

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO  
July 24, 2022 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## MASSES FOR July 24 – July 31

### Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	No Mass-Communion Services
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	No Mass-Communion Services
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Louise Bellm

### St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary Service
Wed.	8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Fri.	8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Sat	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, July 25  
Tuesday, July 26  
Friday, July 29

**Feast of Saint James, Apostle**  
**Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Memorial of Saint Martha**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 1  
Tuesday, August 2  
Thursday, August 4  
Thursday, August 4  
Saturday, August 6

**Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Dr. of the Church**  
**Mass at 8:30**  
**Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest**  
**Mass at 8:30**  
**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 700.00**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Aug.</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>READERS</u>
	14	Doug Pickering
	21	Cheryl (R) Elbert
	28	Kathy Heidlage
		Jane Kutz

### Extra Ordinary Ministers

Mike Bartkoski  
Thomas Adamson  
Mark Adamson  
Patrick Wolfe

### MONEY COUNTERS

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

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Loretta Graskemper and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**BENEFIT DINNER** Auction & Raffle for Kaden Abramovitz, 2 year old son of Zak Abramovitz. It will be held on Saturday, August 6 at 5 p.m. It will be at St. Mary's Gym in Pierce City. Proceeds will go to help pay for medical expenses and funeral costs. There will be a pulled pork dinner and a live band. For more information see the flyer in the back of church.

## PRAYER

In families striving to stay intact through adversity. Let us see Christ.

In the poor and lowly of the world. Let us see Christ.

In those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine. Let us see Christ

In children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school. Let us see Christ.

In those who are living with HIV/AIDS and other diseases. Let us see Christ.

In immigrants and refugees seeking freedom and hope. Let us see Christ.

In those who are orphaned or abandoned. Let us see Christ.

In the elderly who are forgotten. Let us see Christ.

In those who struggle to find meaningful work. Let us see Christ.

In those who work for justice and peace for all people. Let us see Christ.

Let us pray. Jesus, teach us to recognize your presence in those who are in need. May we give of ourselves in service to them and so hasten the coming of the Kingdom you have promised, where you live with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Genesis 18:20-32  
Psalm 138:1-3,6-8  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

### Monday July 25

**St. James**

2 Corinthians 4:7-15  
Ps 126:1bc-6  
Matthew 20:20-28

### Tuesday July 26

**Sts. Joachim and Anne**

Jeremiah 14:17-22  
Ps 79:8,9,11,13  
Matthew 13:36-43

### Wednesday July 27

Jeremiah 15:10,16-21  
Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17,18  
Matthew 13:44-46

### Thursday July 28

Jeremiah 18:1-6  
Ps 146:1b-6ab  
Matthew 13:47-53

### Friday July 29

**Sts. Martha, Mary, Lazarus**

Jeremiah 26:1-9  
Ps 69:5,8-10,14  
John 11:19-27  
or Luke 10:38-42

### Saturday July 30

Jeremiah 26:11-16,24  
Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34  
Matthew 14:1-12

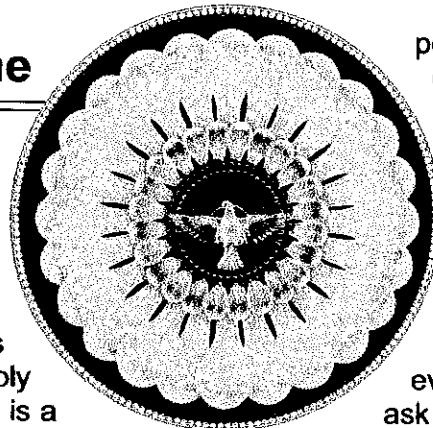
In Luke 11:1-13, Jesus teaches us how to pray with faith. The "bread" that runs as a theme in this scripture is the life of holiness. The "Bread of Life" is Jesus. The gift of the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, is a *holy* life.

Notice also that the visitor in the parable is a friend of God, not a stranger, who wants to share the bread with another friend. This represents a baptized Christian who wants to share the friendship of God ("three loaves" – the Trinity) with others, but he or she is inadequate for the task.

When we knock on the door to God's heart seeking help for our inadequacies, the Father gives us his fully adequate Holy Spirit. And that's not all we get! Whenever we pray, this Holy Spirit connects us to the Father and to Jesus. Therefore, every prayer increases our holiness, brings us closer to God and empowers us to be more like Jesus. But holiness does not come quickly nor easily. We must

be persistent in our prayer lives. We must continually rely on God's Spirit in order to resist temptations and grow in faith.

No matter what we ask God to share with us, including the material things that we need or desire, God wants to use it to nourish our souls. This is what we ask for when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Be



persistent. Receiving God's bread takes time (we're slow learners).

It's the devil who says we can have everything we ask for as fast as

we want it. New Age and occult practices are fast-food spiritualities that are riddled with the dangerously unhealthy fat of false beliefs. They lack the growth in holiness that we can only receive from the Holy Spirit. Many people turn to the occult because they don't have the desire to do the hard work of holiness.

The supernatural adequacies of the Holy Spirit are ours for the asking, because we already received the Holy Spirit during baptism. However, to live in God's supernatural power, we have to pray persistently, identify our sins and repent, and humbly open ourselves to the holiness of the Holy Spirit.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. How much do you rely on the Holy Spirit's help in your daily life?
2. How often do you humble yourself before the Lord in prayer and ask for an increase of holiness?
3. Describe your prayer life. How does it help you become holier in your daily activities?
4. How has the Holy Spirit purified you?