



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 FRONT STREET, PIERCE CITY, MO 65723

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12 - JULY 19, 2026

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 12 - JULY 19, 2026

	DAY	TIME	FAMILY
ST. MARY'S	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	Des. of Ferdinand \$ Mary (Ptach) Witt
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Mary Catherine Miller
	MONDAY	10:00 am	
	WEDNESDAY	8:15 am	Lang Family
	FRIDAY	8:15 am	+ Rose M. Strick
	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Richard & Juanita Dunaway
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Jim Larkin
ST. AGNES	TUESDAY	8:30 am	+ Lawrence Katsfey
	THURSDAY	8:30 am	Health of Paul Mettlach
	SUNDAY	10:30 am	+ Clem Wagner

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

JULY 15 WEDNESDAY	Adoration and Mass at 8:15 am. St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church.
JULY 17 FRIDAY	Adoration and Mass at 8:15 am.
JULY 18 SATURDAY	USA: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest.

UPCOMING WEEK

JULY 19 SUNDAY	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
JULY 22 WEDNESDAY	Feast Day of Mary Magdalen Adoration and Mass at 8:15 am.
JULY 25 SATURDAY	St. James, Apostle.

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417 205 8617
FR SANU THOMAS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you would like to be added into our monthly birthday and anniversary announcements in the bulletin please contact the church office at (417) 476-2827 or email Patty Osterloh at this email address: mimiandpapao@yahoo.com to be added!

◆ THANK YOU

Thank you to our friends at St. Mary's for all the cards and calls remembering us with good wishes for our 70th Wedding Anniversary. -Dale and Rosalee Wolf

◆ GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual St. Mary's Golf Tournament Fundraiser made **\$20,786.00** this year! Thank you so much to all of our sponsors, volunteers, players and the Center Creek Golf Course. This was such a fun fundraiser, we can't wait for next year!

◆ EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS BUS

One of our parishioners has a bus that seats 20 people. We plan to take that bus to Eucharistic Congress on August 15, 2026. We still have a couple of seats available, so please contact Jenifer Graves at (417) 635-4003 to claim a seat. Please try to get these seats filled as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK



Collection Counters in July:

Jennifer Eaton and Rachelle Brown

Sunday First Collection: **\$6072.25**

Peter's Pence: **\$25.00**

Children's Collection: **\$8.25**

◆ OCIA APPLICATION

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) — formerly known as RCIA — is a journey of faith for those seeking to:

- Join the Catholic Church
- Complete their sacraments (Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation)
- Simply learn more about the Catholic faith

We are now accepting applications.

Please get a form from the back of the church and submit it to the church office or Father Sanoop Thomas.

◆ CHRISTMAS IN JULY

St. Lawrence is having a Christmas in July Bazaar on July 18, 2026! It will take place at St. Lawrence Catholic Church (405 7th Street, Monett, MO. 65708) 9 am-5 pm. There will be booths with crafts, food trucks, music, family activities, silent auction, and raffle prizes! Free entry for all ages! For more information contact Lynda Velten at (417) 354-4228.

◆ CURSILLO MOVEMENT WEEKENDS

For over 80 years the Cursillo Movement has helped Christians deepen their faith, grow in their relationship with God, and discover their specific mission in life. The three day weekend experience is a beautiful opportunity for parishioners to step away from their daily routines and experience a short course in Christianity centered around prayer (piety), study, and action. The Women's Cursillo Movement Weekend #139 will be on October 15- October 17, 2026. It will take place at the Vietnamese Martyr's Retreat Center in Carthage, MO. The Men's Cursillo Movement Weekend #140 will be on November 12- November 15, 2026. It will take place at the Vietnamese Martyr's Retreat Center in Carthage, MO. All of the men and women that decide to attend the three-day weekend... MAKE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND, and BE A FRIEND TO GOD! For more information you can contact Mary Williams at (417) 371-3588 or williams6mj@gmail.com.

◆ PSR CLASSES

PSR class teachers needed!!! We will be dividing the class groups into smaller sections and using a new weekly curriculum that makes it easy to teach! We are also looking for a confirmation teacher. Assignment to grade level will be determined closer to classes starting. Teaching assignments can also be divided up by quarter or semester. For more information or to sign up for teaching a class please contact Jenifer Graves at (417) 635-4003 or jenifer_graves@yahoo.com.

