

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
September 4, 2022 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR September 4 – September 11

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Theresa Heidlage
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+James Seufert

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary
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 5	Labor Day
Tuesday, September 6	Rosary of Life at 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 8	Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, September 9	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, September 13	Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday, September 14	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday, September 15	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday, September 16	Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Sunday, September 18	Special Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 650.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>READERS</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
Sept. 4	Kathy Eck	John Heidlage	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
11	Cheryl (K) Elbert	Dennis Heidlage	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
18	Kimberly Prince	Maria Wagner	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
25	Sandy Thorn	Kimberly Prince	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

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

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

SEPTEMBER CHURCH CLEANERS: Marilyn Adamson, Sandy Thorn, Donna Adamson

PCCW: Region II DCCW is looking for volunteers to be an officer for the next two years. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Eck (548-7352). Also, our PCCW has an opening available for a co-President or Vice-President. If interested in this position, please contact Kathy Eck. Planning a meeting in mid September to discuss the Friend and Family Dinner, hosting Region II in Dec, and our Christmas gifting. Be thinking of anything you'd like discussed and let Kathy know and she will put on the agenda. Thank you!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL DINNER FUNDRAISER: is September 24 from 5:30 to 7:30. Flyer is attached. If you want to purchase tickets in advance Rhoda Elbert will be selling them on September 11 and September 18.

FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as you lived God's plan for your family, you changed the shape and design of the human family. Watch over all families today as they struggle to live God's word in the midst of challenge and difficulty. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b
Ps 90:(1) 3-6,12-17
Philemon 9-10,12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Monday September 5

1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Ps 5:5-7,12
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday September 6

1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Ps 149:1b-6a,9b
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday September 7

1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Ps 45:11-12,14-17
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday September 8 Nativity of Bl. Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a
or Romans 8:28-30
Ps 13:6ab,6c
Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Friday September 9 St. Peter Claver

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-27
Ps 84:3-6,12
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday September 10

1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Ps 116:12-13,17-18
Luke 6:43-49

What in your life is a higher priority than your relationship with God? That's what Jesus wants us to look at in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Which people? What work? What trial? What possessions? What friendships? What goals? What activities?

What crosses do you want to get rid of that, if you do escape from them, would require you to abandon Jesus on his cross? (Hint: What sacrifices of love are you unwilling to make?)

Jesus says that unless we are first and foremost committed to discipleship – learning from him and making every effort to become more like him – we are ill prepared for all the other tasks of life.

In other words, we can start building toward good goals, but if our relationship with Christ is not our highest priority, we'll miss his guidance and his surprises and his blessings. We'll get distracted by worldly interferences and sin. We'll become victims instead of victors in the battles we face. Anything good that we achieve will be less than the best, because there is much more in the kingdom of God than what we can imagine.

A disciple is a student. We learn from Jesus how to love others, even when this becomes a cross to carry. He teaches us how to live a life of joyful love but also of unconditional, forgiving love. And we learn from him how to put up healthy, holy boundaries against those

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The strength to follow Christ and become more and more like him every day requires a conscious effort to grow stronger in our ability to carry our crosses while uniting ourselves to his cross and to his strength. When we lack this intimate bond with Christ, we stumble and fall, crushed by the weight of our crosses. But if we are willing to make sacrifices out of love for others, like Jesus did, we embrace him more fully and we receive his love more deeply. And this is the most satisfying way to live!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Consider your daily activities: What are your top priorities?
2. What do you value more than the time you spend with Jesus in prayer, scripture, and other faith-building activities?
3. What are some common ways that we move God down in priority?
4. By making him our highest priority, what are ways that we can lovingly show concern for others even while putting God ahead of them in our daily activities?

Grand Opening St. Mary's Diner

Saturday, September, 24

Open 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

*Pulled Pork, Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Green Beans, Roll and
dessert!*

*Please come and join us for a
wonderful dinner! You will be
seated at your table and waited on
by the St. Mary's School
Children.*

Come experience this unique diner!

Reserved Ticket Sales: \$10 Adult

\$5 ages 6-12 5 under Free

TO GO DINNERS AVAILABLE!!!!

All proceeds go to St. Mary's School

