

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
February 26, First Sunday of Lent 1870

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MASSES FOR February 26 – March 5

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Lawrence Katzfey, Jr
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Clay Haverly

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

Friday, March 3

Fish Fry at St. Mary's 5-7 p.m. Adults \$10 Kids \$5 (ages 6-12) 5 & under Free.
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus – Day of Abstinence (No Meat) (Dine in or carry out)

Tuesday, March 7

Stations of the Cross: at 7:00 p.m. Lead by Father
Rosary For Life at 8:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 10

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Stations of the Cross: at 7:00 p.m. Lead by a volunteer

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:

\$ 550.00 Mirror \$88.00 Eastern/Central Europe \$10.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>READERS</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS & USHERS</u>
March 5	Sandy Thom	Sterling Elbert	Kimberly Prince	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
12	Doug Pickering	Isaac Chorum	Eric Prince	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
19	Cheryl (R) Elbert	Elsie Chorum	Thomas Adamson	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
26	Kathy Heidlage	Sterling 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.

THE MIRROR; subscription is due. The diocese wishes that all families receive The Mirror-please help defray costs by paying the \$14 toward your subscription. Checks should be made out to St. Agnes.

PCCW MEETING: Tuesday March 7. Mass at 6:30 pm and meeting following at 7:00 pm. Games; Brenda SDchmitt, Marilyn Adamson, Jamie Welters and Amber Wilson. Refreshments; Rhoda Elbert, Cheryl (R) Elbert and Jane Kutz.

CAMP RE-NEW-AL information is in the back of church.

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf. Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday February 26

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7
Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17
Romans 5:12-19 or
5:12,17-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Monday February 27

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18
Ps 19:8-10,15
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday February 28

Isaiah 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7,16-19
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday March 1

Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday March 2

Esther C:12,14-16,23-25
Ps 138:1-3,7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday March 3

Ezra 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday March 4

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

How do you deal with temptation? That's the personal challenge given to us by the Word of God on the first Sunday of Lent. And so we begin our journey with Jesus, traveling to the holiest place we can reach at this point in our lives.

This Lent is like no other. Last year, you had different needs, different areas of growth, different levels of insight and understanding. Much has happened since then, and all of it is a preparation for what the Lord is going to do in your life right now.

What victory do you need? What needs to be resurrected? To get there, Jesus will lead you through the cross of penance and self-denial, into his tomb, and out into God's light where his love provides healing and new life.

During Lent – and every time we make sacrifices and connect our sufferings to the Passion of Christ –

we follow Jesus to the cross and to resurrection. This involves seeing our own crosses in a new light, for the Calvary Road is the only way to reach the victories that we yearn to experience.

If we want Easter to be more than just a holiday of colored eggs, chocolate bunnies and big dinners, we have to make Lent more than just 40 days of enduring an annoying, obligatory sacrifice, eating meatless pizza on Fridays, and going to an occasional extra event at church.

If we want to experience the power of resurrection, we have



to experience the power of mourning and repenting from our sinfulness. In other words, we have to experience the powerlessness of death – the death of our selfishness, the death of our worldliness, the death of our behaviors that are not like Christ's.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † In the story from Genesis, what did Adam and Eve need to die to (let go of, put aside, or reject) in order to resist the Original Sin? Why didn't they?
- † In the reading from Romans, we hear about the abundant grace and the gift of justification that Jesus provided to each of us when he died on the cross. How does this grace and justification give us life? In other words, how does God help us to resist sin?
- † Looking at the Gospel passage, what did Jesus have to die to in the desert so that he could say no to temptation?

Lenten Activity:

What can you do this week to die to self? For example, think of a good deed you can do that's the opposite of what your selfishness wants you to do.