

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
October 8, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR Oct 8 – Oct. 15

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Terrance Campbell
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, October 14	Catholic Women's Conference
Monday, October 16-20th	Father will be gone to the Annual Priest Institute
Tuesday, October 17	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday, October 18	Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist
Thursday, October 19	Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 531.00 Mission Sunday \$30.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
<u>October 8</u>	Cheryl (K) Elbert	Sterling Elbert	Maria Wagner Kimberly Prince Eric Prince	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
<u>October 15</u>	Sandy Thorn	Sarah Elbert	Jane Kutz Thomas Adamson Mark Adamson	Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell
<u>October 22</u>	Amber Wilson	Isaac Chorum	John Heidlage Charlotte Pickering Doug Pickering	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
<u>October 29</u>	Sally Heidlage	Elsie Chorum	Patrick Wolfe Cheryl (K) Elbert Dennis Heidlage	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert

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.

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR OCTOBER; Leah Heidlage, Kimberly Prince, Jessica Wagner

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES: James Adamson, Elsie Chorum, Evelyn Chorum, David Elbert, Matt Heidlage, Paul Heidlage, Linda Russell, Evelyn Chorum & Sophie Wagner.

WEEKDAY MASS: Our parish is very fortunate to have the opportunity to attend Mass on days other than Sunday. We are blessed to have a wonderful and caring priest, who travels to our parish twice during the week. If you are free to join us at Mass on these days, please do. We have so much to be thankful for. May God bless you!

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER

For those who suffer and those who cry this day, give relief from their burdens, dear Lord.
Let them experience Your true peace. Love them, Lord, when others cannot.
Hold them, Lord, when human arms fail.
Hear their prayers, O Lord, and let them hear Your word of peace in their lives. Amen

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7
Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

Monday October 9

Jonah 1:1 – 2:1-2,11
Jonah 2:3-5,8
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday October 10

Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 130:1b-4b,7-8
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday October 11

Jonah 4:1-11
Ps 86:3-6,9-10
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday October 12

Malachi 3:13-20b
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 11:5-13

Friday October 13

Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2
Ps 9:2-3,6,8-9,16
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday October 14

Joel 4:12-21
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
Luke 11:27-28

"The kingdom of God is given to those who produce its fruit." That's the moral of the story that Jesus gives us in this Sunday's Gospel reading.

And what is this kingdom of God, given to us while we're still on earth? What are its fruits, which we produce during our earthly lives?

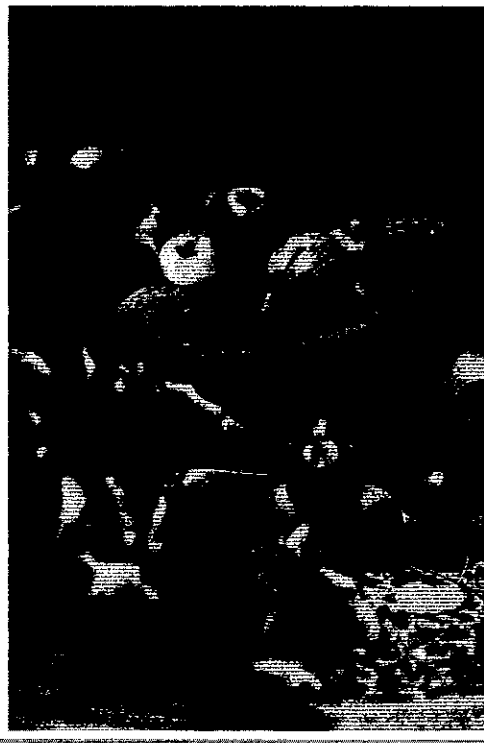
Anything we do in imitation of Christ is a fruit that has grown while we're following Christ on our journey toward Heaven. If we love as he loves, forgive as he forgives, minister to others, teach the truth, and heal the hurting, we are living in the kingdom of God now.

When I ask Catholics if they believe they're going to Heaven, most feel very uncertain, either because they're afraid they might lose their salvation

through some future grave sin, or because they're afraid it's not humble enough to answer with a firm "yes."

Granted, we do not imitate Christ perfectly. Most of us will need to spend time in Purgatory being purged of whatever is unheavenly about us, but when the purging is finished, we'll be fully alive in the wonderfulness of God.

If we make it to Purgatory, of course we'll reach the glories of Heaven. And if our desire to be Christ-like is genuine, Jesus



will help make sure that our sins will never be so "grave" that we turn completely away from Heaven. We'll gladly embrace him when he comes for us at the moment of our death.

Whatever you do because of Christ and out of love for Christ, this is evidence that you are living in and will eternally live in God's kingdom.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What good fruits are you producing in your life now? List them; get out a pen and start writing them down. During the week, as you think of more good fruits, add those to the list.
- † Look at the list you produced for the above question. How do these fruits give evidence of God's goodness within you?
- † How do they provide the kingdom of God for the benefit of others?
- † How do they assure you that you are truly a Heaven-bound follower of Christ?