

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

Sept. 8, Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR SEPT 8 – SEPT 15

Saint Agnes

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| Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | James & Bernadine Adamson (Annv) |
| Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. | No Mass |
| Thursday | 8:30 a.m. | +Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | +Bernice Wagner |

St. Mary's

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| 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:

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| Monday, Sept 9 | Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest |
| Friday, Sept. 13 | Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Dr. of the Church |
| Saturday, Sept 14 | Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
| Sunday, Sept 15 | Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious |

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Monday, Sept. 16 | Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop |
| Friday, Sept. 20 | Memorial of Saints, Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions |
| Saturday, Sept. 21 | Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist |

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$1,343.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

| | <u>Readers</u> | <u>Servers</u> | <u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u> | <u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u> |
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| <u>Sept 8</u> | Doug Pickering | Sarah Elbert | Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage Maria Wagner | Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell |
| <u>Sept 15</u> | Cheryl (R) Elbert | Isaac Chorum | Kimberly Prince Eric Prince Jane Kutz | James Campbell & Doug Pickering |

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.

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 TODAY 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

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

CARD SHOWER: Fr. Peter Morciniec will turn 80 on September 23. He would enjoy cards and visits from his parish family. His address is: Lacoba Homes, Fr. Peter Morciniec, 850 E. US HWY 60, Room 407, Monett, MO 65708

Good News Reflection

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2024

Pray: Jesus, open my ears and heart to love and follow you more closely each day. Amen.

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Is 35:4-7a

Ps 146:7-10 (1b)

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

Open Your Heart with the Word of God and the Healing Grace of His Sacraments.

“Ephphatha”– Be opened! Jesus used this command to heal the deaf man with a speech impediment. Jesus performed (and still performs) many miracles without any tangible contact with the beneficiary; however, the Church believes that the signs and gestures He used to heal the man that day laid the foundation for the Seven Sacraments. He continues to give us His healing and sanctifying graces through His “touch” offered in the Sacraments, normally through clergy as His instruments. In the Sacrament of Baptism, for example, the Church includes this *ephphatha* rite, asking that the newly baptized become open to the Word of God in his or her life.

Among crowds of people, many who were seeking healing, Christ chose this man to heal. What about all the other people who were flocking to Jesus, hoping to be healed, that did not get chosen for immediate healing? Did it mean He didn’t care for them? Not at all. Jesus loves everyone and was present with them, too, just as He continues to be with all those whose hearts are open in trust to His love, truth, and grace. Jesus’ gift of healing comes in different forms in the perfect timing and way we need, whether for our body or soul. We must believe and follow Jesus, the Son of God, and His teachings as we live our lives, love Him wholeheartedly, and trust in His perfect love and saving grace.

Just as the deaf man was healed in this Gospel’s miracle story, Christ continues to encourage all believers to “be opened” to the healing graces and spiritual nourishment of His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the healing Sacrament of Penance. We trust that the form of healing that God will grant us through our belief in Christ the Healer will always be what God, who loves us for eternity, deems best for our soul.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How have you experienced God’s healing presence in your life or witnessed it in someone else? How has God used you as an instrument of healing for another person?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How can we demonstrate that we are trying to “be open” to God’s sanctifying graces in our lives?