ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

200 FRONT STREET, PIERCE CITY, MO 65723

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8 - NOVEMBER 15, 2026

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NOVEMBER 8 - NOVEMBER 15, 2026

	DAY	TIME	FAMILY
ST. MARY'S	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Brenda Buchanan
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Jim & Carolyn Witt
	MONDAY	6:00 pm	Rosary & Visitation for Edana Fenske
	WEDNESDAY	8:15 am	+ Pat Fenske
	FRIDAY	8:15 am	+ Don Gripka
	SATURDAY	4:00 pm	+ Tory Davis
	SUNDAY	8:30 am	+ Gladys Fenske
ST. AGNES	TUESDAY	8:30 am	St. Agnes Parish
	THURSDAY	8:30 am	All Poor Souls in Purgatory
	SUNDAY	10:30 am	+ Rosemary Boes

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 9 MONDAY	Finance Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.
NOVEMBER 10 TUESDAY	Edana Fenske Funeral at 10:00 am.
NOVEMBER 11 WEDNESDAY	Veteran's Day Mass at 8:15 am

UPCOMING WEEK

NOVEMBER 15 SUNDAY	Blaine Frey's Baptism during 8:30 am Mass.
NOVEMBER 18 WEDNESDAY	Mass at St. Mary's at 8:15 am School Board Meting 6:30 pm
NOVEMBER 20 FRIDAY	Mass at St. Mary's at 8:15 am.

"ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST"



ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

We will be getting our church ready for Christmas a little early this year, preparing for our "Heart and Home for Christ" event this Christmas! This event will take place on Sunday, December 6, 2026 and we would love your help. Our decorating day will be Sunday, November 29, 2026 after 8:30 am Mass. No experience is needed- just a willing heart and a little bit of your time. Each year volunteers help to create a beautiful atmosphere and a welcoming space for our parish family and everyone who enters. Thank you for sharing your time and talent as we celebrate this blessed season together! -Judy Flehmer.

♦ **NEW VESTMENTS**

We are deeply touched to announce that our new church vestments have been sponsored by the children of Robert "Bob" and Dorothy Witt, in loving memory of their beloved parents.

This generous gift is a beautiful testament to a family's love and faith—honoring the memory of Bob and Dorothy while helping to beautify our worship for years to come.

Thank you to the Witt family for this heartfelt offering. May God bless you abundantly, and may the memory of Bob and Dorothy Witt be eternal.·

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK

Collection Counters in November:

Joe & Denise Crowell

Sunday First Collection:
$4,319.00

Children's Collection:
$28.00

MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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STATEMENT OF MISSOURI BISHOPS ON DEFEAT OF AMENDMENT 3

We are profoundly saddened that Missouri voters chose to reject pro-life Amendment 3 and the legal protections for women and children we had hoped to restore.

This result, however, does not mark the end of our work. The Catholic Church in Missouri will continue to advocate for policies that uphold the dignity of every person, protect the most vulnerable among us, and provide compassionate support to those in need, as she has always done. We remain steadfast in our commitment to accompany mothers and fathers facing hardship in their pregnancies and to offer hope and healing to those who have been wounded by the scourge of abortion.

To the Catholic faithful, clergy, and all people of good will who worked tirelessly during this campaign, we offer our heartfelt gratitude.

In the days ahead, may God strengthen our resolve to defend the dignity of every human life. May the following prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila, Doctor of the Church, reignite our hope:

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF MISSOURI

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Bishop of Jefferson City

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Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

Approved November 4, 2026

♦ A GENEROUS GIFT FOR OUR PIPE ORGAN

Dear Parish Family,
We are grateful to share that a generous parishioner has donated $6,000 to the work needed to take care of the plastering on the roof of the choir loft. This repair is important because it will help protect our pipe organ from further damage caused by moisture and deterioration.
This gift is a wonderful blessing and a timely step towards preserving an instrument that serves our worship and leads our congregation in sacred music. We thank the donor for this generous support and for caring about the future of our church's music ministry.

♦ YOU ARE INVITED-WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOU!

To every adult parishioner of our Church. The church is hosting a Gratitude Dinner in your honor. It is the church's way of saying thank you for your presence, service, and commitment to our parish family in past years. The meal is our gift to you. Join us on Saturday, January 30th at 5:30 pm in the St. Mary's gymnasium. The sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church. We hope you will come and receive our gratitude!

