

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR July 16 – July 23

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Terry Campbell

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, July 22 **Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, July 25	Feast of Saint James, Apostle
Wednesday, July 26	Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, July 29	Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
<u>July 23</u> Kimberly Prince	Isaac Chorum	John Heidlage Charlotte Pickering Doug Pickering	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
<u>July 30</u> Cheryl (K) Elbert	Elsie Chorum	Patrick Wolfe Cheryl (K) Elbert Dennis Heidlage	James Campbell & Doug Pickering

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

Dear Friends,

As we look forward to the next school year, it is time for our special annual fundraiser called "Angels Among Us." We truly believe that St. Mary's School has many angels that are here for us in so many ways! Last year we had an amazing response! For everyone who donates \$10 or more, their names will be posted on angels and placed in the gym. For those who donate \$400 or more, they will also get their names engraved on a metal "leaf" and placed on our Giving/Endowment tree in the school's hallway. Donations may be made in the memory of a loved one. Please make a note telling us whose name you want on the angel and/or leaf. The fundraiser will end on July 19th. The profits from this fundraiser will go directly to help the school. If you would like to make a donation to St. Mary's School, you may contact the office or mail it to the school at the following address. If it is not possible to give at this time, then we ask that you please remember us in your prayers. If you know of any alumni who do not live locally and do not get our newsletter, but would like to, please contact the office. Thank you and may God bless you!

Attn: Angels
202 Front Street
Pierce City, MO 65723

Your friend in Christ,
Jason Kramer (Principal)

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 16

Isaiah 55:10-11
Ps 65:10-14 (Luke 8:8)
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Monday July 17

Ex 1:8-14,22
Ps 124:1b-8
Matthew 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday July 18

Ex 2:1-15a
Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday July 19

Ex 3:1-6,9-12
Ps 103:1b-4,6-7
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday July 20

Ex 3:13-20
Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday July 21

Ex 11:10 – 12:14
Ps 116:12-13,15,16b-18
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday July 22

St. Mary Magdalene
Sgs 3:1-4b OR
2 Cor 5:14-17
Ps 63:2-6,8-9
Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Sunday's readings are about sowing seeds. The important thing to remember about seed sowing is that the effort is worthless if the seeds are not changed by being cast to the ground. Each seed must give up its former self, dying in the dirt while new life stirs within it. Only then can it send out a tender, first root, which will multiply and grow stronger and deeper to support upward growth. Even so, it has to be properly nourished to survive.

If all this takes place, the end result is a plant that looks nothing like the seed, which as it grows develops the ever-more important mission of benefitting the wider world of Nature beyond itself.

As we listen to Jesus explain the parable, we say yes, we want to be seeds that become fruitful lives. But desiring it does not automatically transform us. What is it that makes the soil of our lives rich and growth-producing?

The reading from Isaiah tells us that it is God himself who is the rich soil – God and his Word. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that suffering is part of creation (seeds must fall in the dirt and die in order to produce a fruitful life). Redemption grows from suffering and death.

We will never feel truly fulfilled until we've surrendered to the



soil and have allowed God to nourish our growth.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What tender, new roots do you have that are sprouting from times of suffering and loss?
- † What blessings are springing up from them?
- † What ministry (what benefit to others) could be a fruitful gift of these blessings?
- † Share with your family or faith sharing group what it means to give up your former self to allow new life to stir and grow.
- † What is the will of God (what does the Word say) regarding the end result? Give examples from your life or from the lives of others.