

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
Sept. 19, 2021 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR SEPT 19 – SEPT. 26

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m. Rosary Service
Wed.	8:15 a.m. Mass
Fri.	8:15 a.m. Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m. Mass
Sun.	8:30 a.m. Mass

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Tuesday, September 21
Thursday, September 23
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Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Father Peter's Birthday
Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

UPCOMING EVENT:

Monday, September 27
Wednesday, September 29
Thursday, September 30
Friday, October 1
Saturday, October 2

Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 860.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Sept.</u>	<u>READERS</u>
5	Kathy Heidlage
12	Matt Heidlage
19	Jane Kutz
26	Kathy Eck

MONEY COUNTERS

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, Faron Lee, Karen & David Drake, Louise Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES: Donna Adamson, Jacob Adamson, Gabrielle Duley, Robert Graskemper, Mark Heidlage, Dorthy Katzfey, Jane Kutz, Doug Pickering, Mary Schwartz, Rosalee Wolf, Patrick Wolfe & Cynthia Workes.

CONSECRATION OF FAMILIES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, as we consecrate our family to you, each day we wish to live Your life, to nurture in our home those virtues which bring us Your peace and to avoid the worldliness and selfishness which leads us away from You. O Divine Heart of Jesus, be pleased to watch over our family, to bless all that we do, to dispel our troubles, to sanctify our joys, and to lighten our sufferings. If one of us should ever offend You by sin, remind us, O Merciful Jesus, of Your goodness and mercy shown to the repentant sinner. When the time of separation arrives within the family and death brings its grief into our midst, may those of us who go and those of us who stay be committed to Your Holy Will. May the hope of Your promise remind us that the day will come when our entire family, reunited in Heaven, will be able to sing forever of Your glory and mercy. As we entrust our family to Your loving mercy, may the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Joseph, her Beloved Spouse, present to You our Act of Consecration and keep us ever mindful of it all the days of our life. All glory to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our King and our Redeemer!

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Ps 54:3-6, 8
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Monday September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön,
Paul Chông Ha-sang, & Co
Ezra 1:1-6
Ps 126:1b-6
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday September 21
St. Matthew
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Ps 19:2-5
Matthew 9:9-13

Wednesday September 22
Ezra 9:5-9
Tobit 13:2-4, 7-8
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday September 23
St. Pio of Pietrelcina
Haggai 1:1-8
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b
Luke 9:7-9

Friday September 24
Haggai 2:1-9
Ps 43:1-4
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday September 25
Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
Jer 31:10-13
Luke 9:43b-45

In this Sunday's readings, we face wickedness: jealousy destroying what's good, selfishness causing harm to others, and pride squashing those who get in the way.



The first scripture covers the evil doings of outsiders who oppressed the Israelite nation. In the Gospel reading, Jesus predicts the evil doings of spiritual outsiders who were fighting against his ministry. The letter of James addresses the worst wickedness of all: the battle within the Church – Christians against Christians.

Jealousy and selfishness are usually the root beneath every scandal in the Church, every division on the parish staff, every discord among ministries, every disappointed volunteer who feels pushed out, every broken relationship in Christian families, and every attitude that chases weaker Catholics away from the faith – it's all wicked!

To get at the root of any divisive problem, look for self-centered ambition. Honestly and objectively identify even the most subtle forms of it so that you can also identify God's antidote. When you see divisiveness in others, do you feel sorrow for them? If not, why not? The answer to that usually lies in our own self-centered pride.

Jesus provided the cure for this: "If anyone wishes to be first" (motivated by selfish ambition) "you must become the servant of all."

Selfish ambition is sinful because it tries to grab success away from others. James pointed out that whatever we're ambitious for, if it's

good, we can have it simply by asking God for it and working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit to achieve our goals – but not if we want it only to satisfy our personal, selfish passions.

When we desire something for the sake of how it will help others (rather than just for our own benefit), this desire is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, and full of mercy and will produce good fruits.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. When have you suffered from the jealousies and selfish ambitions of others in the Church?
2. How did this affect your faith?
3. Did it motivate you to avoid committing the same sin?
4. Identify how jealousy and selfish ambition have been the underlying cause behind one problem you've witnessed or experienced. What does your story teach about how to deal with such scandals with a pure heart, a peaceful response, gentleness, mercy, and good fruits that turn a tragedy into a triumph?