St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO June 23, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR JUNE 23 - JUNE 30

Saint Agnes

10:30 a.m.

+ Bernard Boes

Monday Wed.

St. Mary's

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion

Tuesday Thursday

Sunday

8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. No Mass No Mass

Fri.

8:15 Mass 8:15 Mass

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

+Loretta Bartkoski

Sat Sun. 4:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, June 24

Solemnity of The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Tuesday, June 25

Friday, June 28

Father leaves for vacation

Saturday, June 29

Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Mission Co-op; Welcome Father John Hansen

Sunday, June 30 Sunday, June 30

Peter's Pence Collection

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, July 2

Rosary for Life at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 3

Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers

Servers

\$635.00

Extra Ordinary Min.

Gift Bearers & Ushers

June 23 Doug Pickering

Isaac Chorum

Kimberty Prince

James Campbell & Doug Pickering

Eric Prince

Jane Kutz

June 30 Cheryl (R) Elbert

Elsie Chorum

Mark Adamson John Heidlage

Charlotte Pickering

Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert

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

MISSION APPEAL: On the weekend of June 29-30, 2024 a Mission Appeal will be held at our parishes by The Society of Our Mother of Peace. The Community lives a balance between prayer and outreach through evangelization. The Community is seeking our prayerful and financial assistance for their missions abroad (for example, they need a restroom facility near their new chapel in the Philippines and a library in Nigeria), God reward you for your kind consideration! Thank you! God bless you!

Fr. John Hansen, SMP

PRAYER

Increase our Faith Holy God, We thank you for the gracious gift of faith. With the apostles before us, we ask that you open our hearts to the power of your Word and increase our faith that we may be bold followers and joyful witnesses to the message and mission of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Good News Reflection

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 23, 2024

Pray: Lord Jesus, thank you for the growth and peace you often bring through storms. Amen.

Year B

Jb 38:1,8-11 Ps 107:23-26,28-31 (1b) 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41

Prepare for the Storms in Our Lives

Springtime weather is unpredictable and dangerous in Tornado Alley, the Midwestern region of the United States. Destructive, violent winds and funnel-shaped clouds can wreak havoc on communities. During storm season, meteorologists do their best to watch and warn everyone when conditions look volatile so they can heed warnings, take appropriate shelter, and be prepared. Meteorologists carefully observe atmospheric conditions, windspeeds, and supercell thunderstorm circulation, but there is usually a lot of uncertainty about when, where, and if a "terrible twister" is coming. Sometimes, disaster is unavoidable even when people are prepared, and good people become victims of tragedy.

Life often throws unexpected storms our way. When we think everything is under control, we might face a sudden health scare, a job loss, a relationship crisis, or the heart-wrenching loss of a loved one. Then what?

We can weather storms by building shelters for spiritual support and peace before bad things happen. We can acknowledge our need for God the Father who made and loves us. We can develop and nurture a personal relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, through study, prayer, participation in Mass, and receiving the sacraments. We can prepare by surrendering our hearts to the Holy Spirit, who is with us to guide and protect us against the evil snares of the devil. We can prepare our hearts to rely on God and to accept the things we cannot change with grace and peace, knowing that Christ keeps his promises to be with us always, even in the storms of life.

It is helpful to remember that the storms we face often draw us closer to God and teach us to rely on Him fully. When we suffer through storms, our reliance on divine help builds our hope and trust in Him, the "Father Almighty," whom we affirm in our Profession of Faith at Mass. This journey of faith and resilience allows us to share our experiences with others who need help. Mark's Gospel reminds us not to be afraid and to be patient. As children of God, we are heirs of His grace and He promises to be with us always.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How are you nurturing your shelter in Christ ahead of possible storms? How have you waited for God's help during a storm, and what helped you be patient? How have you shared the peace of Christ with others who are going through a storm?