

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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MASSES FOR March 21 – March 28

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mary Jennett
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	For the Health of Theresa Heidlage

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:

Thursday, March 25
Friday, March 26

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Fish Fry at St. Mary's 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8 Kids \$3 (ages 6-12) 5 & under Free. Sponsored by St. Mary's Home & School – Day of Abstinence (No Meat)(Dine-in or carry out)

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Lead by Father Matt

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday, March 28

UPCOMING EVENT:

Thursday, April 1
Friday, April 2
Saturday, April 3
Sunday, April 4

Holy Thursday - St. Agnes 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday - St. Agnes 3:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday - St. Agnes No Mass
Easter Sunday - St. Agnes 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's No Mass
St. Mary's 7:00 p.m.
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St. Mary's 8:30 a.m.

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 515.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

April 4	Kathy Heidlage
11	Jane Kutz
18	Kathy Eck
25	Cheryl (K) Elbert

MONEY COUNTERS

Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
James Campbell & Doug Pickering
Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Pauline Whitman, 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.

ST. MARY'S PRESCHOOL AND PRE-K enrollment is now open for the 2021-2022 school year at St. Mary's. For more information go to the parent information page, under the school tab on the St. Mary's website (www.stmaryspsmo.com) or you can call the school office, 417-476-2824.

SIGN UP SHEETS are in the back of church for anyone who would be so kind to do the readings for Holy Week.

COVID 19 NEWS As of March 27, 2021 Bishop Rice has repealed the general dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Other changes mandated by the Bishop will be announced at a later date.

5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Ps 51:3-4,12-15
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Monday March 22

Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,
33-62 or 13:41c-62
Ps 23:1-6
John 8:1-11

Tuesday March 23

Numbers 21:4-9
Ps 102:2-3,16-21
John 8:21-30

Wednesday March 24

Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95
Dn 3:52-56
John 8:31-42

Thursday March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Friday March 26

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Ps 18:2-7
John 10:31-42

Saturday March 27

Ezekiel 37:21-28
Jer 31:10-13
John 11:45-56

In our desire to trust God and follow Jesus wherever he leads us, it's not a sin to feel troubled about it.

Yes, we do have to be willing to lose our lives (i.e., our own agendas, our own desires, our own ideas on what we should do with our time, etc.) so that we can unite ourselves to Christ and his mission. However, we don't have to like the loss.

The Gospel reading shows us that Jesus felt troubled by the sacrifices he would have to make. Yes, even Jesus himself felt troubled! And the Father glorified him.

Jesus came to earth to reveal God's ways and God's love and lead us to heaven. Now we, his followers, are called, commissioned, and prepared by the Sacraments to reveal God's ways and God's love to those around us, so that Jesus can lead *them* to heaven. That is the mission, the purpose of being Church, for all

of us – laity as well as clergy.

The Sacrament of Baptism initiates us into this calling. Confirmation commissions us to do it. Confession enables us to do it better. Marriage and Holy Orders give us a venue for perfecting it. The Anointing of the Sick converts our illnesses into opportunities to bear witness to Christ's Passion. And the Eucharist unites us so fully to the Passion of Christ that we become what we are called to do.



This is our everyday ministry of evangelization: We love others as Jesus loves them, we do for them what Jesus would like to do for them, and we spread the good news about this as a continuation of the ministry of Jesus.

Often, this involves making sacrifices and doing good to those who reject us and scourge us and crucify us or in any other way cause us to suffer. This is our unity with Christ, our Passion. We're not supposed to like it, but we are supposed to do it.

The Father honors us for this. Just like he glorified Jesus, he honors us with his compassion, his rewards, and his approval.

It's okay to feel troubled by the challenges we face in our mission. What keeps us going is knowing that God is raising us up. There is always resurrection after crucifixion.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What troubles are you facing? Where is Jesus in this? Is he ahead of you, leading the way? Are you following him?
2. How do you feel hearing Jesus admit, "I am troubled now"?
3. When you make sacrifices for others, how does this connect you more closely to the human heart of Jesus?
4. How does the Father honor you as you serve in Christ's mission?