St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO Sept. 29, Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR SEPT 29 - OCT 6

Saint Agnes St. Mary's

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Marilyn Adamson Monday 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Justice & Peace Wed. 8:15 a.m.

Thursday +Poor Souls in Purgatory 8:30 a.m. Fri 8:15 a.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Kenneth Elbert Sat 4:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m.

Sun.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, September 30 Tuesday, October 1

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Dr. of the Church Memorial of Saint Theresa of the ChildJesus, Virgin and Dr.

Rosary For Life 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 2

Friday, October 4

Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Tuesday, October 8 Rosary for Life at 8:00 a.m.

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$783.35 Retirement Fund For Religious \$40.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers Servers Extra Ordinary Min. Gift Bearers & Ushers Sterling Elbert Sept 29 Jane Kutz Doug Pickering Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

Patrick Wolfe

Cheryl (K) Elbert

Sarah Elbert Oct 6 Kathy Eck Dennis Heidlage Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage

> 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 (Wrobleski) Buchannon, Maura Sparks, Marilyn Adamson and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

PCCW will be collecting Large cans of fruit and vegetables for St. Peter's Outreach during the months of October and November.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Any suspected or known abuse of a minor must first be immediately reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 800-392-3738, and suspected or known abuse of adults to the Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-0210. Suspected or known abuse may also be reported to law enforcement agencies

Additionally, all diocesan personnel are required to report violations of The Code of Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers of the Diocese, Parishes, and Schools to the Diocese Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 417-866-0841 or childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org. Concerns may also be discussed with your supervisor, the Diocesan Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, or a Victim Assistance Coordinator, Violations and concerns may also be reported using the TIPS online reporting system, accessible through the Diocesan webpage, www.dioscg.org.Failure to Report is a Class A Misdemeanor for a person who is required under the law to report. No supervisor may interfere with or impede the reporting of suspected abuse.

Filing a False Report is also a Class A Misdemeanor. To view the Safe Environment Policy and Procedures, the Code of Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers and for other important information, including a link to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's document. Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, go

to http://dioscg.org/index.php/about/child-youth-protection2/.

If you are unable to access the website or desire printed information, contact the Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 800-276-1562

Good News Reflection

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2024

Pray: Holy Spirit, help us to see the goodness in others, grant us strength to resist sin in our lives, and give us the grace and courage to lead others in holiness as faithful disciples of Christ. Amen.

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Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8,10,12-14 (9a) Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

Jesus Offers Lessons in Discipleship and Servant Leadership.

Jesus offers three lessons for those who love Him and want to serve as His disciples. First, Christ's disciples must understand that God loves everyone, and the Holy Spirit moves freely in many ways to fulfill His Holy Will. God's grace often operates in unexpected places through unexpected people. In humility and a sense of inclusivity, we must welcome acts of charity and acknowledge the good being done by others, even when they do not belong to our community or share our faith beliefs. God's love and mercy have no boundaries.

The second issue Jesus addresses is the seriousness of sin and how we must make every effort to remove sin from our lives. Although Jesus used graphic language about cutting off a hand or foot or plucking an eye out to signal our need for radical and profound conversion, He did not mean for us to grab a butcher knife. He wants us to let go of anything that leads us away from God, no matter how attached we might be. As faithful disciples, we must be committed to loving and trusting God with all our hearts, and to show our love, we must follow His commandments, knowing He loves us and wants only the best for us.

The third lesson Jesus stresses is the tremendous spiritual harm caused by scandal and the importance of living sincere and authentic Christian lives as a good witness to others. Living virtuous, prayerful, moral lives and avoiding near occasions of sin protects our souls and helps us avoid leading others into sin. Jesus says that leading others into sin is a grave offense against God for which we will be punished.

To be effective disciples, we must examine our attitudes and ensure we have a generous spirit of loving others in the ways of Jesus, especially those different from us. We must lead others with courage and humility by speaking the truth in love, free of pride and arrogance. We must also examine our personal lives to be sure we weed out our own sins so we may be sincere Christ-like role models.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what ways must you first tend to your own spiritual life to be an effective witness and disciple of Christ to others? How would you explain the idea of sin to an unbelieving friend?