ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 FRONT STREET, PIERCE CITY, MO 65723

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29-DECMEBER 6, 2026

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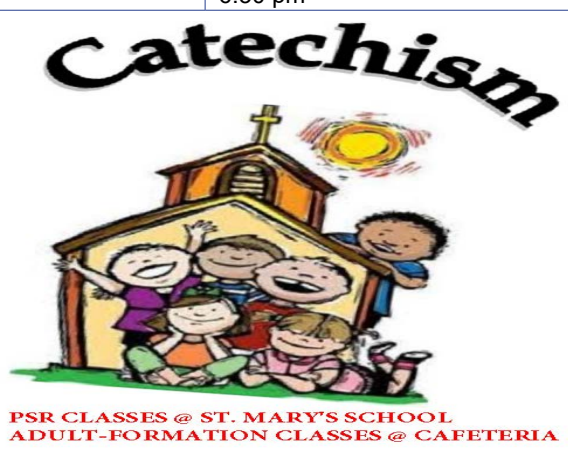
EVENTS OF THE WEEK	
NOVEMBER 29 SUNDAY	PSR Classes Adult Formation Class in Cafeteria
DECEMBER 2 WEDNESDAY	Adoration and Mass at 8:15 am Choir Practice at 6:30 pm.
DECEMBER 4 FRIDAY	First Friday Adoration 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
UPCOMING WEEK	
DECEMBER 5 SATURDAY	Decorating the Grotto for the Christmas Season at 10:00 am
DECEMBER 6 SUNDAY	Retreat at St. Mary's Confession at 4:30 pm
DECEMBER 8 TUESDAY	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass at 6:30 pm





SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 6, 2026

	DAY	TIME	FAMILY
ST. MARY'S	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	Jeannie Gasser Family
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Pat Chapman Wedding Ann.
	MONDAY		Church Office Open
	WEDNESDAY	8:15 am	Kluck Family
	FRIDAY	8:15 am	+ Becky Anderson
	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Emmett & Helen Wagner Birthday
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Edward & Joan Parrigon
ST. AGNES	TUESDAY	8:30 am	+ Edana Fenske
	THURSDAY	8:30 am	+ Michael Bartkoski
	SUNDAY	10:30 am	+ Ralph & Marie Heidlage

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ PCCW PECANS

The PCCW is once again selling pecans. The pecans have come in!! They will be sold after both weekend Masses.

♦ POT LUCK DINNER

Please join the PCCW and the Outreach Committee in a pot-luck dinner celebrating Father Thomas' birthday on Saturday, December 19, 2026. It will be held in the cafeteria after 4:00 pm Mass. Drinks and paper products will be provided. If your last name begins with A-F please bring a dessert, G-L please bring a salad, M-R please bring a vegetable, and S-Z please bring a bread. Every family will provide a meat dish.

♦ ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Everyone is welcome! The service will take place on Sunday, December 13, 2026 at the First Congregational UCC(108 N. Walnut St. Pierce City, MO. 65723). The service will include special music, seasonal readings, Christmas Carols, and we will conclude with Silent Night, sung by candlelight as we encircle the sanctuary with our candles to celebrate the season. Refreshments will be served immediately following the service!

♦ CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE & GROTTO DECORATING

Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm will be the choir practice for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Everyone is welcome to help the choir prepare for the birth of Jesus. We will decorate the Grotto for the Christmas Season on Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 am. All are welcome to come help!

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK

Collection Counters in December: MISC.

Sunday First Collection:
$5420.10

Children's Collection:
$57.10

Second Collection (Catholic Charities):
$812.00



♦ **THANK YOU**

Thank you for bringing the photos of your departed family members to church. It was a blessing to remember them together, and we are grateful for your participation. We kindly ask you to collect your photos and take them back home with you. Any photos not taken will remain in the conference hall at the rectory for pickup at a later date. Thanks again, for helping us honor the memory of our beloved departed.

♦ **PART TIME JANITOR NEEDED AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

St. Mary's Church is seeking a reliable, trustworthy part-time janitor to clean the facilities, rectory, and grounds. Flexible schedule, some weekend availability preferred. Must be able to work independently and perform physical tasks.

♦ **PCCW CARDS**

During the Christmas season, the PCCW will be sending cards to those who are in nursing homes, shut-ins, and are ill. We invite you to join us in remembering these parishioners! Judy Chapman: 10744 Barry Rd Pierce City, Mo. Joyce DeCamp: 510 Dairy St. Apt. 4 Monett, MO. Teri Heeter England: 112 Old Central Drive Pierce City, MO. Robert & Loretta Gasskamper: 27115 Highway J Pierce City, MO. Margie Gripka: 22063 Lawrence 1110 Pierce City, MO. Paul Jasumback: 5437 Vixen Wentwoth, MO. Lillian Kristek: Lacoba Villa Apt. 2, P.O. Box 885 Monett, MO. Maryann Osterloh: Aspire Senior Living Roaring River, 812 Old Exeter Rd Cassville, MO. Caroline Parrigon: St. Luke's Nursing Center, 1220 E. Fariview Ave, Room 701 Carthage, MO. Crishna Paul: 408 Walnut Wentworth, MO. John & Janice Stricklin: 203 N. Elm St. Pierce City, MO. Josephine Witt: Lacoba Nursing Home, 850 US Highway 60 Monett, MO.

