

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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Nov. 3, Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR NOV.3 – NOV 10

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Kenneth Elbert
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Bernice Wagner

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:

Sunday, November 3

Parish Dinner after Mass

Special Collection for the Victims of Hurricane Helena

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

St. Ann's Church in Carthage is having a Chili Supper(Flyer is in the back of church)

Feast of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Monday, November 4

Thursday, November 7

Saturday, November 9

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, November 11

Tuesday, November 12

Wednesday, November 13

Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop

Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$782.00 Mission Sunday \$125.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers

Nov 3 Amber Wilson

Servers

Sarah Elbert

Extra Ordinary Min.

Dennis Heidlage

Leah Heidlage

Maria Wagner

Kimberly Prince

Eric Prince

Jane Kutz

Gift Bearers & Ushers

Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert

Nov 10 Sally Heidlage

Isaac Chorum

Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

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.

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

NOTES FROM THE ST. MARY'S PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

I hope everyone had an amazing week. I know we did! We started with a Monday morning rosary and a house meeting. During our house meeting, the different groups put on skits that depicted stories from Genesis. Next, we will move on to Exodus and the rest of the Old Testament to learn of the heroism of Moses and others who stood by God, even when things seemed hopeless. It is so good to know, that even when the challenges of life seem impossible, a faith in Jesus Christ will bring us through.

We had a lot going on with conferences and the Fall Festival and Chili/Soup Cook off. Kristen Frey won for best chili with Cody and Jocelyn Washam winning for best soup, and Heidi Elbert won the Father's Choice in both the chili and soup categories. I hope everyone had fun!

Parents wanting their students to receive the sacrament of Confirmation need to have these students taking PSR classes on Sunday (9:45-10:45). The school is no longer providing Confirmation instruction, so enrollment in the church's PSR program is required to receive this sacrament. Students are eligible to be confirmed at 6th grade and above!!! 5th - 7th grade students need to be preparing for next year's Confirmation, but those preparing need to be going to classes now. Contact Jenifer Graves at 417-635-4003 or email at jenifer_graves@yahoo.com for more details.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2024: Dt 6:2-6 | Ps 18:2-4,47,51 |
Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28b-34

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus asserted the two greatest commands of the Law, quoting from the ancient Hebrew scriptures, which we have in the first reading. And the second reading, from the New Testament letter to the Hebrews, explains how the Law of Love supersedes or fulfills all other laws. Jesus, who loved perfectly and never sinned against anyone, sacrificed himself for sinners. Therefore, we who want to follow him to heaven need to follow in his footsteps of love, by loving God and everyone else wholeheartedly.



three Hail Marys"), if we really want to become holier, we should ask God during those three Hail Marys for a penance that's a more difficult act of love. We should choose a sacrifice, something that requires loving God with our whole heart, soul, and mind as well as loving ourselves and our neighbors just as much.

Saint Anthony Mary Claret said, "The love of Christ arouses us, urges us to run, and to fly, lifted on the wings of holy zeal." How high is your love flying? Zeal is a good measuring instrument of how much we love God.

Try as we might, though, we love imperfectly; we sin. The best penance, then, is an act of love, especially if it's a sacrifice offered to (or for) those who were harmed by our sin. But the damage we've caused has a ripple effect that goes far beyond anything we can see. This is remedied in the Catholic Church's Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus – through the priest – accepts our remorse and absolves our sins, while the entire earthly Body of Christ (the Church) – through the priest – accepts our penances for the earthly damage that our sins have caused.

Penance is not only an act of love, it's designed to strengthen our resolve to choose love when tempted to sin again. If the priest gives us an easy penance (for example, "Say the Lord's Prayer and

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Whom have you loved imperfectly this week?
- † What act of penance could you do that would be an exercise in loving them better, treating them the way Jesus would? When will you complete the reconciliation through the sacraments of the Church?
- † What does "zeal" mean? Name some of the ways that we love God with zeal.
- † Tell the story of a time when you made a sacrifice because of love. How did this reveal Jesus to others?