

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
December 25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord

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MASSES FOR December 25 – January 1

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	+Louis Fenske
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 26
Tuesday, December 27
Wednesday, December 28
Friday, December 30
Saturday, December 31
Sunday, January 1

Feast of Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyr
Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
New Year's Eve Mass at St. Mary's at 4:00 p.m.
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
New Year's Day Mass at St. Agnes at 10:30 a.m. & St. Mary's at 8:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 2

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop & Doctors of the Church
Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop
Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord

Wednesday, January 4

Thursday, January 5

Sunday, January 8

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:

\$ 592.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Jan</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>READERS</u>
	1	Cheryl (K) Elbert
	8	Kimberly Prince
	15	Sandy Thorn
	22	Doug Pickering
	29	Cheryl (R) Elbert

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Charlotte Pickering
Mark Adamson
Patrick Wolfe
John Heidlage
Cheryl (K) Elbert

MONEY COUNTERS

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

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

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass

Isaiah 62:1-5
Acts 13:16-17,22-25
Matthew 1:1-25

Midnight Mass

Isaiah 9:1-6
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Daytime Mass

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Monday December 26 St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59
Ps 31:3-4,6,8ab,16bc,17
Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday December 27 St. John

1 John 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
John 20:1a,2-8

Wednesday December 28 Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5--2:2
Ps 124:2-5,7b-8
Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday December 29

1 John 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-3,5b-6
Luke 2:22-35

Friday December 30 Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14
or Colossians 3:12-21
Ps 128:1-5
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Saturday December 31

1 John 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2,11-13
John 1:1-18

Joy to the world! This is our song. This is what we should always be proclaiming as a people of faith.

Don't focus on what destroys your joy, for nothing can destroy the coming of the Lord. The absence of joy is merely a blank area in your view of what God is doing.

Look at the love that Jesus has for you! Jesus was born not only to save you from the darkness of sin; he was born because he loves you -- he loves YOU! Even if you had never sinned, he would have come into the world so that he could love *you* on your level, human-to-human.

Sometimes, great things come in surprising packages that do not seem to be great at all. The Eucharist -- in the form of a little wafer of bread -- does not look like it contains the full presence of Jesus with all of his humanity and his divinity. The baby Jesus -- a tiny, helpless child -- does not look like the conqueror of evil. But he is! And so is Jesus in the Eucharist; he is here for you.

And you! You might not seem to be a great person, but you contain Jesus. You contain greatness beyond imagining! This greatness does not dwell only in you; it comes out from



you in every good thing that you do. This is a life of faith!

To be a follower of Jesus means we learn to imitate him. In doing good, evil is defeated. In this goodness, the greatness of Jesus extends outward from us. In this goodness, there is cause for great joy.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How much do you *really* believe that Jesus loves you? What are some examples of Jesus taking good care of you?
2. How do you reveal the love of Jesus to others?
3. When was the first time you can remember experiencing the love of Jesus and realized that it was a gift from God?
4. What does the Eucharist mean to you? How can it change you so that you leave church ready to give the love of Christ to others?

Merry Christmas! Be very blessed this Christmas season -- because Jesus is delightedly in love with you! You are invited to experience the extravagant love of Jesus all year.