

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
Sept. 5, 2021 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR SEPT 5 – SEPT. 12

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
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:

Sunday, September 5

Special Collection for the victims in Haiti. Please make your checks out to St. Agnes. There are envelopes in the back of church.

Monday, September 6

Labor Day

Wednesday, September 8

Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, September 9

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

UPCOMING EVENT:

Monday, September 13

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

Tuesday, September 14

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.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday, September 15

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday, September 16

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 725.00 Haiti Collection \$25.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

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 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.

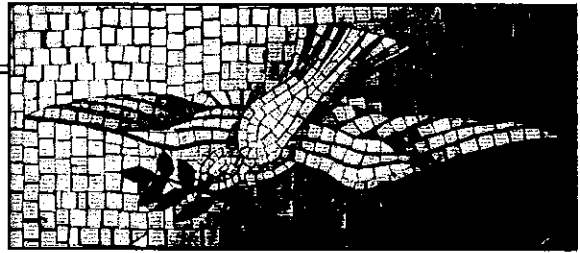
REGIN II DCCW MEETING: This is a reminder of the regional meeting to be held on September 9 at St. Patrick Church in Greenfield, Mo. The address is 51 State St., Greenfield. Registration will be at 9:30 am, followed by either the speaker or the business meeting and Mass @ 11:00 AM. This is different than most of our meetings but the priest couldn't make it until 11:00 AM.

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.

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Ps 146:(1b) 7-10
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

Today's readings show us God's concern for the disabled. How closely do we share in his concern?



Monday September 6

Colossians 1:24 -- 2:3
Ps 62:6-7,9
Luke 6:6-11

We're all disabled, one way or another. We can have eyes that see and still be blind. In fact, the scripture from James shows us just how blind we can be!

Tuesday September 7

Colossians 2:6-15
Ps 145:1b-2,8-11
Luke 6:12-19

If we see only how a person dresses, for example, without seeing their giftedness, we are being judgmental. If we are more impressed by a person's wealth or title or college degrees than we are by his/her insights or willingness to serve, we are being judgmental.

Wednesday September 8 Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a
or Romans 8:28-30
Ps 13:6abc
Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Only God can see all the good that's in a person's heart, and yet we make assumptions about others. Only God can hear the motives and longings behind a person's words, and yet we quickly judge what is being said as if we know exactly what is meant.

Thursday September 9 St. Peter Claver

Colossians 3:12-17
Ps 150:1b-6
Luke 6:27-38

Friday September 10

1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14
Ps 16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday September 11

1 Timothy 1:15-17
Ps 113:1b-7
Luke 6:43-49

Judgmentalism shows us nothing more than how truly blind we are.

Jesus wants to say to each of us: "Ephphatha! May your eyes and ears and mind be opened to the truth!" However, so that we can receive this healing, we have to slow down and stop reacting to what's visible and audible. We cannot trust what we see and hear. We need to take time to prayerfully pause for wisdom and discernment and new discoveries.

This is one of the reasons why Jesus gave us his Holy Spirit. When we let God's Spirit interpret everything for us, instead of reacting, we will act the way the Lord wants us to. Instead of reacting to partial information, we will act with faith and compassion.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what ways do you show partiality toward some people? What types of people do you tend to automatically prefer, based on outward appearances?
2. And whom do you tend to dislike until you get to know them better?
3. How will you begin to change this automatic reaction by relying on the Holy Spirit?
4. In what ways have you been judged unfairly? How does it feel? Are you judging those who judged you, neglecting to look deeper inside of them?
5. In your faith sharing community or family discussion, take turns in your group naming a false accusation that caused suffering, followed by other members describing the goodness that the accusers were too blind to see. (This last part is very important – it is Jesus providing healing!)