

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO  
December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent 1870

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## **MASSES FOR DEC 24 – DEC 31**

### Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+ Bernard Boes
Monday	10:30 a.m.	Parish Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Parish Family

### St. Mary's

Sun.	8:30 a.m. Mass
	6:00 p.m. Mass
Mon.	12:00 a.m. Midnight
Wed.	No Mass
Fri.	8:15 a.m. Mass
Sat	4:00 p.m. Mass
Sun.	8:30 a.m. Mass

### EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 25  
Tuesday, December 26

Thursday, December 28  
Sunday, December 31

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 1

Tuesday, January 2  
Thursday, January 4  
Friday, January 5

**Christmas Mass at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Feast of Saint Stephen, The First Martyr, Apostle and Evangelist**  
**No Mass**  
**Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
**Feast of The Holy Family St. Agnes 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's 8:30 a.m.**

**Solemnity of the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
**New Year's Day Masses: St. Agnes at 8:30 and Mass at St. Mary's 10:30**  
**Memorial of Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors**  
**Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**  
**Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 1,188.00 Catholic Charities of Southern Mo \$200.00**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>December 24</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers &amp; Ushers</u>
	Cheryl (K) Elbert	Elsie Chorum	Charlotte Pickering Doug Pickering Patrick Wolfe	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
<b><u>December 25</u></b>	Sandy Thorn	Sterling Elbert	Cheryl (K) Elbert Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

**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.**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S: Father Matt Rehrauer Anthony Adamson, Rosemary Boes, Margaret Calentine, Pamela Campbell, Rosella Curtis, Cheryl (K) Elbert, Zoe Hedge, Chris Feather, Anthony Adamson & Dale Wolfe.**

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

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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Sunday, December 24

2 Sam 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16  
Ps 89:2-5,27,29  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

### Monday, December 25

#### Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Ps 98:1-6  
Hebrews 1:1-6  
John 1:1-18

### Tuesday, December 26

#### St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Ps 31:3c-4,6,8ab,16bc,17  
Matthew 10:17-22

### Wednesday, December 27

#### St. John, Apostle

1 John 1:1-4  
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12  
John 20:1a,2-8

### Thursday, December 28

#### Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 John 1:5 - 2:2  
Ps 124:2-5,7b-8  
Matthew 2:13-18

### Friday, December 29

1 John 2:3-11  
Ps 96:1-3,5b-6  
Luke 2:22-35

### Saturday, December 30

1 John 2:12-17  
Ps 96:7-10  
Luke 2:36-40

Today's Gospel shows us how the mission of Christ affected the Virgin Mary even before Jesus became human through her.

However, that is not when his salvation plan began. Jesus is God; he has always existed. His salvation plan impacted Mary in the moment of her own conception.

In the Nicene Creed we say that God "came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." In other words, his Spirit bathed Mary in his pure, holy presence. Even though she could not understand how the Messiah could possibly be conceived within her, by the grace of God's Spirit she could know that God was the one who was asking for it and God was the one who was doing it.

All of us are called by God to carry the presence of Christ and birth him more fully into the world. What are you doing about it? How much are you fulfilling your divine destiny? Remember, he always empowers us to accomplish whatever he asks us to do. God knows what he's doing when he calls us to continue what

Mary began, and he is always trustworthy and dependable. There is nothing to fear, no reason to hold back from fulfilling our true destiny.

Everything that God does is always good, even when his plan



for our mission requires a journey through the cross. If we follow Christ, sooner or later we hang with him on the cross, persecuted for our faith.

With this in mind, when he asks us to do something for his kingdom, of course our answer is yes, right?

Why wouldn't it be? Of course we want to cooperate with his plan. Mary shows us that we can say yes to his plan even when we don't understand it nor see how God could possibly do what he says he'll do.

It's normal to feel inadequate, like he cannot fulfill his plan *through us*, because we know we are weak, sinful, and unqualified. Don't trust your feelings about it; trust God!

#### Reflect & Discuss:

- † When was the last time you said to God, "But how can this be? You want me to do WHAT? I don't understand why!" What were you afraid of?
- † How strong was your trust in God?
- † When God chooses you for a task or responsibility, what helps you move from uncertainty or confusion or reluctance into saying "yes"?
- † When the plans of God don't make sense or they seem unpleasant, how do you overcome your reluctance?