

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
Sept. 26, 2021 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR SEPT 26 – OCT. 3

Saint Agnes

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| Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | St. Agnes Parish Family |
| Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. | +Mary Lenore Droska |
| Thursday | 8:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | St. Agnes Parish Family |

St. Mary's

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| 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 27
Wednesday, September 29
Thursday, September 30
Friday, October 1
Saturday, October 2
Sunday, October 3

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
Respect Life Sunday

UPCOMING EVENT:

Tuesday, October 5
Thursday, October 7

Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier, Seelos, Priest
Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 265.00

Retirement for Religious \$337.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

| <u>Oct.</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>READERS</u> |
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| | 10 | Cheryl (K) Elbert |
| | 17 | Sandy Thorn |
| | 24 | Doug Pickering |
| | 31 | Cheryl (R) Elbert |
| | | Kathy Heidlage |

MONEY COUNTERS

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

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES: James Adamson, Elsie Chorum, Evelyn Chorum, David Elbert, Matt Heidlage, Paul Heidlage, Linda Russell & Sophie Wagner.

ROSARY – The rosary will be led by ladies of the parish at 8 a.m. before weekday Masses during the month of October. Please come and join them.

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR OCTOBER: Marilyn Adamson. Sandy Thorn, Donna Adamson

FATHER MATT WILL BE GONE: from October 11 until October 15

FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as you lived God's plan for your family, you changed the shape and design of the human family. Watch over all families today as they struggle to live God's word in the midst of challenge and difficulty. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29
Ps 19:8,10,12-14
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Monday September 27
St. Vincent de Paul
Zechariah 8:1-8
Ps 102:16-23,29
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday September 28
Zechariah 8:20-23
Ps 87:1b-7
Luke 9:51-56

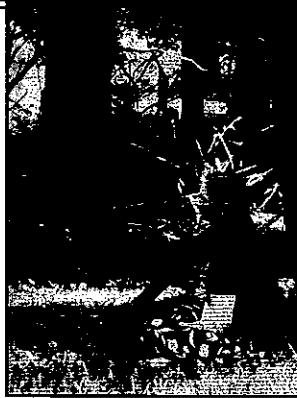
Wednesday September 29
Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
or Revelation 12:7-12a
Ps 138:1-5
John 1:47-51

Thursday September 30
St. Jerome
Nehemiah 8:1-12
Ps 19:8-11
Luke 10:1-12

Friday October 1
St. Therese of Lisieux
Baruch 1:15-22
Ps 79:1b-5,8,9
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday October 2
Guardian Angels
Baruch 4:5-12,27-29
Ps 69:33-37
Matthew 18:1-5,10

Jesus said that whoever is not against us is for us. The reality of this often takes us by surprise in unexpected partners.



On the one hand, it can seem like someone is against us when really they are not. For example, when someone speaks a truth that we don't want to hear, that person seems to be our enemy while in fact they are God's chosen prophet. At other times, people side with us but only for their own agenda; they're not interested in assisting the purposes that God has for our lives.

And sometimes we encounter people who are doing the Lord's work but not in the way that we expect them to, and so we assume that they are not doing what God wants them to do. Have you ever asked someone to pray for a certain intention and he/she prayed the opposite of what you intended?

Years ago, when my husband's company was laying off most of its employees, I asked a friend to pray for him so that he could find a new job, but she prayed instead for the company so that he wouldn't have to leave it. My expectations were for him to find a healthier company in which to work. I didn't like her prayer, but in the end,

I realized that she was the only friend who had prayed exactly what the Lord wanted!

To figure out whether someone is truly against us or is, in fact, God's instrument for us, we have to separate ourselves from the heat and frustrations of the experience and sit quietly with Jesus. After we vent to him our fears and anger and then forgive those who seem to be against us, we will be open to hearing a more divine assessment of the situation.

Even when someone truly is acting against us, when we sit quietly in prayer, seeking a word of knowledge or wisdom from the Holy Spirit, we can discover that God is for us and that's what matters most. He gives us encouragement and strength to endure any troubles.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who is telling you something that you don't like hearing? Is it possible that the Lord is speaking through this person?
2. Whom have you trusted that turned out to be a false friend or a bad influence?
3. Who has been an unexpected instrument of the Lord on your spiritual journey?
4. When have you been startled to discover that someone who did not seem to be "of the Lord" was really doing the Lord's work? What did the Lord accomplish through this unexpected source? What did you learn from it?