

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

March 6, 2022 First Sunday of Lent

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MASSES FOR March 6 – MARCH 13

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

+ Pilar Docena

Justice & Peace

+Poor Souls in Purgatory

+Jana Russell Townsend

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, March 6

Confirmation; Gabby Duley, Kylin Wagner, Sophie Wagner and Jason Garner (St. Mary's Parish) will be confirmed. Bishop Rice will celebrate the confirmation mass and will meet parishioners at a reception after mass to honor the newly confirmed. Please keep these young parishioners in your prayers.

Thursday, March 10

Deanery 2 Quarterly Meeting at St. Susanne in Mt. Vernon

Friday, March 11

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

Fish Fry at St. Mary's 5-7 p.m. Adults \$10 Kids \$5 (ages 6-12) 5 & under Free.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus – Day of Abstinence (No Meat) (Dine in or carry out)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>March</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>READERS</u>
	13	Sandy Thorn
	20	Doug Pickering
	27	Cheryl (R) Elbert
		Kathy Heidlage

<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
James Campbell & Doug Pickering
Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Louise Bellm, Lawrence Katzfey and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

MARCH BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES: Bernadine Adamson, Mark Adamson, Robert Campbell, Levi Chorum, Cheryl (R) Elbert, Kevin Feather, Sally Heidlage, Tricia Heidlage, Gideon Ocheltree, Jenifer Ochletree, Steven Schmitt, Janice Sommer, Kylin Wagner & Hunter Williams.

1st Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Ps 91:1-2,10-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

Monday March 7

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18
Ps 19:8-10,15
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday March 8

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

Wednesday March 9

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

Thursday March 10

Esther C:12,14-16,23-25
Ps 138:1-2-3,7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday March 11

Ezra 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday March 12

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

Jesus' life is our life if we're sincere about our faith. We unite ourselves to him by receiving his body and blood in the Eucharist. We meet him in the scriptures and walk with him on the path to heaven.

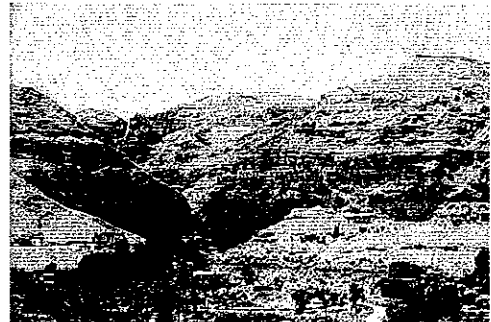
During Lent, the readings help us with this journey if we listen with an ear that recognizes our personal connections to Christ.

This Sunday, we journey with Jesus into the desert. Consider your own struggles with temptation; reflect on how sin makes your life feel barren and dry like a desert.

By walking with Jesus, we unite ourselves to his victory over the devil. In our efforts to remain united to him, we reject Satan and choose holiness. The Church helps us by giving us ways to improve our self-discipline: fasting and abstinence, alms-giving, reconciliation services, faith formation events, reading materials, and more.

Every meal and meat that we give up for Lent, every sin that we confess in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, every sacrifice of time that we make to add more prayer and spiritual reading to our daily life, and every other Lenten activity is a practice of self-denial that unites us to Jesus in the desert.

Jesus fasted from food and other physical comforts during his battle with the devil, and this strategy strengthened him and prepared him for the ministry that came afterward. This is what Lent should be for us, too.



Satan is not someone to fear. Jesus already defeated all demons on our behalf, first in the desert and then on the cross. Our battle is really only against temptation and our personal weaknesses that make us vulnerable to succumbing to sin.

We don't always want to follow Jesus. This is what we must surrender to God during Lent. Then Easter will be far more meaningful, because we will emerge from Lent much stronger in our faith.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How have you been succumbing to temptation? Don't be afraid to face it. Guilt is not what Jesus wants from you. What he does want is your desire to receive his help in overcoming temptation. He's waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. How do you know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation really works?
3. How is it more than just a confession of your sins?
4. How has it helped you grow stronger in faith?