

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

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MASSES FOR November 27 – December 4

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Louise Bellm
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, November 30

Saturday, December 3

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 7

Thursday, December 8

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Sunday, December 11

Tuesday, December 13

Wednesday, December 14

Rosary For Life before 8:30 Mass

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of

Obligation Mass at St. Agnes at 10:00 am & St. Mary's at 8:15 am & 7:00 pm

Ladies, Region II DCCW meeting will be held at St. Agnes. Circle B will host and serve lunch. All ladies are encouraged to attend. Registration begins at 9:30 and Mass will be at 10 (this is a Holy Day of Obligation so the whole parish is welcome to attend this Mass). The itinerary: Speaker at 11 from St. Peter's Outreach, lunch and short business meeting

Celebrate Fr. Matt's birthday after 10:30 Mass. MEAT AND POTATOES will be furnished. Those attending should PLEASE bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share. Your help in cleanup would be appreciated.

After 8:30 Mass we are bagging items for the Christmas Gift Bags that we are taking to St. Peter's Outreach to be distributed with their Christmas dinner. HELP needed to fill the bags. Please come and assist if you can.

Decorate the church for Christmas at 6 p.m. Pizza Party to follow.

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$485.00 Charities of So. MO \$1705.00 Military Service \$20.00 Mission Sunday \$75.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

Dec.	4	Cheryl (R) Elbert
	11	Kathy Heidlage
	18	Jane Kutz
	25	Kathy Eck

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Cheryl Elbert
Dennis Heidlage
Maria Wagner
Kimberly Prince

MONEY COUNTERS

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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Robert Graskemper, Brenda Schmitt and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

CHRISTMAS BAGS for St. Peter's Outreach will be prepared next month and then distributed at their Christmas dinner. St. Agnes PCCW has prepared 350 gift bags the past few years and will again this year. We buy in bulk to get the best buy. If you would like to help someone less fortunate than you and contribute toward this project, please include your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Bag". If a check is written, please make out to St. Agnes PCCW. We have received many compliments and thanks because the contents of our bag are so useful and needed by the homeless and less fortunate.

The church will contribute \$500 toward this project which will go towards purchasing gloves. Our parish has been blessed with many wonderful giving benefactors. Your weekly donation to our church continues to bless the lives outside our parish. God bless you!

CHURCH ROSTER is in the back of church. Please check your address to ensure it is correct so that we can make a new one for the year 2023.

CHURCH ENVELOPES ; are in the back of church. **Please pay close attention to your name and number**, because of having to order so many boxes to cover the number of numbered boxes we have changed the number of boxes ordered to reduce the cost. **So everyone will have a different number.**

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!

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER - Cheryl (K) Elbert, Cheryl (R) Elbert, Rhoda Elbert

PRAYER

In families striving to stay intact through adversity. Let us see Christ.

In the poor and lonely of the world. Let us see Christ.

In those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine. Let us see Christ

In children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school. Let us see Christ.

In those who are living with HIV/AIDS and other diseases. Let us see Christ.

In immigrants and refugees seeking freedom and hope. Let us see Christ.

In those who are orphaned or abandoned. Let us see Christ.

In the elderly who are forgotten. Let us see Christ.

In those who struggle to find meaningful work. Let us see Christ.

In those who work for justice and peace for all people. Let us see Christ.

Let us pray. Jesus, teach us to recognize your presence in those who are in need. May we give of ourselves in service to them and so hasten the coming of the Kingdom you have promised, where you live with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-9
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Monday November 28

Isaiah 4:2-6
Ps 122:1-9
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday November 29

Isaiah 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday November 30

St. Andrew
Romans 10:9-18
Ps 19:8,9,10,11
Matthew 4:18-22

Thursday December 1

Isaiah 26:1-6
Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday December 2

Isaiah 29:17-24
Ps 27:1,4,13-14
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday December 3

St. Francis Xavier
Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
Ps 147:1-6
Matthew 9:35--10:1,5-8

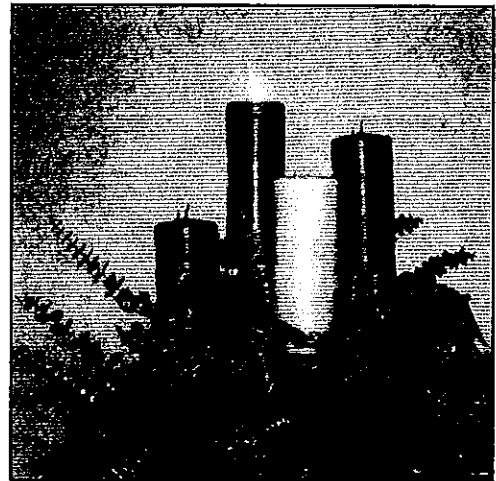
Hope is the theme of the First Sunday of Advent. Isaiah describes a future in which all is well because (1) God is recognized as the highest authority and (2) obeying him is the people's highest priority.

This vision gave great hope to the oppressed Israelites. Today if we look at this as a description of heaven, it gives great hope to us, too. When we die, "terms" will be "imposed" upon us (i.e., purgatory) because we did not stay entirely on the paths of God, but we will be living in the light of the Lord after death and there will be no more wars to battle.

Knowing that this is our future, we can look at our present trials as preparations for heaven. The weapons that we use now to defeat and overcome the powers of darkness can be used as plowshares for enriching our soil (our earthly life), bringing us into new growth and producing a harvest in ministry. Sufferings that are turned into

ministries to help others make hardships very valuable.

Although Isaiah was speaking of the coming of the world's Messiah through the Jews, these verses remind us that when we respect God's authority and make imitating Christ our highest priority, all is well for us. Our battles against evil aren't over yet, but Jesus has already won the victory for us. Our hope is not based on a wish for peace; our hope comes from the reality of what Jesus has already done and what he will do. So,



"let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122).

The Gospel reading tells us that our hope is realized only if we stay awake and alert to the activities of Christ. What are you despairing about? Despair and worry are merely distractions that make us forget that Christ has already won the battle. If we stay alert to the presence of Christ, recognizing his authority and following his ways, we live in hope – not wishful thinking, but a hope that's based firmly on reality.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you despairing about?
2. What would it take for you to feel hopeful? In what way do you need Jesus to come to you now? What can you do to become more aware of his presence at your side?
3. How do you find hope in difficulties?
4. Describe a time when you nearly lost all hope. How did Jesus rescue you from this?