

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

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MASSES FOR Feb. 21 – Feb. 28

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Terrance Wolfe

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, February 21

First Sunday of Lent

Special Collection for Churches in Central & Eastern Europe

Monday, February 22

Feast of The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Friday, February 26

Fish Fry at St. Mary's 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8 Kids \$3 (ages 6-12) 5 & under Free. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus – Day of Abstinence (No Meat)(Dine-in or carry out)
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Lead by Father Matt

UPCOMING EVENT:

Friday, March 5

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Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Lead by a volunteer.

Your Gift to the Church:

\$ 280.00

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
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, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

February Church Cleaners: Marilyn Henderson, Margie Calentine, Kathy Eck

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf. Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15
Ps 25:4-9
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

Monday February 22
Chair of St. Peter
1 Peter 5:1-4
Ps 23:1-6
Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday February 23
Isaiah 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday February 24
Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday February 25
Ester C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday February 26
Ezekiel 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday February 27
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

Today's Gospel reading shows us the first thing that Jesus did after his baptismal anointing in the Jordan River: He wrestled with temptation.

His baptism had marked the moment of his complete surrender to the Father's will. As he arose from the water, he began a new life of ministry.

The Father responded by telling him that he was very pleased, and the Holy Spirit filled his humanness. Jesus as God already had the Holy Spirit (he and the Spirit were the same God), but Jesus the fully human Son now came fully alive in the Spirit. We can imagine how this experience in the Jordan River gave him the feeling of an elated spiritual high. And the next thing that happens is an attack of the devil.

The same pattern repeats itself in our lives. As soon as we experience new growth in our faith, or a new calling to do the Father's will, we run smack into a situation that tests the strength and sincerity of our faith. However, if this didn't happen, how would we find out that we've spiritually matured? How would we know that we are ready to make a significant difference for the kingdom of God?

Sometimes without consciously thinking it, we decide that if we're going to be tested and we might lose, wouldn't it be better not to start something new? Well, that's another temptation!



Lent is the perfect time to examine the temptations that we face every day and turn them into new growth that will strengthen our faith.

Every time we face a sin and seek God's forgiveness, we become stronger. And if we take it a step farther by walking into the confessional with it, we also receive powerful graces directly from Jesus, through the priest, that will render temptations much more powerless.

And this makes us more useful to God in the mission of conquering evil in the world and helping his kingdom spread into the lives of the people around us.

Think of temptations as blessings in disguise: Use them as opportunities to become more like Jesus and grow powerful in the faith.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How well do you recognize temptation?
2. How quickly do you rely on the faith that God has given you to say no to the devil's tricks?
3. Describe a time when you experienced a spiritual high and then faced a strong temptation.
4. How did you handle it?
5. What role did (or will) Jesus play in overcoming this temptation?