

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
Aug. 16th. 2020 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR Aug. 16 – Aug. 23

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Jana Russell Townsend
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 8:30 a.m. +Justice & Peace
Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Agnes Parish Family

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Thursday, Aug. 20

Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot and Dr. of the Church

Friday, Aug. 21

Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope

Saturday, Aug. 22

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, Aug. 24

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Saturday, Aug. 29

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

Sunday, Aug. 30

Special Collection: Mission Co-op

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 670.00

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, Trayven Williams, Michael Williams, Paula Wead 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.

MONETT COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY thanks you for giving us your egg cartons all year! Distribution of eggs and food to area families each week is such a blessing.

FAMILY PRAYER

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church. May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Ps 67:(4)2-3,5-6,8
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Monday August 17

Ezekiel 24:15-23
Deut 32:18-21
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday August 18

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

Wednesday August 19

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

Thursday August 20

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

Friday August 21

St. Pius X
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Ps 107:2-9
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday August 22

Queenship of Mary
Ezekiel 43:1-7ab
Ps 85:9-14
Matthew 23:1-12

The Gospel reading this Sunday challenges us to examine our tendency to judge others. The Canaanite woman had two prejudicial strikes against her: gender and nationality.

Of course, Jesus was there as Savior for the whole world, but the disciples didn't know it yet. To stretch their minds (and ours), Jesus waited for the Canaanite woman's faith to become so obvious that it would overshadow every limitation that had been imposed upon her.

For Jesus, the only outsider is someone who refuses to come into the kingdom of God. But we don't readily think like this. Our Church is full of people who have been misjudged. Many feel outcast. We easily jump to wrong conclusions about each other.

For example, how readily do you greet the people near you in the pew if you don't know them? How comfortable are you about engaging in friendly conversation after

Mass someone who looks unhappy? Does your parish make it easy for single parents to come to extra activities at church by providing free babysitters?

If you're divorced, do you assume that others are deliberately excluding you? That too is a misjudgment.

Why do homosexuals feel outcast even though Church teachings have been issued that *compassionately* invite them to a holy lifestyle?



Why are there lay people who feel blocked from being collaborators in ministry with their priests?

Judging our fellow Christians causes them to suffer. It also allows unmet needs to continue in the Church, because the giftedness of the judged is being rejected. But if we remain conscious of our own tendencies to react to others with assumptions and judgments, we have the power to choose to be Christ for them and to receive Christ from them.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Have you ever felt like an outsider? Even in the presence of Christ? How have you been pushed aside and neglected? What kind of damage did it do?
2. Are you willing to try to again to get more involved?
3. Whom are we likely to judge?
4. What is your parish doing – or what have you personally done – to heal some of the damage that was caused when others were misjudged? What else needs to be done?