

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

February 18, First Sunday of Lent 1870

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MASSES FOR FEB 18 – FEB 25

Saint Agnes

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

St. Mary's

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:

Thursday, February 22
Friday, February 23

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
Stations of the Cross at St. Agnes at 7:00 p.m. lead by Father Matt St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m. lead by a volunteer. Day of abstinence from meat on all Lenten Fridays
Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. Adults \$10.00 Kids \$5.00 (Ages 6 – 12) 5 & under Free
Collection for Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Sunday, February 25

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 1

Stations of the Cross at St. Agnes at 7:00 p.m. lead by a volunteer. St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m. lead by Father Matt. Day of abstinence from meat on all Lenten Fridays
Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. Adults \$10.00 and Kids 6 and under \$5.00

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 1018.00 The Mirror \$245.00 Latin America \$50.00 Catholic Ed. Asst. \$200.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
<u>February 18</u>	Kathy Eck	Sterling Elbert	Doug Pickering Patrick Wolfe Cheryl (K) Elbert	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
<u>February 25</u>	Kimberly Prince	Sarah Elbert	Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage Maria Wagner	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, Brenda (Wroblewski) Buchannon, Maura Sparks, Loretta Graskemper and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

FEB 20, TUESDAY, PCCW MEETING after 6:30p.m. Mass. Discussion of quarterly projects, Spring Assembly, Reception for 1st Communicants and Graduate.

Games: Debbie Heidlage, Linda Russell, Jean Wagner, Rosalee Wolf
Refreshments: Sandy Thorn, Lenore Wagner and Maria Wagner

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Lasagna Dinner and to those who attended and helped clean up afterwards. A special thank you to Kathy Eck for going and picking up all the food for this wonderful dinner!

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 18

Gn 9:8-15
Ps 25:4-9
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

Monday, February 19

Lv 19:1-2,11-18
Ps 19:8-10,15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20

Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7,16-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21

Jon 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22

Chair of Peter, Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4
Ps 23:1-3a,4-6
Mt 16:13-19

Friday, February 23

Ez 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24

Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Today's Gospel reading shows us the first thing that Jesus did after his baptismal anointing in the Jordan River: He wrestled with temptation.

His baptism had marked the moment of his complete surrender to the Father's will. As he arose from the water, he began a new life of ministry.

The Father responded by telling him that he was very pleased, and the Holy Spirit filled his humanness. Jesus as God already had the Holy Spirit (he and the Spirit were the same God), but Jesus the fully human Son now came fully alive in the Spirit. We can imagine how this experience in the Jordan River gave him the feeling of an elated spiritual high. And the next thing that happens is an attack of the devil.

The same pattern repeats itself in our lives. As soon as we experience new growth in our faith, or a new calling to do the Father's will, we run smack into a situation that tests the strength and sincerity of our faith. However, if this didn't happen, how would we find out that we've spiritually matured? How would we know that we are ready to make a significant difference for the kingdom of God?

Sometimes without consciously thinking it, we decide that if we're going to be tested and we might lose, wouldn't it be better not to start something new? Well, that's another temptation!

Lent is the perfect time to examine the temptations that we



face every day and turn them into new growth that will strengthen our faith.

Every time we face a sin and seek God's forgiveness, we become stronger. And if we take

it a step farther by walking into the confessional with it, we also receive powerful graces directly from Jesus, through the priest, that will render temptations much more powerless.

And this makes us more useful to God in the mission of conquering evil in the world and helping his kingdom spread into the lives of the people around us.

Think of temptations as blessings in disguise: Use them as opportunities to become more like Jesus and grow powerful in the faith.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How well do you recognize temptation?
- † How quickly do you rely on the faith that God has given you to say no to the devil's tricks?
- † Describe a time when you experienced a spiritual high and then faced a strong temptation. How did you handle it?
- † What role did (or will) Jesus play in overcoming this temptation?