

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO  
January 31, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## MASSES FOR Jan. 31 – Feb. 7

### Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Terrance Wolfe

### 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:

Tuesday, February 2  
Wednesday, February 3  
Friday, February 5  
Saturday, February 6  
Sunday, February 7

**Feast of The Presentation of the Lord**  
**Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr**  
**Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
**Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

The **Mirror** subscription is due. The diocese wishes that all families receive The Mirror-please help defray costs by paying the \$14 toward your subscription. Checks should be made out to St. Agnes Church

### UPCOMING EVENT

Thursday, February 11      **World Day of the Sick**

**Your Gift to the Church:**      \$805.00      Catholic Education \$140.00      Latin America \$160.00

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### READERS

<b>February 7</b>	Jane Kutz
14	Kathy Eck
21	Cheryl (K) Elbert
28	Loretta Graskemper

#### MONEY COUNTERS

Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz  
James Campbell & Doug Pickering  
Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt  
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**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Father Peter Morciniec, Sharon Wolfe, Theresa Heidlage, Paul Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Mary Lenore Droska, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**THANK YOU** St. Agnes Parishioners, You certainly brought smiles to our Neighbors who come to St. Peter's Outreach House for lunch. Your goodie bags were perfect - Lots of practical gems! Thank you so much for blessing us with these gifts. We got to hear all the "Thank-you's" and "God bless you's" and want you to know how much it meant to the people! God's choicest blessings to you all. Outreach House Volunteers.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:** Thomas Adamson, Brenda Campbell, Jared Campbell, John Campbell, Kathy Eck, John Jennett, Lawrence Katzfey, Deloris Nimsick, Michael Nimsick, & Bryan Wagner.

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:** Mary Lenore Droska is having her 101st birthday on February 6th. Let's congratulate our St Agnes matriarch by sending her a card and best wishes! Mary Lenore is doing well and misses her St Agnes family.

Mary Lenore Droska  
Westgate Wildwood Ranch  
3130 S. John Duffy Drive  
Cyprus Hall Room 310  
Joplin, MO 64804

**READERS & MONEY COUNTERS** There is a list of names and dates in the back of church that you can take, as to when you are to volunteer. Thank you so much for all you do for our parish.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Ps 95:1-2,6-9  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28

**Monday February 1**  
Hebrews 11:32-40  
Ps 31:20-24  
Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday February 2**  
**Presentation of the Lord**  
Malachi 3:1-4  
Ps 24:7-10  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

**Wednesday February 3**  
Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15  
Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a  
Mark 6:1-6

**Thursday February 4**  
Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24  
Ps 48:2-4,9-11  
Mark 6:7-13

**Friday February 5**  
**St. Agatha**  
Hebrews 13:1-8  
Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9  
Mark 6:14-29

**Saturday February 6**  
**Sts. Paul Miki & co.**  
Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21  
Ps 23:1-6  
Mark 6:30-34

This Sunday's Gospel reading illustrates the authority of Jesus. If we truly accept and understand his authority over our lives, we can rejoice in the Lord even when life hands us hardships.

Why? Because we know that Christ's authority is supreme, which means that everything we've placed under his authority will produce good fruits. Even bad situations will be transformed into blessings. Tragedies will be changed into triumphs. Sorrows will be transfigured into joy. Frustrations will lay the groundwork for new growth, new knowledge, and a greater ability to minister to others.

However, if we reject Christ's authority by acting as if we're the ones in charge, deciding for ourselves how to end a problem or how and when to escape from a hardship, our problems will only get worse. This is called "moral relativism." Pope Francis wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Gospel of Joy (*Evangelii*

*Gaudium*, paragraph 64) that this leads to a feeling of disorientation instead of joy.

The path to joy has been forged by the footsteps of Jesus. To benefit from his authority over evil and over human sufferings, we have to follow his example and obey his teachings. This means choosing to trust him, realizing that his ways are the best ways even when



they're unpleasant ways. It means that we're willing to reach resurrection glory by going through the cross with Jesus.

There are no successful shortcuts to the triumphant victory that awaits us. There is no easy way to overcome evil. If this were not true, Jesus wouldn't have needed to die on a cross.

The good news – the reason why we can rejoice – is that the most loving, most powerful, most wise One in the universe is using his supreme authority on our behalf. The question is: Will we submit to it?

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what ways are you still rejecting Christ's authority by trying to do things your own way? Which Church teachings have you been rejecting because you've decided to live by your own rules?
2. Are you willing to ask the Holy Spirit to change your mind on these matters and teach you the value of Christ's ways?
3. In what ways do Christians often reject Christ's authority in favor of defining their own rules? Why?
4. What are the apparent risks to living completely under Christ's strict authority?
5. How can we replace these risks with a sense of safety?