

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

January 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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MASSES FOR JAN 28 – FEB 4

Saint Agnes

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| Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | +Joe & Katie Boman |
| Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. | Justice & Peace |
| Thursday | 8:30 a.m. | +Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | +Martin Wagner |

St. Mary's

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| Monday | 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, January 28

Wednesday, January 31

Friday, February 2

Special Collection for the Church in Latin America

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, February 5

Tuesday, February 6

Saturday, February 10

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Rosary for Life at 8:00 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 481.00 Catholic Education Asst. \$275.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers

Servers

Extra Ordinary Min.

Gift Bearers & Ushers

January 28

Cheryl (R) Elbert Sarah Elbert

Leah Heidlage
Maria Wagner
Kimberly Prince

Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage

February 4

Kathy Heidlage Isaac Chorum

Eric Prince
Jane Kutz
Thomas Adamson

Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

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

THANK YOU: to Father Matt, circle A for serving a wonder dinner, to our wonderful choir and servers and to all who brought food and helped serve and clean up at the Martin Wagner funeral dinner. We are blessed by your willingness to support our family during this time.

THANK YOU for all the great help we had putting away the Christmas decorations.

Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the Soup & Chili Dinner to celebrate St. Agnes' Feast Day. Thank you to those who stayed and helped clean up!

THANK YOU to Father Matt for providing spiritual guidance to us and for his friendship, to the ladies who teach the Catholic faith to our youth, to our organist and choir for filling our church with lovely music, to our parish council members who play an active role in our parish and help maintain it, to the PCCW for providing meals for parish gatherings and in times of sorrow and for cleaning the church, to the cemetery committee who keep the cemetery records and the lawn looking lovely, to the ladies that clean the altar linens and provide beautiful flowers for the altars. Thank you to everyone who contributes their time, talents and monetary donations to our parish. We are truly blessed!! May you all have a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 28

Dt 18:15-20
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

Monday, January 29

2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13
Ps 3:2-7
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30

2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,
24-25a,30 – 19:3
Ps 86:1-6
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2,9-17
Ps 32:1-2,5-7
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1

1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12
1 Chr 29:10-11b,11d-12d
Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4
Ps 24:7-10
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40

Saturday, February 3

1 Kgs 3:4-13
Ps 119:9-14
Mk 6:30-34

This Sunday's Gospel reading illustrates the authority of Jesus. If we truly accept and understand his authority over our lives, we can rejoice in the Lord even when life hands us hardships.

Why? Because we know that Christ's authority is supreme, which means that everything we've placed under his authority will produce good fruits. Even bad situations will be transformed into blessings. Tragedies will be changed into triumphs. Sorrows will be transfigured into joy. Frustrations will lay the groundwork for new growth, new knowledge, and a greater ability to minister to others.

However, if we reject Christ's authority by acting as if we're the ones in charge, deciding for ourselves how to end a problem or how and when to escape from a hardship, our problems will only get worse. This is called "moral relativism." Pope Francis wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Gospel of Joy (*Evangeli Gaudium*, paragraph 64) that this leads to a feeling of disorientation instead of joy.



cross with Jesus.

There are no successful shortcuts to the triumphant victory that awaits us. There is no easy way to overcome evil. If this were not true, Jesus wouldn't have needed to die on a cross.

The good news – the reason why we can rejoice – is that the most loving, most powerful, most wise One in the universe is using his supreme authority on our behalf. The question is: Will we submit to it?

Reflect & Discuss:

- † In what ways are you still rejecting Christ's authority by trying to do things your own way? Which Church teachings have you been rejecting because you've decided to live by your own rules?
- † Are you willing to ask the Holy Spirit to change your mind on these matters and teach you the value of Christ's ways?
- † In what ways do Christians often reject Christ's authority in favor of defining their own rules? Why?
- † What are the apparent risks to living completely under Christ's strict authority?
- † How can we replace these risks with a sense of safety?

The path to joy has been forged by the footsteps of Jesus. To benefit from his authority over evil and over human sufferings, we have to follow his example and obey his teachings. This means choosing to trust him, realizing that his ways are the best ways even when they're unpleasant ways. It means that we're willing to reach resurrection glory by going through the