

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

July 9, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR July 9 – July 16

Saint Agnes

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, July 22

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$2,582.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
July 23 Kimberly Prince	Isaac Chorum

<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>
John Heidlage Charlotte Pickering Doug Pickering

<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

July 30 Cheryl (K) Elbert	Elsie Chorum
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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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Evelyn Grace Chorum who was born of water and Holy Spirit in baptism. Evelyn is the daughter of Levi & Jessica Chorum.

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)

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 9

Zechariah 9:9-10
Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Monday July 10

Genesis 28:10-22a
Ps 91:1-4,14-15b
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Genesis 32:23-33
Ps 17:1b,2-3,6-7b,8b,15
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday July 12

Genesis 41:55-57;
42:5-7a,17-24a
Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday July 13

Genesis 44:18-21,23b-29;
45:1-5
Ps 105:16-21
Matthew 10:7-15

Friday July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Genesis 46:1-7,28-30
Ps 37:3-4,18-19,
27-28,39-40
Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday July 15

St. Bonaventure

Genesis 49:29-32;
50:15-26a
Ps 105:1-4,6-7
Matthew 10:24-33

Does the yoke of Jesus weigh you down or does it feel light? His yoke – according to what he exemplified with his life – is servanthood, a ministry that cares for others, a love that makes sacrifices.

We're weighed down by personal struggles; we have crosses to carry and so many people need our attention that we're exhausted from it all. We need a vacation, an escape, time out! So why does Jesus tell us that

his yoke is easy? Why does he say that the burdens of servanthood are light?

When the burdens of life wear us down and tire us out, it's usually because we've taken on more responsibility than God has actually given to us.

Or else it's because we're expending energy trying to get rid of a cross after Jesus has yoked us to it. If the burden leads to burn-out, God lets us get tired, because he's warning us: "Slow down! Simplify your life! Make a change! Spend more time in prayer!"

If it leads to anger and resentment,

God is showing us that our selfish desire for an easier life is, in reality, making our lives more difficult.

In other words, when we strain and pull against the yoke –

against our union with Christ – we suffer from our own mistaken ideas of what we should be doing. It is when we remember that we're yoked to Someone who is infinitely stronger and wiser than we are that the burden becomes light. The yoke becomes a source of joy.

Jesus offers us everything we need for plowing the fields that God assigns to us. When we cooperate with him, the burden is indeed light. We find rest in Jesus and we

benefit from his strength. We experience holy pleasure in our tasks, because we're yoked to the energy of Jesus.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What are you doing that seems good but is wearing you out?
- † What part of it is not God's idea?
- † What can you do to become more aware of the strength of Jesus?
- † Become accountable for the answer to the above questions by speaking of it to your family or faith community: What changes are you going to make to allow Jesus to refresh and renew you?
- † How might this make a difference?

