

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
July 5th. 2020 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR July 5 – July 12

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday No Mass
Thursday No Mass
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St. Mary's

Mon. 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Services
Wed. No Mass
Friday No Mass
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Saturday, July 11 Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

EVENTS COMONG UP:

Thursday, July 16 Memorial of our Lady of Mount Carmel

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 620.00 Peter's Pence \$285.00

DDF REPORT: To date our parish has contributed \$7,560.00 representing 25 donors. Our goal is \$10,338.00. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider a gift in the amount you are able to contribute. Across the diocese, \$1,363,239 has been pledged toward the \$2,650,000 goal. The diocese and Church in southern Missouri ask for your participation and prayers.

Readers

Servers

Extraordinary Min

Gift Bearers

Usher

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WITH FATHER MATT BEING GONE if there is an emergency or you can't get a hold of anyone at the rectory you should call Laura Wroblewski at 417-737-1404.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Sharon Wolfe, Theresa Heidlage, Paul Mettlach, , Marie Jasumback, Mary Lenore Droska, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Linda Russell,,Louis Bellm(Kathy Heidlage's mother) and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

THANK YOU from Life House. There is a thank you card on the bulletin board of church. We have generously donated \$2107.05.

THE ST. MARY'S PICNIC in August has been canceled

PRAYER

Good and generous Lord. You have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time. We thank You for the sun and the rain, the minerals of the earth, and all the plants that grow. We marvel at Your wonderful ways of bringing food from the earth for us to live. Dear God, help us to use Your rich gifts as You want us to. Teach us to share them with our neighbor when he is in need. Make us see the merciful, generous hand of Your divine providence. Help us to realize, too, that if we keep Your commandments and live according to the inspirations of Your grace, we shall also reap a plentiful harvest in the autumn of our lifetime: a harvest that we will be able to enjoy forever and ever. Amen.

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10
Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Monday July 6

Hosea 2:16-18,21-22
Ps 145:2-9
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday July 7

Hosea 8:4-7,11-13
Ps 115:3-10
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday July 8

Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12
Ps 105:2-7
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday July 9

Hosea 11:1-4,8c-9
Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16
Matthew 10:7-15

Friday July 10

Hosea 14:2-10
Ps 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17
Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday July 11

St. Benedict

Isaiah 6:1-8
Ps 93:1-2,5
Matthew 10:24-33

Does the yoke of Jesus weigh you down or does it feel light? His yoke – according to what he exemplified with his life – is servanthood, a ministry that cares for others, a love that makes sacrifices.



We're weighed down by personal struggles; we have crosses to carry and so many people need our attention that we're exhausted from it all. We need a vacation, an escape, time out! So why does Jesus tell us that his yoke is easy? Why does he say that the burdens of servanthood are light?

When the burdens of life wear us down and tire us out, it's usually because we've taken on more responsibility than God has actually given to us.

Or else it's because we're expending energy trying to get rid of a cross after Jesus has yoked us to it. If the burden leads to burn-out, God lets us get tired, because he's warning us: "Slow down! Simplify your life! Make a change! Spend more time in prayer!"

If it leads to anger and resentment, God is showing us that our selfish desire for an easier life is, in reality, making our lives more difficult.

In other words, when we strain and pull against the yoke – against our union with Christ – we suffer from our own

mistaken ideas of what we should be doing. It is when we remember that we're yoked to Someone who is infinitely stronger and wiser than we are that the burden becomes light. The yoke becomes a source of joy.

Jesus offers us everything we need for plowing the fields that God assigns to us. When we cooperate with him, the burden is indeed light. We find rest in Jesus and we benefit from his strength. We experience holy pleasure in our tasks, because we're yoked to the energy of Jesus.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you doing that seems good but is wearing you out?
2. What part of it is not God's idea?
3. What can you do to become more aware of the strength of Jesus?
4. Become accountable for the answer to the above questions by speaking of it to your family or faith community: What changes are you going to make to allow Jesus to refresh and renew you?
5. How might this make a difference?