



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 FRONT STREET, PIERCE CITY, MO 65723

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8- MARCH 15, 2026

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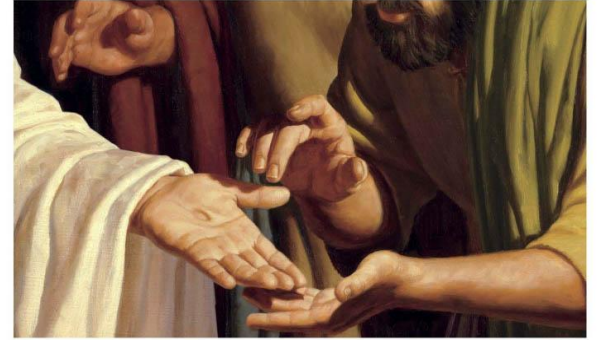
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"May our Lenten journey lead us to the joy of the resurrection."

May peace reign in our world, especially in the Middle East."

Bishop Edward M. Rice

March
PRAYER INTENTION



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

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR MARCH 8 - MARCH 15, 2026

	DAY	TIME	FAMILY
ST. MARY'S	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Irene, Aurelia, and Ruth Bertheard
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Dan and Carolyn Boman
	MONDAY	8:15 am	Rosary
	WEDNESDAY	8:15 am	+ Mark J. Strick
	FRIDAY	8:15 am	+ Jim Larkin
	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Terry Campbell
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Jean Zebert- Kutz
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 11 WEDNESDAY	Lenten Weekday Adoration and Mass
MARCH 13 FRIDAY	Confession for St. Mary's School Children
MARCH 14/15 SUNDAY	Pastoral Council Nominations Special Collection Catholic Relief
UPCOMING WEEK	
MARCH 17 TUESDAY	St. Patrick's Day
MARCH 19 THURSDAY	Feast of St. Joseph Mass at St. Mary's 7:00pm
MARCH 21 SATURDAY	First Communion Confession

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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 menu consists of catfish, coleslaw, brown beans, cornbread, drinks, and peach or blackberry cobbler! The price is \$12. For tickets call (417) 476-5006 either on Tuesday or Thursday between the hours of 8:00 am- 1:00 pm! 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!

◆THANK YOU

Christopher Feather would like to extend his thanks to our parish for all of the thoughts and prayers that were sent his way in a time when he needed them.

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK



Collection Counters in March:

Bryan and Shelly Stellwagen

Sunday

Collection:

\$ 5,899.00

Mirror Collection:

\$ 34.00

◆ 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

◆ CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will be held on Wednesday- March 11th and March 18th, 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.](#)

◆ LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 8- Sarcoxie: 5:30 pm Penance

March 15- Mt. Vernon: 6:30 pm Penance

March 18- Verona: 6:30 pm Penance

March 19- Monett: 6:30 pm Penance

March 22- Billings: 6:00 pm Penance

◆ 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! The dinner will be held in the St. Mary's cafeteria. 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.

◆ 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. We are still accepting donations towards raffle prizes. Cash or items are welcome! If you would like to donate, please call the rectory at (417) 476-2827, Mellanie Carder, or Frances Boman at (417) 693-0174.

◆ THE MIRROR

Mirror subscriptions are due! The diocese wishes that all families receive The Mirror- please help defray costs by paying \$14 more toward your subscription. We have received the bill for The Mirror. If you have not yet paid, you still have time. Please pay those as soon as possible!

◆ 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.

◆ 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: Darren Brown, Jeff Cavner, Dustin Avondet, Jake Saffer, Steve Chapman, Bryan Stellwagen, Jesse Cooper, Levi Cooper, Michael Gollhofer, and Kenny O'Hara.

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

◆ APPOINTMENTS

Saturday, March 14 4:00pm Mass

Reader: Boonie King

Servers: Wittley Cahalan, Otto Cahalan

E.M.: Tommy Cahalan, Jessica Cahalan

Ushers: Carl King, Larry Gasser, Michael Sloan, Doug Sloan

Announcements: Robert Chapman

Sunday, March 15 8:30 am 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

*** If you are unable to make your appointments, please find your own replacement***

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):

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.