

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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Oct. 27, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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## MASSES FOR OCT. 27 – NOV 3

### Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Loretta Bartkoski
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+ Bernard Boes
Friday	10:00 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Kenneth Elbert

### St. Mary's

Monday	8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion
Wed.	8:15 a.m.
Fri	8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Sat	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	8:30 a.m.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, October 27

Friday, November 1

Sunday, November 3

**Rosary before Mass**

**All Saints Day -Holy Day of Obligation**

**Rosary before Mass**

**Friends and Family Dinner**

**Special Collection for Hurricane Helene Victims**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, November 4

Saturday, November 9

**Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

**Feast of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:** \$586.00 Mission Sunday \$586.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Readers**

**Servers**

**Extra Ordinary Min.**

**Gift Bearers & Ushers**

**Oct 27** Sandy Thorn

Sterling Elbert

Doug Pickering

James Campbell & Doug Pickering

Patrick Wolfe

Cheryl (K) Elbert

**Nov 3** Amber Wilson

Sarah Elbert

Dennis Heidlage

Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert

Leah Heidlage

Maria Wagner

**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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to James Adamson who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup>. Birthday on October 17!!

**ROSARY:** weekly before the Sunday mass. Please come early and join in.

**SUNDAY, Nov 3-** Friend and Family Dinner after Mass. Circle A will host and prepare the meat and vegetables. All other families attending are asked to bring salad or dessert.

## **Friend & Family 2024 Worklist**

**Raffle Tickets** (11:15-12:15) – Pam Campbell & Kim Prince

(12:15-1:00) – Linda Russell

**Door Prize Tickets** (11:15-12:15) – Tricia Heidlage

**Fish Pond** ( 12:15- ) – Allison Darrow, Kylin Wagner & Sophie Wagner

**Bingo** (12:15- 1:45)

Caller: Gary Eck

Cashier: Steve Schmitt

Jim Campbell, Kevin Welters, Tom Heidlage, Eric Prince, Jonathan Wagner, Martez Wilson

(1:45 – 3)

Caller: Ron Wagner

Cashier: Jared Campbell

Dennis Heidlage, John Heidlage, Mark Heidlage, Paul Heidlage, Mike Bartkoski, Patrick Wolfe

**Drinks:** Leah Heidlage, Sally Heidlage, Jessica Wagner, Jamie Welters

**Desserts:** (Will need to prepare during Mass time): Maria Wagner, Brenda Schmitt

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024: Jer 31:7-9 | Ps 126:1-6 | Heb 5:1-6 | Mk 10:46-52

### Make the Most of Divine Opportunities

After Jesus touches our lives – answers a prayer, gives us a healing, provides a life-changing insight, or makes any other kind of difference – what do we do next? Our life has been changed by divine grace. Do we make the most of this new opportunity?

God never forces us to take a new direction or follow a certain path, not even if we've made a bargain with him, such as: "Lord, if you heal me, I will go to Mass every day."

Jesus says to us what he said to Bartimaeus, the man he healed in this Sunday's Gospel reading: "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Go where?

Sometimes his instructions are a little more informative than that. When he cures someone from sin, he adds: "Go and sin no more". Okay, but go where?

Every step we take is important. Where we go and what we do next makes a difference that ripples off into the future with ramifications (blessings and/or woes) that are impossible for us to predict. Jesus isn't downplaying the significance of this. Rather, what happens next is so important that he wants us to have full control over it.

Jesus told Bartimaeus "Go your way." And what did Bartimaeus do with that freedom? He "followed him on the way." He opted for the best possible direction. His life changed dramatically, not only because he had been blind and now he had good eyesight, but because he wanted to learn from Jesus and become one of his followers.



How many times have we returned to an old familiar path after an encounter with Christ? If following him means taking a new direction, getting involved in a new ministry, or changing careers or friends, we too often settle back into old routines. Comfort zones are hard to leave. But following Jesus is a life-changing adventure if we're sincere about it.

Following Jesus and learning from him should be our top priority. Every encounter with Christ should change us – even at Mass when we reunite ourselves to him in the Eucharist.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Think of the last time Jesus responded to your need for help. What changed afterward?
- † How long did the change last?
- † Describe a time when you changed directions in your life because of an encounter with Christ. What did Jesus do for you?
- † How did you figure out which way to go afterward?