

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

December 6, 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent

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MASSES FOR Dec 6 – Dec. 13

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Ron Calentine
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:

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.

National Night of Prayer: St. Mary's 8:00p.m. to Midnight

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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.

Saturday, December 12

Wednesday, December 16

UPCOMING EVENT

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

Thursday, December 24

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

Friday, December 25

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

Your Gift to the Church:

\$1135.00 Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri \$320.00 Seminay/Retired Clergy \$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
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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.

THANK YOU to our supportive parishioners and friends!! The raffle cleared \$1850.00. Fantastic!!! The winners were 1st - Patrick Wolfe, 2nd - Rosemary Boes and 3rd - Linda Russell. Hopefully next year we can gather together and celebrate the parish's anniversary and just be together again. God bless you!

THANK YOU: I cannot thank you enough for all of your thoughts, prayers and cards during my recent hospital stay in Kansas City. I am slowly improving at home with continued doctor visits. I am truly blessed with such great family, friends and church. Thank You again! Peggy Heidlage

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: On Tuesday evening, December 8, 2020 from 8:00 P.m. to Midnight, at St. Mary's only, we will be participating in the National Night of Prayer for Life. The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and to bring about an end to procured abortion. The hours that have been chosen are to coincide with Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to Juan Diego in 1531.

2nd Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 85:9-14
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Monday December 7

St. Ambrose

Isaiah 35:1-10
Ps 85:9-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday December 8 Immaculate Conception

Genesis 3:9-15,20
Ps 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday December 9

Isaiah 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-4,8,10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday December 10

Isaiah 41:13-20
Ps 145:1,9-13ab
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday December 11

Isaiah 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4,6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2:14-17 or
Rev. 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab
Judith (15:9d)13:18-19
Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

God. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and create a wider road into your heart that's easy for Jesus to travel, a through-way upon which he can arrive in great speed and glory.

All humankind is as frail as grass, and all our glory is like the flower of the field that withers and wilts. Only the glory of God stands forever.

Prepare for the Lord! – for whatever he wants to give us, do for us, and ask of us. He has a plan for our lives, a divine purpose that will bring us to our full potential.

We can only do this by uniting ourselves to Christ, joining him on the straight path, the holy path. How do we know when we are on the right path? By the fruits of the journey.

Isaiah says: A voice cries out in the desert! What is barren in your life, and dry, hot, or empty? Sins dry up our potential for fruitfulness.

Advent is a good preparation for Christmas – and meeting the Lord anew – if we use it to face our sins, reconcile with God, and follow Jesus back onto the holy path. If we neglect this opportunity, our lives will be barren of the strong faith we need during difficulties..

Prepare the way of the Lord! He has more love to give you, more healing, more joy! Make straight in the wasteland of your sins a highway for our



What are your troubles and struggles? Here is where Jesus wants to minister to you, and here is where you are most vulnerable to sin.

What in your life is going well? What activities are you doing that seem productive? Are any of them grassy glories that can wither away? A hundred years from now, will what you're doing today still have an impact – a beneficial impact?

God has given you talents and a calling, a special purpose that requires those talents. Yes, you! We are all called to have fruitful lives that make an eternal difference. Jesus wants to come straight to us to produce the fruits of his kingdom in our lives and in others.

Prepare for the Lord to make an eternal difference through you!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you going to do to straighten a crooked path?
2. What are you spending time on that will wither up and wilt away?
3. How does thinking about eternity straighten the path that you're walking on today? What changes because of this perspective?