

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
August 7, 2022 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR August 7 – August 14

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Alfred & Josephine Wagner

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.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, August 8	Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest
Wednesday, August 10	Feast of Saint Lawrence Deacon and Martyr
Thursday, August 11	Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 15	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.
Saturday, August 20	Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 812.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>READERS</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
<u>Aug. 7</u>	Doug Pickering	Mike Bartkoski	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
14	Cheryl (R) Elbert	Thomas Adamson	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
21	Kathy Heidlage	Mark Adamson	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
28	Jane Kutz	Patrick Wolfe	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. Thank you

PRAYER

In families striving to stay intact through adversity. Let us see Christ.
In the poor and lowly of the world. Let us see Christ.
In those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine. Let us see Christ
In children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school. Let us see Christ.
In those who are living with HIV/AIDS and other diseases. Let us see Christ.
In immigrants and refugees seeking freedom and hope. Let us see Christ.
In those who are orphaned or abandoned. Let us see Christ.
In the elderly who are forgotten. Let us see Christ.
In those who struggle to find meaningful work. Let us see Christ.
In those who work for justice and peace for all people. Let us see Christ.
Let us pray. Jesus, teach us to recognize your presence in those who are in need. May we give of ourselves in service to them and so hasten the coming of the Kingdom you have promised, where you live with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9
Ps 33:1,12,18-22
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Monday August 8

St. Dominic
Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28c
Ps 148:1-2,11-14
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday August 9

Ezekiel 2:8 3:4
Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131
Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday August 10

St. Lawrence
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Ps 112:1-2,5-6,7-8,9
John 12:24-26

Thursday August 11

St. Clare
Ezekiel 12:1-12
Ps 78:56-59,61-62
Matthew 18:21--19:1

Friday August 12

Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63
Isaiah 12:2-6
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday August 13

Ezekiel 18:1-10,13b,30-32
Ps 51:12-15,18-19
Matthew 19:13-15

We're told in Luke 12:32-48 that God is "pleased" to give us his kingdom, which includes eternal life in heaven as well as all the benefits of his love and goodness here on earth.

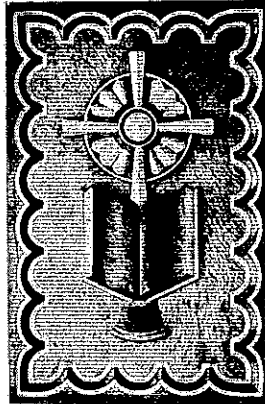
God does not withhold anything good from us. But do we avail ourselves of all he offers?

Jesus explains: If you value earthly treasures more than you treasure opportunities to share God's love and blessings with others, your hands are full of nothing that will last. If your "money bags" are filled with worldly goals that push God out, or selfish plans that push others out, or ungodly relationships that push holiness out from your life, there isn't much room for the wondrous and eternal gifts of God. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Anything not of God is detrimental to us and, in the end,

pointless, because it does not unite us to God and we cannot take it to heaven. We need to trade it in for the inexhaustible treasures that come from God.

Jesus isn't saying that we have to literally sell all of our worldly possessions in order to make room for divine treasures. What matters is our motive for having these things. Are they used for serving the kingdom of God or are they serving only earthly, temporary, selfish purposes?



Whatever enhances our union with God – and only this – is a treasure that we'll enjoy for all of eternity.

Jesus warns us not to waste time being lazy about purging our lives of earthly treasures. We don't know when the Master will come to take us to the heavenly banquet of eternal union with God. Will we be ready? Not if we're more interested in feeding our worldly desires.

This is why God, in his great mercy, provides Purgatory. Separation from earthly treasures (the purging) is painful when we prefer them over heavenly goods; Jesus describes this as the "beatings" that the Master's servants get. Why wait for that? Now is the time to prefer only the kingdom of God and build up our cache of gifts that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. If you knew you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do today to prepare?
2. What attitudes, what goals, and what plans do you have that don't assist the kingdom of God? What habits or addictions? Unloving behaviors? Unforgiveness and unresolved conflicts?
3. Describe an earthly attachment you used to have and explain how God helped you let go of it. What divine treasure did you gain?