

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO  
Oct. 24, 2021 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## MASSES FOR OCT 24 – OCT. 31

### 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:

Sunday, October 24  
Thursday, October 28

**World Mission Sunday**  
**Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

### UPCOMING EVENT:

Monday, November 1  
Thursday, November 4

**All Saints Day**  
**Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

**Your Gift to the Church: \$ 365.00**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Nov.</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>READERS</u>
	14	Jane Kutz
	21	Kathy Eck
	28	Cheryl (K) Elbert
		Sandy Thorn

### MONEY COUNTERS

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

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Sharon Wolfe, Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Ray Williams, David Drake and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**THE RAFFLE** will be held on Sunday Nov 7 so please have your raffle tickets in by then. Thanks.

**ST. LAWRENCE** is having their Fall Feast November 7th from 11-2. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the back of church.

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

**THANKS** to all of you for all of your thoughts and prayers during my illness, Louise Bellm

### **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!

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Ps 126:1-6  
Hebrews 5:1-6  
Mark 10:46-52

### Monday October 25

Ephesians 4:32--5:8  
Ps 1:1-4,6  
Luke 13:10-17

### Tuesday October 26

Ephesians 5:21-33  
Ps 128:1-5  
Luke 13:18-21

### Wednesday October 27

Ephesians 6:1-9  
Ps 145:10-14  
Luke 13:22-30

### Thursday October 28

Revelations 7:2-4,9-14  
Ps 24:1b-6  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12a

### Friday October 29

Wisdom 3:1-9  
Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9  
John 6:37-40

### Saturday October 30

Philippians 1:18b-26  
Ps 42:2,3,5  
Luke 14:1,7-11

After Jesus touches our lives – answers a prayer, gives us a healing, provides a life-changing insight, or makes any other kind of difference – what do we do next? Our life has been changed by divine grace. Do we make the most of this new opportunity?

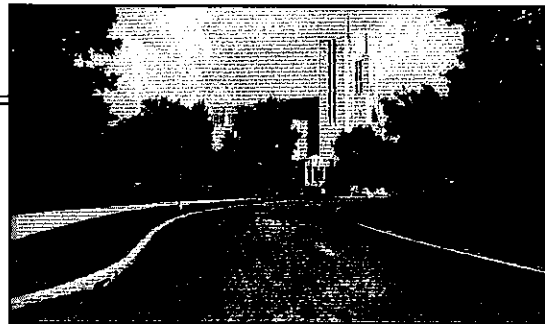
God never forces us to take a new direction or follow a certain path, not even if we've made a bargain with him, such as: "Lord, if you heal me, I will go to Mass every day."

Jesus says to us what he said to Bartimaeus, the man he healed in this Sunday's Gospel reading: "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Go where?

Sometimes his instructions are a little more informative than that. When he cures someone from sin, he adds: "Go and sin no more". Okay, but go where?

Every step we take is important. Where we go and what we do next makes a difference that ripples off into the future with ramifications (blessings and/or woes) that are impossible for us to predict. Jesus isn't down-playing the significance of this. Rather, what happens next is so important that he wants us to have full control over it.

Jesus told Bartimaeus "Go *your* way." And what did Bartimaeus do with that freedom? He "followed *him* on the way." He opted for the best possible direction. His life changed dramatically, not only because he had



been blind and now he had good eyesight, but because he wanted to learn from Jesus and become one of his followers.

How many times have we returned to an old familiar path after an encounter with Christ? If following him means taking a new direction, getting involved in a new ministry, or changing careers or friends, we too often settle back into old routines. Comfort zones are hard to leave. But following Jesus is a life-changing adventure if we're sincere about it.

Following Jesus and learning from him should be our top priority. Every encounter with Christ should change us – even at Mass when we reunite ourselves to him in the Eucharist.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Think of the last time Jesus responded to your need for help. What changed afterward?
2. How long did the change last?
3. Describe a time when you changed directions in your life because of an encounter with Christ. What did Jesus do for you?
4. How did you figure out which way to go afterward?