

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO  
November 19, Thirty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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## **MASSES FOR NOV 19 – NOV 26**

### **Saint Agnes**

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Bernard Boes
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	For the Parish Family
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Stanley & Elsie Barchak

### **St. Mary's**

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion
Wed.	8:15 a.m.	Mass
Thurs.	10:30 a.m.	Mass
Fri.	8:15 a.m.	Mass
Sat	4:00 p.m.	Mass
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Mass

## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

Tuesday, November 21	<b>Memorial of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Wednesday, November 22	<b>Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</b>
Thursday, November 23	<b>Thanksgiving Day – Mass St. Agnes 8:30 a.m. &amp; St. Mary's 10:30 a.m.</b>
Friday, November 24	<b>Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</b>
Sunday November 26	<b>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Thursday, November 30	<b>Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle</b>
Sunday, December 3	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:** \$1,252.00 Catholic Charities of Southern MO \$50.00

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Servers</u></b>	<b><u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u></b>	<b><u>Gift Bearers &amp; Ushers</u></b>
<b><u>November 19</u></b>	Cheryl (R) Elbert	Isaac Chorum	Mark Adamson John Heidlage Charlotte Pickering	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
<b><u>November 26</u></b>	Kathy Heidlage	Elsie Chorum	Doug Pickering Patrick Wolfe Cheryl (K) Elbert	Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**Medium/Large boxes** are needed to tote the Outreach gift bags that we will be sacking up in Dec. Please bring to church and leave in the basement. Thank you.

**NOVEMBER 29** - There will be a Mass at 10:00 a.m. with celebrants Father Paul Pudhota and Father Peter Morciniec at Lacoba Homes in Monett. All are welcome to attend.

**CHARITABLE GIVING:** For over a decade now our parish has provided a poinsettia and a Muncy gift card to the housing area by Muncy's during the Christmas season. It has been deeply appreciated. Our parish will continue this gesture again this year.

**DEC.5** - Bag up items for St. Peter's Outreach Christmas bags after 8:30 Mass. All help is appreciated.

**DEC.17** - We will celebrate Fr. Matt's Birthday after the 10:30 Sunday Mass. Meat will be provided but rest of the meal is pot luck so every family is asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. Help with serving and clean up would be appreciated.

**DEC. 19** - After 8:30 Mass we will decorate the church for Christmas. Pastries will be served afterwards.

## 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday November 19

Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Ps 128:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

### Monday November 20

1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63

Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158

Luke 18:35-43

### Tuesday November 21

2 Macabees 6:18-31

Ps 3:2-7

Luke 19:1-10

### Wednesday November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

2 Macabees 7:1,20-31

Ps 17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15

Luke 19:11-28

### Thursday November 23

Thanksgiving Day

Sirach 50:22-24

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Luke 17:11-19

### Friday November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest,

and Companions, Martyrs

1 Macabees 4:36-37,52-59

1 Chr 29:10b-12d

Luke 19:45-48

### Saturday November 25

1 Macabees 6:1-13

Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19

Luke 20:27-40

This Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us not to bury the gifts that God has given us. To do so is to be a "wicked, lazy servant!"

Ouch.

We all have at least one buried talent. There's more we could be doing for the kingdom of God, but we think: "Not me. I'm not gifted enough" or "Someone else can do it better" or "God can't be telling me to do *that*" or "I don't have the time, the financial resources, the know-how, or good enough health".

There's no holy excuse for wasting anything good that God has given us, but sadly it happens quite often, because we don't realize how necessary our talents are for the Church and our joint mission of spreading Christ's influence upon the world.

What's pushing your gifts and talents aside? What's interfering with your usefulness to the

kingdom of God? Now is the time to open wide your potential and release your talents into God's plans!

We are all gifted "enough" to make a difference for God's kingdom, because our abilities come from him. We're his servants, and it's up to him, not us, to decide what we're capable of doing. Even the homebound and the bedridden have a divine purpose that can be accomplished in their

circumstances and sufferings. Often, these precious people are very powerful prayer warriors and have some of the soundest wisdom on earth.



Have you wondered: "If God is so good, why does he allow evil?" The answer is: It's we who allow it! We are the Body of Christ on earth. We are his hands and feet and vocal chords. Jesus wants to make our world more

heavenly; he does it through us.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What good have you done? Hear God assuring you: "Well done, my good and faithful servant! Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you greater responsibilities. Come, share your Master's joy!"
- † What "greater responsibilities" can you say yes to using the gifts that he's provided? What's stopping you from saying yes?
- † How would you recommend, based on your experiences, that Christians invest the gifts of God?
- † How do you identify (a) your giftedness and (b) God's purpose for it?