

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 FRONT STREET, PIERCE CITY, MO 65723

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15- MARCH 22, 2026

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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2ND ANNUAL ST. MARY'S Golf Tournament Saturday June 6, 2026
Center Creek Golf Course | Sarcoxie, MO
PRESENTED BY: *Robin Funeral Home*
Traditional Funerals • Cremations • Memorials
Pierce City, MO 417-476-5026

2-MAN SCRAMBLE Entry Fee: \$150/team
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2026

Registration Options

OPTION 1: Scan QR code to register your team. Payment must be made separately.
OPTION 2: Fill out form, turn form and payment into Derrick Cox or Tommy Cahalan. Make check payable to St. Mary's School.

*Registration form must be completed and submitted by May 1.
*Payment can be turned into Derrick Cox, Tommy Cahalan or the day of tournament.

MULLIGANS \$20/TEAM SKINS GAME \$10/TEAM
CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH FLIGHT!

NEW THIS YEAR!
Champion team will be awarded "The Big Tom" traveling trophy in memory of Tom Cahalan.

Become a Sponsor Today!

Sponsorship Levels: Gold \$1000 Silver \$500 Bronze \$250 Hole: \$100
Find complete sponsor information on the sponsorship form!

OPTION 1: Scan QR code to complete sponsorship form. Payment must be made separately. Turn in payment or mail to Cody Washam, Sponsorship Chair - 30487 Hwy J, Wentworth, MO 64873.
OPTION 2: Turn in or mail this completed form and sponsorship payment to Cody Washam, Sponsorship Chair - 30487 Hwy J, Wentworth, MO 64873.

Make checks payable to St. Mary's School.

Questions? Contact Cody Washam 417-489-5450

Schedule of Events:

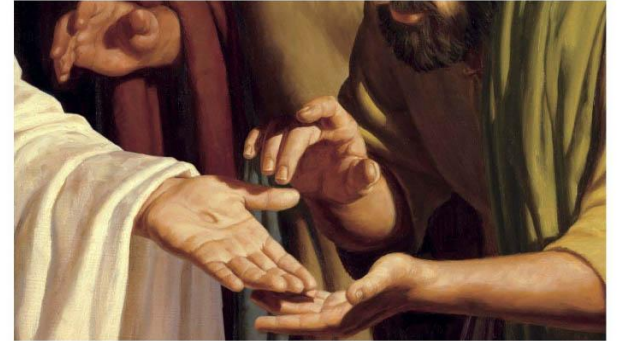
8:00 AM - Morning Tee Time
please arrive at 7:40 AM

Noon - Lunch for all tournament participants - both morning and afternoon

1:00 PM - Afternoon Tee Time
please arrive at Noon for lunch before tee time

Questions? Please contact:
Derrick Cox 417-489-0767
Tommy Cahalan 417-669-2866

PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL - PIERCE CITY, MO



PIERCE CITY INTERFAITH EASTER CELEBRATION

Come gather with neighbors and friends to celebrate the life and victory of Jesus Christ through music and scripture.

Sunday, March 22nd 4-5pm
at St. Mary's Church

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal	SUSAN SALSAMAN 476-2824 Ext. 106
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR MARCH 15 - MARCH 22, 2026

	DAY	TIME	FAMILY
ST. MARY'S	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Terry Campbell
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Jean Zebert- Kutz
	MONDAY	8:15 am	Rosary
	WEDNESDAY	8:15 am	+ Don Gripka
	FRIDAY	8:15 am	+ Pat Fenske
	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Tom Swift
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Tom Cahalan
ST. AGNES	TUESDAY	8:30 am	Adoration and Mass
	THURSDAY	8:30 am	Adoration and Mass
	SUNDAY	10:30 am	Stations of the Cross and Mass

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

MARCH 14/15 SUNDAY	Pastoral Council Nominations Special Collection Catholic Relief
MARCH 17 TUESDAY	St. Patrick's Day
MARCH 19 THURSDAY	Feast of St. Joseph Mass at St. Mary's 7:00pm

UPCOMING WEEK

MARCH 21 SATURDAY	First Communion Confession after 4:00 pm Mass
MARCH 25 WEDNESDAY	The Annunciation of the Lord
MARCH 29 SUNDAY	Palm Sunday

"ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST"



STRENGTHEN OUR ST. MARY'S BONDS...

Join Our WhatsApp Community...

Say Hi To This Cell Number

417 205 8617
FR SANU THOMAS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆PCCW SALAD LUNCHEON

St. Lawrence PCCW will be having their annual Salad Luncheon on April 22, 2026. It will take place from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm. The cost will be \$10 at the door!