◆ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pat Chapman, Serenity Bristol, Tessie Holle, Paul Jasumback, Teri (Heeter) England, Roy Rosebrough, 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, Melissa Cahalan, Andrea Kristek, Erin Hunt, Chris Feather, Kenneth and Kay Wrobleski, Kinslee Kennedy, Dave Dombroski, Patricia Cahalan, Lexi Eck, Alicia Parrigon, Jerry Hudson, Lillian Kristek, Phyllis Gasser, Dave Foster.

◆ JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS: Eduardo Navarro Paz 7/3, Vincent Lockhart 7/3, Larry Gasser 7/5, Darrell Lamp 7/9, Debbie Fenske Lamp 7/15, Ellie Washam 7/18, Ember Cole 7/18, Easton Washam 7/20, Jesse Lombard 7/22, Patty Osterloh 7/22, Andy Parrigon 7/25.
ANNIVERSARIES: Adam and Teresa Boman 7/7, Darrell and Debbie Lamp 7/10, Brenden and Baleigh Kleiboeker 7/29, Lance and Jennifer Eaton 7/29, Dale and Jerri Jasumback 7/31.



ST. BENEDICT

St. Benedict (c. 480–547): Feast on July 11, 2026.

Benedict was a Roman nobleman who fled the decadence of Rome as a young man. He lived as a hermit in a cave at Subiaco for three years, surviving on bread lowered by a rope.

His genius was his Rule, which was revolutionary because it was moderate. Unlike earlier desert monks who starved themselves, Benedict commanded: "Let nothing harsh, nothing burdensome be enjoined."

Ora et Labora (Pray and Work): He insisted monks work manual labor (farming, brewing, copying texts) alongside prayer, believing idleness was the enemy of the soul.

The Abbot as Father: He ran the monastery like a family, not a military unit. The Abbot had absolute authority but had to consult the youngest monks for advice.

· Key Story: He shared a close bond with his twin sister, St. Scholastica. The year he died, he saw her soul rise to heaven as a dove—and he died shortly after, buried in the same grave.

St. John Gualbert (c. 985–1073) Feast is on July 12th: The Knight Turned Reformer

John was born into Florentine nobility. His life changed in a single, dramatic moment: His beloved brother was murdered, and John swore vengeance. On Good Friday, he cornered the killer in a narrow pass. The man fell to his knees and stretched out his arms in the shape of a cross, begging for mercy. John forgave him on the spot.

He went to the Benedictine monastery of San Miniato in Florence to pray, and a crucifix famously bowed its head to him, confirming God's approval. He became a monk but grew disgusted by how wealthy and politically corrupt the Church had become (specifically the buying of church offices, called simony).

He left to found the Vallombrosan Benedictine Order (Fr. Thomas Belongs to this Benedictine order)in the forests near Florence, with radical rules:

Absolute poverty: They used wooden chalices and iron candlesticks —no gold.

Lay Brothers (Conversi): He introduced uneducated farmers as monks to do manual labor, so the choir monks could focus entirely on contemplative prayer—a structure still used today.

The Deeper Connection

John didn't invent a new rule; he was a devoted follower of St. Benedict who simply wanted to return to the pure, literal observance of Benedict's original text. In art, St. Benedict is often shown handing his book to John Gualbert, symbolizing that John is the loyal son preserving his father's legacy. Because they settled in the thick forests, the Vallombrosans became expert foresters. That is why St. John Gualbert is now the patron saint of forest rangers and park rangers, while St. Benedict remains the patron of all of Europe.

APPOINTMENTS

Saturday, July 18 4:00 pm Mass

Reader: Michele Riddle

Servers: Reese Cahalan, Lottie Sloan, Kole Fletcher

E.M.: Cathy Brown, Lora SAffer, Ron Dunaway, Dan Witt

Ushers: Mike Sloan, Doug Sloan, Tommy Cahalan, Carl King

Announcements: Suzanne Sloan

Sunday, July 19 8:30 am Mass

Readers: Hadley Barchak, Mary Abramovitz

Servers: Averi Caddell, Quinci Caddell, Will Garner

E.M.: Jennifer Garner, Cari CAddell, Ralph Abramovitz, Baleigh Kleiboeker

Ushers: Jim Barchak, Jared Barchak, Jason Barchak, Kodi Pearce

Announcements: Mike Kaiser

If you are unable to make your appointment please find your own replacement

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OCTOBER 11TH AT 1 PM
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