

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR January 22 – January 29

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. + Ted Calentine
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Justice & Peace
Thursday 8:30 a.m. +Poor Souls In Purgatory
Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Louise Bellm

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 22

St. Agnes Feast Day

Second Collection: Church in Latin America

Tuesday, January 24

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Wednesday, January 25

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Saturday, January 28

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, January 31

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

Thursday, February 2

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

Sunday, February 5

Second Collection; The Mirror

Monday, February 6

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Friday, February 10

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgn

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:

\$ 480.00 Catholic Education Assistance \$40.00 Latin America \$20.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

Feb. 5 Kathy Heidlage
12 Jane Kutz
19 Kathy Eck
26 Cheryl (K) Elbert

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Cheryl (K) Elbert
Dennis Heidlage
Maria Wagner
Kimberly Prince

MONEY COUNTERS & USHERS

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, Guessie Pierce and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

STS. PETER & PAUL will display the traveling exhibit, "Miracles of the Eucharist" on Sunday, Jan. 22 in their hall from 9-11:30 (after Mass) and also from 1-4 in the afternoon. You are invited to come view this display.

THE CALENTINE FAMILY wishes to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and prayers for the loss of our son, Ted.

NEW CALENDARS AND ROSTERS: are in the back of church.

SHROUD OF TURIN: come see and hear about the religious aspects and explore the scientific findings with Dr. Mark Zia of Benedictine College on February 24, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Webb City or on February 25, 9:00 – 11:00 am at St. Ann's Church, Carthage.

USHERS: Anyone wanting to be an usher contact Laura at 417-737-1404

Keybox for the Church. Thanks to Ron Wagner, who mounted a keybox on the wall of the Church, just to the left of the outside bulletin board. If you wish to pray in the Church during the day, all you need to do is use the combination to get the key. Once you open the Church, please put the key back in the box, close it and scramble the combination. The combination will be found on the Masthead of the bulletin, to the right of the date and Sunday notation

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isalah 8:23 -- 9:3
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Matthew 4:12-23

Monday January 23
Hebrews 9:15,24-28
Ps 98:1-6
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday January 24
St. Francis de Sales
Hebrews 10:1-10
Ps 40:2,4ab,7-8a,10,11
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday January 25
Conversion of St. Paul
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc,2
Mark 16:15-18

Thursday January 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus
2 Timothy 1:1-8
or Titus 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10
Mark 4:21-25

Friday January 27
Hebrews 10:32-39
Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Lk 1:69-75
Mark 4:35-41

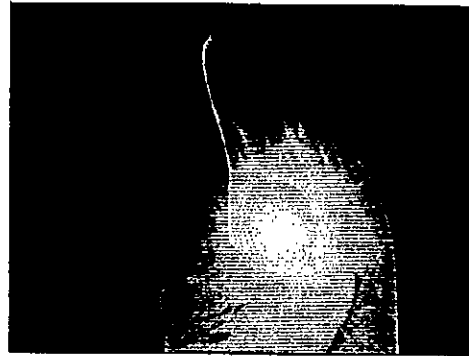
Who's troubling you? In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear of the fulfillment of the prophecy given by Isalah in the first reading: Because of Jesus Christ, the people you know who are living in darkness have seen the light that will heal them. Who is making no effort to get out of their sin-induced misery? Who is overshadowed by the demons of spiritual death and destruction? Whose stubbornness is causing you great anguish?

Through your prayers and faithful love, Jesus has been revealed to them. Even as they fight against this truth and hide from him, the great light of Christ cannot be turned off. Soon or eventually this will cause great rejoicing, not only for you, but for those who are being rescued.

Elsewhere (Luke 12:49-50), Jesus expressed his feelings about people who live in darkness: "How great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" Thus, he knows your anguish and *shares* it, but more deeply and fervently. He is doing more than you know, more than you can

imagine, to accomplish the victory for which you've been praying. He is doing everything possible – as well as the impossible – to bring it to fulfillment.

Pray that Divine Providence will use the bad consequences of each person's stubborn rebellion to draw them to himself. Pray that God will use others to bring them into his light. Pray that God will work in his own



way to dissolve their spiritual rebellion. Pray that after their conversion they will spread the light of Christ powerfully. And pray that their conversion will be deep, definite and permanent.

We don't pray to change God's mind; he's already working to bring the light of Christ to people who live in darkness. We pray to place these people into his arms, since they're not doing it for themselves.

Reflect & Discuss:

† Write a list of people who are living in darkness. Will you trust in the power of Christ's great light and the victory he obtained through his death and resurrection?

† Make a commitment to feel Christ's anguish more keenly; use this pain to energize you into daily prayer on behalf of darkened souls.

† Think of those who are living in darkness. Get a large candle and etch their names into it. Light the candle and offer your prayers for these loved ones. If possible, do this with a prayer community for mutual support, and light this candle at all of your community meetings.