

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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July 18, 2021 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **MASSES FOR July 18 – July 25**

### **Saint Agnes**

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Rosary and Communion Service
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Rosary and Communion Service
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska

### **St. Mary's**

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary Service
Wed.		No Mass
Friday		No Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

July 22

**Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**

## **UPCOMING EVENT:**

July 26

**Memorial of Saint Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

July 29

**Memorial of Saint Martha**

July 31

**Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

**Your Gift to the Church: \$ 1279.00**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **READERS**

<b><u>August 1</u></b>	Kathy Eck
8	Cheryl (K) Elbert
15	Sandy Thorn
22	Doug Pickering
29	Cheryl (R) Elbert

### **MONEY COUNTERS**

Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage  
Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt  
Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz  
James Campbell & Doug Pickering  
Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Sharon Wolfe, Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**JULY BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES:** Ray Elbert, John Heidlage, Annabelle Prince, Brenda Schmitt, Sandra Thorn, Jamie Welters, Kevin Welters, Liam Welter & Marion Williams

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**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JULY:** Maria Wagner, Leah Heidlage, Rhoda Elbert

## **VOCATIONS PRAYER:**

Good and loving Jesus, bless our diocese with priestly and religious vocations.

Call forth young people who have a zeal for souls, ready to seek out the lost, the poor and the wounded.

Call forth young people who are ready and willing to announce the glad tidings of hope that come from a life and friendship with You. Help them to listen to Your voice whispering in the depths of their hearts and give them the courage to respond with faith when they hear Your call.

With Mary, we humbly ask this in faith, hope and love. Amen.

## 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Ephesians 2:13-18  
Mark 6:30-34

### Monday, July 19

Exodus 14:5-18  
Ex 15:1b-6  
Matthew 12:38-42

### Tuesday, July 20

Exodus 14:21 – 15:1  
Ex 15:8-10,12,17  
Matthew 12:46-50

### Wednesday, July 21

Exodus 16:1-5,9-15  
Ps 78:18-19,23-28  
Matthew 13:1-9

### Thursday, July 22

**St. Mary Magdalene**  
Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b  
Daniel 3:52-56  
John 20:1-2,11-18

### Friday, July 23

Exodus 20:1-17  
Ps 19:8-11  
Matthew 13:18-23

### Saturday, July 24

Exodus 24:3-8  
Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15  
Matthew 13:24-30

Everyone in ministry feels overwhelmed by their calling from time to time. Whether it's the ministry of raising children, or caring for an elderly spouse or parent, or working a job in a way that reveals Christ, or volunteering at a church or pastoring a parish, it's necessary to take time out for ourselves – a vacation, a holiday – for nourishment and rest and recuperation. Jesus says so in today's Gospel reading.

If we don't obey this commandment, we become cranky. We make selfish or poor decisions. We become like the evil shepherds of the first reading, who misled and scattered those whom they were called to serve. Why? Because we become vulnerable to temptations when we try to give what we do not have.

It takes energy to reveal God's love. It takes energy to remain enthusiastic in serving others. But how can we get recharged with new energy if we don't take time to sit still, rest, and pray? How can we care about others when we don't take good care of ourselves? Jesus lives within us, but before we can give him to others, we must first let him give himself to us.

Daily we encounter people who are like sheep without a shepherd; they are seeking Jesus whether they realize it or not. They want the unconditional love that he

has to give. They want the healing and peace that he offers. He wants to help them, but if we who are his hands and feet and voice are too weak and worn out from our hardships, what then?



We need to go to a deserted place with Jesus and rest awhile in his nourishing love. If we go away on a retreat or vacation and come back to our work and ministries still cranky (i.e., if the people we shepherd wish we'd go take a longer trip), we haven't rested enough. We've cut short the restoration process. Never-mind the

pile-up of workload. Jesus is inviting us to "Come away by yourself and rest awhile longer with Me until you become more like Me."

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What work of the Lord has become unhappy for you? What stole your joy? How can you get it back? (You might need a spiritual director to help you figure this out.)
2. What needs of yours must be met before you can feel enthusiastic about ministry? What will you do this week to let Jesus meet these needs?
3. Why do people neglect to give themselves enough time for rest and restoration?
4. What do you do to recharge your energy and restore Christian enthusiasm?