

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

Dec. 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

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## MASSES FOR DEC 5 – DEC 12

### 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:

Sunday, December 5  
Tuesday, December 7

Wednesday, December 8

Thursday, December 9

Sunday, December 12

**Advent Penance Service at Aurora 4-6 pm**  
**Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
**Prepare Christmas gift bags for St. Peter's Outreach after 8:30 Mass**  
**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Holy Day of Obligation Mass St. Mary's 8:15 a.m. St. Agnes 10:00 a.m.**  
**Advent Penance Service at Sarcoxie 7 p.m.**  
**Region II DCCW meeting at St. Lawrence in Monett. Mass at 10, speaker at 11,**  
**Lunch, business meeting**  
**Advent Penance Service at Billings 4 p.m.**  
**Fr. Matt's Birthday Dinner after Mass**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 13

Tuesday, December 14

Wednesday, December 15

Thursday, December 16

Sunday, December 19

**Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**  
**Advent Penance Service at Verona 6:30 p.m.**  
**Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Dr. of the Church**  
**Advent Penance Service at Monett 6:30 p.m.**  
**Decorate church for Christmas at 6:30. Pizza party to follow.**  
**Advent Penance at Cassville 7:00 p.m.**  
**Advent Penance at Pierce City 6:00 p.m.**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$825.00 Cath. Charities of So Mo \$120.00**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### READERS

<u>Dec.</u>	<u>5</u>	Doug Pickering
	12	Cheryl (R) Elbert
	19	Kathy Heidlage
	26	Jane Kutz

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#### MONEY COUNTERS

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

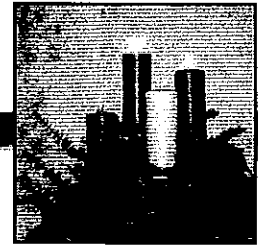
**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Sharon Wolfe, Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Ray Williams, Louise Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**FATHER MATT'S BIRTHDAY** will be celebrated after Mass on Dec. 12. Meat and potatoes will be provided. Please bring a veggie, salad or dessert.

### PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHONERS WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND A CARD DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Father Peter Morciniec	Loretta Bartkoski	Jim & Veda Perrin	Sharon & Patrick Wolfe
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Cycle C

Baruch 5:1-9  
Ps 126:1-6  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6

### Monday December 6

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Ps 85:9-14  
Luke 5:17-26

### Tuesday December 7

**St. Ambrose**  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
Ps 96:1-3, 10-13  
Matthew 18:12-14

### Wednesday December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Ps 98:1-4  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

### Thursday December 9

Isaiah 41:13-20  
Ps 145:1, 9-13ab  
Matthew 11:11-15

### Friday December 10

Isaiah 48:17-19  
Ps 1:1-4, 6  
Matthew 11:16-19

### Saturday December 11

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19  
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

While we're shopping for gifts, decorating, and sending Christmas cards, what are we doing to make Christmas a new rebirth of Christ for our daily lives?

All the readings at Mass during Advent remind us that this season is a time intended for spiritual preparation. It's tempting to let the busyness of December distract us from the most important purpose of Advent: our personal spiritual growth.

In our responsorial Psalm today, we proclaim: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!" Do you actually feel joyful when you mouth these words?

It takes faith to experience joy in the midst of hardships. Faith grows from knowing that the Lord does great things for us because of his mercy -- not because we have earned it, as we'll never be good enough. Repenting from our sins opens us to become aware of this mercy.

Therefore, Saint John the Baptist is proclaiming to us today: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Now is the time to ask: What preparations do I need to make? What am I doing to straighten out the messes in my life, the areas of sin that continually distract me from a close relationship with Christ?

What penances will help "make straight" my path?

What depressing or discouraging valley of hardship needs to get filled with the joy of the Lord? If it seems hopeless, what will I do to let Jesus take charge of it? What mountain of debt or difficult obstacle needs to be made low by having faith in the Lord's digging tools?

What's twisted and warped in my thinking, like a road that winds through a jungle of confusion? I pray, Holy Spirit, that you will lead me straight to holiness! What's rough about me? What's edgy and sharp and rubs others the wrong way? Lord Jesus, smooth me like a diamond polisher.

Throughout, let us examine the ways in which we still need to see the salvation of God. Let us make a plan of action to be holier and happier at the end of the Jubilee Year than we are today!

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Which of the above questions stand out most for you?
2. What will you do with this to prepare the way of the Lord so that your faith grows?
3. Name a tradition you grew up with that prepared you for Christmas. How did this affect your spiritual growth?
4. What's your favorite way of preparing for the holy celebration of Christmas? Why?