

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

July 25, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR July 25 – AUG. 1

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Rosary and Communion Service
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Rosary and Communion Service
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m. Rosary Service
Wed.	No Mass
Friday	No Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

July 26	Memorial of Saint Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
July 29	Memorial of Saint Martha
July 31	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Aug. 1	Mass For the People

UPCOMING EVENT:

Aug. 4	Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest
Aug. 6	Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 454.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

August 1	Kathy Eck
8	Cheryl (K) Elbert
15	Sandy Thorn
22	Doug Pickering
29	Cheryl (R) Elbert

MONEY COUNTERS

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

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

JULY BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES: Ray Elbert, John Heidlage, Annabelle Prince, Brenda Schmitt, Sandra Thorn, Jamie Welters, Kevin Welters, Liam Welter & Marion Williams

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JULY: Maria Wagner, Leah Heidlage, Rhoda Elbert

PRAYER

In families striving to stay intact through adversity. Let us see Christ.
In the poor and lowly of the world. Let us see Christ.
In those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine. Let us see Christ
In children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school. Let us see Christ.
In those who are living with HIV/AIDS and other diseases. Let us see Christ.
In immigrants and refugees seeking freedom and hope. Let us see Christ.
In those who are orphaned or abandoned. Let us see Christ.
In the elderly who are forgotten. Let us see Christ.
In those who struggle to find meaningful work. Let us see Christ.
In those who work for justice and peace for all people. Let us see Christ.

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ps 145:10-11,15-18
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

Monday, July 26
Sts. Joachim & Anne
Exodus 32:15-24,30-34
Ps 106:19-23
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 27
Exodus 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28
Ps 103:6-13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 28
Exodus 34:29-35
Ps 99:5-7,9
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday, July 29
St. Martha
Exodus 40:16-21,34-38
Ps 84:3-6a,8a,11
John 11:19-27
or Luke 10:38-42

Friday, July 30
Leviticus 23:1,4-11,
15-16,27,34b-37
Ps 81:3-6,10-11ab
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola
Leviticus 25:1,8-17
Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8
Matthew 14:1-12

Sometimes people de-supernaturalize John 6:1-15 with explanations such as: "The real miracle is that Jesus got the people to share the food they had brought with them", and even this: "There wasn't enough food for everyone to have their fill, but what they had was offered to everyone, and the people were just so appreciative and willing to make sacrifices that they ate very little and thus there was food left over."

Yeah, r-i-i-ight. As if God can't multiply food miraculously.

The multiplication of the loaves and fish into a meal that not only satisfied everyone but was more than what they needed is an important foreshadowing of the Eucharistic banquet we celebrate today. If we pay close attention to what's going on in Mass, and if we take it to heart, Jesus satisfies our hungers and gives us more than we need. What did you

need from him before you arrived at church? He's trying to give it to you or lead you to it -- in abundance!

Receiving all that he wants to miraculously give us requires that we trust him to provide for us. We have to expect the unexpected. We have to wait on his perfect timing. But rest assured that he wants to give us more than we need.

Maybe some of the folks on that ancient hillside wanted steak instead of fish, but what they received was a Messiah who filled their hearts with more than enough faith to grow spiritually, more than enough hope to become stronger in their trials, and more than enough love to share as they went forth to reveal Christ to others.



In our Liturgies of the Eucharist, there's a lot more abundance to receive from Jesus than just a little wafer of his Body and a sip of his Blood. What do you really need from

Jesus? More faith? More hope? More love? It's a good idea to think about this on the way to Mass so that you can participate in Mass more expectantly.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Why do you go to Mass? Was there ever a time when you didn't go, and if so, why didn't you? What motivated you to start attending Mass again?
2. How satisfied are you now? What's missing? How might God provide for those needs?
3. What is available from Jesus during Mass other than his real presence in the Host and Precious Blood of the Eucharist?
4. How are the various elements of Mass gifts from God that can help satisfy our spiritual, emotional, and even physical needs?