

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
December 20, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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MASSES FOR Dec 20 – Dec. 27

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	No Mass	
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	10:00 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m. Rosary & Service
Wed.	No Mass
Thurs.	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	12:00 a.m. (Midnight)
Sat.	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Tuesday, December 22
Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25
Saturday, December 26
Sunday, December 27

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

Feast of Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

UPCOMING EVENT

Monday, December 28
Thursday, December 31

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass at St. Mary's 6:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation Mass at St. Agnes 10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 1

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 735.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

<u>December</u>	25	Loretta Graskemper
	27	Doug Pickering
<u>January</u>	1	Cheryl (R) Elbert

MONEY COUNTERS

	25	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
	27	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
<u>January</u>	1	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
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

4th Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Monday December 21

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

Tuesday December 22

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

Wednesday December 23

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

Thursday December 24

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

Friday December 25

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Ps 98:1-6
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Saturday December 26

Saint Stephen

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59
Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc,17
Matthew 10:17-22

Today's Gospel shows us how the mission of Christ affected the Virgin Mary even before Jesus became human through her.

However, that is not when his salvation plan began. Jesus is God; he has always existed. His salvation plan impacted Mary in the moment of her own conception.

In the Nicene Creed we say that God "came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." In other words, his Spirit bathed Mary in his pure, holy presence. Even though she could not understand how the Messiah could possibly be conceived within her, by the grace of God's Spirit she could know that God was the one who was asking for it and God was the one who was doing it.

All of us are called by God to carry the presence of Christ and birth him more fully into the world. What are you doing about it? How much are you fulfilling your divine destiny? Remember, he always empowers us to accomplish whatever he asks us to do. God knows what he's doing when he calls us to continue what Mary began, and he is always trustworthy and dependable. There is nothing to fear, no reason to hold back from fulfilling our true destiny.



Everything that God does is always good, even when his plan for our mission requires a journey through the cross. If we follow Christ, sooner or later we hang with him on the cross, persecuted for our faith.

With this in mind, when he asks us to do something for his kingdom, of course our answer is yes, right?

Why wouldn't it be? Of course we want to cooperate with his plan. Mary shows us that we can yes

to his plan even when we don't understand it nor see how God could possibly do what he says he'll do.

It's normal to feel inadequate, like he cannot fulfill his plan *through us*, because we know we are weak, sinful, and unqualified. Don't trust your feelings about it; trust God!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. When was the last time you said to God, "But how can this be? You want me to do WHAT? I don't understand why!" What were you afraid of?
2. How strong was your trust in God?
3. When God chooses you for a task or responsibility, what helps you move from uncertainty or confusion or reluctance into saying "yes"?
4. When the plans of God don't make sense or they seem unpleasant, how do you overcome your reluctance?