

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

January 10, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord

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MASSES FOR Jan. 10 – Jan.17

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	+Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Service
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, January 10

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Catholic Education Assistance – Please join in celebrating Catholic School Week and pray for our students, teachers, and their families as they strive to grow in academic excellence, Catholic discipleship, and service to others.

Wednesday, January 13

Will take down Christmas decorations at 6:30 p.m. Your help would be appreciated

UPCOMING EVENT.

Monday, January 18

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday, January 21

Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 378.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

<u>January</u>	<u>1</u>	Cheryl (R) Elbert
	3	Loretta Graskemper
	10	Sandy Thorn
	17	Martin Wagner
	24	Doug Pickering
	31	Cheryl (R) Elbert

MONEY COUNTERS

<u>January</u>	<u>1</u>	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
	3	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
	10	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
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	24	James Cam[bell & Doug Pickering
	31	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Terrance Wolfe, Father Peter Morciniec, Sharon Wolfe, Theresa Heidlage, Paul Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Mary Lenore Droska, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Ray Williams, Peggy Heidlage, Mary Lenore Droska and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish

RCCW MEETING: There will be an RCCW regional meeting on January 14, 2021 with a modified format.

Mass will be at 10:00 AM (no registration) at St. Edwards in Cassville. It will be followed by a short inspirational talk/prayer by Father Bill and a lite lunch. All this followed by a business meeting. Seating will be socially distanced. Masks are not required but are certainly welcome. If you are ill or have been around someone who has been or is ill, your absence will be completely understood. The address for St. Edward Catholic Church is 105 W. 17th. St., Cassville, Mo.

A WORD OF THANKS with the feast of the baptism of the Lord, we come to the close of the Christmas season for the year of grace 2021. On this occasion, I want to tell you how grateful I am for all the gifts that I received from all of you at Christmas and for my birthday. Your generosity is a form of divine charity. Thank you too, for your love of Christ and the church that you express in so many ways, many of which may not always be noticed or commented on, as well as those known to God alone. I count each of my people as a gift given me by Christ. Know that it is so, not just at Christmas or other occasions, but in my lifetime. God Bless, Fr. Matt

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 55:1-11
Is 12:2-6
1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

Monday January 11

Hebrews 1:1-6
Ps 97:1,2b,6,7c,9
Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday January 12

Hebrews 2:5-12
Ps 8:2ab,5-9
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday January 13

Hebrews 2:14-18
Ps 105:1-9
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday January 14

Hebrews 3:7-14
Ps 95:6-11
Mark 1:40-45

Friday January 15

Hebrews 4:1-5,11
Ps 78:3,4bc,6c-7,8
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday January 16

Hebrews 4:12-16
Ps 19:8-10,15
Mark 2:13-17

Why was Jesus baptized? He wasn't in need of repentance. Why, for that matter, did Jesus do anything

at all? Not just to save us from our sins by dying on the cross! There is so much more to Jesus.

Jesus united himself to sinners. First he humbled himself to become one of us, a human with the same needs we have every day. Then he surrendered himself to the baptismal water so that when we are baptized, he is there in the water with us, raising us up to a new life, the holy life, everlasting life.

Everything that Jesus did shows us by example who we are: what the Father created us to be like and how we are to live as children of God. When Jesus was baptized and the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the Father said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well

pleased," he showed us by example what happens at every person's baptism.

The Holy Spirit descended upon YOU and the Father said about YOU: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased!"

In the Jordan River, Jesus was reborn from ordinary life to a life of ministry. Baptism does that for us, too. Is there some repentance you need to do so that you can be reborn more fully into what the Father created you to do – your divine purpose, the ministry he has called you



to do? Let us begin the Church Season of Ordinary Time with a renewal of our baptismal purification:

Do you reject Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises?

Do you believe in God the Father? Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, who was born of the Virgin Mary, crucified, and rose from the dead? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

A prayer of recommitment:

"Dear God, I am a sinner. I sometimes fail to put You first in my life. Forgive me. Change me. Renew me. To demonstrate that I truly want You to be Lord of my life, I will do a special act, just as Jesus put his life fully into the Father's hands by surrendering to John's baptism. The act that I choose to do is _____. Amen!"

And God the Father says of you: "This is my beloved son/daughter; with him/her I am well pleased!"

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What do you know about your baptism? When was it? Where? Who was there?
2. How did this Sacrament affect your life as the years went by?
3. Why does this mean that the Father is pleased with you?