

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723

December 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR DECEMBER 7 – DECEMBER 15

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Rodney Wroblewski
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Monday	8:15 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
	7:30 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Bill Seufert
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Teresa Heeter and Steve Heeter
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Guessie Pierce 1 Year Anniversary
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Bernice Wagner

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, December 8

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 gifts stay 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 you 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.

Holy Day of Obligation-Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Christmas Choir Practice for the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve is at 6:00 p.m.

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

St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the C.R.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

DCCW Region II Meeting at St. Suzanne's in Mt. Vernon

Advent Penance Service in Mt. Vernon at 6:00 p.m.

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

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

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor

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.

Monday, December 9

Wednesday, December 11

Thursday, December 12

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

Sunday, December 15

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 16

Tuesday, December 17

Wednesday, December 18

Thursday, December 19

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

Sunday, December 22

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Fr. Matt's Birthday

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

8:15 a.m. Mass

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.

Pleas 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 Sarcoxi at 6:00 p.m.

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 3879.00

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.

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:

As a correction to the last newsletter, Deck the Halls we be held on December 9th. Please have students bring in materials they would like to use to decorate our school. We will also have hot chocolate and cookies provided by Home and School for the event.

The Twelve Days of Christmas are in full swing!! 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 your hair in crazy Whoo- hair styles. (Grich who stole Christmas style.) 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. December 13th, we will be singing to the nursing home residents of Oak Ridge and Lacoba Nursing Homes. If you have not returned the permission forms for this please check your folders for these and get them back ASAP.

**** On December 19th at 6:30pm, we will have our Christmas program directed by none other than Sally Heidlage. You will need kids here by 6:15 at the very latest to get ready for the show, get into costumes, etc. This will give parents a little time to get home and get the students ready.**** 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 as soon as possible as we are trying to coordinate this with PSR.

CHRISTMAS CARD LIST: During this Christmas season, the PCCW will be sending cards to those 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 14 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Ron Dunaway, Madeline Ceselski

Servers: Blythe Garner, William Garner

E.M.: Shelly Stellwagen, Lora Saffer, Jennifer Garner

Ushers: Doug Witt, Bryan Stellwagen, Robert Mitchell

Announcements: Lora Saffer

Sunday, December 15 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Mary Abramovitz, Hadley Barchak

Servers: Quinn Barchak, Avery Caddell

E.M.: Mary Abramovitz, Ralph Abramovitz, Cari Caddell, Baleigh Kleiboeker

Ushers: Ralph Abramovitz, Jim Barchak, Jason Barchak, Jared Barchak

Announcements: Jared Barchak

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.

Bright Futures in our Catholic schools

Did you know you can **direct up to HALF** of your state income taxes to be used for scholarships for children to attend Catholic schools—all at no cost to you?



By giving to the Bright Futures Fund of the MOScholars scholarship program, you'll provide scholarships for students to attend Catholic schools within the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau—many of whom could not attend without your help!



Here are some examples of how you could convert your tax dollars into scholarship funds:

Household income	\$70,000	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$155,000	\$250,000
Amount directed to Bright Futures Fund	\$1,995	\$2,850	\$3,420	\$4,418	\$7,125
Adjusted tax obligation	\$1,995	\$2,850	\$3,420	\$4,418	\$7,125

Individuals can donate to BFF and reserve tax credits for any amount \$500 or more; credits can be claimed for up to 50% of each year's owed taxes.

brightfuturesfund.org
(417) 866-0841



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 —The Most Rev. Edward M. Rice, Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

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HOW IT WORKS:

1. Reserve your state tax credits through the Missouri State Treasurer's office. <https://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/ReservationApp>
2. Make a donation to Bright Futures Fund from a personal account via check or wire. (Do not use the general online donations form). Send your donation to the address below, or call for wire instructions.

Bright Futures Fund
PO Box 419037 | Kansas City, MO 64141
(816) 714-2338

3. Save a copy of the receipt we provide. Include this and a MO-TC form with your state income tax filing. (For the current MO-TC form, visit <https://dor.mo.gov/forms> and search MO-TC, pictured right.)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- Reserved tax credits are equal to 100% of an eligible contribution and can be used for up to 50% of the donor's annual tax liability. They may not be claimed as deductions.
- Tax credits may be carried forward for four additional tax years.
- Tax credits are non-refundable, non-transferrable, and cannot be sold.

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