◆SENIOR CITIZENS ST. PATRICK'S DAY FISH FRY

The Pierce City Senior Citizens will hold their St. Patrick's Day Fish Fry Fundraiser on Monday, March 16, 2026. Starting at 6:00 pm. The price is \$12. For tickets call (417) 476-5006. Hope to see you there!

◆PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Pastoral Council nominations will be held on March 14, 2026 and March 15, 2026. Mellanie Carder, Ian Brottlund, Jared Barchak, and Adam Boman's terms are expiring. Parishioners will have the chance to nominate three people for the position, including the names listed above, as they can be renominated for a second term. Please consider joining the Pastoral Council!

◆PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The Home and School Fish Fry, March 27th, is still needing 4 volunteers for the 6:30-8:30 shift. We're still looking to fill the music teacher volunteer position, and a part-time teacher assistant. Those interested in either position can contact the office at 417-476-2824 for more information. If you would like to sponsor the annual golf tournament a sign up sheet will be in the back of church!

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK



Collection Counters in March:

Bryan and Shelly Stellwagen

Sunday

Collection:

\$2977.75

Mirror Collection:

\$56.00

◆ INTERFAITH EASTER PROGRAM

March 22nd, 2026, the PCCW will be providing light refreshments after the Interfaith Easter Event. Everyone is also encouraged to bring an item to support a community service project to supply socks/underwear of any size(3T- adult) for Pierce City Students in need. Items can be dropped off in the back of church before the event. We hope to see you all there!

◆ CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will be held on Tuesday- March 17th, 2026 at 7:00 pm. We will be preparing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, and First Communion. **Please consider singing in the choir.**

◆ RETROUVAILLIE HEALING MARRIAGE WEEKEND

Retrouvaille's mission is supporting the Church through the healing and reunification of marriages in crisis. They are a faith-based, Catholic, and affordable, international charitable ministry that offers a three-stage program to help couples improve marriages. A Healing Marriage Weekend is scheduled June 19-21, 2026 in Kansas City, KS. For more information, visit helpourmarriage.org or telephone 1(800) 470-2230.

◆ CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SPRING ASSEMBLY

Brenda Schmitt will be driving to the Annual Catholic Women's Spring Assembly in Cape Girardeau on April 9th-11th, 2026. She has room for three and possibly four additional passengers if anyone would like to attend. You will only be responsible for your assembly fees and hotel fees. Spring Assembly Sign up is in the back of church!

◆ EASTER EGG HUNT

The Lawrence County Manor is holding an Easter egg hunt Friday, April 3rd, at 1:30 pm. In addition to the egg hunt they will have a bounce house, petting zoo, face painting, and snacks!

◆ MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Rick Brattin 3/3, Suzanne Sloan 3/3, Joy Lombard 3/9, Kristi Barchak 3/9, Fletcher Witt 3/15, Deidre Brown 3/15, Reece Cahalan 3/19, Jennifer Eaton 3/22, Mellanie Carder 3/23, Minnie Roberts 3/25, Lennix Cahalan 3/27, Brenden Kleiboeker 3/29. Harold and Mary Lou Lombard 53rd Wedding Anniversary 3/2.

*OVER 65 DINNER

The Over 65 Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 29th, 2026! 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 489-3866.

◆ 39TH OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC

Attention We need chairperson(s) for the Hamburger Stand and Trash and Treasures. Please consider giving your time to support our picnic by being a chairperson so we can continue to have them! Contact Mellanie Carder at (417) 737-2812.

◆ 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) Litril, Mary Catherine Miller, Melissa Cahalan, Andrea Kristek, Erin Hunt, Chris Feather, Susie Gasser, Margie Fenske, and Patty (Patternostro) Ireland, Kenneth and Kay Wroblewski, Kinslee Kennedy.

◆ 2026 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY WORK LIST Time:5-7

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

March 13: Brian Abramovitz, Phillip Elbert, Mike Velten, Ian Brottlund, Von Brottlund, Mike Sloan, Doug Witt, Daryl Fenski, Cody Washam, Dereck Washam.

Head Cook Staff: Monroe Rosebrough, Rex Cooper, Jimmy Parrigon, Carl King, Andy Parrigon, Joe Crowell, and Brad Gripka. 2:00 pm- 8:45 pm.

◆ APPOINTMENTS

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

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

WINDOWS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

West Side, Front Window(1), North along West

1.Papal Tiara (Triple Crown):

The crown at the top represents the Pope's spiritual authority as the supreme shepherd of the Church. Traditionally, the three crowns symbolize the Pope's role as, Father of Kings, Governor of the World (spiritually) and Vicar of Christ on Earth. **Crossed Keys-** The gold and silver keys are the Keys of Saint Peter, symbolizing the authority given by Christ to Saint Peter, this represents the Church's power to bind and loose (teach, forgive sins, guide souls).

Central Shield- The shield represents the Papal Office and governance of the universal Church.

