

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
Nov. 14, 2021 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR NOV 14 – NOV 21

Saint Agnes

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

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:

Wednesday, November 17
Sunday, November 21

**Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Special Collection – Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, November 22
Wednesday, November 24
Thursday, November 25

**Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyr
Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedules: St. Agnes 8:30 a.m. & St. Mary's 10:30 a.m.**

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$424.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

<u>November 7</u>	Jane Kutz
14	Kathy Eck
21	Cheryl (K) Elbert
28	Sandy Thorn

MONEY COUNTERS

<u>November 7</u>	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
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21	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
28	James Campbell & Doug Pickering

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Sharon Wolfe, Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Ray Williams, David Drake and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS: - PCCW will be collecting food items during the months of November and December for St. Peter's Outreach in Joplin. They can use any canned beans, vegetables, fruit, tomato sauce or gravy in gallons or any size can you would like to donate. Please make sure these are not outdated. For their Thanksgiving meal they could use instant mashed potatoes and stuffing mix. This is our call to be charitable to those in need. You may leave donations in the back of church and they will be delivered to the Outreach. They thank you in advance and ask for your prayers for them and the people they feed.

THANK YOU! Your generosity is astounding. The PCCW deposited \$1933 from their recent raffle. Winners were: \$100 Jamie Welters, \$50 Donna Adamson and \$25 Tom Heidlage (who donated back his winnings). Thank you!!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WILL BE SELLING CHRISTMAS CINNAMON ROLLS: The school is taking preorders for cinnamon rolls. Orders will be due back to the school office by Friday, December 10th, 2021. They are selling half dozen (6) for \$8 per pan. Order forms are in the back of church.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: St. Mary's H&S with the generosity of Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for Breakfast with Santa following 8:30 Mass, Sunday, Dec. 5th in the school gym. You will be able to enjoy breakfast, take photos with Santa, do some Christmas crafts and shop the Scholastic bookfair! The bookfair is the primary revenue for our school's library so take advantage of easy Christmas shopping. We look forward to celebrating with you!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S: Marilyn Adamson, Rhoda Elbert, Marilyn Henderson, & Gregory Summer.

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NOVEMBER: Charlotte Pickering, Cynthia Workes, Pam Campbell

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3
Ps 16:5,8-11
Hebrews 10:11-14,18
Mark 13:24-32

Monday November 15

1 Maccabees 1:10-15,
41-43,54-57,62-63
Ps 119:53,61,134,
150,155,158
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday November 16

2 Maccabees 6:18-31
Ps 3:2-7
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31
Ps 17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday November 18

1 Maccabees 2:15-29
Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15
Luke 19:41-44

Friday November 19

1 Maccabees 4:3-37,52-59
1 Chr 29:10-12
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday November 20

1 Maccabees 6:1-13
Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19
Luke 20:27-40

Do you have an unending problem? Where's Jesus? In today's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks of his Second Coming. And here he hasn't even finished his first coming! How confusing it must have been to the disciples.

They grew even more confused after Jesus ascended to heaven but delayed coming back. They remembered him saying that "this generation" will not pass away until all these Second Coming events have taken place, yet time passed, the apostles began to die off, and Jesus still had not returned. The misery of living in this world continued.

Think of your own unending problem. Don't you wish Jesus would hurry up with his Second Coming and destroy all evil? Notice what Jesus said: "When you see these things happening, know that I am near, at the gates." He didn't pin down a date.

So what was he trying to convey? His nearness!

For the past 2000+ years, we have all been part of "this generation" that will not pass away before his Second Coming. It's the generation of Christian humanity, the Body of Christ on Earth in the form of Church community, the generation of children who have been adopted by God the Father through the sacrifice and resurrection of God the Son.



The final era ("last days") of salvation began on the first Pentecost and will continue until the Second Coming of Christ. It's the age of the Holy Spirit; Christ's earthly ministry is continued through us empowered by his Spirit.

The lesson in the fig tree is that we can discern when summer is near. In other words, we can discern – in good times and in bad – that Jesus is near to us in his Holy Spirit.

Jesus is right now at "the gate" of your next step on the journey to heaven. A gate is meant to be opened so that we can pass through it. Jesus is opening the gate right now for you – the gate of holiness, the gate of love. Step through it to live in the fullness of the mission he has planned for you here on earth.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What problems are you waiting to be rescued from? Is Jesus really taking too long, or does he have a bigger, better plan?
2. What will you do to become more aware of his nearness, his comfort, his joy and peace to help you endure the long wait?
3. What are the signs that the Church gives us that help us discern the nearness of Christ?
4. What other "fig trees" has Jesus given to you that increase your hope and patience and endurance?