



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 FRONT STREET, PIERCE CITY, MO 65723

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16 - AUGUST 23, 2026

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 16 -AUGUST 23, 2026

	DAY	TIME	FAMILY
ST. MARY'S	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ NO MASS
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Ed Flehmer
	MONDAY		
	WEDNESDAY	8:15 am	+ Tom Swift
	FRIDAY	8:15 am	+ Gus Fenske
	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Brenda Buchanan
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ John & Cecilia Eck
ST. AGNES	TUESDAY	8:30 am	+ Betty Prier
	THURSDAY	8:30 am	+ Rosemary Boes
	SUNDAY	10:30 am	+ Ralph & Marie Heidlage

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 19 WEDNESDAY	Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Mary's 6:30 pm.
AUGUST 20 THURSDAY	Feast of Saint Bernard
AUGUST 21 FRIDAY	Adoration and Mass at 8:15 am

UPCOMING WEEK

AUGUST 23 SUNDAY	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
AUGUST 25 TUESDAY	First Day of School for St. Mary's
AUGUST 28 FRIDAY	Feast of Saint Augustine

"ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST"



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ST. MARY'S BONDS...

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Community...

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Number

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ GREAT NEWS ST. MARY'S FAMILY!

We are overjoyed to share a beautiful act of generosity. Sponsors have come forward with a remarkable \$40,000 donation to cover the full cost of maintaining and painting our 32 stained glass windows and the rest of the money will be used for further developments for the church. These beautiful windows have graced our church for nearly 143 years. To our generous donors: thank you from the depths of our pastoral hearts. Your love for this sacred space and for our community is a true reflection of Christ's generosity. As your pastor, I offer a special blessing, prayers, and gratitude to our anonymous benefactors, and to every member of our St. Mary's family.

◆ 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!

◆ PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK

Do you or a loved one have difficulty attending Mass due to age, illness, or recovery from surgery? Please know that you are not forgotten! The Church wishes to bring Jesus to you. We are blessed to offer Holy Communion to the homebound and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for those facing serious illness or surgery. If you, a family member, or a neighbor would like a priest to visit, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. We are here to pray with you and bring the Lord's comfort.

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK



Collection Counters

in August:

Kenny & Tracy O'Hara

Sunday First
Collection:
\$5,869.85

Children's Collection:
\$15.60

◆ PSR CLASSES

PSR registration forms will be available in the back of the church! PSR classes are each Sunday immediately after Mass. They will end at 10:45 am. Baleigh and Brenden Kleiboeker will continue to serve as our Youth Group activity leaders, meeting on Wednesday nights for grades 9-12. This years classes will be divided K-1 with Jennifer Eaton, 2-3 with Mellanie Carder, 4-6 with Virginia Lavigne, and 7-9 Confirmation preparation with Jenifer Graves. We will have high school PSR classes each Sunday for those who have already been confirmed with Erin Flehmer.

◆ PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The First Day of school will be on Tuesday, August 25th! There are still a couple of preschool slots open, if you know anyone that might be interested, please spread the word. We have a few events lined up before the first day of school and we hope to see you all there! 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!

◆ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REFLECTION

Pope Leo and Archbishop Coakley Reflect on the Knights of Columbus Commitment to Unity, Charity, and Patriotism. During the Knights of Columbus' 144th Supreme Convention in Denver August 4-6, Pope Leo XIV called on the Knights to be "prophets of harmony" by promoting the virtues of unity and charity. "I express deep gratitude for your orders, continued generosity to the less fortunate, and trust that your endeavors will continue to bear fruit for many years to come," the Holy Father said. The pope encouraged the Knights "to continue bearing witness to that concord which Jesus so ardently desires," within families, parishes, and wider communities. "In an age all too often marked by division and pointed rhetoric, there's a great need for prophets of harmony who seek to build bridges and strive to reconcile opposing positions wherever possible."Also during the convention, Archbishop Paul Coakley, reflected on "the virtue of patriotism". The archbishop drew a clear distinction between authentic patriotism and distorted nationalism, emphasizing that true love of country must be rooted in virtue. "Patriotism is not first and foremost a political virtue; it's a religious one," he said. "We are called to love our country. Honor your country as you honor your parents with gratitude, with loyalty, and with honesty that never mistakes flattery for love. Put God first and let your patriotism flow from that priority rather than compete with it."

◆ 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) Litrl, 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.

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversay section of the bulletin please get in touch with Patty Osterloh

APPOINTMENTS

Saturday, August 22 4:00 pm Mass

Reader: Boonie King

Servers: Elias Prescott, Drake Gibbs, Kole Fletcher

E.M.: Cathy Brown, Lora Saffer, Ron Dunaway, Richard Ceselski

Ushers: Larry Gasser, Carl King, Ian Brottlund, Robert Chapman

Announcements: Lora Saffer

Sunday, August 23 8:30 am Mass

ALL SCHOOLS MASS! ALL APPOINTMENTS WILL BE DONE BY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES!

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

Go on Pilgrimage with
Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau!

World Youth Day

August 1 - 10, 2027



**REGISTRATION ENDS
AUGUST 1, 2026!**



Seoul, South Korea

AMERICAN MARTYR

THE STANLEY ROTHER STORY
NARRATED BY MARTIN SHEEN



IN THEATRES AUGUST 25 & 26
EL 27 DE AGOSTO EN ESPAÑOL

COME & SEE

Discover... IS GOD CALLING ME?



SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 12
9:30-4:30
MARY THE FONT SOLITUDE
6150 ANTIRE ROAD, HIGH RIDGE, MO
RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 9.

LUNCH PROVIDED



SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 19
9:30-4:30
QUEEN OF HEAVEN SOLITUDE
12494 HWY T, MARIONVILLE, MO
RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 16.

Both events are open to 14-49 year-olds
For more information, visit our website! www.marythefont.org

SPEND A DAY TO EXPERIENCE AN EREMITICAL-MONASTIC LIFE, LIVED WITH SOME LIMITED ELEMENTS OF CENOBITIC-MONASTICISM, AND LIMITED, DIRECT, AND WHOLLY APOSTOLATES, IN THE CONTEXT OF MATERIAL SIMPLICITY AND EVANGELICAL POVERTY. MEET THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE SOCIETY OF OUR MOTHER OF PEACE.

CALL OR EMAIL US:
SONS OF OUR MOTHER OF PEACE, CP, 636-212-5042 OR PHONE 417-744-2011, SMPVOCATIONS@GMAIL.COM
DAUGHTERS OF OUR MOTHER OF PEACE, 636-495-5382, SMPSISTERSVOC@GMAIL.COM



FIRST FRIDAY MASS for VOCATIONS

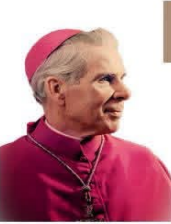
Bishop Rice will celebrate the *Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart* for Vocations each First Friday of the month, followed by the Rosary.

All parishes are invited to celebrate First Friday Masses for Vocations as we continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

BISHOP RICE'S SCHEDULE FOR FIRST FRIDAY MASS:

Fri., Aug. 7	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	5:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 4	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	5:30 p.m.

Be Part of History



Volunteer for the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Beatification Mass & Expo
Thursday Sept. 24
The Dome at America's Center, St. Louis, MO

Sheen Awards Gala
Friday Sept. 25
Peoria Civic Center, Peoria, IL

Whether you can serve for a few hours or several days, your generosity will help make this historic celebration a joyful and prayerful experience.

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SEPTEMBER 3**

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