♦ **PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

There are fewer than 10 raffle tickets left for the .22 Henry Golden Boy. These are $25 each. If all tickets are sold, the drawing will be held on December 18th. The school Christmas play will be December 17th at 6:30 pm. Last day before Christmas break is December 18th. We are still in need of a computer class volunteer for Tuesday's. Please call the office at (417) 476-2824 for details. All volunteers must pass background checks and undergo VIRTUS training. Please consider donating up to 50% of your state tax liability to MOScholars. Contributions must be made before December 31st to count for the 2026 tax year. Details on how to do this are on flyer's in the back of church.

♦ **DECEMBER MASS INTENTIONS**

12/2: Kluck Family
12/4: +Becky Anderson
12/5: +Emmett & Helen Wagner Birthday Remembrance
12/6: +Edward & Joan Parrigon
12/8: +Mary Catherine Miller
12/9: +Dave Foster
12/11: +Helen Marie Mettlach
12/12: +Toni Elbert
12/13: Mary Spivy Birthday
12/16: Bartsch Family
12/18: +Bill Seufert
12/19: +Terry & Kay Campbell
12/20: +Lewis & Catherine Witt Birthday Remembrance
12/23: +Tom Swift
12/24: St. Mary's Church Family
12/25: St. Mary's Church Family
12/26: + Imogene Zebert Kutz
12/27: +Louis Fenske
12/30: +Dale Klassen
12/31: St. Mary's Church Family

♦ **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Tessie Holle, Paul Jasumback, Teri (Heeter) England, 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, Ben Rosebaugh, Marjorie Gripka, Michael Wayne Williams, Kenny Shyrock, Stephanie Chipman, Teresa Sloan, Kimberly Jones, Caroline Parrigon.

♦ **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Elliot Witt 12/7, Eduardo Navarro Paz 12/7, Maria Navarro Paz 12/9, Evelyn Rose Lockhart 12/11, Claire Eaton 12/11, Peggy Heidlage 12/14, Father Mattew Rehrauer 12/17, Tessa Boman 12/19, Grace Senecer 12/19, Father Sanoop Thomas 12/27, Huxlee Cox 12/27, Stephen Flehmer 12/29.

APPOINTMENTS

Saturday, December 5 4:00 pm Mass

Readers: Cathy Brown
Servers: Lottie Sloan, Elliot Witt, Kole Fletcher
E.M.: Lora Saffer, Jessica Cahalan, John Witt, Cindy Witt **Ushers:** Tommy Cahalan, Carl King, Doug Witt, Mike Sloan
Announcements: Lora Saffer

Sunday, December 6 8:30 am Mass

Readers: Linda Fenske, Barbara Glouse
Servers: Quinn Barchak, Lillian Boman, Louis Boman
E.M.: Adam Boman, Mellanie Carder, Kenny O'Hara, Tracy O'Hara
Ushers: Jason Barchak, Jared Barchak, Dustin Avondet, Kellen Avondet
Announcements: Teresa Boman

Saturday, December 12 4:00 pm Mass

Readers: Lora Saffer
Servers: Trent Jensen, Evan Nance, Elias Prescott
E.M.: Cathy Brown, Ron Dunaway, Richard Ceselski, Dan Witt
Ushers: Carl King, Larry Gasser, Ian Brottlund, Robert Chapman
Announcements: Cathy Brown

Sunday, December 13 8:30 am Mass

Readers: Cody Washam, Jocelyn Washam
Servers: Averi Caddell, Quinci Caddell, Sawyer Pearce
E.M.: Cari Caddell, Ralph Abramovitz, Mary Abramovitz, Mellanie Carder
Ushers: Kodi Pearce, Dereck Washam, Rick Washam, Ian Brottlund
Announcements: Jared Barchak

Saturday, December 19 4:00 pm Mass

Readers: Lisa McDunner
Servers: Wittley Cahalan, Reese Cahalan, Otto Cahalan
E.M.: Tommy Cahalan, Jessica Cahalan, John Witt, Cindy Witt
Ushers: Doug Witt, Mike Sloan,Carl King, Larry Gasser
Announcements: Suzanne Sloan

Sunday, December 20 8:30 am Mass

Readers: Baleigh Kleiboeker, Brenden Kleiboeker
Servers: Will Garner, Blythe Garner, Cade Flehmer
E.M.: Erin Flehmer, Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton, Jennifer Garner
Ushers: Brock Flehmer, Jesse Copper, Rex Cooper, Levi Cooper
Announcements: Mike Kaiser

Saturday, December 26 4:00 pm Mass

Readers: Boonie King
Servers: Drake Gibbs, Elias Prescott, Kole Fletcher
E.M.: Richard Ceselski, Ron Dunaway, Cathy Brown, Lora Saffer
Ushers: Carl King, Larry Gasser, Dan Witt, Ellis Motley
Announcements: Robert Chapman

Sunday, December 27 8:30 am Mass

Readers: Nanette Philips, Jenifer Graves
Servers: Jude Graves, Ambreia Brattin, Jay Brown
E.M.: Dale Jasumback, Jerri Jasumback, Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell
Ushers: Adam Boman, Abram Boman, Darren Brown, Max Brown
Announcements: Cody Washam

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

♦ **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION-TUESDAY DEC: 8**

Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patronal feast of the United States of America and a holy day of obligation. All are encouraged to join us in honoring Our Lady under her title of the Immaculate Conception.
Mass Schedule:
Tuesday, December 8 at 8:30 am at St.Agnes
Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm at St.Marys

♦ **BIRTHDAY**

Mary Spivy will be celebrating her 98th birthday on Sunday, December 13th. There will be a come and go at Oak Point Nursing Home in Monett (2pm-4pm). Come by or if you are unable to stop by and would like to send her a card her address is Mary Spivy 10141 Old Airport Road Monett, MO. 65708.