

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
Aug. 22, 2021 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR AUG. 22 – AUG. 29

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Theresa Heidlage

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m. Rosary Service
Wed.	8:15 a.m. Mass
Fri.	8:15 a.m. Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m. Mass
Sun.	8:30 a.m. Mass

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Aug. 24

**Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
Diocese's 65th Anniversary**

Aug. 27

Memorial of Saint Monica

Aug. 28

Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

UPCOMING EVENT:

September 3

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Your Gift to the Church: \$ \$495.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

<u>August 1</u>	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, Zayre Hedge and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES: Grayson Campbell, James Campbell, Karson Campbell, Gary Eck, Loretta Graskemper, Haylee Heidlage, James Perrin, Veda Perrin, Jean Wagner & Billy Workes

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING Robert & Loretta Graskemper's 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 12th. Mass in their honor at 10:30 a.m. at St. Agnes followed by a taco dinner in the church basement.

PRAYER FOR AUGUST:

Dear God, please keep my family and loved ones safe this month. Watch over us and cover us with your love. Shower us with good health, blessings, and happiness. Remove any worry, fear, stress, and doubt in our hearts. Comfort anyone who is hurting today and make them well again. In Jesus' name. Amen

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-18b
Ps 34:(9a) 2-3,16-21
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

Monday August 23

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,8b-10
Ps 149:1b-6a,9b
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday August 24 St. Bartholomew

Revelation 21:9b-14
Ps 145:10-13,17-18
John 1:45-51

Wednesday August 25

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Ps 139:7-12ab
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday August 26

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Ps 90:3-5a,12-14,17
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday August 27 St. Monica

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Ps 97:1,2b,5-6,10-12
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday August 28 St. Augustine

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Ps 98:1,7-9
Matthew 25:14-30

In John 6:60-69, we see the tragic rejection of Christ's true mission by many who had been listening to him and watching him. How could they miss the message that he

taught? "The words I have spoken are Spirit and life," he said. But they only heard his words on the surface level, in their flesh-nature. And thus they missed the life that he was offering: the healed life, the joyful life, the victorious life, the eternal life.

They weren't looking at Jesus spiritually. They saw him as a man, not messiah, as a healer of bodies, not souls, as a deliverer from Romans instead of from their sins.

Thus, the idea of eating his flesh and drinking his blood (which he had spoken of in the previous verses, in last Sunday's readings) truly was

gross and unthinkable. They couldn't grasp the Spirit and life behind those words. It seemed that Jesus had become too bizarre to follow.

The true disciples – those who remained to learn more from him – also didn't understand what he meant, not yet, but they recognized the presence of the Holy Spirit in his words.



How many times has Jesus come to you in another person and you didn't recognize him, because what you saw was the human individual and what you focused on was their un-Christ-like behavior?

Everyone has been created in the image of God. They would not be alive if the Holy Spirit had not given them life. Even non-Christians have the presence of Christ in them. To live a more victorious life, we have to look beneath the surface to find the Jesus who is hidden inside everyone we meet.

Do you have any difficulty recognizing the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass? Practice recognizing Jesus when he comes to you in others, and you will see the Eucharist in new ways.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." How has the Father gifted you with the ability to recognize Jesus?
2. What has happened in your life that opened your eyes to who Jesus really is?
3. What blocks our view of Jesus when he comes to us through others? What expectations, disappointments, or prejudices?
4. Share with your group a time when you learned to see past the flesh to discover Jesus in someone you didn't like. What led to this discovery?