

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

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MASSES FOR December 11 – December 18

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+James Seufert
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Ann Campbell

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion
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 11

Celebrate Fr. Matt's birthday; after 10:30 Mass. MEAT AND POTATOES will be furnished. Those attending should PLEASE bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share. Your help in cleanup would be appreciated.

Advent Penance Service at Pierce City at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

Christmas Gift Bags; are being bagged after 8:30 Mass that we are taking to St. Peter's Outreach to be distributed with their Christmas dinner. HELP needed to fill the bags. Please come and assist if you can.

Advent Penance Service at Pulaskifield at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Decorate the Church for Christmas at 6 p.m. Pizza Party to follow.

Advent Penance Service at Monett at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 15

Advent Penance Service at Mt. Vernon at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 16

Advent Penance Service at Verona at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18

Advent Penance Service at Billings at 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 20

Advent Penance Service at Sarcoxie at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary's at 6:00 p.m. and Midnight

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass at St. Agnes at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve Mass at St. Mary's at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day Mass at St. Agnes at 10:30 a.m. & St. Mary's at 8:30 a.m.

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:

\$1,210.00 Military \$50.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Dec.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>READERS</u>
	11	Cheryl (R) Elbert
	18	Kathy Heidlage
	25	Jane Kutz
		Kathy Eck

<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>
Cheryl Elbert
Dennis Heidlage
Maria Wagner
Kimberly Prince

<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
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, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

Candles: Due to the rising cost of products and shipping fees we are having to raise the price of our candles to \$3.00

CHURCH ROSTER is in the back of church. Please check your address to ensure it is correct so that we can make a new one for the year 2023.

THANK YOU to Father Matt for providing spiritual guidance to us and for his friendship, to the ladies who teach the Catholic faith to our youth, to our organist and choir for filling our church with lovely music, to our parish council members who play an active role in our parish and help maintain it, to the PCCW for providing meals for parish gatherings and in times of sorrow and for cleaning the church, to the cemetery committee who keep the cemetery records and the lawn looking lovely, to the ladies that clean the altar linens and provide beautiful flowers for the altars. Thank you to everyone who contributes their time, talents and monetary donations to our parish. We are truly blessed!! May you all have a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

CHRISTMAS BAGS for St. Peter's Outreach will be prepared next month and then distributed at their Christmas dinner. St. Agnes PCCW has prepared 350 gift bags the past few years and will again this year. We buy in bulk to get the best buy. If you would like to help someone less fortunate than you and contribute toward this project, please include your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Bag". If a check is written, please make out to St. Agnes PCCW. We have received many compliments and thanks because the contents of our bag are so useful and needed by the homeless and less fortunate. The church will contribute \$500 toward this project which will go towards purchasing gloves. Our parish has been blessed with many wonderful giving benefactors. Your weekly donation to our church continues to bless the lives outside our parish. God bless you!

CHURCH ENVELOPES; are in the back of church. Please pay close attention to your name and number, because of having to order so many boxes to cover the number of numbered boxes we have changed the number of boxes ordered to reduce the cost. So everyone will have a different number.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S; Father Matt Rehrauer Anthony Adamson, Rosemary Boes, Margaret Calentine, Pamela Campbell, Rosella Curtis, Cheryl (K) Elbert, Zoe Hedge, Chris Feather, Anthony Adamson & Dale Wolfe.

AFTER YOU COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, consider sharing them with the Church. As the spirit of gratitude to God permeates our lives at this time of year, please prayerfully consider including our parish in your giving. Your generosity helps to give others the most precious of gifts—the love of God, and the sacraments and ministries of the Church. By writing a check to St. Agnes Church by Dec. 31, you can reduce the sting of income taxes if you itemize. Your gifts provide the necessary support for all our parish does. Thank you!

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER - Cheryl (K) Elbert, Cheryl (R) Elbert, Rhoda Elbert

A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:

Gracious, merciful Lord, Be my guide always.

Draw me closer to You.

Help me to suffer as I ought.

You are the Great Comforter.

Be with me, Lord, as I pray and fast.

Teach me to pray and fast so I may join You and all the saints.

Teach me to offer up my suffering to help those most in need.

Guide me to be ever mindful of You and the greater purpose You have in mind for me.

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

Father Peter Morciniec
1100 E. Montclair Room #326
Springfield, MO 65807

Loretta Bartkoski
1220 E. Fairview Ave. #602
Carthage, MO 64836

Jim & Veda Perrin
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Sarcoxie, MO 64862

Marie Jasumback
3827 S. Summit Ridge Dr
Independence, MO 64055

Bernard Boes
1220 E. Fairview Ave. #538
Carthage, MO 64836

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a,10
Ps 146:6-10 (Is 35:4)
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Monday December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rev
11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab
Deut 13:18-19
Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Tuesday December 13
St. Lucy
Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13
Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday December 14
St. John of the Cross
Isaiah 45:6c-8,18,21c-25
Ps 85:9-14
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday December 15
Isaiah 54:1-10
Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b
Luke 7:24-30

Friday December 16
Isaiah 56:1-3a,6-8
Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8
John 5:33-36

Saturday December 17
Genesis 49:2,8-10
Ps 72:1-4ab,7-8,17
Matthew 1:1-17

Joy is the theme of the Third Sunday of Advent. As it says in the first reading, "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication to rescue you!" This is the reason for our joy. We have been ransomed from sin and its destruction. This is why Jesus came to earth to be born as one of us: to rescue us from the horrors of an eternal separation from God and his love.

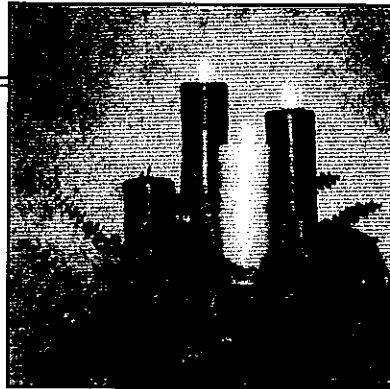
Compared to eternity, our current problems are little, very little indeed.

Joy comes from realizing that, because of Jesus, no sins against us and no destructive forces can do us permanent harm. In fact, God will make good use of everything for our benefit! He defeats evil by making blessings come from it.

Even the worst of times become huge blessings if we let them unite us to Jesus. With

Christ and in imitation of how he suffered for the sake of others, we offer to others what our hardships have taught us; and thus our sufferings become ministries. Our sorrows find valuable meaning, which produces a joy that gets multiplied beyond measure.

In Christ we are crowned with everlasting joy. We feel his joy and gladness because of the good that will come and is already starting. Sorrow and mourning will flee



away as we rise above our pain to rejoice in the goodness of joining in the ministry of Christ. And we are lifted up by a faithful and compassionate God.

As the second reading points out, we must be patient while

we wait for the Lord to convert our trials into triumphs. To maintain an attitude of joy, we must remain firm in our faith, not doubting that the Lord is concerned about us. And we must not complain, because complaints mean that we think we know better than God does about how our problems should be resolved and how long it should take.

Joy comes from rejoicing in the good news that God really does care and is of course working on our behalf to produce many wonderful blessings from our sufferings, just like Jesus says in the Gospel: "Blessed is the one who takes no offense in me."

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you unhappy about?
2. Can you find joy in the trial? – because God will make good come out of the suffering if you want to use it for the benefit of others. Talk to Jesus about that today. What is he telling you? What hug is he giving you?
3. Describe a time when you saw blessings come from your sufferings. If you could do it all over again, with the option of avoiding those particular troubles, would you? Why or why not?