

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO  
August 27, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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## MASSES FOR Aug 27 – Sept 3

### Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Frank & Bertha Boes
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Lawrence Katzfey Jr.

### St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion
Wed.	8:15 a.m.	
Fri.	8:15 a.m.	
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, August 28  
Tuesday, August 29

**Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
**Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, September 5  
Friday, September 8  
Saturday, September 9  
Sunday, September 10

**Rosary for Life at 8:00 a.m.**  
**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest**  
**Special Collection for the fires in Maui**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 618.00**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers &amp; Ushers</u>
<b><u>August 27</u></b> Doug Pickering	Sterling Elbert Sarah Elbert	Doug Pickering Patrick Wolfe Cheryl (K) Elbert	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
<b><u>September 3</u></b> Cheryl (R) Elbert	Isaac Chorum	Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage Maria Wagner	Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell
<b><u>September 10</u></b> Kathy Heidlage	Elsie Chorum	Kimberly Prince Eric Prince Jane Kutz	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
<b><u>September 17</u></b> Jane Kutz	Sterling Elbert Sarah Elbert	Thomas Adamson Mark Adamson John Heidlage	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert
<b><u>September 24</u></b> Kathy Eck	Isaac Chorum	Charlotte Pickering Doug Pickering Patrick Wolfe	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

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

**Pierce City Community Survey:** Submissions are requested from residents of Pierce City and the surrounding area prior to September 17, 2023. Hard copies of the survey can be found at City Hall, Old Town Pharmacy, First State Bank and Tonto's or scan the QR code on the flyer in back of the church or go to [smcog.org/piercecitycommunity](http://smcog.org/piercecitycommunity) survey.

## 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday August 27

Isaiah 22:19-23

Ps 138:1-3,6,8

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

### Monday August 28

St. Augustine, Bp, Dr

1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10

Ps 149:1b-6a,9b

Matthew 23:13-22

### Tuesday August 29

Passion of St. John

the Baptist

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Ps 139:1-6

Mark 6:17-29

### Wednesday August 30

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Ps 139:7-12b

Matthew 23:27-32

### Thursday August 31

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13

Ps 90:3-5a,12-14,17

Matthew 24:42-51

### Friday September 1

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Ps 97:1,2b,5-6,10-12

Matthew 25:1-13

### Saturday September 2

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11

Ps 98:1,7-9

Matthew 25:14-30

When Jesus ordained Peter to become the rock upon which he would build his Church, he made a promise. The gates of hell, he said, speaking of the netherworld that belongs to the principalities and powers of darkness (see Ephesians 6), "shall never prevail against it."

Jesus did not say that hell would never win battles against the Church. He said that the gates of hell would not win. Of course they won't; gates don't attack! Gates protect. Gates hold inside their boundaries whatever has been enclosed by a fence or wall. Do you know anyone who's been imprisoned by their sins? Or by hellish circumstances?

Christians are not called to take a defensive posture against attacks and encroachments from evil-doers. Christians are called to take the offensive – we are called to attack the very gates of hell, knock them down, and conquer the devils that are trying to drag people into their kingdom of misery and eternal death.

What are the keys? The gates of hell are unlocked by Sacraments; they open the way to eternal life. When a priest "looses" (releases) the grace and forgiveness of God upon a repentant sinner during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or when a priest "binds" a man and woman together in the Sacrament of Marriage, it's Jesus who's doing it through him.



The supernatural power of the Sacraments conquers evil every time

we take them seriously and rely on the graces they provide.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Where is there a locked gate in your life, which needs to get blown open so that Jesus can rescue you from some sort of darkness?
- † What will you do this week to utilize the Sacraments more deeply, more profoundly?
- † Who do you say Jesus really is, and how do you encounter this Jesus in the Sacraments?
- † Which Sacrament (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Marriage, Ordination, or the Anointing of the Sick) is most powerful for you personally? Why?

What Jesus did 2000 years ago to free people from evil he still does today through you and me.

For the sinners who want to escape from evil before it's too late, Jesus gave gate keys to Peter when he ordained him as the first shepherd (priest and pope) of Christianity. These keys have been passed from generation to generation through the unbroken line of Catholic priests.