St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO September 17, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR Sept 17 – Sept 24

Saint Agnes	int Agnes		St. Mary's	
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Mary Ann Campbell	Mon.	8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace	Wed.	8:15 a.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory	Fri.	8:15 a.m.
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Bernard Boes	Sat	4:00 p.m.
			Sun.	8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, September 17 Wednesday, September 20 Collection for Retirement fund for Religious

Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha sang, and

Companions, Martyrs

Thursday, September 21 Saturday, September 23 Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Father Peter's Birthday

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, September 27 Friday, September 29 Saturday, September 30

Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$880.00 Maui \$464.00 Retirement Fund for Religious \$20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers **Servers** Extra Ordinary Min. Gift Bearers & Ushers September 17 Jane Kutz Sterling Elbert Thomas Adamson Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert Sarah Elbert Mark Adamson John Heidlage September 24 Kathy Eck Isaac Chorum Charlotte Pickering Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt Doug Pickering

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.

Patrick Wolfe

ST, MARY'S DINER TICKETS: are available for sale. It is Saturday, September 23, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Rhoda Elbert is graciously selling them after church. There is a flyer in the back of church.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES; Donna Adamson, Jacob Adamson, Gabrielle Duley, Robert Graskemper, Mark Heidlage, Dorthy Katzfey, Jane Kutz, Doug Pickering, Mary Schwartz, Rosalee Wolf, Patrick Wolfe & Cynthia Workes.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY REMBERENCE: Robert Graskemper turns 85 this month.

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Marilyn Adamson, Sandy Thorn, Donna Adamson, Jessica Chorum

PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Spirit of God, fill our hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in beauty. Help us to know what is pleasing to you and to understand what is right and good in your sight. Give us the spirit of learning that we may please you by our thoughts and love you in your creation. Give all teachers your constant encouragement and guide them in their work. Spirit of God, make us effective witnesses of your truth to all whose lives we touch. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord, Amen.

Good News Inspiration for daily life

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday September 17

Sirach 27:30–28:7 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

Monday September 18

1 Timothy 2:1-8 Ps 28:2,7-9 Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday September 19

1 Timothy 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-3b,5-6 Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Timothy 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Luke 7:31-35

Thursday September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Matthew 9:9-13

Friday September 22

1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10,17-20 Luke 8:1-3

Saturday September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

1 Timothy 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-5 Luke 8:4-15 Jesus' message in this Sunday's Gospel reading explains a line from the "Our Father" prayer he

had taught earlier (Matthew 6:12): "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

The strongest word here is "AS" – the same as, just like, in equal measure.

If there is anyone we have not forgiven, if there is anyone we

cannot pray for with love, we'd better keep our mouths shut during this part of the prayer to our Father, who is the Father of all.

Sometimes, it's difficult to forgive because we think "forgiving" means "forgetting". Jesus never said that we must forget what the debtor owes. Forgiveness means remembering – and learning from the memory – without demanding repayment or retribution.

Unforgiveness is a form of

punishment: it's payback time. For example, if we remain angry, we hope that our anger or coldness will somehow punish the sinner into repentance. Well, guess what. That never works.

Here's something else we do that never works: holding a

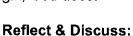
grudge to protect ourselves from getting hurt again. Grudges do not free us from the pain of bad

memories. It chains us to them.

When we free others from the debts they owe us for hurting us (whether they seek it or not, whether they're still alive or not), we free ourselves and our healing begins – our healing!

It's the most loving gift that we can give to ourselves, as it's a gift of love to others.

Even when they don't recognize our gift, God does.



- † Who angers you because they don't deserve your forgiveness?
- † What are you gaining from unforgiveness and resentment? What will you lose if you forgive?
- † What is the most difficult part of forgiveness?
- † What steps do you take for pushing yourself into truly letting go of unforgiveness so you can find healing? Sharing this with others will spread good ideas that could change someone's life!

