

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

December 13, 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent

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MASSES FOR Dec 13 – Dec. 20

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:

Monday, December 14
Wednesday, December 16

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Decorate church for Christmas at 6:30 p.m. Because of the Covid virus we will not be having a pizza party afterwards. We hope this doesn't deter you from coming and helping. Masks will be worn. Thank you.

Thursday, December 17

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.

UPCOMING EVENT

Tuesday, December 22
Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25

NO Mass

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

Christmas Day Masses: St. Agnes at 10:00 a.m. St. Mary's at 12:00 a.m. Midnight

Your Gift to the Church:

\$1200.00 Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri \$100.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

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

MONEY COUNTERS

<u>December 6</u>	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
<u>January 1</u>	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Father Peter Morciniec, 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.

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

Father Peter Morciniec
1100 E. Montclair Room #327
Springfield, MO 65807

Mary Lenore Droska
Westgate Nursing
3130 John Duffy Drive
Cypress Hall Room 310
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Jim & Veda Perrin
3078 County Rd 30
Sarcoxie, MO 64862

Sharon & Patrick Wolfe
4711 County Rd 30
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Marie Jasumback
3827 S. Summit Ridge Dr
Independence, MO 64055

3rd Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday December 14
St. John of the Cross
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Ps 25:4-9
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday December 15
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday December 16
Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25
Ps 85:9-14
Luke 7:18b-23

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

Friday December 18
Jeremiah 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday December 19
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Ps 71:3-6ab, 16-17
Luke 1:5-25

John the Baptist came to "testify to the light." What does this mean?

We know that Jesus is the Light of Truth shining in the darkness to draw us to eternal life. And we know that his Spirit enlightens us in the truth so that we can be saved from the destructive forces of our sins and follow our Savior to heaven. But what was the testimony of John? How did he testify to the light? And how does this affect our lives today?

John's testimony was: "I am not the Christ. I am a voice. A voice in the desert." His testimony brings us to the Light of Christ by challenging us with: "Where is your life arid and dry? Listen! Christ is coming to meet you there! Stop wandering around! Repent, change, do whatever is necessary to look for Jesus so that you can find him. He is coming to you!"

We've all experienced times when Jesus seems unavailable when we need him. What has opened your eyes to his presence? Whose voice has turned you back to God? It's time to do the same for others, to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to those who are held captive in their sins, and to announce how to be blessed by a close friendship with the Lord.

We all have the same testimony and the same calling as John had: We are all supposed to be voices crying

out loud enough to be heard above the din of the world. Many souls are



lost in the wilderness of confusion, hopelessness, pain, heartache, and despair, not to mention sin.

What kind of a voice do you have? Because we have Christ within us, our very lives are the voice.

Even if our vocal chords do not utter a single word, the way we live in the light is how we speak the truth of the light. The better we live the truth, the louder and clearer is our message.

What people choose to do with our message is up to them, but it's up to us to speak it so that they're given that choice.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How has your life been changed by your faith in Jesus? What evil has been conquered, what darkness has been overcome?
2. How has the Spirit of the Lord anointed you?
3. What gifts do you have that enable you to give to the poor (the financially poor or the emotionally starving or the spiritually hungry) or to heal broken hearts?
4. How has God used you to provide liberty to captives and release to prisoners?
5. How are these a testimony that teach others about Jesus?