

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent 1870

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MASSES FOR March 19 – March 26

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Jana Russell Townsend
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary (Boes) Nissen

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 19

Monday, March 20

Wednesday, March 22

Thursday, March 23

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Friday, March 24

Saturday, March 25

Sunday, March 26

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.

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 a volunteer

Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 28

Thursday, March 30

Friday, March 31

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

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

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YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:

\$1,121.00 Eastern/Central Europe \$100.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

March 5	Sandy Thorn
12	Doug Pickering
19	Cheryl (R) Elbert
26	Kathy Heidlage

Servers

Sterling Elbert
Isaac Chorum
Elsie Chorum
Sterling Elbert

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Kimberly Prince
Eric Prince
Thomas Adamson
Jane Kutz

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God, You call us through our baptism in the Spirit to continue the mission of your beloved Son, Jesus.

Open us to listen attentively for your invitation. Empower us to respond to your call.

Inspire women and men to follow the path of service. Together may we build up the Church to be a vibrant sign of your presence in our world.

We offer this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 19

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
Ps 23:1-6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Monday March 20

JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16
Ps 89:2-5,27,29
Romans 4:13,16-18,22
Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a or
Luke 2:41-51a

Tuesday March 21

Ezra 47:1-9,12
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
John 5:1-16

Wednesday March 22

Isaiah 49:8-15
Ps 145:8-9,13cd-14,17-18
John 5:17-30

Thursday March 23

Ex 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-23
John 5:31-47

Friday March 24

Wisdom 2:1a,12-22
Ps 34:17-21,23
John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday March 25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:11
Ps 40:7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Conversion is a process. The blind man in the Gospel reading exemplifies this journey into faith. Notice that at first he did not go to Jesus. Jesus came to him. The man responded by waiting to see what would happen and then by obeying Jesus.

Conversion begins when Jesus seeks us out and we make ourselves available to his touch. He then opens our eyes to the truth, but we don't immediately understand.

When the man's neighbors asked about his cure, he did not yet understand who Jesus was; he thought of him as just a man.

Then, the pressure of listening to the Pharisees argue about who Jesus was caused him to give it more thought. He concluded that Jesus must be a prophet.

As the Pharisees treated him more roughly and raised the possibility of expelling him from the synagogue if he claimed that Jesus was the Christ, he began to wonder whether it might be true. Their reasons for hating Jesus became the eye-openers that cured his spiritual blindness.

Finally, Jesus sought him out again, this time to minister to him in response to the mistreatment he had suffered from the Pharisees. In this act of caring, the man could see who Jesus really was. Conversion – the purification of our spiritual vision – takes place in the fire of our sufferings as we recognize the concern that God has for us.



Reflect & Discuss:

† In the first reading, God makes it clear that he sees what we cannot see when we're focused on external evidence. Think of a time when you looked deeper or beyond the obvious. How did that change you?

† In Ephesians 5, we read that we have become light in the Lord. Name some of the good fruits that come from the ability to see what Jesus is doing in your life.

† The Gospel reading illustrates that those who think they can see the truth are very often blind, and those who acknowledge their blindness become able to see clearly. Why does this happen? How has it happened to you?

Lenten Activity:

Name areas of your life where there is confusion from a lack of understanding. Perhaps you're having a hard time seeing the good in someone. Maybe you're worried about the future. What will you do this week that will help you see it from God's perspective?