

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
December 10, Second Sunday of Advent 1870

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MASSES FOR DEC 10 – DEC 17

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Terrence Campbell
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+John & Ann Hailey

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion
Wed.	8:15 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

Sunday, December 10	Advent Penance Service at St. Mary's at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13	Advent Penance Service at Verona at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 14	Advent Penance Service at St. Agnes at 6:00 p.m.
	Region II DCCW Meeting in Billings
Friday, December 15	Advent Penance Service at Cassville at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 17	Advent Penance Service at Billings at 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 19	Advent Penance Service at Monett at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20	Advent Penance Service at Mt. Vernon at 5:00 p.m.

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 1,212.00 Seminar/Retired Clergy \$20.00 Charities of Southern MO \$100.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
December 10 Kathy Eck	Sarah Elbert	Kimberly Prince Eric Prince Jane Kutz	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert
December 17 Kimberly Prince	Isaac Chorum	Thomas Adamson Mark Adamson John Heidlage	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Martin Wagner, Rosemary Boes, Father Peter Morciniec and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 17 - FR. MATT'S BIRTHDAY. We will have a Pot Luck dinner after Mass. MEAT will be provided and we ask all attending to please bring either a vegetable, salad or dessert for the meal. Help in 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.

THANK YOU to all who donated towards St. Peter's Outreach Christmas bags and those people who decorated the bags and/or helped fill them with goodies. Your help is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHONERS WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND A CARD DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Father Peter Morciniec	Loretta Bartkoski	Jim & Veda Perrin	Marie Jasumback
Lacoba Nursing Home	1220 E. Fairview Ave. #602	3078 County Rd 30	3827 S. Summit Ridge Dr
850 US Hwy 60	Carthage, MO 64836	Sarcoxie, MO 64862	Independence, MO 64055
Monett, MO 65708			

Christmas Eve Masses: St. Mary's 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Masses: St. Agnes 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's 12:00 a.m. Midnight
New Year's Eve Masses: St. Agnes 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's 8:30 a.m.
New Year's Day Masses: St. Agnes 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's 10:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Ps 85:8-14

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Monday, December 11

Isaiah 35:1-10

Ps 85:9ab,10-14

Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 214-17 or

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab

Judith 13:18b-19

Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Wednesday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Isaiah 40:25-31

Ps 103:1-4,8,10

Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

Isaiah 41:13-20

Ps 145:1,9-13b

Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 15

Isaiah 48:17-19

Ps 1:1-4,6

Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16

Sirach 48:1-4,9-11

Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16,18-19

Matthew 17:9a,10-13

Reconciliation and create a wider road into your heart that's easy for Jesus to travel, a through-way upon which he can arrive in great speed and glory.

All humankind is as frail as grass, and all our glory is like the flower of the field that withers and wilts. Only the glory of

Prepare for the Lord! – for whatever he wants to give us, do for us, and ask of us. He has a plan for our lives, a divine purpose that will bring us to our full potential.

We can only do this by uniting ourselves to Christ, joining him on the straight path, the holy path. How do we know when we are on the right path? By the fruits of the journey.

Isaiah says: A voice cries out in the desert! What is barren in your life, and dry, hot, or empty? Sins dry up our potential for fruitfulness.

Advent is a good preparation for Christmas – and meeting the Lord anew – if we use it to face our sins, reconcile with God, and follow Jesus back onto the holy path. If we neglect this opportunity, our lives will be barren of the strong faith we need during difficulties.

Prepare the way of the Lord! He has more love to give you, more healing, more joy! Make straight in the wasteland of your sins a highway for our God. Go to the Sacrament of



God stands forever.

What are your troubles and struggles? Here is where Jesus wants to minister to you, and here is where you are most vulnerable to sin.

What in your life is going well? What activities are you doing that seem

productive? Are any of them grassy glories that can wither away? A hundred years from now, will what you're doing today still have an impact – a beneficial impact?

God has given you talents and a calling, a special purpose that requires those talents. Yes, you! We are all called to have fruitful lives that make an eternal difference. Jesus wants to come straight to us to produce the fruits of his kingdom in our lives and in others.

Prepare for the Lord to make an eternal difference through you!

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What are you going to do to straighten a crooked path?
- † What are you spending time on that will wither up and wilt away?
- † How does thinking about eternity straighten the path that you're walking on today? What changes because of this perspective?