

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
January 24, 2021 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR Jan. 24 – Jan.31

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Frances Rehrauer
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Service
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, January 25	Feast of Saint Paul, Apostle
Tuesday, January 26	Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Thursday, January 28	Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor
Sunday, January 31	National Catholic Schools Week

UPCOMING EVENT

Tuesday, February 2	Feast of The Presentation of the Lord
Wednesday, February 3	Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Friday, February 5	Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday, February 6	Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sunday, February 7	The Mirror subscription is due. The diocese wishes that all families receive The Mirror-please help defray costs by paying the \$14 toward your subscription. Checks should be made out to St. Agnes Church.

Your Gift to the Church: \$265.00 Catholic Education \$520.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

<u>February 7</u>	Jane Kutz
14	Kathy Eck
21	Cheryl (K) Elbert
28	Loretta Graskemper

MONEY COUNTERS

Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
James Campbell & Doug Pickering
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.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO THE FAMILY OF FATHER MATT whose mother passed away. May she be living with God and may her family feel her peace.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Adamson, Brenda Campbell, Jared Campbell, John Campbell, Kathy Eck, John Jennett, Lawrence Katzfey, Deloris Nimsick, Michael Nimsick, & Bryan Wagner.

PRAYER

Increase our Faith Holy God, We thank you for the gracious gift of faith. With the apostles before us, we ask that you open our hearts to the power of your Word and increase our faith that we may be bold followers and joyful witnesses to the message and mission of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Ps 25:4-9

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Monday January 25

Conversion of St. Paul

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22

Ps 117:1bc,2

Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus

2 Tim 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5

Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10

Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday January 27

Hebrews 10:11-18

Ps 110:1-4

Mark 4:1-20

Thursday January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

Hebrews 10:19-25

Ps 24:1-6

Mark 4:21-25

Friday January 29

Hebrews 10:32-39

Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40

Mark 4:26-34

Saturday January 30

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Lk 1:69-75

Mark 4:35-41

Today's Gospel reading is a call to surrender ourselves fully to God. "Now is the time of fulfillment" – not just 2000 years ago, not at the Second Coming of Christ, but right now in your life when and where you need Jesus the most.

"The kingdom of God is at hand" – what you need from the Lord is right here, at hand, ready for you.

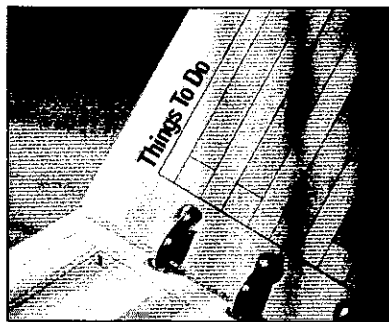
"Repent, and believe in the gospel" means "Come follow Me and learn from Me to become like Me." For the first disciples, it meant dropping whatever they were doing to spend so much time with Jesus that their whole lives were forever affected.

And this is what it means for you and for me: We have to put aside our own agendas and overly busy schedules to spend more time following Jesus wherever he leads us.

In the modern world, we have become more dependent on our technological devices than on Jesus. Many of us cannot even go on vacation without remaining accessible to their employers via the cell phone. Somehow, we need to find a way to take a stand against this.

It's one of the social justice teachings of the Church: We are actually called by God to rebel against working on

Sundays and other days of rest. Why? Because we need to spend that time with Jesus quietly being restored and re-energized.



Unfortunately, Jesus doesn't walk through the door and circle dates on our calendar and write "Rest with Jesus" on it so that we can

plan ahead. We have to follow his lead at a moment's notice – every moment. To experience the kingdom of God on the earthly side of heaven, we have to be willing to drop everything to follow Jesus into unfamiliar places at unexpected times. We have to learn to follow his lead even in situations where his way is the surprising way.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What's on your to-do list? What keeps you busy? What are your goals for the future? What are you dreaming of?
2. If Jesus has a different plan for your day or for your life, how easily could you switch over to new ideas and plans?
3. What are some of the nets you've abandoned in the past in order to follow Jesus? How difficult was that to do?
4. Are you happy about it now? Why? How was this an experience of the kingdom of God on earth?