

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
June 16, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR JUNE 16 – JUNE 23

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Martin Wagner
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Bernard Boes

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, June 16	Father's Day
Friday, June 21	Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, June 24	Solemnity of The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
Friday, June 28	Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday, June 29	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$965.00 Catholic Communications \$240.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
June 16 Debbie Heidlage	Sarah Elbert	Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage Maria Wagner	Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell
June 23 Doug Pickering	Isaac Chorum	Kimberly Prince Eric Prince Jane Kutz	James Campbell & Doug Pickering

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Rosemary Boes, Father Peter Morciniec, Brenda (Wroblewski) Buchannon, Maura Sparks, Curtis Feather and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO OUT TO THE FAMILY OF KEN ELBERT, May he be living with God and may his family feel his peace.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the funeral dinner, Kathy H. who prepared the meat, beans and cobblers, Jane and Jean who made the rolls, all those who helped set up the basement, prepared salads, desserts or donated, and to everyone who helped at the dinner and after. Special thank you to those who are not on Circle 2 who helped! Thank you, thank you, Kathy

PRAYERS FOR FATHERS

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Good News Reflection

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

Pray: Good and gracious God, help me to sow seeds of love, hope, and trust in You and to be patient as You help them grow, bear fruit, and multiply in your Kingdom. Amen.

Year B

Ez 17:22-24

Ps 92:2-3,13-16

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mk 4:26-34

We plant, but God's grace makes seeds grow.

Jesus often used simple yet profound parables and stories in His teachings about the Kingdom of God. He likened the growth of tiny seeds to the patience and trust required in our spiritual journey. This message resonates with us today, reminding us that even the smallest acts of faith can lead to incredible spiritual growth...in ourselves and others.

In our daily lives, we can take comfort in the fact that the Holy Spirit, our divine Gardener, works wonders with the seeds of faith we sow. When we do our part and leave the rest to God, the Holy Spirit grows miracles around us. We must trust the supernatural work of God to take our efforts and turn them into good. Our part involves planting seeds of faith through our steady prayers, trusting in God's Holy Will through our small and large actions of obedience, and generously sharing the Gospel of Christ with others through our words and loving deeds. This is what Jesus meant by building the Kingdom of God. Just as one cannot stand in front of a flower garden and notice it growing moment-by-moment from the seeds we plant, we know that if we keep watering and weeding, God will provide everything else and, in good time (God's perfect timing), the garden of our lives will blossom and be beautiful.

Through our Baptism, we are not just followers but active participants in building up the Kingdom of God. This involves sharing the Gospel and our faith in Jesus daily. The seeds we plant are often little things like mentioning prayer and thankfulness to God when speaking with family and friends. It might be the little acts of kindness we show others when they need help or a lift. Our joy and hope in Christ are seen in our steadfast commitment to attending Mass and living a sacramental life even when life becomes busy and challenging. These seemingly small actions are the seeds that, with the grace of God and guidance of the Holy Spirit, can grow into a flourishing Kingdom of God in our lives and communities.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How are you planting seeds of faith in your family, community of friends and acquaintances, and the larger world? How are you tending to the seeds of faith you are planting in others?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Who planted and tended to the seeds of faith in you, and was patience needed for you to grow? As weeds can crowd out a garden and stunt growth, what must we work to weed out of our lives and society to help the Kingdom of God grow in holiness? How does trusting in the potential of God's grace to grow the seeds of faith we plant help us in ministry?