

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
 Sept. 12, 2021 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR SEPT 12 – SEPT. 18

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	60 th Annv-Robert & Loretta Graskemper
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family

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:

Monday, September 13
 Tuesday, September 14

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 Wednesday, September 15
 Thursday, September 16
 Saturday, September 18

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
St. Mary's School Urban Cowboy Rodeo & Craft Show Fundraiser

UPCOMING EVENT:

Sunday, September 19
 Tuesday, September 21
 Thursday, September 23
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Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Father Peter's Birthday

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 880.00 Haiti Collection \$750.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>READERS</u>	
Sept. 5	Kathy Heidlage
12	Matt Heidlage
19	Jane Kutz
26	Kathy Eck

MONEY COUNTERS

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, Faron Lee, Karen & David Drake, Louise Bellm 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.

St. Mary's Catholic School will be having an Urban Cowboy Rodeo and Craft Show as a fundraiser for the school on September 18. This unique rodeo event will be held in the big field just east of St. Mary's Church and School in Pierce City. It is sure to be a fun filled evening, good entertainment for everyone in the family. Admission for the Craft Fair is free. Bounce houses and rock climbing walls will be set up throughout the day with unlimited fun for \$10. Admission to the Rodeo will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 4-12, and 3 and under are free. Concessions will be available. St. Mary's Home & School will be offering funnel cakes. Los Panchos and Who is Hungry BBQ will have food available. There will also be snow cones, cotton candy and other treats available. The Craft Show, Food Trucks, and Bouncing will begin at 11:00 a.m. Gates for the Rodeo will open at 5:00, the event will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the 18th. Teams will compete in six events such as the Wild Goat Milking, the Pig Roundup, and the Egg Gathering to name a few. If interested in more information contact Jason Kramer 417-476-2824. Please come and support our event as we raise funds to support local Catholic Education.

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9a
 Ps 116:1-6,8-9
 James 2:14-18
 Mark 8:27-35

Monday September 13 St. John Chrysostom

1 Timothy 2:1-8
 Ps 28:2,7-9
 Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday September 14 Exaltation of the Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9
 Ps 78:1bc-2,34-38
 Phil 2:6-11
 John 3:13-17

Wednesday September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Timothy 3:14-16
 Ps 111:1-6
 John 19:25-27
 or Luke 2:33-35

Thursday September 16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

1 Timothy 4:12-16
 Ps 111:7-10
 Luke 7:36-50

Friday September 17

1 Timothy 6:2c-12
 Ps 49:6-10,17-20
 Luke 8:1-3

Saturday September 18

1 Timothy 6:13-16
 Ps 100:1b-5
 Luke 8:4-15



This Sunday's second reading defines the Catholic doctrine of faith and works.

Works without faith, no matter how good the works are, don't get us into heaven. Some of us try to earn our way into God's heart by serving in church activities, saying all the "right" prayers, and so on.

This idea comes from our childhood when we learned: "If I'm good enough, Mom and Dad will reward me" and "If I do well in school, the teacher will give me a gold star" or smiley face or whatever it is they paste on homework today.

The problem is, we can never be good enough for heaven. This is why Jesus came to earth and took our sins to the cross. Faith without works isn't going to get us into heaven, either. Here's why:

Faith in Jesus starts with believing that, in his love for us, he died for us and rose again so that we'll have eternal life. This is what opens the door to heaven. However, to walk through that door, we have to follow Jesus. This requires doing more than believing in his death and resurrection; we also believe in his life – *how* he lived

his life. Following Jesus affects our lifestyles and our day-to-day behavior. How Christ-like is it?

The proof that we truly do have faith is evidenced in the good works we do. Faith in Jesus means we love him so much that we love all those whom he loves, which is *everyone* regardless of whether they deserve it or not.

And faith in Jesus means we trust him so much that we do whatever he tells us – imitating him in all of our activities, adopting his attitudes, and responding to his calling to serve as priests, religious, and lay ministers.

Thus, when Jesus says to us in the Gospel reading, "Who do you say that I am?" we answer that he is our Savior who takes us to heaven, and he is our Lord who teaches us how to live, and he is our Lover who empowers us to love others even when it becomes a cross to bear.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Is Jesus Christ truly your Lord and Savior? Do you believe that he suffered and died on your behalf so that you could reach heaven?
2. Are you doing good works because you adore him so much that you want to go where he goes and do what he does and serve as his hands and feet and voice wherever he leads you?
3. How does your life convey to others that Jesus is your Lord and Savior?
4. If you wore no Christian jewelry and spoke no words, how would you tell others who Jesus is?