

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 FRONT STREET, PIERCE CITY, MO 65723

The First Sunday of Lent

February 22- March 1, 2026

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR February 22 - March 1, 2026

	DAY	TIME	FAMILY
ST. MARY'S	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+Tom Cahalan
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+Tory Davis
	MONDAY	8:15 am	+ Rosary
	WEDNESDAY	8:15 am	+Tom Swift
	FRIDAY	8:15 am	Kristek Family
	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+Ed Flehmer
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+Wilma Fenske
ST. AGNES	TUESDAY	8:30 am	
	WEDNESDAY	8:30 am	
	SUNDAY	10:30 am	

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

<b>FEBRUARY 23</b> MONDAY	Rosary
<b>FEBRUARY 25</b> WEDNESDAY	Parish Council Meeting
<b>FEBRUARY 27</b> FRIDAY	Second Fish Fry NO Stations of the Cross

## UPCOMING WEEK

<b>MARCH 4</b> WEDNESDAY	Lenten Weekday Adoration and Mass at 8:15 am.
<b>MARCH 5</b> THURSDAY	DDF Meeting at St. Lawrence Monett at 6:30 pm
<b>MARCH 8</b> SUNDAY	Lenten Confession at St. Agnes at 5:30 pm

## "ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST"



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ST. MARY'S BONDS...

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Number

**417 205 8617**  
FR SANU THOMAS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ◆ PRINCIPAL'S DESK

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We will have a need for a few volunteers next year. After 30 years, Julie Witt has decided to enjoy retirement. We need someone with a working knowledge of basic computer programs to help students become literate in this area. Julie would be willing to go over some of the tools and lessons she has done. We are also looking for a music teacher volunteer as well. Mrs. Heidlage has given so many years to this school, in so many capacities, that she deserves to put her feet up! A general knowledge of music and a willingness to teach a wide range of ages will be required. All volunteer positions require a background check and VIRTUS training online. If you are looking for a way to serve, this could be just the opportunity! Please reach out to the office if you are interested, at 417-476-2824. The Annual St. Mary's Golf Tournament has been scheduled for June 6, 2026. Stay tuned for more details!

### ◆ FR THOMAS ABSENCE

Fr. Thomas will be on vacation to India to visit his family and attend an annual retreat! He will be gone from April 13, 2026 through May 11, 2026. While he is away, we will be welcoming a substitute priest, until he returns. There will be NO weekday masses while Father is away.

## OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK



Collection Counters in  
February:

**Bryan and Shelly  
Stellwagen**

Sunday Collection:  
**\$ 4,448.25**

Children Collection:  
**\$33.25**

Mirror Collection:  
**\$ 147.00**

## ◆ DIOCESIAN LENTEN YOUTH PROJECT

This Lent, our diocese work of mercy will return to "Mother's House" in Hayti, MO., responding to the needs of mothers in one of the poorest areas of our state: Pemiscot County in the boot heel. The face of poverty is female and young. Our diocese is asking all the children to join, Bishop Rice, in this Lenten Youth Project to support low-income women caring for young children. A prayer for the poor can be offered daily. Our Children's Collection goes to this project, there will be a special collection box carried by the children all through Lent, so please donate and make a difference this Lenten season!

## ◆ HEARTS FULL OF LOVE

Our parish has received some "Hearts Full of Love" books that will be placed in the back of church. We encourage every family in our parish to grab one. It is a great book for families and all aged parishioners, filled with daily reflections, actions, and prayers.

## ◆ HOLY WEEK

### Holy Thursday

St. Mary's- 5:00 pm Mass

St. Agnes- 7:00 pm Mass

### Good Friday

St. Mary's- 7:00 pm Mass

St. Agnes- 3:00 pm Mass

### Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)

St. Mary's- 6:00 pm Mass and Baptism

## ◆ LENTEN CONFESSION AT ST. AGNES

There will be a Lenten confession, for the preparation of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. It will take place on March 8, 2026, at 5:30 pm. We encourage all St. Mary's parishioners to take advantage of this opportunity!

## ◆ LENTEN TRADITION

In the Catholic Church, there is a tradition of blessing homes, agriculture, land, places of business, etc. during the season of Lent. If you would like anything blessed, please contact the church office or Father Thomas.

## ◆ PICNIC PLANNING FOR JUNE 2026

Our 39th year will soon be underway!! The 2026 Old Fashioned Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 7th, 2026. Mark your calendars and start watching the bulletin for news. We are asking for donations towards raffle prizes by early March to have raffle tickets printed in time for presale. Cash or items are welcome! Make monetary donations with a check payable to St. Mary's, marked for raffle donation, and drop them in the church collection, mail or take to the parish rectory. If you would like to donate or have any questions, please call the rectory at 417-476-2827, Mellanie Carder at 417-737-2812, or Frances Boman at 417-693-0174 and we can help! We need chairperson(s) for the Hamburger Stand and Bingo. Please pray and consider giving your time to support our picnic by being a chairperson so we can continue to have the picnic each year!

## ◆ OVER 65 DINNER

The Over 65 Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 29th, 2026! The dinner will be held in the St. Mary's cafeteria and gym. For those of you who cannot make it to the dinner in person, your dinner can be delivered. Please indicate when you sign up by writing "deliver" by your name. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of church. We have a delicious dinner planned, followed by everyone's favorite game, BINGO! The deadline for signing up is March 22nd. You may also sign up by calling Mellanie Carder at 417-737-2812 or Bonnie Parrigon at 417-489-3866. If you have any questions or want more information you can also get that from the contacts listed above.

