

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
Oct. 17, 2021 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR OCT 17 – OCT. 24

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Mary Lenore Droska
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+ Justice & Peace
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m. Rosary Service
Wed.	8:15 a.m.
Fri.	8:15 a.m.
Sat.	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, October 18
Tuesday, October 19

Sunday, October 24

UPCOMING EVENT:

Thursday, October 28
Monday, November 1
Thursday, November 4

Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist
Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs
World Mission Sunday

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation
Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Your Gift to the Church: \$597.00 Mission Sunday \$100.00 Retirement for Religious \$20.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Oct.</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>READERS</u>
	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, Ray Williams, David Drake 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 8:15 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 for the Annual Priest Retreat

PRAYER

Increase our Faith Holy God, We thank you for the gracious gift of faith.
With the apostles before us, we ask that you open our hearts
to the power of your Word and increase our faith that we may
be bold followers and joyful witnesses to the message and
mission of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11
Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45

Monday October 18
St. Luke the Evangelist
2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Ps 145:10-13,17-18
Luke 10:1-9

Tuesday October 19
**Sts. Isaac Jogues,
John de Brebeuf & co.**
Romans 5:12,15b,17-21
Ps 40:7-10,17
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday October 20
Romans 6:12-18
Ps 124:1b-8
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday October 21
Romans 6:19-23
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 12:49-53

Friday October 22
Romans 7:18-25a
Ps 119:66,68,76,77,93,94
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday October 23
Romans 8:1-11
Ps 24:1b-6
Luke 13:1-9

To be great in the kingdom of God means to be a servant, says Jesus: We are to serve the needs of others for the benefit of the kingdom.

This does not mean that our own needs and desires don't matter. Being a servant for God is not slavery; it's an honor and a blessing, because it unites us to the saving servanthood of Christ.

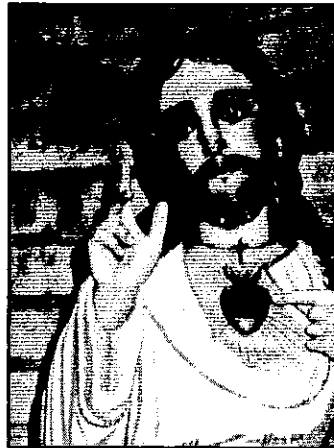
Being a servant like Christ means that we are treated by the Father the same way Jesus was treated. Our Master will not belittle us, disrespect us, nor over-work us.

The alternative is to be a slave to our worldly passions and possessions and the ways of the world. Worldly enslavement does belittle us. It reduces us to less than what God created us to be.

The ways of Christ empower us to be like Christ himself: free to enjoy all of the benefits of the kingdom of God, free to live a holy life, and therefore, free to be great in the eyes of our Father.

In this freedom, there is great joy. Although the ways of Christ are not easy and sometimes lead to the Cross, this cup of suffering increases our holiness and makes us even greater in heaven. When we make sacrifices for the benefit of others and we understand that our sufferings are part of our growth in holiness, they become

much more bearable, because what had seemed like a curse is redeemed into a very significant blessing.



Do you know anyone whose prayers have not been answered? It's not because God doesn't care, nor because he can't help them. He answers the prayers of others through our servanthood. Jesus serves others through us.

Our top priority must always be our own relationship with God, so that we receive an abundance of whatever he wants us to share with others in service to their needs. We cannot give what we don't have. We cannot serve others well – we cannot be the presence of Christ for them – unless we ourselves have first been served by Jesus.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What has God blessed you with abundantly? What insights, gifts, talents, wisdom, etc., do you have?
2. How are these indications that Jesus has served you?
3. Share how you have passed this service onto someone else (or would like to). For example, how has he served you with his unconditional, forgiving love? Or how has he served you by meeting an unmet need? In turn, how has this helped you to be a loving servant for others?