

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent 1870

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MASSES FOR March 26 – April 2

Saint Agnes

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

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

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.

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday, April 2

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 4

Thursday, April 6

Friday, April 7

Rosary for Life at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday Service - 7:00 p.m.

Passion of The Lord (Good Friday) Service - St. Agnes at 3:00 p.m. & St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday – St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Egg Hunt after Mass

Saturday, April 8

Sunday, April 9

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:

\$620.00 Catholic Relief Services \$420.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>READERS</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS & USHERS</u>
April 2	Jane Kutz	Isaac Chorum	Doug Pickering	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert
9	Kathy Eck	Elsie Chorum	Leah Heidlage	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
16	Cheryl (K) Elbert	Sterling Elbert	Charlotte Pickering	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
23	Sandy Thom	Isaac Chorum	Mark Adamson	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES: Bernadine Adamson, Mark Adamson, Robert Campbell, Levi Chorum, Cheryl (R) Elbert, Kevin Feather, Sally Heidlage, Tricia Heidlage, Gideon Ocheltree, Jenifer Ochletree, Steven Schmitt, Janice Sommer, Kylin Wagner & Hunter Williams.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY REMEMBERANCE to Robert Campbell who turns 96 this month! Happy Birthday!!!

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

RECTORY SIDING: that was blown off has been replaced and looks really nice.

SIGN UP SHEETS: for Holy Week are in the back of church if you would like to be a reader or have your feet washed.

5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 26

Ezra 37:12-14

Ps 130:1-8

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

Monday March 27

Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,

33-62 or 13:41c-62

Ps 23:1-6

John 8:1-11

Tuesday March 28

Numbers 21:4-9

Ps 102:2-3,16-21

John 8:21-30

Wednesday March 29

Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95

Daniel 3:52-56

John 8:31-42

Thursday March 30

Genesis 17:3-9

Ps 105:4-9

John 8:51-59

Friday March 31

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Ps 18:2-7

John 10:31-42

Saturday April 1

Ezra 37:21-28

Jeremiah 31:10-13

John 11:45-56

Lent is not about suffering and sacrifice. It's a corridor to new life. Good Friday is not about pain and death. It's the door that Jesus opens to invite us into that new life.

Yes, suffering is part of the Lenten journey (which can be experienced at any time of the year). Yes, Lent includes the sacrifices of fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and extra time in church. But these are just vehicles for the trip.

God uses our sufferings (if we let him) to help us grow in compassion, persistence, and ministry. Our sacrifices teach us discipline (which is discipleship) so that we can purify our will and grow stronger in holiness. But the trip is not the destination.

Lent is all about reaching the resurrection: renewing our faith, entering a new life free of old sins, reconciling damaged relationships, and living in the

Spirit of God more than we ever did before.

Which day is more important to your faith: Good Friday or Easter? That horrid day on Calvary was necessary for Easter, but we are living in the resurrection! Catholics are an Easter people. This means that nothing bad can ever happen to us that will not be transformed into blessings if Jesus is the Lord of our lives.

He proved himself to be the Resurrection and the Life by displaying his power over life and death. Now he wants to prove it again – to you and to all those who are watching.



Reflect & Discuss:

- † We can personalize the first reading by understanding that God will open our graves (whatever is dead inside of us) and will place his Spirit of Life within us. How does the Holy Spirit help us discover healing and hope amidst daily sufferings?
- † In the scripture from Romans, we are reminded again of the Holy Spirit within us. Since the Spirit is alive in you, what affect does this have on your Lenten journey? What is being purified, strengthened, and renewed?
- † In the Gospel, Jesus proves his power over death just before he enters Jerusalem and heads toward Calvary. How does this prove to you that your own sufferings and sacrifices will not lead to permanent disaster?

Lenten Activity:

What needs to be resurrected in your life? What will you do this week to accept the death of what has ended so that you can prepare for the new life that Jesus is preparing for you?