St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO June 20, 2021 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR June 20 - June 27

Saint Agnes

Sunday

Tuesday

Thursday

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

St. Agnes Parish Family +Theresa Heidlage Justice & Peace

For Father's of the Parish

St. Mary's

Mon. 8:15 a.m. Rosary Service 8:15 a.m.

Wed. Friday

8:15 a.m. Sat. 4:00 p.m.

Sun. 8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

June 21 June 24 Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Solemnity of The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist

UPCOMING EVENT:

June 28

June 29 June 29

July 1

Memorial of Saint Irenaeus Bishop and Martyr

No Mass

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

No Mass

August 3 Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

Your Gift to the Church: \$845.00

Communication Campaign \$280,00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

July <u>11</u>

Martin Wagner Doug Pickering

Cheryl (R) Elbert 18

25 Kathy Heidlage **MONEY COUNTERS**

Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz James Campbell & Doug Pickering

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

JUNE BIRTHDAY REMBERENCES; Marilyn Adamson, Dennis Heidlage, Lenore Wagner & Raymond Williams

FR. MATT IS ON VACATION from June 28 – July 30. If you need anything just call the office, and they will help with whatever you need

PRAYERS FOR FATHERS

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with is but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Job 38:1, 8-11 Ps 107:23-26, 28-31 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41

Monday June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Genesis 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22 Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday June 22 Genesis 13:2,5-18 Ps 15:2-5 Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wednesday June 23 Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday June 24 Birth of John the Baptist Isaiah 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3,13-15 Acts 13:22-26

Friday June 25 Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22 Ps 128:1-5

Luke 1:57-66,80

Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday June 26 Genesis 18:1-15 Lk 1:46-49,50,53-55 Matthew 8:5-17



It's hurricane season where I live in Florida. Some people believe that destructive storms are punishments from God. While it is true that people deserve to be punished for their immorality, Jesus took the Father's righteous wrath upon his own body, accepting torture, shedding blood, and dying, so that all sinners could be saved from the justice we deserve.

Jesus wants to calm our storms, not cause them.

Hardships are not punishments. They are the best occasions for growing closer to God. All of us have seasons of storms in our lives. Each of them are invitations to realize that Jesus is walking with us through it all, whether we deserve his help or not. They're opportunities to learn more knowledge, gain more wis-

dom, and grow stronger in true faith. It's a time of becoming more humble. Because of our increased need to rely on God, we discover more about his love, but only if we stop insisting that God should behave like a magic genie that we control to resolve our problems the way we think it should happen.

Some of the storms in this world continue raging because we don't do enough to bring the presence of Christ into them. After we've gained from our experiences, we're supposed to help others endure the storms of their lives. We have the earthly hands that Jesus wants to use to calm their storms. And then, surprise! It is in this outreach that we realize that our sufferings have not been in vane; this calms our stormy clouds of despair and regret.

Often, we create storms by making sinful decisions, but God doesn't want us to get punished. He sends plenty of red-flag warnings and then, if we get into a hurricane anyway, Jesus invites us to calm the turmoil by reconciling with him.

Whether the storms brew by sin or by nature, if we cry out like the disciples in Sunday's Gospel reading — "Lord, don't you care that we're perishing?" — Jesus replies, "Why are you scared? How little faith you have! My peace is already here."

Reflect & Discuss:

- 1. What's stormy in your life right now? From where did this turmoil come?
- 2. What do you need Jesus to save you from today? Choose an action that extends trust to him. What will you do this week to quiet yourself and find the peaceful presence of Christ?
- 3. How has Jesus calmed the waves or led you to a peaceful shore when you suffered through a stormy time in your life?
- 4. When did you recognize his presence beside you? What happened that revealed his helpfulness?

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