

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
January 3, 2021 – Epiphany of the Lord

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MASSES FOR Jan. 3 – Jan.10

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

St. Agnes Parish Family
+Justice & Peace
Poor Souls in Purgatory
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 4
Sunday, January 10

**Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

Catholic Education Assistance – Please join in celebrating Catholic School Week and pray for our students, teachers, and their families as they strive to grow in academic excellence, Catholic discipleship, and service to others.

UPCOMING EVENT

Wednesday, January 13

Will take down Christmas decorations at 6:30 p.m. Your help would be appreciated.

Your Gift to the Church:

\$ 695.00 Seminary/Retired Clergy \$740.00 Catholic Charities of Southern MO \$200.00

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 Jasumbak, 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 Father Matt for providing spiritual guidance to us and for his friendship, to the ladies who teach the Catholic faith to our youth, to our organist and choir for filling our church with lovely music, to our parish council members who play an active role in our parish and help maintain it, to the PCCW for providing meals for parish gatherings and in times of sorrow and for cleaning the church, to the cemetery committee who keep the cemetery records and the lawn looking lovely, to the ladies that clean the altar linens and provide beautiful flowers for the altars. Thank you to everyone who contributes their time, talents and monetary donations to our parish. We are truly blessed!! May you all have a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

May they grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Glory be to him now and to the day of eternity! Amen

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTER: If you would like a copy of your contributions for the 2019 year, please print your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Monday January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 John 3:22 – 4: 6
Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a
Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday January 5
St. John Neumann
1 John 4:7-10
Ps 72:1-4,7-8
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday January 6
1 John 4:11-18
Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday January 7
1 John 4:19 – 5:4
Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17
Luke 4:14-22

Friday January 8
1 John 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday January 9
1 John 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-6a,9b
John 3:22-30

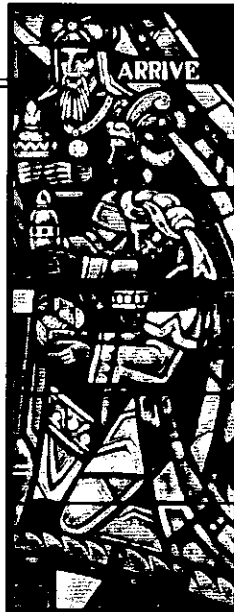
The Season of Christmas ends with a celebration that focuses on the adoration of magi from the East who had sought and found Christ the newborn king.

The Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Also called astrologers, their worship of Jesus does not validate astrology, which assigns power over us to stars and planets; rather, it validates that Jesus was born to bring salvation to all, Gentiles as well as Jews. Their arrival at the manger demonstrates that Jesus was born for the sake of all who recognize that only God should have power over us. Jesus was born to free us from sin and all other forces that control us.

The magi also demonstrate that gift-giving is a normal part of worship. The gifts of the magi become gifts that we

all give to Jesus: Gold represents our righteousness, which Christ's kingship over our lives makes possible so that we become more and more saintly each day. Incense represents our prayers going up to God – prayers that involve giving God the gift of our trust. And myrrh is the gift of suffering for Christ: the sacrifices we make for the sake of his ongoing mission of transforming our world.

The word "epiphany" means a moment of discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Did the magi have an



epiphany about Jesus when they came into his presence? Did they realize that they were looking at the Savior of the world? Did they want this little baby to save them from their own sins?

We can safely assume that they never forgot about their trip to Bethlehem. Surely they kept their ears open for news about him as the years went by. Probably they heard about the King of the Jews who was crucified.

We know that they in fact became very saintly Christians; their relics still exist and have been venerated since very early times.

What about you and me? Will we remember Jesus in some new way this year? Will our worship of him transform us? Will the power of sin be defeated by our faith in Christ when we face temptations?

Hopefully, we have been changed this Advent and Christmas Season by a new rebirth of Jesus into our lives and – through our lives – out into the world.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What's the gold you're giving to Jesus? What is your incense? What is your myrrh?
2. Describe an epiphany you have had during this past Advent and the Season of Christmas.
3. How will you take this out to others so that they, too, experience Christ more completely?