

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
July 14, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR JULY 14 – JULY 21

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Martin Wagner
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Bernard Boes

St. Mary's

Monday	8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion
Wed.	8:15 No Mass
Fri.	8:15 No Mass
Sat	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, July 14	Pot Luck Dinner after Mass to Celebrate Father Mike's Birthday
Monday, July 15	Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Dr. of the Church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 22	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
Thursday, July 25	Feast of Saint James, Apostle
Friday, July 26	Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$1230.00 Peter's Pence \$50.00 Communication Campaign \$25.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
July 14 Jane Kutz	Sarah Elbert	Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage Maria Wagner	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
July 21 Kathy Eck	Isaac Chorum	Kimberly Prince Eric Prince Jane Kutz	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

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, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

POT LUCK DINNER: on Sunday July 14th after mass to celebrate Father Mike's birthday. Fried chicken and hash brown casserole will be provided. Each family attending is asked to bring EITHER a salad, a vegetable dish or a dessert.

SPECIAL THANK YOU: to the Family of Kenneth Elbert for the donation of \$2,570.00 to the St. Agnes PCCW from Kenneth's memorials.

JULY CHURCH CLEANERS: Kathy Heidlage, Tricia Heidlage, Sally Heidlage, Jamie Welters

JULY BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES: Ray Elbert, John Heidlage, Brenda Schmitt, Sandra Thom, Jamie Welters, Kevin Welters, Liam Welters, Annabelle Prince, Louis Wagner & Marion Williams.

Good News Reflection

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2024

Pray: Lord, help me surrender in trust and live out my Christian calling to do your Holy Will.

Year B

Am 7:12-15

Ps 85:8-14

Eph 1:3-14

Mk 6:7-13

The Holy Spirit empowers Christ's disciples to carry out His mission of mercy and love.

Through baptism, Christians are called to courageously teach and share the Good News of Christ, heal the sick and suffering, and even cast away demons in the footsteps of Jesus and the first twelve apostles. The mission territory was rough for Jesus' disciples as they walked side-by-side with Him in the lead. People kept asking who this Jesus was who preached against the grain of their everyday society. It was not any easier after Christ had ascended to heaven and left them to carry on His mission. Jesus never said it would be easy for any of His disciples, but He promised to send His divine Advocate to help, and the Holy Spirit is here to help all who call upon Him.

God created each of us for a particular time, place, and purpose to fulfill tasks only we can do to make a positive, loving impact on the world. It is no coincidence that we are planted where we are today. Everyone is unique, and the Holy Spirit gives each of us gifts to help us achieve the potential God has for us to help carry out the mission we have been given. Some are responsible for big mission territories, as leaders of a large group of people or even nations. For others, the mission territory may be as small as reaching out to one person at a time who needs God's mercy and love.

Religion and cultural worldviews have vastly changed over the years. Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen saw the beginning of today's crisis in 1974 when he said, "We are at the end of Christendom." He correctly warned of the demise of political, economic, educational, and social life inspired by Christian principles. We are living in a culture throughout much of the world that glorifies freedom by ignoring natural law and discarding the teachings of Christ. We are surrounded by the disintegration of the family unit, divorce, abortion, immorality, self-centeredness, and greed. The world is begging for a savior – the very savior it seems to reject.

Remember, just as God called the apostles, He chose us for this time and this place! We did not call ourselves. God chose us and will empower us to share the wonders of His merciful love with the world around us. Just like the apostles commissioned by Christ, God gives us the grace to cure others in His name through our prayers, loving actions, kindness, encouragement, forgiveness, and second chances. Through our Christ-like love and compassion, we can even cast out demons that often take the form of fear, worry, anxiety, and guilt. The Holy Spirit is ready to help us in this new Apostolic Age of renewal.

Questions for Personal Reflection

How is God calling you to step out of your comfort zone to help someone, and how is the Holy Spirit equipping you for this?