

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
December 3, First Sunday of Advent 1870

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MASSES FOR DEC 3 – DEC 10

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Mary Lenore Droska
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday	10:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Terrence Campbell

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion
Wed.	8:15 a.m. Mass
Fri.	8:15 a.m. Mass
	7:00 p.m. Mass
Sat	4:00 p.m. Mass
Sun.	8:30 a.m. Mass

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

Advent Penance Service at Aurora at 4:00 p.m.

Rosary for Life at 8:00 a.m.

Advent Penance Service at St. Peter & Paul at Pulaskifield at 6 p.m..

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Day of Obligation Mass- St. Agnes 10:00 a.m. & St. Mary's - 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Advent Penance Service at St. Mary's at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5

Wednesday, December 6

Thursday, December 7

Friday, December 8

Sunday, December 10

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, December 13

Thursday, December 14

Friday, December 15

Sunday, December 17

Tuesday, December 19

Wednesday, December 20

Advent Penance Service at Verona at 6:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service at St. Agnes at 6:00

Advent Penance Service at Cassville at 6:30 p.m.

Advent Penance Service at Billings at 4:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service at Monett at 6:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service at Mt. Vernon at 5:00 p.m.

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$960.25

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers

Servers

Extra Ordinary Min.

Gift Bearers & Ushers

December 3 Jane Kutz

Sterling Elbert

Dennis Heidlage
Leah Heidlage
Maria Wagner

James Campbell & Doug Pickering

December 10 Kathy Eck

Sarah Elbert

Kimberly Prince
Eric Prince
Jane Kutz

Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert

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.

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

CHURCH CALENDARS: are in the back of church.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: is selling cinnamon rolls for a fund raiser. There are forms in the back of church. Orders are due by December 7. If you can't get your money there by then, call me and I will take care of it for you!

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7
Ps 80:2-4,15-16,18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

Monday, December 4

Isaiah 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-9
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5

Isaiah 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-6
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bp, Dr
Isaiah 26:1-6
Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a
Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception
Genesis 3:9-15,20
Ps 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9

Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
Ps 147:1-6
Matthew 9:35 – 10:1,5a,6-8

As we prepare for Christmas, of course we're thinking about how to show fondness and appreciation to the special people in our lives by choosing gifts that will be meaningful to them. And yet, assuming that we can actually find (or make) something that will be appreciated, will the gift really make a difference in the long run?

Since Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, let's give him a gift, too – a long-lasting gift. But what can we give to someone who already has everything? Or does he?

What gift can you give to Jesus that will have an eternal impact, a gift that no one else can give him, a gift he doesn't already have? Here's the answer: What have you been withholding from him?

Today's first reading reminds us that God is our Father. The responsorial Psalm asks the Father to help us turn to him. The second reading gives thanks to God for all that he has done for us. So – what gift can you give to God to express your appreciation for what he has given to you?

this Christmas. And it's about the way he is coming to you right now, today.

There's something new that he wants to give you. When he offers it, will he find you doing what's right (as in the first reading)? Will he find you using your spiritual gifts (as in the second reading)? Will he find you alert and ready to do his bidding (as in the Gospel reading)?



Advent is an opportunity to take notice of the gifts he gives us and become aware of the gifts we can give to him that he doesn't already have. It should make an eternal difference – for him *and* for us.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † List the gifts that God has given to you. Then think about how much appreciation you have given to God for the gifts on that list. Do you know how much he appreciates your appreciation?
- † Name ways that Jesus comes to us today.
- † What will you do this Advent to become more aware of Jesus coming to you?
- † How will this make you more ready for Christmas?

In the Gospel reading, we're reminded of the need to prepare – to actually do something that makes a difference – for the coming of Christ. This not only refers to his Second Coming; it's also about the day when he comes for us as we breathe our last earthly breaths. And it's about the way he wants to come to you