



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 FRONT STREET, PIERCE CITY, MO 65723

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1- MARCH 8, 2026

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR MARCH 1 - MARCH 8, 2026

	DAY	TIME	FAMILY
ST. MARY'S	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Ed Flehmer
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Wilma Fenske
	MONDAY	8:15 am	+ Rosary
	WEDNESDAY	8:15 am	+ Bill Seufert
	FRIDAY	8:15 am	+ Mary Pierce
	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Irene, Aurelia, and Ruth Bertheard
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Dan and Carolyn Boman
ST. AGNES	TUESDAY	8:30 am	Adoration and Mass
	THURSDAY	8:30 am	Adoration
	SUNDAY	10:30 am	Stations of the Cross and Mass

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

MARCH 3 TUESDAY	St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin
MARCH 4 WEDNESDAY	Adoration and Mass at 8:30 am.
MARCH 6 FRIDAY	First Friday- Day of Abstinence.

UPCOMING WEEK

MARCH 8 SUNDAY	Lenten Confession at 5:30 pm at St. Agnes.
MARCH 15 SUNDAY	Special Collection Catholic Relief
MARCH 19 THURSDAY	Feast of St. Joseph Mass at St. Mary's 7:00pm

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will be held on Wednesday- March 4, 2026. We will be preparing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, and First Communion. "In the chorus of different voices, may our harmonies echo the unity and diversity of God's creation to inspire hope, love, and joy." [Please consider singing in the choir.](#)

◆ CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Conrad Barchak and the Barchak Family! Conrad was baptized February 22, 2026. We are so blessed to have added another member to our parish. We cannot wait to see him flourish in his Catholic faith!

◆ 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 your Mirror, you still have time. Please pay those as soon as possible!

◆ CHRISM MASSES

Tuesday, March 31, 2026- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Springfield, MO.

◆ ADORATION

Friday, March 6, 2026, we will be having Adoration from 3:00 pm- 4:45 pm in the church.

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK



Collection Counters in March:

Bryan and Shelly Stellwagen

Sunday

Collection:

\$ 5,808.00

Mirror Collection:

\$ 84.00

◆ HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday

St. Mary's- 5:00 pm Mass St. Mary's- 7:00 pm Mass
St. Agnes- 7:00 pm Mass St. Agnes- 3:00 pm Mass

Good Friday

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)

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

◆ LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 1- Aurora: 6:30 pm Penance

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 MASS INTENTIONS

March 4: Wednesday- +Bill Seufert

March 6: Friday- +Mary Pierce

March 7: Saturday- +Irene, Aurelia, and Ruth Bertheard

March 8: Sunday- +Dan and Carolyn Boman

March 11: Wednesday- +Mark J. Strick

March 13: Friday- +Jim Larkin

March 14: Saturday- +Terry Campbell

March 15: Sunday- +Jean Zebert Kutz

March 18: Wednesday- +Don Gripka

March 19: Thursday- +James Freeman

March 20: Friday- +Pat Fenske

March 21: Saturday- +Tom Swift

March 22: Sunday- +Tom Cahalan

March 25: Wednesday- +Daniel Bertalotto

March 27: Friday- +Jim and Carolyn Witt

March 28: Saturday- +Jim "Sonny" Bertalotto

March 29: Sunday- +Agnes Whitman Connett

◆ PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We are still in need of a head cook and computer class volunteer. For the head cook position- cafeteria experience is preferred- this will be a part-time position consisting of 4 days a week/ 6 hours per day. Head Cook will be responsible for menu planning, nutritional data, cooking and prepping meals, and clean up. You will have an assistant to help with kitchen duties. Candidates inquire at 417-476-2824.

◆ MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Rick Brattin 3/3, Suzanne Sloan 3/3, Joy Lombard 3/9, Kristi Barchak 3/9, Fletcher Witt 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

You still have time... We are still accepting donations towards raffle prizes. We ask to notify us by March 8th 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 it in the church collection, mail it to church, or take to the parish rectory. If you would like to donate and have questions, please call the rectory at 417-476-2827, Mellanie Carder at 417-737-2812, or Frances Boman at 417-693-0174. 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 with our annual picnic!

◆ 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.

◆ 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!

2026
67TH ANNUAL SPRING ASSEMBLY
SPONSORED BY THE
DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
APRIL 10 & 11, 2026

The Speakers and Entertainment:

JENNA MAYO
Keynote Speaker

DEACON AL
Spirituality Speaker

SR. SHARON MILLER
Service Speaker

DEACON HUFF
Leadership Speaker

TERRIE K ROSE
Entertainment

REGISTER TODAY: <https://dioscg.org/organizations/dcwcw/>
April 10-11, 2026 starts at 8 am
Drury Plaza Hotel 3351 Percy Dr. Cape Girardeau, MO

Celebrating
Bishop John J. Leibrecht
70 Years a Priest!

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you..."
John 15:16

Mass of Thanksgiving
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
2200 W. Republic Rd., Springfield, Missouri
Reception following

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.

March 6:

Scott Sagston, Daniel Kristek, Roger Wolf, Harold Lombard, Ronald Dunaway, Ralph Abramovitz, Jim Reber, Steven Gripka, and Carl Younker.

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 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, Jared Barchak, Jason Barchak, Dustin Avondet

Announcements: Jared Barchak

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

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 40 DAYS

Lent is the solemn 40- day period of prayer, fasting, and alms-giving that prepares the faithful for Easter, the celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. It lasts for 40 days, not including Sundays. **The number 40 is significant in the Bible, recalling the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert. The 40 days of the flood-** the rain that flooded the earth lasted for 40 days and 40 nights. This was the ultimate period of trial and judgment for a corrupt world. **The 40 days of Moses on Mount Sinai-** This was a time of intense preparation and communion with God. During this time, he received the Law, the blueprint for God's covenant people. **The 40 days of the Spies in Canan-** The twelve spies explored the Promised Land for 40 days. This was a period of testing their faith. They saw the same evidence, but ten of them saw only the obstacles (the giants and fortified cities), while two, Joshua and Caleb, saw the promise of God. The people believed the negative report, and their lack of faith resulted in the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. **The 40 Days of Elijah's Journey to Horeb-** After his great victory over the prophets, of Baal, the prophet Elijah was fleeing for his life from Queen Jezebel, terrified and in despair. An angel fed him, and with that strength, he traveled for 40 days and 40 nights to Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai). This was a period of physical and spiritual renewal. **The 40 Days of Jesus in the Wilderness-** This is the most direct link to Lent. Immediately after his baptism, Jesus was led into the wilderness for 40 days. This was a time of intense testing and preparation before he began his public ministry. He fasted, prayed, and was tempted by Satan.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

First ever diocesan Eucharistic Congress will be held at West Plains, MO. at the Civic Center. To register go to: <https://dioscg.formstack.com/forms/decparticipantregistration>. 900 people have already signed up!!