♦ PRINCIPAL'S DESK

St. Mary's School has generously been donated a Henry, 22 Golden Boy rifle to raffle off as a fundraiser! Tickets are $25 each and only 75 tickets total will be sold. Tickets are available at the school and for sale after masses.
St. Mary's School is in need of a volunteer computer teacher. This teacher will be in charge of instructing our students on technology and computer skills including keyboarding. This is a volunteer position that requires a one day week commitment (Tuesday's) from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Please call (417) 476-2824 if interested.

♦ 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, and Kimberly Jones.

♦ NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS: Jason Barchak 11/2, Quinn Barchak 11/4, Jim Barchak 11/5, Dale Jasumback 11/11, Danny Boman 11/17, Rachelle Brown 11/19, Felix Lockhart 11/19, Anna Clair Lockhart 11/22, Otto Cahalan 11/22, Pam Barchak 11/27.
ANNIVERSARIES: Darrell & Cathy Brown 11/1, Cody & Jocelyn Washam 11/23, Danny & Frances Boman 11/26, Pat & Judy Chapman 11/30, Felix & Anna Lockhart 11/30.

APPOINTMENTS

Saturday, November 14 4:00 pm Mass

Readers: Robert Chapman
Servers: Wittley Cahalan, Lottie Sloan, Elliot Witt
E.M.: Tommy Cahlan, Jessica Cahalan, John Witt, Cindy Witt
Ushers: Larry Gasser, Carl King, Doug Witt, Mike Sloan
Announcements: Lora Saffer

Sunday, November 15 8:30 am Mass

Readers: Deidre Brown, Rachelle Brown
Servers: Will Garner, Blythe Garner, Jude Graves
E.M.: Jennifer Garner, Ralph Abramovitz, Mary Abramovitz, Mellanie Carder
Ushers: Cody Washam, Derek Washam, Dustin Avondet, Kellen Avondet
Announcements: Jenifer Graves

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

Please contact the church office at (417) 476-2827of Father Thomas if you are interested in joining the appointment list. We would love the help!

CALLED BY NAME CAMPAIGN :

Called by Name is a Campaign for begins in parishes across the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau starting next week! Through this initiative, we are invited to recognize faithful Catholic young men ages 15 to 30 who may have the qualities needed for the priesthood and encourage them by name.

Called by Name Sunday will be November 14th-15th. We will have pew cards for all parishioners, and the Diocese is inviting you to submit the names of Catholic Men ages 15-30 who love Christ and His Church. A man does not have to have expressed interest in the priesthood to be nominated. Each nominee will receive a letter from Bishop Rice and opportunities for prayer, fraternity, and vocational discernment.
Please begin praying about the young men God has placed in your parish, family, school, or community. A simple invitation can help a young man listen more closely for God's call.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU
Office of the Bishop

November 7, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As your bishop, one of my responsibilities is to make sure you will have priests you need in your parishes. Priests to celebrate the Mass, to forgive sins, to anoint the sick, and to walk with you through every season of life. That responsibility does not rest on me alone. God continues to call men to the priesthood, and often, a young man begins to recognize that call because someone else sees his faith and gifts and takes the time to encourage him.

Next weekend, November 14, every parish in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will participate in Called by Name.

I ask you to prayerfully consider the Catholic men between the ages of 15 and 35 in your family, parish, school, workplace, or community. Who are the faithful young men in your parish that love Jesus and His Church? Who do you see who has a generous heart, sound character, leadership ability, or a spirit of service?

If a young man comes to mind, please submit his name. You do not need to know whether he has considered the priesthood. By nominating him, you are simply saying, "We see your gifts, and we want to recognize you as a young man of faith."

Each man nominated will receive a personal letter from me, along with encouragement and invitations to opportunities for prayer, fraternity, and vocational discernment. The Vocation Office will help him take the next step of listening more closely to where God may be leading him.

Please pray, consider the young men you know, and submit a name. Your encouragement could have a lasting impact on a young man's life and on the future of our Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Edward M. Rice
Most Reverend Edward M. Rice
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau