

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

September 3, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR Sept 3 – Sept 10

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Lawrence Katzfey Jr
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Justice & Peace
Thursday 8:30 a.m. +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Anthony & Mary Barchak

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

Tuesday, September 5

Rosary for Life at 6:00 p.m.

Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Special Collection for the fires in Maui

Friday, September 8

Saturday, September 9

Sunday, September 10

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, September 13

Memorial of Saint John Chrysotom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday, September 15

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, September 16

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 660.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers

Servers

Extra Ordinary Min.

Gift Bearers & Ushers

September 3 Cheryl (R) Elbert

Isaac Chorum

Dennis Heidlage
Leah Heidlage
Maria Wagner

Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell

September 10 Kathy Heidlage

Elsie Chorum

Kimberly Prince
Eric Prince
Jane Kutz

James Campbell & Doug Pickering

September 17 Jane Kutz

Sterling Elbert
Sarah Elbert

Thomas Adamson
Mark Adamson
John Heidlage

Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert

September 24 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.

PCCW MEETING: on Tuesday September 5 after 6:30 p.m. Mass. Discussing Fall and Winter projects is on the agenda. Games: Leah Heidlage, Pam Campbell, Jessica Chorum & Kimberly Prince. Refreshments: Kathy Heidlage, Margie Calentine, Tricia Heidlage & Marilyn Henderson.

QUARTERLY RCCW: meeting will be in Aurora on Thursday, September 14. Registration at 9:30 and Mass at 10. Speaker will be Karen Badger on the Aurora School's Doggy Bag Program that Holy Trinity runs. (Donation of a jar of peanut butter per attendee would be appreciated.) Also Stations of the Cross will be said at the church's newly established "Stations on church grounds, weather permitting. All invited. Bring a friend!

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.

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday September 3

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Ps 63:2-6,8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Monday September 4

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Ps 96:1,3-5,11-13

Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday September 5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11

Ps 27:1,4,13-14

Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday September 6

Colossians 1:1-8

Ps 52:10-11

Luke 4:38-44

Thursday September 7

Colossians 1:9-14

Ps 98:2-6

Luke 5:1-11

Friday September 8

Nativity of Bl. Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a or

Romans 8:28-30

Ps 13:6abc

Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Saturday September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Colossians 1:21-23

Ps 54:3-4,6,8

Luke 6:1-5

Today's first reading is one of my personal favorites. I have often felt the way Jeremiah does here. I have yelled at God, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!" And I allow it again and again. "You knew this would happen, Lord! Why did you lead me into this trial?" Have you ever felt that way?

Why do we let him do this to us? Why do we trust God even though he leads us into difficult situations? Why do we follow Jesus into giving our help and love to others even though it's going to feel very uncomfortable if not downright painful?

Walking with God and serving his kingdom is an adventure. We can expect the unexpected, and unfortunately in this world that includes suffering – denying ourselves the opportunity to pursue self-centered agendas, taking up crosses, and following Jesus all the way to Calvary (but then of course, all the way to resurrection, too, as explained in the Gospel reading).

Because we love God, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, like the second reading asks us to do. This is the highest form of worship; it's a spiritual communion that we experience outside of the Eucharistic liturgy of Mass. In union with Jesus, we are the Eucharist.

As Jeremiah's complaint shows us, we can safely complain to



God. We can tell him, without getting punished, that we do not like working for him. Complaining to others, however, is a sin because it causes gossip and prejudices and makes God look bad.

Asking for prayer support during our trials is important, but complaining to others shows how little we trust God. Eventually, we will see the good that comes from our sacrifices, and this is what we should communicate to others.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How do you feel when you do a good deed and it later works against you? Have you said "no" to allowing it to happen again?
- † What brings the healing love of Jesus to you to help you recover?
- † What unexpected sufferings have you encountered while giving someone a gift of unconditional love or while doing some other service for the kingdom of God?
- † How did you feel about God at that time? Was the cross you carried worth all the hardships? Explain.