

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
September 6th. 2020 – TwentyThird Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR Sept. 6 – Sept. 13

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Anniversary Mass for Robert & Loretta Graskemper
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 8:30 a.m. +Frank & Bertha Boes
Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Deceased Family Members of John & Rose Graskemper

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:

Monday, September 7 **Labor Day**
Tuesday, Sept. 8 **Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Saturday, September 12 **Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September, 14 **Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Monday, September, 21 **Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Your Gift to the Church: \$1795.00

Readers

Servers

Extraordinary Min

Gift Bearers

Usher

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are now having readers during mass. We already have some parishioners who have volunteered and there is a list in the back of church.

September 6 Loretta Graskemper
13 Sandy Thorn
20 Martin Wagner
27 Doug Pickering

October 4 Jane Kutz
11 Kathy Eck
18 Cheryl Elbert

MONEY COUNTERS: We only have 4 attending mass at this time. If you would like to be put on the list please call Laura Wrobleski at 737-1404. Thank you.

September 6 Ron Wagner
Steve Schmitt

September 13 James Campbell
Doug Pickering

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Sharon Wolfe, Theresa Heidlage, Paul Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Mary Lenore Droska, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Hunter Williams, Ray Williams, Trayven Williams, Michael Williams, Paula Wead and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCE: Father Peter's birthday is September 23. If anyone would like to send him a card his address is:

Father Peter Morciniec
1100 E. Montclair Room #327
Springfield, MO 65807

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, thank you for the many material and spiritual blessings you have lavished on us. May we learn to enjoy them to delight in them and to appreciate them fully without being possessed by them. May the gifts we've been given lead us ever closer to you, our hope and our true happiness. Amen.

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday September 7

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

Tuesday September 8 Birth of the Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday September 9 St. Peter Claver

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

Thursday September 10

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24
Luke 6:27-38

Friday September 11

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

Saturday September 12 Holy Name of Mary

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

This Sunday's readings all speak of the need to stand up for what is holy and right and true in a way that invites others to turn away from sin. If we don't, we indirectly play a part in the sins he or she commits, and we *will* be held accountable (see the first reading).

If we do take a stand against sin but without compassion and mercy and unconditional love, that too is a sin (the second reading).

Jesus shows us in the Gospel reading that in our efforts to stop a fellow Christian from sinning, it's important to rely on our Christian community for advocacy and prayer support.

How?

First, we speak to the sinner. When we know that someone is harming himself and others (all sins are harmful even when we can't see the harm), if we don't try to impart this knowledge to him or her at least once, our silence is un-

loving and uncaring.

Once we've shared the truth, even if the sinner does not change, we're free of any guilt. But we must not stop trying, and so we take one or two others with us in a stronger effort to help the sinner understand and repent.

And if that fails, we try again with still more backing.



When every attempt to help someone has failed, only then do we quit. In reality, it's not us who's walking away. The sinner is the one who has chosen the path of separation. However, remember how Jesus treated the Gentiles and tax collectors (i.e., the outsiders, the separated ones): He never stopped loving them. He still chose to die for them.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Whose sins have greatly disturbed you lately?
2. What have you done about it? How loving and caring have you been while handling it?
3. What bothers you about the way some people have pointed out your sins or the sins of others? How could they have been more compassionate?
4. Share the story of a time when someone successfully led another into repentance and growth. Explain why the effort was effective.