

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
November 8, 2020 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR Nov.8 – Nov.15

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

St. Agnes 150th Year Anniversary
Poor Souls in Purgatory
+Justice & Peace
For the Health of Theresa Heidlage

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:

Sunday, November 8
Monday, November 9
Friday, November 13

Mass to Celebrate St. Agnes 150th Year Anniversary
Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, November 17
Saturday, November 21

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Your Gift to the Church: \$590.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS:

November 1 Loretta Graskemper
8 Sandy Thorn
15 Martin Wagner
22 Doug Pickering
26 Loretta Graskemper
29 Jane Kutz

December 6 Kathy Eck
13 Cheryl (K) Elbert
20 Kathy Heidlage
25 Loretta Graskemper
27 Sandy Thorn

MONEY COUNTERS:

November 1 James Campbell & Doug Pickering
8 Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
15 Cheryl Elbert & Jane Kutz
22 James Campbell & Doug Pickering
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December 6 Cheryl Elbert & Jane Kutz
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COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS: - PCCW will be collecting food items during the months of November and December. The large cans of fruits and vegetables, flour and sugar will be taken to St. Peter's Outreach which is serving take out meals three times a week. Smaller portion items will be given to area pantries. Thank you for your support in the past!

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

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

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16
Ps 63:2-8
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Monday November 9
Feast of Lateran Basilica
Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9, 12
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

Tuesday November 10
St. Pope Leo the Great
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14
Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday November 11
St. Martin of Tours
Titus 3:1-7
Ps 23:1b-6
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday November 12
St. Josaphat
Philemon 7-20
Ps 146:7-10
Luke 17:20-25

Friday November 13
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
2 John 4-9
Ps 119:1,2,10,11,17,18
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday November 14
3 John 5-8
Ps 112:1-6
Luke 18:1-8

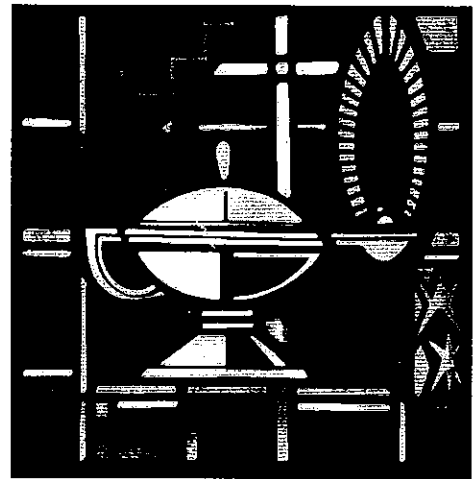
This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us what it means to be truly foolish. We believe in Christ – good! We pray – good! We put time into our faith growth and we value opportunities for more faith formation – very wise! And we say that we trust God – wonderful!

But what happens when God doesn't answer our prayers fast enough? What if we need Christ's loving embrace or his protection from evil and yet we're suffering with no end in sight? Where is Jesus then?

Usually, God's timing is not ours. We think we have the right idea about how soon God should intervene when we ask for his help. Right now is a good time for it, right? Of course! But perhaps not from God's perspective. (Why do we want to leave God in charge anyway, if he doesn't see things our way, huh?)

When we despair over unanswered prayer, the reality behind it is that we're emotionally unprepared for any timing that's different from what we think it should be.

The foolish bridesmaids thought the groom would arrive before their lamps burned out. They thought they understood the situation. Do we? Furthermore, if God's plans are illogical – if they don't make sense to us – we distrust them. And then we get ourselves into the mess of trying to handle things apart from God.



We cannot trust our logic. We cannot trust our perception or our understanding of the situations we're in. The sooner we decide to enjoy the absurdity of being a Christian, the sooner we will find out that God's ways are awesomely much, much better than anything we can imagine!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What have you resisted doing because it doesn't make sense?
2. What can you do, where can you turn, to whom can you go for help in discerning whether or not it's God's plan for you?
3. How do you know when an illogical plan is really what God wants you to do?
4. What's happened in your life that has taught you to trust the Holy Spirit's surprises?
5. Share a lesson you learned when you weren't ready for God's plan because you didn't believe it.