## St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO Sept. 19, 2021 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## MASSES FOR SEPT 19 – SEPT. 26

Saint Agnes		<del></del>	St. Mary's	
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family	Mon.	8:15 a.m. Rosary Service
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory	Wed.	8:15 a.m. Mass
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska	Frì.	8:15 a.m. Mass
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family	Sat.	4:00 p.m. Mass
		•	Sun.	8:30 a.m. Mass

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK:** 

Tuesday, September 21

Thursday, September 23

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Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Father Peter's Birthday

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

### **UPCOMING EVENT:**

Monday, September 27 Wednesday, September 29 Thursday, September 30

Friday, October 1 Saturday, October 2 Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 860.00

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

	READERS	MONEY COUNTERS
Sept. 5	Kathy Heidlage	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
12	Matt Heidlage	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
19	Jane Kutz	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
26	Kathy Eck	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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES; Donna Adamson, Jacob Adamson, Gabrielle Duley, Robert Graskemper, Mark Heidlage, Dorthy Katzfey, Jane Kutz, Doug Pickering, Mary Schwartz, Rosalee Wolf, Patrick Wolfe & Cynthia Workes.

#### CONSECRATION OF FAMILIES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, as we consecrate our family to you, each day we wish to live Your life, to nurture in our home those virtues which bring us Your peace and to avoid the worldliness and selfishness which leads us away from You. O Divine Heart of Jesus, be pleased to watch over our family, to bless all that we do, to dispel our troubles, to sanctify our joys, and to lighten our sufferings. If one of us should ever offend You by sin, remind us, O Merciful Jesus, of Your goodness and mercy shown to the repentant sinner. When the time of separation arrives within the family and death brings its grief into our midst, may those of us who go and those of us who stay be committed to Your Holy Will. May the hope of Your promise remind us that the day will come when our entire family, reunited in Heaven, will be able to sing forever of Your glory and mercy. As we entrust our family to Your loving mercy, may the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Joseph, her Beloved Spouse, present to You our Act of Consecration and keep us ever mindful of it all the days of our life. All glory to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our King and our Redeemer!

# Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

# 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-6, 8 James 3:16--4:3 Mark 9:30-37

Monday September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, & Co

Ezra 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-6 Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday September 21 St. Matthew

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Matthew 9:9-13

Wednesday September 22

Ezra 9:5-9 Tobit 13:2-4,7-8 Luke 9:1-6

Thursday September 23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Haggai 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Luke 9:7-9

Friday September 24

Haggai 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Luke 9:18-22

Saturday September 25

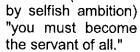
Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15a Jer 31:10-13 Luke 9:43b-45 In this Sunday's readings, we face wickedness: jeal-ousy destroying what's good, self-ishness causing harm to others, and pride squashing those who get in the way.

The first scripture covers the evil doings of outsiders who oppressed the Israelite nation. In the Gospel reading, Jesus predicts the evil doings of spiritual outsiders who were fighting against his ministry. The letter of James addresses the worst wickedness of all: the battle within the Church — Christians against Christians.

Jealousy and selfishness are usually the root beneath every scandal in the Church. every division on the parish staff, every discord among ministries, every disappointed volunteer who feels pushed out, every broken relationship in Christian families, and every attitude that weaker chases Catholics away from the faith - it's all wicked!

To get at the root of any divisive problem, look for self-centered ambition. Honestly and objectively identify even the most subtle forms of it so that you can also identify God's antidote. When you see divisiveness in others, do you feel sorrow for them? If not, why not? The answer to that usually lies in our own self-centered pride.

Jesus provided the cure for this: "If anyone wishes to be first" (motivated



Selfish ambition is sinful because it tries to grab success away from others. James pointed out that whatever we're ambitious for, if it's

good, we can have it simply by asking God for it and working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit to achieve our goals — but not if we want it only to satisfy our personal, selfish passions.

When we desire something for the sake of how it will help others (rather than just for our own benefit), this desire is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, and full of mercy and will produce good fruits.



- 1. When have you suffered from the jealousies and selfish ambitions of others in the Church?
- 2. How did this affect your faith?
- 3. Did it motivate you to avoid committing the same sin?
- 4. Identify how jealousy and selfish ambition have been the underlying cause behind one problem you've witnessed or experienced. What does your story teach about how to deal with such scandals with a pure heart, a peaceful response, gentleness, mercy, and good fruits that turn a tragedy into a triumph?

