

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO  
December 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## **MASSES FOR December 18 – December 25**

### **Saint Agnes**

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Ann Campbell
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the Parish

### **St. Mary's**

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion
Wed.	No Mass	
Fri.	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

### **EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

Monday, December 19  
Tuesday, December 20  
Saturday, December 24  
Sunday, December 25

**Advent Penance Service at Monett at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Advent Penance Service at Sarcoxie at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary's at 6:00 p.m. and Midnight**  
**Christmas Day Mass at St. Agnes at 10:30 a.m.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Saturday, December 31  
Sunday, January 1  
Monday, January 2

**New Year's Eve Mass at St. Mary's at 4:00 p.m.**  
**New Year's Day Mass at St. Agnes at 10:30 a.m. & St. Mary's at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Memorial of Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop & Doctors of the Church**  
**Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**  
**Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

Wednesday, January 4  
Thursday, January 5

### **YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:**

\$1,120.00

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

<b><u>READERS</u></b>	
<b>Jan 1</b>	Cheryl (K) Elbert
8	Kimberly Prince
15	Sandy Thorn
22	Doug Pickering
29	Cheryl (R) Elbert

<b><u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u></b>
Charlotte Pickering
Mark Adamson
Patrick Wolfe
John Heidlage
Cheryl (K) Elbert

<b><u>MONEY COUNTERS</u></b>
Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
James Campbell & Doug Pickering
Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage

**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.

**THANK YOU** to the ladies who distributed poinsettias to the home bound and our 80+ parishioners.

**THANK YOU** to Jane and the ladies of Circle B for hosting the Region II DCCW Meeting. The meal was delicious and we enjoyed the decorations.

**THANK YOU** to Kathy Heidlage, who prepared the meat for Father's birthday. Superb!. Thank you to all who came and brought dishes and celebrated with Father Matt. Thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen and with the clean-up.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped fill the 370 Christmas bags we are distributing at St. Peter's Outreach on the 21st. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated toward these bags. They included: Pair of socks, gloves, stocking cap, chapstick, hot hands, candy, protein bar, crackers, Vienna sausage can, and cookies

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. Many hands make a job much lighter

**THANK YOU** to the lady who is purchasing, wrapping and delivering the gift of lotion to Sarcoxie's Nursing Home. It takes a village of very thoughtful people to get all this accomplished. **THANK YOU!!!!**

**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!

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

Father Peter Morciniec	Loretta Bartkoski	Jim & Veda Perrin	Marie Jasumback
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**CONSECRATION OF FAMILIES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, as we consecrate our family to you, each day we wish to live Your life, to nurture in our home those virtues which bring us Your peace and to avoid the worldliness and selfishness which leads us away from You. O Divine Heart of Jesus, be pleased to watch over our family, to bless all that we do, to dispel our troubles, to sanctify our joys, and to lighten our sufferings. If one of us should ever offend You by sin, remind us, O Merciful Jesus, of Your goodness and mercy shown to the repentant sinner. When the time of separation arrives within the family and death brings its grief into our midst, may those of us who go and those of us who stay be committed to Your Holy Will. May the hope of Your promise remind us that the day will come when our entire family, reunited in Heaven, will be able to sing forever of Your glory and mercy. As we entrust our family to Your loving mercy, may the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Joseph, her Beloved Spouse, present to You our Act of Consecration and keep us ever mindful of it all the days of our life. All glory to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our King and our Redeemer!

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Ps 24:(7c,10b)1-6  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-24

### Monday December 19

Judges 13:2-7,24-25a  
Ps 71:3-6ab,16-17  
Luke 1:5-25

### Tuesday December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Ps 24:1-6  
Luke 1:26-38

### Wednesday December 21

Song of Songs 2:8-14  
or Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21  
Luke 1:39-45

### Thursday December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28  
1 Sam 2:1,4-8  
Luke 1:46-56

### Friday December 23

Malachi 3:1-4,23-24  
Ps 25:4-5ab,8-10,14  
Luke 1:57-66

### Saturday December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5,  
8b-12,14a,16  
Ps 89:2-5,27,29  
Luke 1:67-79

Love is the theme of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. A good definition of love is in the name that we see in the first reading and again when the prophecy is fulfilled in the Gospel reading: Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." To have love is to have "God with us". To give love is to give God who is with us.

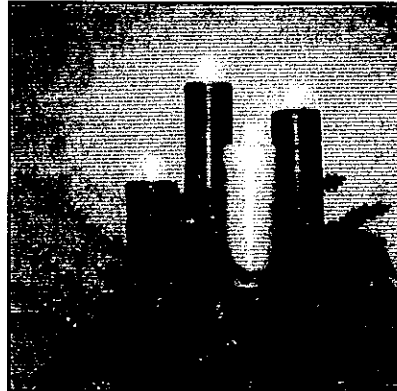
Have you ever felt like you've run out of love to give? Well, that's quite impossible! We might run out of patience; we might get tired of giving more love than we receive from others, but God who is love is always with us.

When we feel empty from loving someone who doesn't equally love us back, or when we reach the point of despising someone who repeatedly hurts us, this is when we need to ask God for a supernatural ability to love with his love. This prayer always works! It's how we become effective evangelizers as dis-

tributors of his love.

When we give God's love to those who are unpleasant to love, we're revealing to them God who is with us.

We all have people in our lives who fail to be Christ to us. They don't love us like God wants them to love us. So we need to remind ourselves that our happiness is not dependent upon how they treat us. God is with us! We need to call upon Emmanuel. God who is with us



loves us fully and unconditionally, whether or not we deserve it.

When we're looking for others to love us more than they do, we feel unloved, but if we

keep our eyes on Jesus, his love fills all the gaps.

Emmanuel. It's a name for Jesus that we should use year-round.

As you finish preparing for the celebration of Christmas, focus on Emmanuel. Sing to Emmanuel. Pray to Emmanuel. This sign, this reminder, this name is God's personal Christmas gift to you.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Are you loved enough?
2. What will you do this week to become more aware of God's love for you?
3. As a spiritual exercise, go to the nativity display at church. Write on a small piece of paper the names of those who fail to love you sufficiently. Place it in the manger and, if it has straw or hay, take a piece of it (or take a flower petal or leaf from a nearby plant) as a reminder that Emmanuel was born to give you more than enough love.
4. What is the best Christmas gift you've ever received from God? Why did it make you feel loved?