



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 FRONT STREET, PIERCE CITY, MO 65723

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 30, 2026

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 30, 2026

	DAY	TIME	FAMILY
ST. MARY'S	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Brenda Buchanan
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ John & Cecilia Eck
	MONDAY		
	WEDNESDAY	8:15 am	+ Pat Fenske
	FRIDAY	8:15 am	+ Don Gripka
	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Lawrence Fenske
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Eugene Fenske
ST. AGNES	TUESDAY	8:30 am	+ Lawrence Katsfey
	THURSDAY	8:30 am	+ Betty Prier
	SUNDAY	10:30 am	+ Charlotte Sloan

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 25 TUESDAY	First Day of School for St. Mary's
AUGUST 26 WEDNESDAY	Adoration and Mass at 8:15 am.
AUGUST 28 FRIDAY	Adoration and Mass at 8:15 am

UPCOMING WEEK

SEPT. 1 TUESDAY	World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
SEPT. 4 FRIDAY	First Friday Adoration 5:00-7:00 pm
SEPT. 8 TUESDAY	Feast: Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

“ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS & UPDATES

Dear Church Family,
We are excited to announce that we will be producing a new Church Pictorial Directory! This is a wonderful opportunity to update our records and create a valuable resource to help us connect with names and faces.

Mark your calendars for November 12-15, 2026!!

◆ HARVEST MASS CHOIR PRACTICE

The Harvest Mass choir practice will take place at the St. Mary's pavilion on September 9, 2026. Practice will start at 7:00 pm.

◆ NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

We are overjoyed to announce the newly elected officers of our Pastoral Council for the upcoming term. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to: **President: Jennifer Garner, Vice President: Chris Jasumback, Secretary: Cari Caddell**
We thank them for their generous "yes" to this call to service. We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all the previous office bearers for their dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to our church community.

◆ BEST OF LUCK

Good luck to all of our parishioners and students on the upcoming school year! We pray that you learn a lot, make new friends, grow as individuals, and have the best school year ever. Please keep all students in your thoughts and prayers.

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK



Collection Counters in August:
Kenny & Tracy O'Hara

Sunday First Collection:
\$1,871.00

Children's Collection:
\$22.00

◆ PSR CLASSES

PSR classes k-12 and confirmation prep classes will begin on Sunday, August 30 at 9:45 am. This will be the registration day with snacks and a craft for the students! Forms are available in the back of church, or you can fill one out on registration day in the gymnasium.

◆ PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The First Day of school will be on Tuesday, August 25th! **The Parent/Student Handbook is now on the St. Mary's website!** Sunday, August 23rd we will be having an All Schools Mass. Immediately after the Mass, the Outreach Committee invites all school children, families, and parishioners to join in on their Welcome Back Event. Snacks, coffee, and good conversation is on the menu! St. Mary's Open House will also be going on during this time, and they are encouraging anyone that wants to see or anyone interested in the school to join in and come check it out at the Welcome Back/Open House Event. We can't wait to see everyone and get this school year started! Go Jaguars!!!

◆ OCIA APPLICATION

OCIA class begin on September 15, 2026 from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Lawrence in Monett. Applications in the back of church!

