

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord

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MASSES FOR January 8 – January 15

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Lawrence Katzfey, Jr.

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	
Sat	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January 8	Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord
Monday, January 9	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday, January 10	TAKING DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. HELP VERY APPRECIATED.
	Donuts served afterwards. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, January 17	Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot
Saturday, January 21	Feast of Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Sunday, January 22	St. Agnes Feast Day

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:

\$ 605.00 Seminary/Retired Clergy \$ 40.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Charlotte Pickering
Mark Adamson
Patrick Wolfe
John Heidlage
Cheryl (K) Elbert

MONEY COUNTERS & USHERS

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.

ST. AGNES FEAST DAY (Jan. 21) will be celebrated on Sunday, Jan. 22. The parish family is invited to a Soup and Chili Dinner after the 10:30 Mass. No circle is in charge - parishioners are asked to assist. Several ladies have volunteered to bring soup or chili. Volunteers are: Cheryl(R) - chili, Charlotte - soup, Cheryl(K) - soup, Donna - soup, Linda - Chili, Kathy - soup. We could probably use a couple more of these (If you can bring one of these, call Kathy Eck). If not bringing a soup/chili then you are asked to bring something to compliment the meal - veggie tray, cheese/crackers, dessert, etc...Any help with clean up would be appreciated.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN invite the Ladies of the parish to their Annual Valentine Tea on Tuesday, February 14. Registration at 11 and Lunch at 11:30. **Must RSVP** by Jan. 25. Due to limited seating, reservations will be accepted until capacity is reached or Jan. 25, whichever comes first. Please, no walk-ins. Each guest is asked to bring a monetary gift for the Alliance of Churches' Food Pantry. RSVP to Lois Fairchild (573-230-3637) or fairchild8@gmail.com

USHERS: Anyone wanting to be an usher contact Laura at 417-737-1404

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S: Thomas Adamson, Brenda Campbell, Jared Campbell, John Campbell, Kathy Eck, John Jennett, Lawrence Katzfey, Deloris Nimsick, Michael Nimsick, & Bryan Wagner.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Monday January 9 Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
or Acts 10:34-38
Ps 29:1-4, 9-11b
Matthew 3:13-17

Tuesday January 10

Hebrews 2:5-12
Ps 8:2ab, 5-9
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday January 11

Hebrews 2:14-18
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday January 12

Hebrews 3:7-14
Ps 95:6-11
Mark 1:40-45

Friday January 13

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11
Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday January 14

Hebrews 4:12-16
Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mark 2:13-17

Let's consider the humble adoration of the magi for the Christ child. The magi were Gentiles, and the Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Despite sometimes being translated as "astrologers", their visit to the manger does not validate astrology.

Because they were not Jews, their determination to meet the Jewish savior says much about what the word "epiphany" means. The magi are good examples of believing in the importance of Jesus even without understanding what it would mean to them personally or to the rest of the world.

They worshiped Jesus as a King-Messiah before they knew how he would become king or how his kingship would save the world from evil. As scientific scholars, they had studied religious writings from beyond the scope of their own culture.

Then, they acted on faith in response to the Spirit of God who activated them, and it changed their lives.

Only the Spirit of God can move someone to have faith, because faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 12). The word "epiphany" means discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Epiphanies are gifts from God as he collaborates with our desire for new growth.

We can imagine how the magi felt when they experienced an epiphany in the presence of the Christ child.



Although they did not understand how this baby from a poor family could become king, they remembered him for the rest of their lives and listened for news from the land of Israel about Jesus. We know that they heard about his crucifixion and learned what his followers were teaching about it, for they became Christians – their relics have been venerated since very early times.

Reflect & Discuss:

† What sign from God, like the star that the magi followed, are you waiting to see?

† What signs is God already showing you?

† What epiphany – new understanding – is Jesus giving you about what God is doing in your life?

† God has given you faith to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. How do you act on this faith? And how do these actions evangelize non-believers?