

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
Aug. 29, 2021 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR AUG. 29 – SEPT. 5

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Theresa Heidlage
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	60 th Annv-Robert & Loretta Graskemper

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:

September 3
September 5

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Special Collection for the victims in Haiti. Please make your checks out to St. Agnes. There are envelopes in the back of church.

UPCOMING EVENT:

Monday, September 6
Wednesday, September 8
Thursday, September 9
Tuesday, September 14

Labor Day

Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

12:00 p.m. Rosary: Bishop Rice is asking that the rosary be said for the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross in all parishes for an end to the pandemic, for those who are suffering from Covid-19, those who have died, and for our medical personnel caring for them.

Your Gift to the Church: \$ \$550.00

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, Zayre Hedge and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

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 A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Spirit of God, fill our hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in beauty. Help us to know what is pleasing to you and to understand what is right and good in your sight. Give us the spirit of learning that we may please you by our thoughts and love you in your creation. Give all teachers your constant encouragement and guide them in their work. Spirit of God, make us effective witnesses of your truth to all whose lives we touch. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord, Amen.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

May they grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Glory be to him now and to the day of eternity! Amen

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalms 15:2-5

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday August 30

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13

Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday August 31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday September 1

Colossians 1:1-8

Ps 52:10, 11

Luke 4:38-44

Thursday September 2

Colossians 1:9-14

Ps 98:2-6

Luke 5:1-11

Friday September 3

St. Gregory the Great

Colossians 1:15-20

Ps 100:1b-5

Luke 5:33-39

Saturday September 4

Colossians 1:21-23

Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8

Luke 6:1-5

In the Gospel reading, Jesus chastises the Pharisees for honoring God only with their lips, not their hearts; love was missing when they judged that Jesus and his disciples sinned by disobeying a Jewish rule about cleanliness.

The rule was more important to them than the person. They had the self-righteous attitude of: "I know better than you, and I am better than you, proven by the fact that I obey the laws that you're breaking."

Obedience, when motivated by a self-righteous adherence to rules, is hypocrisy. It uses the law to feel superior to others. A modern example might be when someone tells a priest that he is sinning because he isn't adhering exactly to the norms for Mass as prescribed in the General Instruction of the Roman Mis-

sal. If he or she doesn't stop to understand why the priest believes the adaptations are allowable and pastoral, who really is the sinner?

When this happens, "in vain do they worship me," Jesus says. The meaning of the Mass has been lost.

There is a hierarchy of rules and laws. Some rules change with the needs of the times. Of greatest importance are the Commandments of God, the Moral Laws, which never change.



It is right to speak up when we witness disobedience, and we *should* do it, but only because we care about the sinner's spiritual growth and only when we can handle it without ignoring the reasons behind the disobedience. We are

most successful in guiding others into greater holiness when we take the time to first understand the roots of their disobedience and then address those concerns with love.

This is how we become, as the second reading says, "doers of the word and not hearers only", because, as James adds, "pure" religion is caring for others. The Pharisees in the Gospel story didn't care about the hunger of the disciples.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How do you know when you're being hypocritical in your faith?
2. How do you handle the discovery that you've done something uncaring?
3. Give an example of a Moral Law and an example of a regulation that was instituted by the Church to address a specific need for a specific time. How do they differ in importance?
4. Name one of the 10 Commandments or a teaching of the Church and explain how it became an opportunity for you to become more like Christ.