

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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July 7, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR JULY 7 – JULY 14

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. + Kenneth Elbert
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. No Mass
Thursday 8:30 a.m. No Mass
Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Martin Wagner

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 7 **Welcome Father Mike McDevitt**
Thursday, July 11 **Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbott**
Sunday, July 14 **Pot Luck Dinner after Mass to Celebrate Father Mike's Birthday**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 15 **Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Dr. of the Church**
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: \$878.00 Peter's Pence \$310.00 Mission Co-op \$699.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
<u>July 7</u>	Kathy Heidlage	Sterling Elbert	Doug Pickering Patrick Wolfe Cheryl (K) Elbert	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
<u>July 14</u>	Jane Kutz	Sarah Elbert	Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage Maria Wagner	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage

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.

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.

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion.

Be close to our president and our statesmen: give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world.

Make me more deeply aware of my heritage: realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen. Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen.

Good News Reflection

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2024

Pray: Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son, strengthen me with your courage, wisdom, and grace, and mold my heart like yours in love, truth, and action to carry on your mission of hope. Amen.

Year B

Ez 2:2-5

Ps 123:1-4

2 Cor 12:7-10

Mk 6:1-6

God's grace is sufficient for us and makes us strong and resilient to challenges.

This week's readings, which are remarkably relevant to the challenges we face as Christians today, offer hope and encouragement to all weary souls! In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel is called by God and transformed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. This divine intervention equips him to minister to the people of Israel, who were living rebellious lives and listening to false prophets. He was called to share the truth, encourage repentance, and help them change their ways, even amidst "hard faces and obstinate hearts."

In the second reading, like in Jesus's ministry, St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians speaks of personal suffering, disappointments, and challenges he faced in his ministry by people who took offense to what he was teaching and even questioned his authority.

Finally, the Gospel of Mark today offers a powerful message that resonates with our current struggles and offers us hope and strength. When Jesus and His apostles arrived in His hometown of Nazareth and began preaching and teaching, He was amazed and saddened by the lack of faith, trust, and rejection He faced. Everyone's familiarity with Him as just another nice hometown boy made it hard for them to accept His extraordinary brilliance, let alone His divinity. His mission work and healing ministry suffered because they did not believe.

In the same sense, this familiarity and doubt often exist in our families, workplaces, churches, circle of friends, hometowns, and communities. It is good to remember that God sometimes uses people we know to deliver divinely inspired messages we need to hear. Our call is to love others by sharing the Gospel of Christ with courage, even when it is difficult. We can rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide us and to be persistent in sharing God's mercy and Truth through our words and actions. He will help us do this in love and wisdom. Some will listen, and others will reject, but we are responsible for offering the Lord's peace, joy, and hope to all. Be not afraid.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How has God spoken to you in the ordinary circumstances of your life using familiar people to talk to you? How have you been called to share God's message of love, forgiveness, mercy, and hope with others in your midst, and how has it been easy or difficult?