

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

July 21, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR JULY 21 – JULY 28

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. + Bernard Boes
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. No Mass
Thursday 8:30 a.m. No Mass
Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Kenneth Elbert

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

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**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 29 **Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**
Wednesday, July 31 **Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**
Thursday, August 1 **Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liquori, Bishop and Doctor**

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$613.25

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
<u>July 21</u>	Kathy Eck	Isaac Chorum	Kimberly Prince Eric Prince Jane Kutz	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
<u>July 28</u>	Kimberly Prince	Elsie Chorum	Mark Adamson John Heidlage Charlotte Pickering	Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell

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.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GOTO THE FAMILY OF BOYD CURTIS. May he be living with God and may his family feel his peace.

THANK YOU: to everyone who came and celebrated my 80th birthday with me. I enjoy potluck dinners and yours was one of the best! Special thank you to the lady that made the homemade rolls, the lady that picked up the meat and those who served and cleaned up afterwards. The meal was delicious and I appreciate the lovely cards! God bless you, Father Mike

DISHES: There are several dishes, platters, bowls, etc.. in the basement from past dinners. Are you missing one of your favorite pieces of glassware? Please check out the shelves in the kitchen.

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

Pray: Lord Jesus, help us prioritize prayer over activity and seek balance in our lives. Amen.

Year B

Jer 23:1-6

Ps 23:1-6

Eph 2:13-18

Mk 6:30-34

Jesus invites His disciples to rest in Him.

This Sunday's Gospel speaks volumes about Jesus' tender care of His apostles as they came bursting in from their first successful missionary excursion. After shadowing Him for so long, Jesus sent His disciples out on their own to preach, teach, heal, and drive out demons. Exhausted and full of excitement, can you imagine all the stories they had to share? Many people followed them and begged for their attention. Jesus loved the passionate hearts of His new missionaries, but He also knew what they needed most before sending them back out to serve. They needed to step away and physically and spiritually rest with Him.

This is a vital lesson for all Christians actively serving in ministry. Like the apostles, we need time with Jesus. No matter how many good works we do, loving God and others through our actions alone is not enough. We must reserve time to nurture our interior life as we seek divine union with Him. Nourishing our souls with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist also brings us oneness with the Lord. Prayer helps us remember that God is in power and control, not ourselves, and builds our trust in Him. It can be unhealthy and even dangerous for our souls if we fail to put our relationship with Christ before everything else. We need personal, contemplative time with Jesus, the lover of our souls.

As the Holy Eucharist is the summit of our faith, our interior life – our personal relationship with God – is the foundation of our faith. It is here that we can truly know and love God. We can also share our joys, sorrows, and questions in prayer. We can ask the Holy Spirit to continue guiding and molding our hearts and actions into the same heart as Jesus. In prayer, we can sit in His presence – in praise, worship, and grace – and listen for God's Holy Will as He speaks to our hearts. This rest and renewal of our souls is like putting gas in our spiritual tanks to fuel more of God's love and action through us. We should prioritize our contemplative life – falling deeper into knowing and loving God – as this is the life we will one day enjoy in heaven. Our active life of love and service will naturally flow from this as we learn to see God more clearly in others.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What are you doing to deepen your interior life with God?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

In what ways can too much service and not enough prayer time be a problem? How can physical and spiritual rest help your relationship with God and others?