

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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MASSES FOR March 14 – March 21

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

St. Agnes Parish Family
Justice & Peace
Poor Souls in Purgatory
Mary Jennett

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Friday, March 19

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fish Fry at St. Mary's 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8 Kids \$3 (ages 6-12) 5 & under Free. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus – Day of Abstinence (No Meat)(Dine-in or carry out)

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Lead by a volunteer

UPCOMING EVENT:

Thursday, March 25

Friday, March 26

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

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Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Lead by Father Matt

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Your Gift to the Church:

\$ 3,440.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

March 7 Sandy Thorn
14 Martin Wagner
21 Doug Pickering
28 Cheryl (R) Elbert

MONEY COUNTERS

James Campbell & Doug Pickering
Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
James Campbell & Doug Pickering

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS 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 for all your thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital. Kathy Heidlage

THANK YOU: At the end of January, I (St. Mary's School), was presented with a check from the parishioners of St. Agnes. On behalf of the school and all who are involved with the school I would like to say Thank you for the thought, the generosity, and for the blessing. The school is truly blessed to have the support of our surrounding parishes, such as the support shown by St. Agnes. Thank You!!

Preschool and Pre-k enrollment is now open for the 2021-2022 school year at St. Mary's. For more information go to the parent information page, under the school tab on the St. Mary's website (www.stmaryspcmo.com) or you can call the school office, 417-476-2824.

SIGN UP SHEETS are in the back of church for anyone who would be so kind to do the readings for Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday:	St. Agnes 7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's No Mass
Good Friday:	St. Agnes 3:00 p.m.	St. Mary's 7:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday:	St. Agnes No Mass	St. Mary's 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday:	St. Agnes 10:30 a.m.	St. Mary's 8:30 a.m.

4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chron 36:14-16,19-23
Ps 137:1-6
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

Monday March 15

Isaiah 65:17-21
Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-13b
John 4:43-54

Tuesday March 16

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
John 5:1-16

Wednesday March 17

St. Patrick
Isaiah 49:8-15
Ps 145:8-9,13cd-14,17-18
John 5:17-30

Thursday March 18

Exodus 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-23
John 5:31-47

Friday March 19

St. Joseph
2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16
Ps 89:2-5,27,29
Romans 4:13,16-18,22
Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a
or Luke 2:41-51a

Saturday March 20

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Ps 7:2-3,9bc-12
John 7:40-53

Why do we prefer to conceal our sins rather than face them and go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and speak about them out loud?

It's Jesus who meets us in the confessional, appearing to us in the form of a priest who's sworn to secrecy. In the Gospel reading, Jesus assures us that he did not come to condemn us. It is safe to come into the light where our sins are exposed.

However, we don't like going to Confession when guilt is driving us deeper into the darkness of low self-esteem, the fear of being unlovable, or an inability to forgive ourselves.

Guilt is a good motivator for repentance, and regret motivates us to change, but low self-esteem triggers shame, which says that we are undeserving of forgiveness.

Shame makes us even more afraid to face the truth about our sins.

However, God's image of you is not poor: He sees what is wonderful about you. He says you do deserve forgiveness. He wants to replace shame with joy. What keeps you from repenting? Perhaps you would benefit from a therapist or spiritual director who helps you heal from low self-esteem. Whatever opportunity will help



you get into the confessional, this is where your healing begins.

Jesus completes the healing by curing your spirit with forgiveness, mercy, and unconditional love through the words of absolution that he speaks to you through the priest.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus points out that whoever lives the truth (whoever is honest about themselves) "comes to the light" to be rescued. When we admit our sins, speaking it out loud to the ears of one of Christ's servants, we are rescued by Jesus. We hear Jesus minister to us through the vocal chords of the priest, and we receive from Jesus the power to resist the same sins in the future.

Why suffer any longer, hiding in the darkness of fear and a poor self-image? Jesus has come to rescue you!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What do you feel ashamed about? Have you taken this to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? If not, what are you waiting for? Blessings and healing await you!
2. Why does admitting our sins and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation set us free to live in joy and peace?
3. Describe a time when you lived in darkness; how did Jesus bring you into the light?