

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

January 7, The Epiphany Of The Lord 1870

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## MASSES FOR JAN 7 – JAN 14

### Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Terrance Campbell
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Bernard Boes

### St. Mary's

Monday	8:15 a.m. Roasry & 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:

Monday, January 8

Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$1,480.00 Seminary for Retired Clergy \$325.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers &amp; Ushers</u>
<u>January 7</u>	Sally Heidlage	Isaac Chorum	Jane Kutz Thomas Adamson Mark Adamson	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
<u>January 14</u>	Debbie Heidlage	Elsie Chorum	John Heidlage Charlotte Pickering Doug Pickering	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert

**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 everyone who helped in preparing the basement for the funeral, helped prepare the meal, served it and cleaned up. Your help was greatly appreciated. Special thank you to those not on Circle A who helped us out. The meal received many compliments. **THANK YOU**, thank you!  
Special thank you to the person who fixed the kitchen light switch so we weren't in the dark!

**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR JAN:** Kathy Heidlage, Tricia Heidlage, Sally Heidlage, Jamie Welters  
Just as a reminder there is a cleaning list in the back of church.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S:** Thomas Adamson, Brenda Campbell, Jared Campbell, John Campbell, Kathy Eck, John Jennett, Lawrence Katzfey, Deloris Nimsick, Michael Nimsick, & Bryan Wagner.

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTER:** If you would like a copy of your contributions for the 2023 year, please print your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

## A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion.  
Be close to our president and our statesmen: give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world.  
Make me more deeply aware of my heritage: realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen. Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen.

## Epiphany of the Lord

### Sunday, January 7

Is 60:1-6  
Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13  
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6  
Mt 2:1-12

### Monday, January 8

#### Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9  
Is 12:2-3,4b-6  
Mk 1:7-11

### Tuesday, January 9

1 Sm 1:9-20  
1 Sm 2:1,4-8d  
Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday, January 10

1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20  
Ps 40:2,5,7-10  
Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday, January 11

1 Sm 4:1-11  
Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25  
Mk 1:40-45

### Friday, January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a  
Ps 89:16-19  
Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday, January 13

1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1  
Ps 21:2-7  
Mk 2:13-17

The Season of Christmas ends with a celebration that focuses on the adoration of magi from the East who had sought and found Christ the newborn king.

The Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Also called astrologers, their worship of Jesus does not validate astrology, which assigns power over us to stars and planets; rather, it validates that

Jesus was born to bring salvation to all, Gentiles as well as Jews. Their arrival at the manger demonstrates that Jesus was born for the sake of all who recognize that only God should have power over us. Jesus was born to free us from sin and all other forces that control us.

The magi also demonstrate that gift-giving is a normal part of worship. The gifts of the magi become gifts that we all give to Jesus: Gold represents our righteousness, which Christ's kingship over our lives makes possible so that we become more and more saintly each day. Incense represents our prayers going up to

God – prayers that involve giving God the gift of our trust. And myrrh is the gift of suffering for Christ: the sacrifices we make for the sake of his ongoing mission of transforming our world.

The word "epiphany" means a moment of discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Did the magi have an epiphany about Jesus when they came into his presence? Did they realize that they were looking at the Savior of the world? Did they want this little baby to save them from their own sins?



We can safely assume that they never forgot about their trip to Bethlehem. Surely they kept their ears open for news about him as the years went by. Probably they heard about the King of the Jews who was crucified.

We know that they in fact became very saintly Christians; their relics still exist and have been venerated since very early times.

What about you and me? Will we remember Jesus in some new way this year? Will our worship of him transform us? Will the power of sin be defeated by our faith in Christ when we face temptations?

Hopefully, we have been changed this Advent and Christmas Season by a new rebirth of Jesus into our lives and – through our lives – out into the world.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What's the gold you're giving to Jesus? What is your incense? What is your myrrh?
- † Describe an epiphany you have had during this past Advent and the Season of Christmas.
- † How will you take this out to others so that they, too, experience Christ more completely?