

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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 Sept. 1, Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR SEPT 1 – SEPT 8

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Loretta Bartkoski
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	James &Bernandine Adamson(Annv)

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Tuesday, Sept 3

Rosary for Life at 8:00 a.m.
Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Dr. of the Church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, Sept 9
 Friday, Sept. 13
 Saturday, Sept 14

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest
Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Dr. of the Church
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$1,133.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
<u>Sept 1</u> Leah Heidlage	Sterling Elbert	Doug Pickering Patrick Wolfe Cheryl (K) Elbert	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
<u>Sept 8</u> Doug Pickering	Sarah Elbert	Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage Maria Wagner	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 (Wrobleski) Buchannon, Maura Sparks, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: James & Bernadine Adamson will be celebrating their 70th. Wedding Anniversary (Sept. 4, 1954) Their children will host a lunch and reception following the 10:30 mass on Sunday, Sept. 8 in the St. Agnes Church Basement. All are invited. No gifts please.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S: Donna Adamson, Jacob Adamson, Gabrielle Duley, Robert Graskemper, Mark Heidlage, Dorthy Katzfey, Jane Kutz, Doug Pickering ,Mary Schwartz, Rosalee Wolf, Patrick Wolfe & Cynthia Workes

CAMPAIGN FOR PRAYER AND FIRST SATURDAY MASSES AT ST. MARY'S: In the June 7th issue of *The Mirror*, Bishop Rice asked for us to have "a strong prayer campaign invoking the help of the intercession of our Blessed Mother "before the November election. Please help by participating in the following Masses on the Saturdays of Sept. 7, Oct. 5, and Nov 2, followed by a rosary for life, marriage and family that will be offered in church after each of these 4:00 p.m. Masses. As *The Mirror* states, we are "invoking our Blessed Mother in our efforts to not enshrine the right to an abortion in our Missouri Constitution and to uphold the dignity of life in all its stages."

SEPT CHURCH CLEANERS: Marilyn Adamson. Sandy Thorn, Donna Adamson, Jessica Chorum

Good News Reflection

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2024

Pray: Jesus, help me grow in holiness with a pure heart and a faithful, charitable life. Amen.

Year B

Dt 4:1-2,6-8

Ps 15:2-5 (1a)

Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27

Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

What matters most to Jesus is our inner purity and our love in action.

The Pharisees were a group of pious, law-observant Jews who tried hard to maintain the purity of Jewish traditions by avoiding contact with impure pagan cultural influences of the time. They practiced strict purification rituals, observed special dietary restrictions, and held themselves and others firmly to their faith's rigid traditions and practices. They were known for their expectations of personal piety, and their leaders were sticklers for adherence to all 600-plus laws in the Torah. The leaders of this Jewish sect were very devout, and they sincerely believed their devotional customs and traditions honored God.

However, their long list of dos and don'ts was often judgmental of others, and they frequently clashed with how Jesus preferred to do things. Jesus tried to show them many times that they were missing the point of what God desires most of us: love in action and the purity of our hearts.

The center of Christ's teachings revolves around two things: love of God and love of neighbor. Jesus is most interested in the love and purity of our hearts, our humility and compassion, and our faith in action shown in our sincere love and kindness to others. When it comes to purification, rather than picking at someone else's flaws, Jesus wants us to look inward to discover our own sins and work to unplug the channels of grace in our relationship with Him. The bottom line is that we must rid our hearts of anything that is not of God, who is love itself.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Is there anything in your life blocking the entire flow of grace God wants to give you to reach the potential that He sees in you? How is God calling you to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What traditions and habits can sometimes distract people from true faith, and how? How can we nurture our inner spiritual lives to keep our faith pure and holy against worldly temptations?