## St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO June 25, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR June 25 - July 2

Saint Agnes St. Mary's

Sunday +Lawrence Katzfey, Jr 10:30 a.m. Mon. 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Tuesday 8:30 a.m. No Mass Wed. 8:15 a.m. Thursday 8:30 a.m. No Mass

Fri. 8:15 a.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Mary Ann Campbell. Sat 4:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. Sun.

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK** 

Monday, June 26 Father leaves for vacation

Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr Wednesday, June 28 Thursday, June 29 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** 

Monday, July 3 Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle Tuesday, July 4 Rosary For Life at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 11 Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbott

Friday, July 14 Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Saturday, July 15 Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Dr. of the Church

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$527.00 Mission Co-op \$100.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers Servers Extra Ordinary Min. Gift Bearers & Ushers James Campbell & Doug Pickering

July 2 Kathy Heidlage Cheryl (K) Elbert Isaac Chorum Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage

July 9 Jane Kutz Elsie Chorum Maria Wagner Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage

Kimberly Prince Eric Prince

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

CHURCH CLEANERS: July Kathy Heidlage, Tricia Heidlage, Sally Heidlage, Jamie Welters

JULY BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES; Ray Elbert, John Heidlage, Brenda Schmitt, Sandra Thorn, Jamie Welters, Kevin Welters, Liam Welters, Annabelle Prince, Louis Wagner, Marion Williams & Bishop Edward Rice

THANK YOU: to whoever was so generous with their time to cut down the tree in front of the rectory and remove all the debris. It looks wonderful!!!! Thank you so much!!!

#### A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion.

Be close to our president and our statesmen: give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world.

Make me more deeply aware of my heritage: realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen. Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen.

# Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday June 25
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Ps 69:8-10,14,17,
33-35 (14c)
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

Monday June 26 Genesis 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22 Matthew 7:1-5

**Tuesday June 27**Genesis 13:2,5-18
Ps 15:2-4b,5
Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wednesday June 28 St. Irenaeus Genesis 15:1-12.17-18

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
Ps 105:1-4,6-9
Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday June 29
Sts. Peter and Paul
Acts 12:1-11
Ps 34:2-9
2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

Friday June 30 Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22 Ps 128:1-5 Matthew 8:1-4

> Saturday July 1 Genesis 18:1-15 Luke 1:46-50,53-55 Matthew 8:5-17

Think of a time when you were in darkness: a sin, for example, or when you felt abandoned by God or your prayers seemed dry and your spiritual gifts seemed covered over. What did Jesus say to you at that time (perhaps through scripture or friends or a homily at Mass)? What did his whisperings tell you? His words and his guidance were good news for you!

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says: "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light."

He's calling you and commissioning you and empowering you, through his Holy Spirit, to share your good news with others, so that they can hear him in *their* darkness. Proclaim it boldly and visibly so that those who want to hear it will stop and listen. Do not be afraid to openly share how Jesus has been working in your life and how he's helped you grow or heal or turn away from sin.

Yes, when we're this bold, some people ridicule us and reject us, like how Jeremiah was treated in the first reading. But the Lord is with you, too, as "a mighty champion," and your persecutors will eventually stumble and fail. Jesus tells us to "fear no one." God takes good care of us.

Jesus acknowledges those who acknowledge him. In other words, when we're insulted or persecuted for our faith, God holds us and comforts us. It's his opinion of us that matters anyway, and no one else's. Listen to him. In the whispers of



the sanctuary of your heart, he's telling you all the good that he sees in you. He's telling you that he appreciates the good you have done. He's giving you good news worth sharing.

### **Reflect & Discuss:**

- † What is your testimony? What did Jesus teach you when you were in sin or handling a recent difficulty? Write it down; this exercise will help you feel more confident when you try to share your story with others.
- † Practice sharing the testimony you realized during the above personal reflection: Proclaim it first to your community of friends who understand.
- † As you listen to the testimonies of others, encourage them: Tell them how their story helps you.
- † Make a commitment to go forth and spread the good news. What does this commitment look like? What will you do first to fulfill your commitment?