St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO Aug. 22, 2021 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR AUG. 22 - AUG. 29

Saint Agnes

10:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

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St. Agnes Parish Family +Mary Lenore Droska Justice & Peace

+Theresa Heidlage

St. Mary's

Mon. 8:15 a.m. Rosary Service

Wed. Fri.

8:15 a.m. Mass 8:15 a.m. Mass

Sat. Sun. 4:00 p.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Mass

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Aug. 24

Sunday

Tuesday

Thursday

Sunday

Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Diocese's 65th Anniversary **Memorial of Saint Monica**

Aug. 27 Aug. 28

Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

UPCOMING EVENT:

September 3

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Your Gift to the Church: \$ \$495.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

August 1 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, Zayre Hedge and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES; Grayson Campbell, James Campbell, Karson Campbell, Gary Eck, Loretta Graskemper, Haylee Heidlage, James Perrin, Veda Perrin, Jean Wagner & Billy Workes

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING Robert & Loretta Graskemper's 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 12th, Mass in their honor at 10:30 a.m. at St. Agnes followed by a taco dinner in the church basement.

PRAYER FOR AUGUST:

Dear God, please keep my family and loved ones safe this month. Watch over us and cover us with your love. Shower us with good health, blessings, and happiness. Remove any worry, fear, stress, and doubt in our hearts. Comfort anyone who is hurting today and make them well again. In Jesus' name. Amen

God News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-18b Ps 34:(9a) 2-3,16-21 Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69

Monday August 23

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,8b-10 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday August 24 St. Bartholomew

Revelation 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13,17-18 John 1:45-51

Wednesday August 25

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12ab Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday August 26

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a,12-14,17 Matthew 24:42-51

Friday August 27 St. Monica

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Ps 97:1,2b,5-6,10-12 Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday August 28 St. Augustine

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Ps 98:1,7-9 Matthew 25:14-30

In John 6:60-69, we see the tragic reiection of Christ's true mission by many who had been listening to him and watching him. How could thev miss the message that he

taught? "The words I have spoken are Spirit and life," he said. But they only heard his words on the surface level, in their flesh-nature. And thus they missed the life that he was offering: the healed life, the joyful life, the victorious life, the eternal life.

They weren't looking at Jesus spiritually. They saw him as a man, not messiah, as a healer of bodies, not souls, as a deliverer from Romans instead of from their sins.

Thus, the idea of eating his flesh and drinking his blood (which he had spoken of in the previous verses, in last Sunday's readings) truly was

gross and unthinkable. They couldn't grasp the Spirit and life behind those words. It seemed that Jesus had become too bizarre to follow.

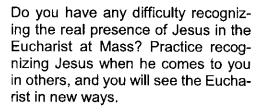
The true disciples – those who remained to learn more from him – also didn't understand what he meant, not yet, but they recognized the presence of the Holy Spirit in his words.

How many times has Jesus come to you in another person and you didn't recognize him, because what you

saw was the human individual and what you focused on was their un-Christ-like behavior?

Everyone has been created in the image of God. They would not be alive if the Holy Spirit had not given them life. Even non-Christians have the presence of Christ in them. To live a more victorious life, we have to look beneath the surface to find the Jesus who is

hidden inside everyone we meet.



Reflect & Discuss:

- Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." How has the Father gifted you with the ability to recognize Jesus?
- What has happened in your life that opened your eyes to who Jesus really is?
- 3. What blocks our view of Jesus when he comes to us through others? What expectations, disappointments, or prejudices?
- 4. Share with your group a time when you learned to see past the flesh to discover Jesus in someone you didn't like. What led to this discovery?