

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
July 26th. 2020 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR July 26 – Aug. 2

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. +Justice & Peace
Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Ron Calentine

St. Mary's

Mon. 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Services
Wed. 8:15 a.m.
Friday 8:15 a.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Wednesday, July 29 **Memorial of St. Martha**
Friday, July 31 **Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, Aug. 6 **Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord**
Monday, Aug. 10 **Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**
Friday, Aug. 14 **Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**
Saturday, Aug. 15 **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation**

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 510.00

Readers

Servers

Extraordinary Min

Gift Bearers

Usher

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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, Ray Williams and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

SUNDAY MASSES are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Our attendance is down due to covid-19, therefore the church is open to all who wish to attend. By Newton County ordinance there is still a restriction on the number that can attend and that number is 39.

Family Prayer

O Sacred Family, O Jesus, Mary and Joseph, sublime models and tutors of Christian families, we appeal to you not only to comfort ourselves with sweet contemplation of your lovely examples, but also to implore your protection and to promise fidelity to you on the path which you have pointed out for us. Your peace, your unalterable serenity refresh our spirits struggling amid the anxieties of an increasingly complicated and difficult life. They show us eloquently that our hearts can find the rest and happiness to which they aspire so greatly only in a home adorned and enriched with the domestic virtues that you teach us, Help us, O Joseph, mirror of the most admirable fatherhood in your devoted care of the Savior and of the Virgin, faithfully following the divine inspirations. Come to our aid, O Mary, most loving, most faithful and purest of all wives and mothers, Help us, O Jesus who, in order to become a shining example for is in all things, willed to become the most submissive of all children. May all three of you always be close to us, in happy hours and sorrowful, in our work and in our rest, in our anxieties and in our hopes, close to those who are born and close to those who die. And may it be that all homes, made holy like yours, will be for all their members schools of virtue, shelters of holiness, on a safe road to that eternal happiness which we trustingly hope to gain through your intercession. Amen.

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Ps 119:57,72,76-77,
and 127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Monday July 27
Jeremiah 13:1-11
Deut 32:18-21
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday July 28
Jeremiah 14:17-22
Ps 79:8,9,11,13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday July 29
St. Martha
Jeremiah 15:10,16-21
Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17,18
John 11:19-27
or Luke 10:38-42

Thursday July 30
Jeremiah 18:1-6
Ps 146:1b-6ab
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola
Jeremiah 26:1-9
Ps 69:5,8-10,14
Matthew 13:54-58

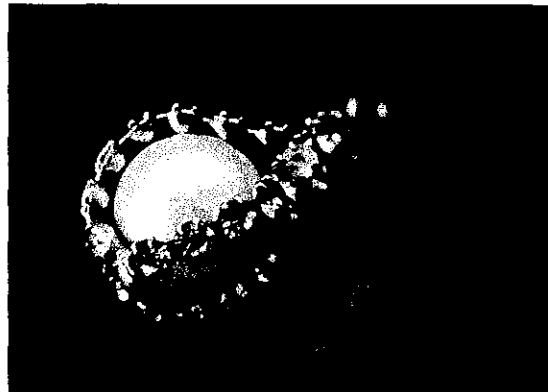
Saturday August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori
Jeremiah 26:11-16,24
Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34
Matthew 14:1-12

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a buried treasure, a pearl purchased at all cost, and a net from which the bad catch of fish will be tossed away and the good catch will be valued.

In other words, our Christian lives are a huge cache of valuables. If our treasure chest has any worthless trash, the garbage needs to be tossed away to make room for more valuables. Some of our treasures have only temporary, earthly value, and ultimately they will be worthless unless they're used for the kingdom of God.

The reading from Romans tells us that all things work together for the good of those who love God. As we purge our lives of false pearls and dead fish, we become more like our Lord. We become more useful to the kingdom of God. Even the bad things that happen to us, under the creative hand of our all-powerful, mercifully loving God, get put to good use as polishing cloths that brighten our pearls and bring out from us a better shine.

In the first reading, Solomon could have asked God for great wealth and he would have received it, but he asked for an understanding heart so that he'd have wisdom to rule the nation well. Even though he ruled imperfectly, his reputation as the wisest king on earth



spread throughout the known world *and* he accumulated great wealth.

This is meant to teach us that when we seek first the treasures of God's kingdom, then we can safely use the treasures of the earth, because God's wisdom guides us in using them for the benefit of his kingdom. The more we love Christ and follow his ways, the easier it is to identify what's really valuable, separate out the junk that does not belong to God, and use everything else for his purposes.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What treasures are buried within you? What pearls of wisdom have you gained, and what did it cost you to learn these?
2. Write a list of your many good qualities. How do they prove that the Lord's presence is within you?
3. Choose one treasure, gift, or pearl that God has given to you – something that reveals the kingdom of God. How did you discover it or gain it?
4. What effect does this pearl have on others?