2.The Arch: A baptismal font with water flowing and a cross-This image represents the sacred gift of new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism.

Red rays- Represent the grace and life given through Baptism.

3.Sacred Heart of Jesus, a powerful symbol: Red Heart- Represents the burning love of Jesus Christ for humanity: **Flames Above the Heart-** Signify divine love that is always alive and active. **Crown of Thorns and Snakes-** Reminds us of Christ's suffering and sacrifice for our sins. **Branches-** Symbolize both pain and victory through love. This image is often placed in churches to remind the faithful that the heart of Jesus is always open, loving, and full of mercy for everyone.

4.The Sacred Heart, Cross, Anchor and Chain: Sacred Heart (Heart with flame) and Cross- Stands for Christ's crucifixion and redemption. Reminds believers of salvation through His sacrifice. **Anchor-** A Christian symbol of hope and steadfast faith. Based on Hebrews 6:19: "Hope is the anchor of the soul." **Chain-** Symbolizes being bound to Christ in faith, or strength and unity in God.

5.The Holy Spirit: The Dove-Symbols for the Holy Spirit- Third Person of the Holy Trinity. This imagery is deeply associated with the sacrament of Confirmation, which signifies a "sealing" with the Holy Spirit and a commitment to Christian maturity and Divine Guidance and Peace.

6: The Sun, Dove and Rays: The Golden Rays- Emanating from the sun behind the dove often symbolize **The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit-** wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. The Image represents the Holy Spirit's role in providing spiritual guidance and enlightenment to the faithful

7: The Star of David: This Six-Pointed Star- is a primary emblem of Jewish identity and faith. In the Christian/Catholic church, it is often included to represent the ancestry of Jesus, who is traditionally referred to as the "Son of David". **The Tetragrammaton:** Centered within the star are the four Hebrew letters (Y-H-W-H), which represent the sacred, unpronounceable name of God in the Hebrew Bible.

8: Ten Commandments: This stained-glass window depicts the Ten Commandments (the Decalogue) inscribed on two tablets in Hebrew. In religious art, these tablets are frequently shown with the first two or three words of each commandment to represent the full text.

9: The Virgin Mary: M and A- The large, interlocking golden letters typically stand for "Maria" or the Latin phrase Ave Maria" (Hail Mary). **R-** The prominent letter on the left often refers to "Regina" (Queen), signifying Mary's title as the "Queen of Heaven". **The Heart and Cross-** Centered within the monogram is a heart topped with a small cross, which is a symbol of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This represents her interior life, joys, sorrows, and her deep love for God.

10.The Passionflower: Represents various elements of the crucifixion. **The 10 Petals and Sepals-** Represent the ten faithful apostles who remained with Jesus, excluding Judas (the betrayer) and Peter (who denied him). **The**

Corona (Radial Filaments)- The fine, hair-like fringe represents the crown of thorns placed on Jesus' head. **The Three Stigmas-** The three central stalks at the top of the flower symbolize the three nails used to fasten Jesus to the cross. **The Five Anthers-** These symbolize the five wounds Jesus suffered (two in the hands, two in the feet, and one in his side). **The Tendrils-** The vining, whip-like tendrils represent the cords and whips used during the scourging (flagellation) of Christ. **The Leaves-** The pointed tips of the leaves are often interpreted as the Holy Lance (spear) that pierced Jesus' heart.

11-Arch-2: the image of Agnus Dei: The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)- This central image represents Jesus Christ as the perfect sacrificial offering for humanity. **The Banner of Victory-** The lamb is shown holding a white banner with a red cross, symbolizing the Resurrection and Christ's triumph over sin and death. **Color Symbolism-** The prominent red sections radiating from the center signify sacrifice and divine love, while the white and blue elements represent purity and the heavenly realm. **Rose Window Design-** This circular "rose" or "wheel" window style is a hallmark of Gothic-inspired architecture, representing the perfection and wholeness of God.

12. The image of Ora Et Labora: This Latin phrase translates to "Pray and Work". It is the motto of the Benedictine Order. **The Open Bible-** The Word of God. It serves as a foundation for both prayer and work, guiding the faithful in their daily mission. **Alpha and Omega-** The large golden letters on the pages of the Bible are Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω), the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They symbolize Jesus Christ as "the beginning and the end". **The Chalice and Host-** It's a central symbol of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) **The Flame-** At the top of the chalice is a flame, which traditionally symbolizes the Holy Spirit or "religious fervor," often associated with the light of Christ.

13. The Image of "Pelican in her Piety (Left side, front window by altar: The image of a mother pelican wounding her own breast to feed her young with her blood, oarepresents the direct allegory for Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. Just as the legendary pelican gives her own lifeblood to sustain her chicks, Christ shed His blood for the salvation of humanity.