

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
December 27, 2020 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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MASSES FOR Dec 27 – Jan.3

Saint Agnes

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
Thursday No Mass
Friday 10:30 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

St. Agnes Parish Family
+Justice & Peace

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
St. Agnes Parish Family

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

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.

Friday, January 1

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

UPCOMING EVENT

Monday, January 4
Sunday, January 10

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Catholic Education Assistance**

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 1470.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

January 1 Cheryl (R) Elbert
 3 Loretta Graskemper
 10 Sandy Thorn
 17 Martin Wagner
 24 Doug Pickering
 31 Cheryl (R) Elbert

MONEY COUNTERS

January 1 Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
 3 James Campbell & Doug Pickering
 10 Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
 17 Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
 24 James Cam[bell] & Doug Pickering
 31 Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

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 because of your generosity we are now overloaded with egg cartons! We have reached our capacity to store them and must ask that until further notice, please recycle or store them at home. Your support of the Monett Food Pantry and Community Kitchen is very much appreciated. We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Gift Bags for the Outreach. We filled 400! And thank you to all who have contributed food and made donations to the Outreach November and December project. Your generosity is appreciated, not only by the recipients, but by the workers at the Outreach. Continue to include them in your special prayers. We are blessed with a parish that puts the Gospel into action.

THANK YOU to the wonderful crew who showed up to decorate the church. It looks lovely and your time is very much appreciated.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
 or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
 Ps 128:1-5
 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9
 Colossians 3:12-21
 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 Luke 2:22-40

Monday December 28
Holy Innocents
 1 John 1:5--2:2
 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8
 Matthew 2:13-18

Tuesday December 29
 1 John 2:3-11
 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6
 Luke 2:22-35

Wednesday December 30
 1 John 2:12-17
 Ps 96:7-10
 Luke 2:36-40

Thursday December 31
 1 John 2:18-21
 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13
 John 1:1-18

Friday January 1
Mother of God Solemnity
 Numbers 6:22-27
 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:16-21

Saturday January 2
Sts. Basil the Great
& Gregory Nazianzen
 1 John 2: 22-28
 Ps 98: 1-4
 John 1: 19-28

"Joy mixed with drama marks the fifth [joyful] mystery, the finding of the twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple." Saint John Paul the Great wrote this in *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, his interesting encyclical about the Rosary.

He continued: "Here he appears in his divine wisdom as he listens and raises questions, already in effect one who 'teaches'. The revelation of his mystery as the Son wholly dedicated to his Father's affairs proclaims the radical nature of the Gospel, in which even the closest of human relationships are challenged by the absolute demands of the Kingdom. Mary and Joseph, fearful and anxious, 'did not understand' his words."

We, too, often fail to understand the words of Jesus. His teachings challenge us to accept a more difficult life, a life of doing good to our enemies, turning the cheek and going the extra mile, a life of courageously standing up for the truth and adhering to high moral standards that are

counter-cultural.

Our preference, when living this way is inconvenient or unpleasant, is to rationalize and make excuses for our worldly behavior. But once we truly understand the de-



mands of the Kingdom of God, we see their benefits and we obey gladly.

Without this understanding, we have to simply trust that the words of Jesus are right and true. Like Mary and Joseph, we need to ponder in our hearts what we don't understand, while moving forward and doing what Jesus wants us to do.

As challenging as this is, that's when we discover how amazing God is.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What teaching of the Church have you rationalized away so that you don't have to obey it? Or what teaching of Christ in the Sermon on the Mount (see Matt. 5,6,7) or elsewhere in the Gospels do you excuse yourself from?
2. How much is your disobedience due to not understanding what is really being taught?
3. What will you do to seek and gain a better understanding?
4. How meaningful is the Holy Family to you? What is it about the relationships between Jesus, Mary and Joseph that appeals to you?
5. What has this taught you about God's Kingdom?