

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

March 12, Third Sunday of Lent 1870

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## MASSES FOR March 12 – March 19

### Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

+James Seufert

Justice & Peace

+Poor Souls in Purgatory

+Jana Russell Townsend

### 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, March 12

Wednesday, March 15

Friday, March 17

Sunday, March 19

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, March 20

Wednesday, March 22

Thursday, March 23

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Friday, March 24

Saturday, March 25

Sunday, March 26

Tuesday, March 28

Thursday, March 30

**Lenten Penance Services at Aurora at 4:00 p.m.**

**Lenten Penance Services at Palskifield at 4:00 p.m.**

**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)

**Stations of the Cross: at 7:00 p.m. Lead by Father Matt**

**Collection for Catholic Relief Services**

**Lenten Penance Services at Pierce City at 4:00 p.m.**

**Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Lenten Penance Services at Mt. Vernon at 6:00 p.m.**

**Lenten Penance Services at Shell Knob at 12:00 p.m.**

**Lenten Penance Services at Cassville at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord**

**Lenten Penance Services at Billings at 4:00 p.m.**

**Lenten Penance Services at Monett at 6:30 p.m.**

**Lenten Penance Services at Verona at 6:30 p.m.**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:**

**\$910.00 Mirror \$14.00**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>READERS</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS &amp; USHERS</u>
<u>March 5</u>	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.

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

### Sunday March 12

Ex 17:3-7  
Ps 95:1-2,6-9  
Romans 5:1-2,5-8  
John 4:5-42

### Monday March 13

2 Kings 5:1-15b  
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4  
Luke 4:24-30

### Tuesday March 14

Daniel 3:25,34-43  
Ps 25:4-5ab,6,7bc,8-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

### Wednesday March 15

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9  
Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20  
Matthew 5:17-19

### Thursday March 16

Jeremiah 7:23-28  
Ps 95:1-2,6-9  
Luke 11:14-23

### Friday March 17

Hos 14:2-10  
Ps 81:6c-11ab,14,17  
Mark 12:28-34

### Saturday March 18

Hos 6:1-6  
Ps 51:3-4,18-21ab  
Luke 18:9-14

What do you thirst for? Thirst happens when we lack something vital. Water is essential for survival, and our bodies signal us when it's time to drink fluids to stay healthy.

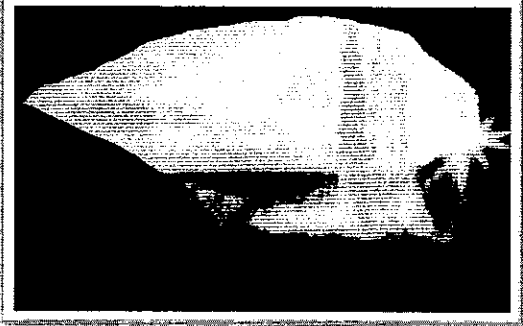
Likewise, water is necessary for our spiritual survival, albeit a different sort of water – the living water, which we first received from the baptismal water that purifies us for eternal life.

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. One of the biblical symbols that represents the presence of God's Spirit is life-giving water. Therefore, we can surmise that Jesus wanted to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman. Why? It would still be a while before the Holy Spirit descended upon everyone at Pentecost.

She needed the truth; the Holy Spirit is Truth, and Jesus wanted to give her what she needed for salvation and then share this new life with the people around her.

We only get thirsty when we haven't had enough to drink. Spiritual thirst shows itself in many forms: addictions, loneliness, despair, frustration, self-indulgence, or any other feeling or behavior that's triggered when we lack something that we need or want. And why would we lack anything spiritually? Because, like the woman at the well, we sometimes fail to realize that Christ is with us. We need to receive a spiritual healing.

How does God give us this healing? He pours his love into us with all sufficiency, but to drink of it, we have to listen openly, like that woman, ready to be changed by the truth.



### Reflect & Discuss:

- † In the first reading, why did a physical thirst turn into a sin? How does this happen today?
- † In Romans 5, grace and hope are mentioned as gifts we receive when we have been “justified by faith” (i.e., when we've repented of our sins and sought forgiveness). How do grace and hope quench our thirsts? How do they help us resist sin?
- † The woman at the well eagerly received what Jesus said. Even though he confronted her about her sins, she drank it all in and then, without shame, excitedly told others about her encounter with the Messiah. What need was filled by the truth? What does this teach about how we can help others hear the truth?

### Lenten Activity:

What sin or unhealthy habit do you need to overcome so that Jesus is free to quench your thirsts? What will you do this week to hand it over to Christ?