, January 5

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: \$ 4815.25

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturday, January 4

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 (Wrobleski) Buchanan, Melissa Cahalan, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

JOIN IS FOR A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS at St. Mary's Church cafeteria in Pierce City beginning January 5th after 8:30 am Mass and continuing every Sunday for six weeks. For more information, call Marcella Cooper at 417-489-2199.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We are advertising for a new teacher for 7th and 8th grades for next school year. This could be a part-time of full-time position depending on the candidate. Full-Time candidates will be expected to teach science (5th-8th), social studies (7th-8th), English/ language arts (7th-8th), and religion.Part-time candidates will be expected to teach English/ language arts (7th-8th) and religion (7th-8th).

Other arrangements could be made for the right candidate. Candidates for this position should exemplify Christian values, be self-

motivated, a team-player, and be able to take direction when needed.

Please see Mrs. Salsman for details. We will be accepting applications at the St. Mary's School office.

I pray that everyone has a safe and happy Christmas season. We will return to school on Tuesday January 6th, 2025.

AFTER YOU COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, consider sharing them with the Church. As the spirit of gratitude to God permeates our lives at this time of year, please prayerfully consider our parish in your giving. Your generosity helps to give others the most precious of gifts-the love of God, and the sacraments and ministries of the Church. By writing a check to St. Mary's Church by December 31, 2024 you can reduce the sting of income taxes if you itemize. Your gifts provide the necessary support for all our parish does. Thank You!

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>

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

Saturday, December 28 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Ron Dunaway, Madeline Ceselski
Servers: Mason Fletcher, Wittley Cahalan
E.M.: Cathy Brown, Richard Ceselski, Danny Witt
Ushers: Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Tommy Cahalan, Robert Mitchell
Announcements: Cathy Brown

Sunday, December 29 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Baleigh Kleiboeker, Brenden Kleiboeker
Servers: Ivy Cole, Ember Cole
E.M.: Rachelle Brown, Mellanie Carder, Jennifer Eaton, Baleigh Kleiboeker
Ushers: Ellis Motley, Dereck Washam, Rick Washam, Cody Washam,
Announcements: Cody Washam

Tuesday, December 31 6:00p.m. New Years Eve Vigil

Sign-up Sheet in the back of Church

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!