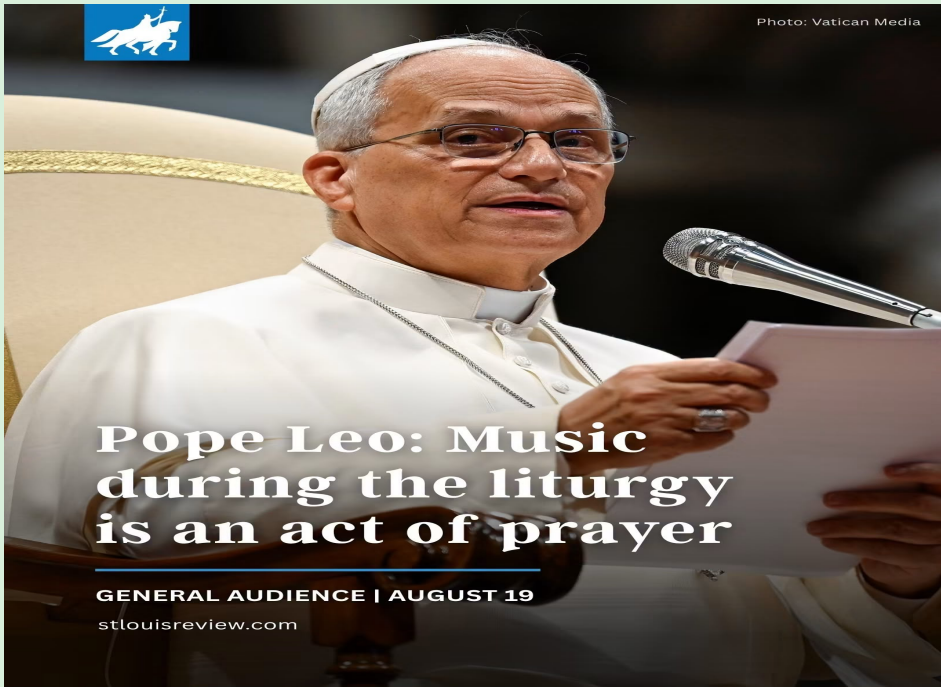
◆ POP LEO XIV ON MUSIC PLAYING IN CHURCH

Singing and playing music during the liturgy is an integral and necessary part of the celebration, Pope Leo XIV said during his general audience on Aug. 19.

"Indeed, singing and playing a musical instrument are acts of prayer. Music thus fosters our unity in praising God and opens our hearts to be fashioned by his grace," Pope Leo said. "Far from being merely decorative, therefore, sacred music is a treasure of profound value."

The pope focused on the importance of sacred music as outlined in the council's constitution on the sacred liturgy, "Sacrosanctum Concilium."

"In the liturgy, to sing and to play music means to pray, attuning one's heart to that of our sisters and brothers and to God, through active participation in the mystery that is being celebrated," he said.



◆ PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pat Chapman, 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, Michael Wayne Williams, David Rosebrough.

◆ AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS: Cade Flehmer 8/1, Wittley Cahalan 8/3, Jared Barchak 8/6, Dawnya Gibbs 8/8, Bryan Stellwagen 8/11, Bonnie Parrigon 8/17, Colten O'Hara 8/18, Oliver Cole 8/20, Mary Abramovitz 8/20, Kenny O'Hara 8/23, Chrishna Paul 8/23, Gail Brattin 8/25. Maelee Witt 8/27, Jennifer Garner 8/28, Allison Witt 8/29. Richard Cole 8/29, Harold Lombard 8/29.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rick & Mary Jo Washam 8/3, Derrick & Beth Cox 8/4, Tommy & Jessica Cahalan 8/8, Tim & Patty Osterloh 8/12, Rick & Gail Brattin 8/31.

APPOINTMENTS

Saturday, August 29 4:00 pm Mass

Reader: Lisa McDunner

Servers: Lottie Sloan, Elliot Witt, Kole Fletcher

E.M.: Jessica Cahalan, Dan Witt, Ron Dunaway, Richard Ceselski

Ushers: Larry Gasser, Doug Witt, Mike Sloan, Tommy Cahalan

Announcements: Robert Chapman

Sunday, August 30 8:30 am Mass

Readers: Linda Fenske, Barbara Glouse

Servers: Will Garner, Blythe Garner, Ambreia Brattin

E.M.: Ralph Abramovitz, Mary Abramovitz, Jennifer Eaton, Jennifer Garner

Ushers: Adam Boman, Abram Boman, Jesse Cooper, Rex Cooper

Announcements: Mike Kaiser

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

