

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

March 20, 2022 Third Sunday of Lent

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MASSES FOR March 20 – March 27

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Agnes Parish
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. +James Seufert
Thursday 8:30 a.m. +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Sharon Wolfe

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, March 20

Thursday, March 24

Friday, March 25

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Sunday, March 27

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 28

Thursday, March 31

Friday, April 1

Sunday, April 3

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Tuesday, April 5

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Thursday, April 7

Lenten Penance Service at Sts. Peter and Paul – Pulaskifield at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service at Holy Trinity – Aurora at 6:00 p.m.

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

Fish Fry at St. Mary's 5-7 p.m. Adults \$10 Kids \$5 (ages 6-12) 5 & under Free. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus – Day of Abstinence (No Meat) (Dine in or carry out)

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Lenten Penance Service at St. Mary's – Pierce City at 4:00 p.m.

Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services

Lenten Penance Service at St. Edward – Cassville at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service at St. Agnes – Sarcoxie at 6:30 p.m.

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Special Collection for the victims of Ukraine

Lenten Penance Service at St. Joseph – Billings at 6:30 p.m.

Rosary for Life at 8 a.m.

Lenten Penance Service at St. Lawrence – Monett at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service at Sacred Heart – Verona at 6:30 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

April 3 Jane Kutz
10 Kathy Eck
17 Cheryl (K) Elbert
24 Sandy Thorn

MONEY COUNTERS

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

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.

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3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15
Ps 103:1-4, 6-8,11
1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12
Luke 13:1-9

Monday March 21
2 Kings 5:1-15b
Ps 42:2,3; 43:3,4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday March 22
Daniel 3:25,34-43
Ps 25:4-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday March 23
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday March 24
Jeremiah 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday March 25
Annunciation of the Lord
Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10
Ps 40:7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday March 26
Hosea 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4,18-21
Luke 18:9-14

How do you feel when someone who's hurtful or morally corrupt gets hit with a hardship that makes them suffer? We rejoice because justice has been meted out.

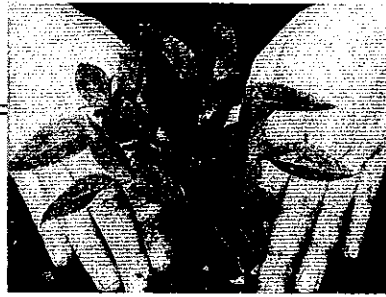
Jesus says we cannot truthfully say that someone is a "greater sinner", even if that person is doing more damage, is more unChristian, or is blatantly an evil-doer.

Every person has been created in the image of God, even the worst ones. Those who display an opposite image are nonetheless loved by Christ, who died for them. It's a tragedy that they do not live as the person God created them to be. But it will be an even worse tragedy if no one invites them to turn their lives over to Christ.

Evil-doers are children of God living in ignorance of their true identity. They are victims of evil and were seduced into believing that it's

the best way to live. They don't understand that they can be healed by the Sinless One who conquered evil for their redemption. We should feel sorry for them -- this is the gift of mercy. We should mourn with Jesus for the tragedy that continues within their souls -- this is the most precious gift of mercy.

When we don't care enough to grieve over a person's inner destruction, we are sinning. We are disregarding what Jesus did for them on the cross. We are damaging our own souls.



Those who sinned against you are like the fig tree in Jesus' parable. If you have access to them, he wants you to till their

soil. He wants you to fertilize their souls with love and with the truth of the Gospel as taught by your actions and, when they're ready, by your words.

Notice that Jesus doesn't want us to keep a diseased, disintegrating tree in the garden forever. After we have done everything possible, if the evil-doer refuses to change, the best care we can give to the garden is to cut down the tree. This means walking away or calling in the authorities. This, too, is loving. When fertilizer won't produce good fruits, a fallen tree becomes mulch and enriches the ground for a new beginning.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who has been so hurtful that you wish God would punish them?
2. Can you feel sorry for them? Can you pray for God to do good for them? In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, ask for God's help in feeling more concerned about them. In this, you'll find freedom from the anger that has been holding you captive.
3. What steps can be taken to fertilize the lives of the problematic people of your parish or family?
4. How do you know when it's time to continue trying and when it's time to chop the tree down?