

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO  
November 29, 2020 – First Sunday of Advent

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## **MASSES FOR Nov.29 – Dec. 6**

### **Saint Agnes**

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

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

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Service
Wed.	8:15 a.m.	
Friday	8:15 a.m.	
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	

## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Sunday, November 29  
Monday, November 30  
Thursday, December 3

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle**  
**Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

## **UPCOMING EVENT**

Tuesday, December 8

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedules: St. Agnes 10:00 a.m. & St. Mary's 8:15 a.m.**

Saturday, December 12  
Thursday, December 17

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Father Matt's Birthday!** This year due to Covid-19 we are not going to have a dinner, but instead we are doing a card shower

## **Your Gift to the Church:**

**\$ 335.00** Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri **\$1135.00**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **READERS**

<b>December 6</b>	Loretta Graskemper
13	Sandy Thorn
20	Martin Wagner
25	Loretta Graskemper
27	Doug Pickering
<b>January 1</b>	Cheryl (R) Elbert

### **MONEY COUNTERS**

<b>December 6</b>	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
13	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
20	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
25	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
27	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
<b>January 1</b>	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

**COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS:** - PCCW will be collecting food items during the months of November and December. St. Peter's Outreach in Joplin is feeding three times the number of people than in the past so the need for food has increased. They are only doing take-out meals now three days a week. They can use any canned beans, vegetables, fruit, tomato sauce or gravy in gallons or any size can you would like to donate. Please make sure these are not outdated. For their Thanksgiving meal they could use instant mashed potatoes and stuffing mix. This is our call to be charitable to those in need. You may leave donations in the back of church and they will be delivered to the Outreach. They thank you in advance and ask for your prayers for them and the people they feed.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Sharon Wolfe, Theresa Heidlage, Paul Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Mary Lenore Droska, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Ray Williams, Peggy Heidlage, Mary Lenore Droska and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**ST. AGNES CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS TO ST. PETER'S OUTREACH.** We are hoping to fill 350 Gift Bags with items useful to the needy people who come to the Outreach for food. The items we are purchasing are handwarmers, sox, and prepackaged snacks. We are hoping to supply them with Shelby can openers, very small but useful and inexpensive. We can order these. We would like to have some small, wrapped Christmas candies to put in the bags. If you would like to help with this project we are accepting the candy and monetary donations toward the items we are purchasing. Items may be left in the back of church to be bagged the week of Dec. 14th. Put monetary donations in an envelope marked for Gift Bags.

Robert (Bob) & Helen Campbell celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 19. Congratulations to them and may God bless them with many more.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7  
Ps 80:(4)2-3,15-16,18-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

### Monday November 30

**St. Andrew**

Romans 10:9-18  
Ps 19:8-11  
Matthew 4:18-22

### Tuesday December 1

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17  
Luke 10:21-24

### Wednesday December 2

Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Ps 23:1-6  
Matthew 15:29-37

### Thursday December 3

**St. Francis Xavier**

Isaiah 26:1-6  
Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a  
Matthew 7:21,24-27

### Friday December 4

Isaiah 29:17-24  
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
Matthew 9:27-31

### Saturday December 5

Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26  
Ps 147:1-6  
Matthew 9:35--10:1,5-8

As we prepare for Christmas, of course we're thinking about how to show fondness and appreciation to the special people in our lives by choosing gifts that will be meaningful to them. And yet, assuming that we can actually find (or make) something that will be appreciated, will the gift really make a difference in the long run?

Since Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, let's give him a gift, too – a long-lasting gift. But what can we give to someone who already has everything?

Or does he?

What gift can you give to Jesus that will have an eternal impact, a gift that no one else can give him, a gift he doesn't already have? Here's the answer: What have you been withholding from him?

Today's first reading reminds us that God is our Father. The responsorial Psalm asks the Father to help us turn to him.

The second reading gives thanks to God for all that he has done for us. So – what gift can you give to God to express your appreciation for what he has given to you?

In the Gospel reading, we're reminded of the need to prepare – to actually do something that makes a difference – for the coming of Christ. This not only refers to his Second Coming; it's also about the day when he comes for us as we breathe our last earthly breaths. And it's about the way he wants to come to you this



Christmas. And it's about the way he is coming to you right now, today.

There's something new that he wants to give you. When he offers it, will he find you doing what's right (as in the first reading)? Will he find you using your spiritual gifts (as in the second reading)? Will he find you alert and ready to do his bidding (as in the Gospel reading)?

Advent is an opportunity to take notice of the gifts he gives us and become aware of the gifts we can give to him that he doesn't already have. It should make an eternal difference – for him *and* for us.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. List the gifts that God has given to you. Then think about how much appreciation you have given to God for the gifts on that list. Do you know how much he appreciates your appreciation?
2. Name ways that Jesus comes to us today.
3. What will you do this Advent to become more aware of Jesus coming to you?
4. How will this make you more ready for Christmas?