

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

Jan. 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR Jan 30 – Feb 6

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

+Sharon Wolfe

+Mary Lenore Droska

Justice & Peace

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:

Monday, January 31

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder

Tuesday, February 1

Rosary for Life at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 2

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday, February 5

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, February 10

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Monday, February 14

Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius Bishop

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 890.00 Catholic Education \$525.00 Storm Victims \$435.00 Latin America \$190.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

February 6 Kathy Heidlage

13 Jane Kutz

20 Kathy Eck

27 Cheryl (K) Elbert

MONEY COUNTERS

Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

James Campbell & Doug Pickering

Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S: Isaac Chorum, Mary Lenore Droska, Sarah Elbert, Tom Heidlage, Janet Jennett, Jared Jennett, Leroy Kutz, Paul Mettlach, Lillian Prince, Michael Schwartz, Amber Wagner & Ron Wagner.

MANY THANKS to Father Matt and Father Paul for the beautiful service, and to all of our parish family who sent us cards, thoughts, prayers, and generous memorials including donations to St. Mary's school in Jim's memory. We appreciate all of you so very much! The Family of Jim Seufert.

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf. Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19
Ps 71:1-6,15,17
1 Cor. 12:31 -- 13:13
Luke 4:21-30

Monday January 31
St. John Bosco
2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13
Ps 3:2-7
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday February 1
2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,
24-25a,30;19:3
Ps 86:1-6
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday February 2
Presentation of the Lord
Malachi 3:1-4
Ps 24:7,8,9,10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Thursday February 3
1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12
1 Chr 29:10-12
Mark 6:7-13

Friday February 4
Sirach 47:2-11
Ps 18:31,47,50,51
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday February 5
St. Agatha
1 Kings 3:4-13
Ps 119:9-14
Mark 6:30-34

Take a close look at this Sunday's Gospel story. Jesus has just finished reading the scripture that we heard last Sunday ("The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor," etc.). He tells the people in the synagogue that this scripture is now being fulfilled through him, and they all speak highly of him. But by the end of this scripture, they're furious.

What changed their attitude?

Their awe turned into confusion when they remembered, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" Unlike those who would meet Jesus for the first time in later chapters of the story, these people had experiences with Jesus the toddler who fell when learning to walk, Jesus the teenager who bled from mistakes made while learning the carpentry trade from his father, Jesus the young man who wept at his father's funeral.

Their attitude changed when they stopped listening with their spirits and started listening with their pre-conceived notions. This disconnect from the divine then stirred up their emotions.

Think of how people react when you confuse them by doing or saying something out of character, that is, out of the character that they expect from you. If you're perceived as too young or too old to do what you are in fact



capable of doing, or if your education level doesn't include a formal degree

that proves that you know what you do already know, or if you don't tell people what they want to hear, their surprise turns into confusion that triggers an emotional response against you.

We expect them to believe us, and when they don't, our surprise turns into confusion and self-protective anger. But how did Jesus handle it when they treated him this way? He calmly spoke a truth that was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Did he have an emotional reaction? Sure! He was human like us; we were all created by the Father to have emotions. The problem is not in the emotions; the problem occurs when we listen through our emotions instead of our spiritual connection to the Holy Spirit.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How much time do you spend training your ear to hear the Holy Spirit within you?
2. When life is busy happening around you, do you mostly react to it or are you on some level praying about it?
3. What can you do this week to develop a more automatic connection to the Spirit of God?
4. What are some of the ways you listen to the Holy Spirit?
5. Keeping in mind a surprising challenge that happened to you recently, describe the differences between an emotional reaction and a spiritual action.

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