

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
January 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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MASSES FOR January 1 – January 8

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	+Carolyn Campbell Witt
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

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Monday, January 2

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop & Doctors of the Church

Wednesday, January 4

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Thursday, January 5

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Sunday, January 8

Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 9

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:

\$ 450.00 Seminary/Retired Clergy \$565.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Jan</u>	<u>1</u>	READERS
	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 & USHERS

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.

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JANUARY: Kathy Heidlage, Tricia Heidlage, Sally Heidlage, Jamie Welters

USHERS: Starting next Sunday we will begin having ushers again.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S: Thomas Adamson, Brenda Campbell, Jared Campbell, John Campbell, Kathy Eck, John Jennett, Lawrence Katzfey, Deloris Nimsick, Michael Nimsick, & Bryan Wagner.

FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as you lived God's plan for your family, you changed the shape and design of the human family. Watch over all families today as they struggle to live God's word in the midst of challenge and difficulty. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother Of God

Numbers 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Monday January 2
Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzen
1 John 2:22-28
Ps 98:1-4
John 1:19-28

Tuesday January 3
1 John 2:29--3:6
Ps 98:1,3cd-6
John 1:29-34

Wednesday January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 John 3:7-10
Ps 98:1,7-9
John 1:35-42

Thursday January 5
St. John Neumann
1 John 3:11-21
Ps 100:1b-5
John 1:43-51

Friday January 6
1 John 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Mark 1:7-11
or Luke 3:23-38

Saturday January 7
1 John 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-5,6a,9b
John 2:1-11



Today, consecrate the new year to the Mother of Christ, to her protection and help, asking God to make this a year of many blessings.

In the first reading, God teaches Moses how to pass blessings onto others. The responsorial psalm includes a request for God to bless us. The second reading describes the greatest blessing we've received: our adoption by God the Father.

The people who heard the testimony of the shepherds in the Gospel reading were amazed. How often are you amazed by the Lord? Awe comes from recognizing Jesus in everything. With Jesus, we're blessed even in situations that feel like curses, because he is with us.

To experience this, we have to keep our eyes on Jesus at all times. Look past the problems: There is the victorious Jesus already working on your behalf! He was born for your sake and gave up his life for you; of course he is also doing everything else that will provide God's goodness to you! Look past your emotional reactions to hardships: There is the peace of Christ! It's available

when you decide to trust in the love and the wisdom of Christ. Look past the person who is sinning against you: There is Jesus comforting you! He speaks to you through scripture, through Holy Mass, through perhaps a counselor, and many other ways.

In every situation, keep your eyes on Jesus so that you can see his hand reaching toward you to bless you.

We can learn from Mary to look past the obvious and see God's hidden blessings. When Mary looked at the shepherds, did she see scruffy, stinky strangers? Of course not. She saw numerous blessings. Now look at the scruffy people in your own life – through Mary's eyes. How many blessings do *you* see?

Mary the Mother of God our Savior wants to show you the countless blessings that come from knowing her Son. Ask for her help in keeping your focus on Jesus in the new year.

Reflect & Discuss:

† Count your blessings. Make a list of everything that's good in your life, including past blessings that give you warm, happy memories.

† The Lord has done great things for you. How does this reassure you today?

† What will you do this year to become more aware of God's blessings?

† In what ways has Mary revealed Jesus to you?