

# ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12 - JULY 19, 2026

## ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

<b>JULY 12</b> SUNDAY	Mem of St. Benedict, Abbot Mass at 10:30
<b>JULY 14</b> TUESDAY	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
<b>JULY 15</b> WEDNESDAY	St. Bonaventure Bishop Mass & Adoration at 8:30
<b>JULY 16</b> THURSDAY	
<b>JULY 19</b> SUNDAY	Mass & Adoration at 10:30

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>JULY 21</b> TUESDAY	Mass & Adoration at 8:30
<b>JULY 22</b> WEDNESDAY	Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
<b>JULY 25</b> SATURDAY	Feast of St. James
<b>JULY 26</b> SUNDAY	Mass & Adoration at 10:30

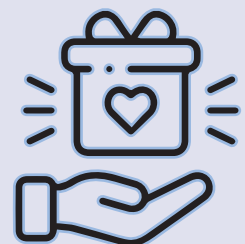
## MASS SCHEDULES FOR JULY 12 - JULY 19, 2026

	DAY	TIME	
<b>ST. AGNES</b>	SUNDAY	10:30 a.m.	+Bernard & Darlene Kazfey
	TUESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+Lawrence Katzfey
	THURSDAY	8:30 a.m.	Health of Paul Mettlach
	SUNDAY	10:30 a.m.	+Clem Wagner - Anniv-Death
<b>ST. MARY'S</b>	MONDAY	8:15 a.m.	Rosary
	WEDNESDAY	8:15 a.m.	+Lang Family
	FRIDAY	8:15 a.m.	+Rose M. Strick
	SATURDAY	4:00 p.m.	+Richard & Juanita Dunaway
	SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	+Jim Larkin

## OUR GIFT TO CHURCH LAST WEEK

### LAST WEEKS

Sunday Collection \$1,193.00  
Peter's Pence \$100.00  
Propagation of Faith \$50.00



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1.PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, James and Bernadine Adamson, Lenore Wagner, Rozelle Hendricks, Teri Heeter England, Paul Jasumback, Chris Feather, Loretta and Robert Graskemper, and Rosella Curtis

### 2.JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Ray Elbert, who turns 80! Congratulations and a Huge Happy Birthday!! John Heidlage, Brenda Schmitt, Sandra Thorn, Jamie Welters, Kevin Welters, Liam Welters, Annabelle Prince, Louis Wagner & Marion Williams.

### 3.St. Benedict (c. 480–547): Feast on July:11.

Benedict was a Roman nobleman who fled the decadence of Rome as a young man. He lived as a hermit in a cave at Subiaco for three years, surviving on bread lowered by a rope. His genius was his Rule, which was revolutionary because it was moderate. Unlike earlier desert monks who starved themselves, Benedict commanded: "Let nothing harsh, nothing burdensome be enjoined."

Ora et Labora (Pray and Work): He insisted monks work manual labor (farming, brewing, copying texts) alongside prayer, believing idleness was the enemy of the soul.

The Abbot as Father: He ran the monastery like a family, not a military unit. The Abbot had absolute authority but had to consult the youngest monks for advice.

Key Story: He shared a close bond with his twin sister, St. Scholastica. The year he died, he saw her soul rise to heaven as a dove—and he died shortly after, buried in the same grave.

### St. John Gualbert (c. 985–1073) Feast is on July 12th:

The Knight Turned Reformer John was born into Florentine nobility. His life changed in a single, dramatic moment: His beloved brother was murdered, and John swore vengeance. On Good Friday, he cornered the killer in a narrow pass. The man fell to his knees and stretched out his arms in the shape of a cross, begging for mercy. John forgave him on the spot. He went to the Benedictine monastery of San Miniato in Florence to pray, and a crucifix famously bowed its head to him, confirming God's approval. He became a monk but grew disgusted by how wealthy and politically corrupt the Church had become (specifically the buying of church offices, called simony).

He left to found the **Vallombrosan Benedictine Order** (Fr. Thomas Belongs to this Benedictine order) in the forests near Florence, with radical rules: Absolute poverty: They used wooden chalices and iron candlesticks—no gold.

Lay Brothers (Conversi): He introduced uneducated farmers as monks to do manual labor, so the choir monks could focus entirely on contemplative prayer—a structure still used today.

The Deeper Connection John didn't invent a new rule; he was a devoted follower of St. Benedict who simply wanted to return to the pure, literal observance of Benedict's original text. In art, St. Benedict is often shown handing his book to John Gualbert, symbolizing that John is the loyal son preserving his father's legacy. Because they settled in the thick forests, the Vallombrosans became expert foresters. That is why St. John Gualbert is now the patron saint of forest rangers and park rangers, while St. Benedict remains the patron of all of Europe.

## WEEKLY APPOINTMENTS

### READERS

July - 12	Doug Pickering
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July - 19	Rikki James
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### SERVERS

July - 12	Sarah E. & Carson Campbell
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July - 19	Elsie Chorum & Ja Welters
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### EXTRA ORDINARY MIN.

July - 12	Mark Adamson John Heidlage Cheryl (K) Elbert
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July - 19	Doug Pickering Charlotte Pickering Jane Kutz
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### GIFT BEARERS & USHERS

July - 12	Martez & Amber Wilson.
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July - 19	Doug Pickering & Charlotte Pickering
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### 4.CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JULY:

Kathy Heidlage, Tricia Heidlage, Sally Heidlage, and Jamie Welters

**5.THANK YOU:** to Father Thomas, Jessica, the choir, Cheryl Elbert, Kathy Eck and Maria Wagner for making our 70th. Wedding Anniversary Mass special. Thanks to our children Rachelle and Gerald, Roger and Lisa for the beautiful flowers for the altar. Also thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers and calls remembering us with good wishes for our 70th. Anniversary. We are blessed to be part of such a caring parish family. Dale & Rosalee Wolf

### 6.PCCW:

Prayer and Adoration

Holy Trinity in Aurora has been chosen to host the Eucharistic Congress Preparation for Deanery 2. On July 15th, Bishop Rice will be at Holy Trinity for a Holy Hour from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

There will be a meal prior to the Holy Hour at 5:30p.m. If you would like to partake in the meal, please bring a side dish or dessert. This gathering is in preparation for the 1st Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in West Plains on August 15th.

### ANGEL OF GOD,

my guardian dear, to whom God loves and commence me here. Ever this day/night be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.

Our hearts and prayer's go out to the family of James Anthony Palmer. Graveside services will be August 3 at St. Agnes Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.