## ◆ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pat Chapman, Serenity Bristol, Tessie Holle, Paul Jasumback, Annie Fletcher, Teri (Heeter) England, David Rosebrough, Logan Abramovitz, Mary Ann Osterloh, Pam Miller, Debbie (Rakoski) Erwin, Gary Hawshaw, Chester Kirk, Linda VanEaton, Margie Gripka, Regina (Jasumback) Jung, Loretta Graskemper, Melissa (Campbell) Culp, Judy (Conley) Litrl, Mary Catherine Miller, Melissa Cahalan, Andrea Kristek, Erin Hunt, Chris Feather, Susie Gasser, Margie Fenske, and Patty (Paternostro) Ireland, Kenneth and Kay Wroblewski.

## ◆ FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Emerie Brown 2/3, Adelyn Brown 2/7, Hadley Barchak 2/8, Dan Witt 2/17, Perla Navarro Paz 2/19, Jocelyn Washam 2/19, Margarita Navarro Paz 2/24, Lillian Lockhart 2/28, Richard and Bernice Cochran 60th Wedding Anniversary 2/15, Shawn and Rachelle Brown 25th Wedding Anniversary 2/17.

## ◆ VOLUNTEERS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

If anyone would like to volunteer to lead a Stations of the Cross Service, there will be a sign up sheet in the back of church!



## 2026 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY WORK LIST

**Time: 5-7 pm. Adults: \$10, Children 6-12 \$5,  
Children 5 and under will eat for free.**

### February 27th:

Juan Salazar, Robert Mitchell, Brian Green, Chris Jasumback, Dale Jasumback, Chad Forgey, Todd Forgey, Jerry Forgey, Kevin Kleinman, Brenden Kleiboeker

### Head Cook Staff:

Monroe Rosebough, Rex Cooper, Jimmy Parrigon, Carl King, Andy Parrigon, Joe Crowell, Brad Gripka.

**2:00 pm- 8:45 pm**

## APPOINTMENTS

### Saturday, March 7 4:00pm Mass

**Reader:** Ron Dunaway

**Servers:** Elias Prescott, Drake Gibbs

**E.M.:** Lora Saffer, Cathy Brown, Phil Palmer, Janet Palmer

**Ushers:** Larry Gasser, Ian Brottlund, Mike Sloan, Doug Sloan

**Announcements:** Robert Chapman

### Sunday, March 8 8:30am Mass

**Readers:** Mary Abramovitz, Hadley Barchak

**Servers:** Quinn Barchak, Abram Boman, Lillian Boman

**E.M.:** Kenny O'Hara, Tracy O'Hara, Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

**Ushers:** Ralph Abramovitz, Jim Barchak, Jason Barchak, Dustin Avondet

**Announcements:** Jared Barchak

### Saturday, March 14 4:00pm Mass

**Reader:** Boonie King

**Servers:** Wittley Cahalan, Otto Cahalan

**E.M.:** Tommy Cahalan, Jessica Cahalan, Ron Dunaway, Dan Witt

**Ushers:** Carl King, Larry Gasser, Mike Sloan, Doug Sloan

**Announcements:** Cathy Brown

### Sunday, March 15 8:30am Mass

**Readers:** Frances Boman, Teresa Boman

**Servers:** Averi Caddell, Quinci Caddell, Jay Brown

**E.M.:** Mellanie Carder, Jennifer Eaton, Rachelle Brown, Cari Caddell

**Ushers:** Kellen Avondet, Adam Boman, Abram Boman, Jared Barchak

**Announcements:** Adam Boman

### Saturday, March 21 4:00pm Mass

**Reader:** Robert Chapman

**Servers:** Lottie Sloan, Reese Cahalan

**E.M.:** John Witt, Cindy Witt, Lora Saffer, Cathy Brown

**Ushers:** Tommy Cahalan, Mike Sloan, Larry Gasser, Carl King

**Announcements:** Lora Saffer

### Sunday, March 22 8:30am Mass

**Readers:** Deidre Brown, Rachelle Brown

**Servers:** Ember Cole, Ivy Cole, Oliver Cole

**E.M.:** Mary Abramovitz, Ralph Abramovitz, Dale Jasumback, Jerri Jasumback

**Ushers:** Ian Brottlund, Darren Brown, Max Brown, Rex Cooper

**Announcements:** Mike Kaiser

### Saturday, March 28 4:00pm Mass

**Reader:** Lisa McDunner

**Servers:** Kole Fletcher, Elliot Witt

**E.M.:** Ron Dunaway, Richard Ceselski, Tommy Cahalan, Jessica Cahalan

**Ushers:** Mike Sloan, Doug Sloan, Carl King, Larry Gasser

**Announcements:** Cathy Brown

### Sunday, March 29 8:30am Mass

**Readers:** Denise Crowell, Joe Crowell

**Servers:** Blythe Garner, Knox Ellis, McKinley Ellis

**E.M.:** Jennifer Garner, Baleigh Kleiboeker, Mellanie Carder, Adam Boman

**Ushers:** Rex Cooper, Dale Jasumback, Chris Jasumback, Ellis Motley

**Announcements:** Teresa Boman

**\*If you are unable to attend the Mass you are appointed, please find your own replacement.\***