

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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MASSES FOR December 4 – December 11

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

+Mary Lenore Droska

Justice & Peace

+Poor Souls in Purgatory

+James Seufert

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

Sunday, December 4

Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 7

Thursday, December 8

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Friday, December 9

Sunday, December 11

Advent Penance Services at Aurora at 6:00 p.m.

Rosary For Life before 8:30 Mass

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Day of Obligation: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

Advent Penance Service at Cassville at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Advent Penance Service at Pierce City at 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 13

Wednesday, December 14

Thursday, December 15

Friday, December 16

Sunday, December 18

Tuesday, December 20

Saturday, December 24

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Gift Bags; are being bagged after 8:30 Mass 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.

Advent Penance Service at Pulaskifield at 6:00 p.m.

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

Advent Penance Service at Monett at 6:30 p.m.

Advent Penance Service at Mt. Vernon at 6:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service at Verona at 6:30 p.m.

Advent Penance Service at Billings at 4:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service at Sarcoxie at 6:30 p.m.

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

Christmas Day Mass at St. Agnes at 10:30 a.m.

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:

\$650.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

<u>Dec.</u>	<u>4</u>	Cheryl (R) Elbert
	<u>11</u>	Kathy Heidlage
	<u>18</u>	Jane Kutz
	<u>25</u>	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, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

Candles: Due to the rising cost of products and shipping fees we are having to raise the price of our candles to \$3.00

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

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

Father Peter Morciniec	Loretta Bartkoski	Jim & Veda Perrin	Marie Jasumback
1100 E. Montclair Room #326	1220 E. Fairview Ave. #602	3078 County Rd 30	3827 S. Summit Ridge Dr
Springfield, MO 65807	Carthage, MO 64836	Sarcoxie, MO 64862	Independence, MO 64055

Bernard Boes
1220 E. Fairview Ave. #538
Carthage, MO 64836

CHRISTMAS
JESUS IS THE REASON

When I was young And too little to know
I thought "Merry Christmas" Meant presents and snow
Just a big tree with tinsel and lights all aglow!

I didn't understand nor Do I think that I cared
The "true" message of Christmas Was the Love that God shared!

I'd heard about the King who was born in a manger
But what's the fuss about some baby who to me was a stranger?
It wasn't until I had children of my own
That my "heart-strings" were tugged and the void became known

I learned the most important thing about life is to love
And that Jesus, my Savior, was sent from above
His life an example of true love and devotion
The lights, sounds and hustle...nothing more than commotion

His life pure and precious freely given for me Was so hard to believe yet so simple to see

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2,
7-8,12-13,17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Monday December 5

Isaiah 35:1-10
Ps 85:9a-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday December 6

Isaiah 40:1-11
Ps 96:1-3,10-13
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday December 7

St. Ambrose

Isaiah 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-4,8,10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday December 8 Immaculate Conception

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Friday December 9

Isaiah 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4,6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday December 10

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16,18-19
Matthew 17:9a,10-13

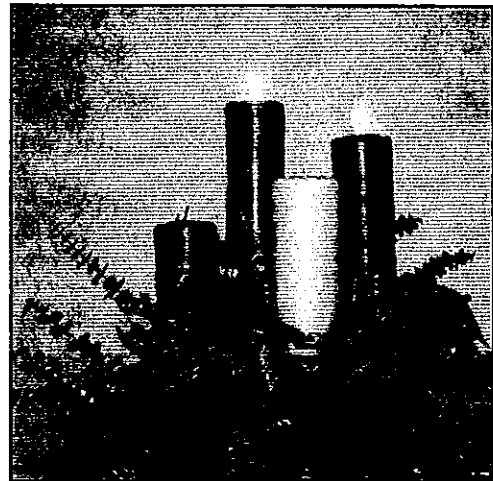
Peace is the theme of the Second Sunday of Advent. The first reading describes Christ the Messiah, who came from the line of Jesse, the father of King David. It also describes how to obtain peace – a peace that sustains us even in the midst of troubles: "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him." Can you feel the Holy Spirit "resting" on you?

We experience true peace when we're in a restful relationship with God, i.e., when we're not struggling against him and his ways and his plans for us. Peace does not depend on bringing to an end the struggles we have with people or the problems we have with financial shortages or addictions or health, etc. We can work hard to accomplish peace in any trial, win the war, and still not be at peace.

Peace comes to us in the wisdom and understanding that we get from the Holy Spirit. Peace comes from following the Spirit's counsel. Peace comes from gaining

knowledge of the truth, in total submission, obediently acting upon the truth.

In the Gospel reading, John the Baptist reminds us to "prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths." To receive the Spirit of God and his peace, we must prepare ourselves to meet Jesus in the Eucharist and in all the other ways that he comes to us. What kind



of preparation produces peace? It's the work of honestly identifying our sins, happy that God is merciful, and straightening our crooked paths, because we realize that God's ways are really what's best for us.

Whatever separates us from God's peace, we must get rid of it. To do this, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Penitential Rite at the beginning of every Mass. Christ equips us for the journey into true peace!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What turmoil is going on in your life? What has stolen your peace?
2. Where is Jesus? What obstacles (e.g., unforgiveness or resentment) do you need to repent of to see him and feel his peace?
3. What methods do you use to settle down and rest in the Spirit of Jesus when turmoil is spinning around you? What kind of prayer helps? Do you go on retreat or confide in a spiritual director? What are some other ideas?