

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
August 14, 2022 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR August 14 – August 21

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Alfred & Josephine Wagner
Monday	10:00 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	+Jana Russell Townsend Birthday Remembrance
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+James Seufert Birthday Remembrance

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.	Mass
Wed.	8:15 a.m.	
Fri.	8:15 a.m.	
Sat	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, August 15

Holy Day of Obligation - Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at St. Mary's at 8:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 20

Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 22

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 24

Feast of Saint Bartholomew

Saturday, August 27

Memorial of Saint Monica

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$2,310.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

<u>Aug.</u>	<u>7</u>	Doug Pickering
	14	Cheryl (R) Elbert
	21	Kathy Heidlage
	28	Jane Kutz

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Mike Bartkoski
Thomas Adamson
Mark Adamson
Patrick Wolfe

MONEY COUNTERS

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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Loretta Graskemper, Robert Graskemper and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - In the past we have collected school supplies during the month of August. This year we are asking anyone who would like to donate to do so monetarily. St. Mary's School is in need of art supplies and to cut cost they order in bulk from Amazon. If you would like to help supply the kids with art supplies, please enclose your gift in an envelope and mark it PCCW-Art Supplies. **If paying by check, make checks payable to St. Agnes PCCW.** Thank you

AUGUST BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES: Grayson Campbell, James Campbell, Karson Campbell, Gary Eck, Loretta Graskemper, Haylee Heidlage, James Perrin, Veda Perrin, Jean Wagner, Jaelynn Jo Welters & Billy Workes.

DEANERY 2 CCW MEETING: Our board meeting will be held on August 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Verona. Please send a representative from your parish if you cannot attend. We will meet for lunch at 12:00 noon at Juana Juato restaurant, 1 block west of the church if you care to join us.

PRAYER

Increase our Faith Holy God, We thank you for the gracious gift of faith.

With the apostles before us, we ask that you open our hearts to the power of your Word and increase our faith that we may be bold followers and joyful witnesses to the message and mission of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Ps 40:(14b)2-4,18
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

Monday August 15 Assumption of Mary

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab
Ps 45:10-12,16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Tuesday August 16

Ezekiel 28:1-10
Deut 32:26-30,35c-36b
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday August 17

Ezekiel 34:1-11
Ps 23:1-6
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday August 18

Ezekiel 36:23-28
Ps 51:12-15,18-19
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday August 19

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Ps 107:2-9
Matthew 22:34-40

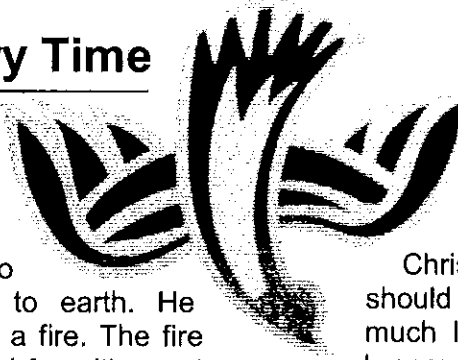
Saturday August 20 St. Bernard

Ezekiel 43:1-7ab
Ps 85:9a-14
Matthew 23:1-12

In the Gospel reading, Jesus says that he did not come to bring peace to earth. He came to light a fire. The fire that he longed for with great anguish was the presence of the Holy Spirit alive and active within each of his followers. This is what changes the world. This is what brings lasting peace, first within us and then flowing out from us.

The Holy Spirit is a fire that purifies us from impurities – the unloving behaviors and attitudes – that cause disharmony, disunity, conflicts and war. This purification makes us capable of feeling peaceful even in the midst of trials and attacks from others. This is what makes us channels of God's peace in a world that desperately needs it.

If you do not yet feel the fire of the Holy Spirit impassioning you to spread the peace of Christ, Jesus feels anguish over you.



To stop evil, we have to become like Jesus. Our willingness to make sacrifices for others is a sign of Christian maturity. We should be burning with so much love that we are not happy unless we're pouring our hearts and souls into works and prayers that to make a difference in someone else's ability to receive eternal peace.

Jesus noted that this fire divides households. It divides us from anyone who remains self-centered and unwilling to make sacrifices that will lead to peace. Nevertheless, we must continue to give them love. This heats up the fire within us, which purifies us further. And gradually, the world changes.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who has "burnt" you? What pain has been inflicted on you by others? See this as happening to Jesus, too. Instead of retaliating to try to stop the pain, choose a sacrifice that you're willing to make for them.
2. Jesus appreciates the sacrifices you make for others. How does his appreciation make you feel?
3. How is it possible to experience peace after making a sacrifice for someone who is unloving toward you? Give an example of an everyday sacrifice you've made. How does the Holy Spirit bring God's kingdom to earth through this?

Think of the evil around you that you've been wishing would stop. What does Jesus want you to do about it? What impurities in your own spirit needs to be burn off by the fire of the Holy Spirit so you can overshadow the evil with divine goodness? Look at what Jesus had to do. What baptism was he talking about? Not the water baptism he'd already received. It was the baptism of painful self-sacrifice, which he willingly accepted in order to rescue us from evil.