

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO  
July 31, 2022 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **MASSES FOR July 31 – August 7**

### **Saint Agnes**

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Louise Bellm
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Alfred & Josephine Wagner

### **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.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

### **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Monday, August 1	<b>Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Dr. of the Church</b>
Tuesday, August 2	<b>Rosary for Life at 8:30</b>
Thursday, August 4	<b>Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest</b>
Thursday, August 4	<b>Mass at 8:30</b>
Saturday, August 6	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</b>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, August 8	<b>Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest</b>
Wednesday, August 10	<b>Feast of Saint Lawrence Deacon and Martyr</b>
Thursday, August 11	<b>Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin</b>

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **READERS**

Aug. 7	Doug Pickering
14	Cheryl (R) Elbert
21	Kathy Heidlage
28	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, Robert 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 and Kyla Freeman 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 FOR VOCATIONS**

Compassionate God,

You speak your word to us through prophets of long ago and you continue to reveal your message of love today.

With great expectations we look to your Spirit to work in our world, empowering us to serve you as Jesus did.

May we listen for your word and respond generously to your call. Renew in us the grace of our baptism.

Strengthen married couples, single men and women, deacons, priests, sisters and brothers as they seek to serve you by sharing their love and compassion.

Grant wisdom to those who are discerning their call.

With gratitude we proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23  
Ps 90:(1)3-6,12-14,17  
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11  
Luke 12:13-21

### Monday August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

Jeremiah 28:1-17  
Ps 119:29,43,79,80,95,102  
Matthew 14:13-21

### Tuesday August 2

Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22  
Ps 102:16-21,29,22-23  
Matthew 14:22-36

### Wednesday August 3

Jeremiah 31:1-7  
Jer 31:10-13  
Matthew 15:21-28

### Thursday August 4 St. John Mary Vianney

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Ps 51:12-15,18-19  
Matthew 16:13-23

### Friday August 5

Nahum 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7  
Deut 32:35c-36b,39,41  
Matthew 16:24-28

### Saturday August 6 Transfiguration

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14  
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9  
2 Peter 1:16-19  
Luke 9:28b-36

When we understand God's generosity, we realize how wealthy we truly are. Even if we have little money in the bank, our lives are rich in God -

- feeling protected and cared for by God, giving us an abundance of peace that gets us through trials and battles with wisdom and endurance.

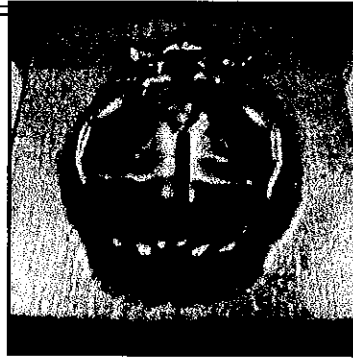
God's generosity also leads to material goods. Every material blessing we have comes from God. He delivers it to us through the talents and skills he has given to us. Whatever we earn through our own efforts comes originally from God's efforts. God is the source of everything that's good in our lives.

However, there's more! Everything from God is meant to bless others, too. We are conduits of God's generosity.

Whatever we have that we refuse to share becomes the cause of sin. We succumb to

selfishness, which is akin to greed. The problem with greed is that it hurts others by denying them what God wants to share with them.

What makes us vulnerable to this sin? Self-reliance. It comes from thinking that we can rely solely on ourselves and on our own resources instead of partnering with God in generosity. Even when we recognize that God has been generous with us, self-reliance says that



we are responsible for preventing the poverty of giving it away to others.

When we protect our lives by storing up our goods, others suffer. In the Gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus addresses both greed and self-reliance, because they are completely

contrary to the personality of God.

Generosity grows when we understand that God is the provider of everything good and that he will continue to provide for us even when we give away what he gives to us – *especially* when we give away what he gives to us. Think about what you have in abundance (be it money, or joy, or wisdom, or lessons learned from experience, or \_\_\_\_). Now look around. How might you be the answer to someone else's' prayers?

Whatever we hope to have already belongs to God and is meant to be shared with others. This is the primary economic principle of the kingdom of God. The Body of Christ thrives only when there's a continual exchange of goods. We call this the communion of saints.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What is most difficult for you to share or give away?
2. Why do you cling to it? What are you afraid will happen if you let go of it?
3. Why do we feel safer relying on ourselves than on God?