

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

Dec. 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

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MASSES FOR DEC 12 – DEC 19

Saint Agnes

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

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:

Monday, December 13

**Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Advent Penance Service at Verona 6:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, December 14

**Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Dr. of the Church
Advent Penance Service at Monett 6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, December 15

Decorate church for Christmas at 6:30. Pizza party to follow.

Thursday, December 16

Advent Penance at Cassville 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 19

Advent Penance at Pierce City 6:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary's at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses: St. Agnes at 10:00 a.m. St. Mary's at 12:00 a.m. Midnight

Sunday, December 26

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 675.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

<u>Dec.</u>	<u>5</u>	Doug Pickering
	12	Cheryl (R) Elbert
	19	Kathy Heidlage
	26	Jane Kutz

MONEY COUNTERS

<u>Dec.</u>	<u>5</u>	Ron Wanger & Steve Schmitt
	12	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
	19	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
	26	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Sharon Wolfe, Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Ray Williams, Louise Bellm, Mike Rosewicz and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S: Father Matt Rehrauer Anthony Adamson, Rosemary Boes, Margaret Calentine, Pamela Campbell, Rosella Curtis, Cheryl (K) Elbert, Zoe Hedge, Chris Feather, Anthony Adamson & Dale Wolfe.

AFTER YOU COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, consider sharing them with the Church. As the spirit of gratitude to God permeates our lives at this time of year, please prayerfully consider including our parish in your giving. Your generosity helps to give others the most precious of gifts—the love of God, and the sacraments and ministries of the Church.

By writing a check to St. Agnes Church by Dec. 31, you can reduce the sting of income taxes if you itemize. Your gifts provide the necessary support for all our parish does. Thank you!

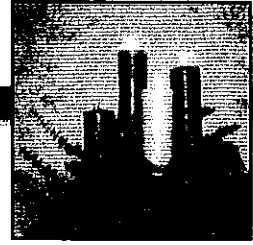
PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHONERS WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND A CARD DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Father Peter Morciniec	Loretta Bartkoski	Jim & Veda Perrin	Sharon & Patrick Wolfe
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Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Monday December 13

St. Lucy
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Ps 25:4-9
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday December 14

St. John of the Cross
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday December 15

Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25
Ps 85:9ab-14
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday December 16

Isaiah 54:1-10
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
Luke 7:24-30

Friday December 17

Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17
Matthew 1:1-17

Saturday December 18

Jeremiah 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Matthew 1:18-25

The Third Sunday of Advent focuses our attention on the spirit of joyfulness, because this is an essential mark of true faith. All the readings are full of joy and the thrill of happy expectation.

In the Gospel reading, John the Baptizer preaches good news to the people, and they are filled with joyful anticipation for whatever God is about to do.

Do you know that joy is a ministry? It's an important way to share the faith. We all have a calling to do this ministry wherever there is misery and hopelessness.

Let's look at how John fulfilled this ministry of joy. We might think he was anything but joyful in his robe of scratchy camels hair and his fiery sermons about repenting from sin. But look closer. His ministry prepared people's hearts to receive Jesus.

Having faith means trusting God which means resting in

hope which produces joy. When you or someone you know is lacking joy, it's because Jesus has not yet been invited fully into the situation that's been stealing the joy. It might be too early in the grieving process, which is healthy and normal, or it might a lack of faith, which needs nurturing.

The ability to experience the joy of faith comes from turning to the love of God and receiving his comfort in the midst of hardships. It also arises from getting to

know the joyful side of Jesus and the joyful purposes behind all of his teachings.

Jesus preached going the extra mile, loving our enemies, and doing good to those who cause us hardships, none of which is fun. What we need to discover and then share with others is that holy living, although not always fun, is what unites us to the joyful love of Jesus and the joyful purposes of everything he preached.

Remember, even going to the cross produces joyful results.

The good news is: Jesus didn't just tell us how to be holy, he gave us the power to be holy: He gave us his Holy Spirit.

And when others see the Holy Spirit's activity in us, if they know that Jesus is the reason for our joy, they are evangelized by our faith!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Think of a recent sin you've committed. How did it prevent you from experiencing joy?
2. The next time, how will you rely on the Holy Spirit to help you turn temptation into joy?
3. Name some of the special joys you experience during Advent and Christmas; how do they help you grow stronger in holiness?
4. Describe a time when you helped someone else become joyful; how did Jesus reveal himself in that?