

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO  
March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent 1870

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## **MASSES FOR MARCH 17 – MARCH 24**

### **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.	+John & Agnes Gremling

### **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:**

Sunday, March 17	Lenten Penance Services at St. Joseph in Billings at 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19	Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, March 22	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 and Kids 6 and under \$5.00

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Thursday, March 28	Holy Thursday at St. Agnes at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 29	Good Friday – Passion of the Lord, St. Agnes at 3:00 p.m. St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 30	Holy Saturday – St. Mary's 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:** \$1088.00 The Mirror \$15.00 Catholic Relief Services \$365.00

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Servers</u></b>	<b><u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u></b>	<b><u>Gift Bearers &amp; Ushers</u></b>
<b><u>March 17</u></b>	Amber Wilson	Sterling Elbert	Charlotte Pickering Doug Pickering Patrick Wolfe	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
<b><u>March 24</u></b>	Sally Heidlage	Sarah Elbert	Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage Maria Wagner	Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell

**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, Patrick Wolfe and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**ANY PARISHONER** is welcome to drop by the church and pray since there is a key available.

**THANK YOU;** notes from The Lafayette House & Life Choices to the PCCW for their donations are in the back of church.

**MARCH BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES:** Bernadine Adamson, Mark Adamson, Robert Campbell, Levi Chorum, Cheryl (R) Elbert, Kevin Feather, Sally Heidlage, Tricia Heidlage, Gideon Ocheltree, Jenifer Ochletree, Steven Schmitt, Janice Sommer, Kylin Wagner & Hunter Williams.

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY REMEMBERANCE** to Bernadine Adamson who turns 90. A very special Happy Birthday!!

**MARCH CHURCH CLEANERS** : Marilyn Adamson. Sandy Thorn, Donna Adamson, Jessica Chorum

**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR READINGS FOR HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY ARE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Sunday, March 17

Jer 31:31-34  
Ps 51:3-4,12-15  
Heb 5:7-9  
Jn 12:20-33

### Monday, March 18

Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62  
or 13:41c-62  
Ps 23:1-6  
Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday, March 19

**St. Joseph, Husband of Mary**  
2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16  
Ps 89:2-5,27,29  
Rom 4:13,16-18,22  
Mt 1:16,18-21,24a  
or Lk 2:41-51a

### Wednesday, March 20

Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95  
Dn 3:52-56  
Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday, March 21

Gn 17:3-9  
Ps 105:4-9  
Jn 8:51-59

### Friday, March 22

Jer 20:10-13  
Ps 18:2-7  
Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday, March 23

Ez 37:21-28  
Jer 31:10-12d,13  
Jn 11:45-56

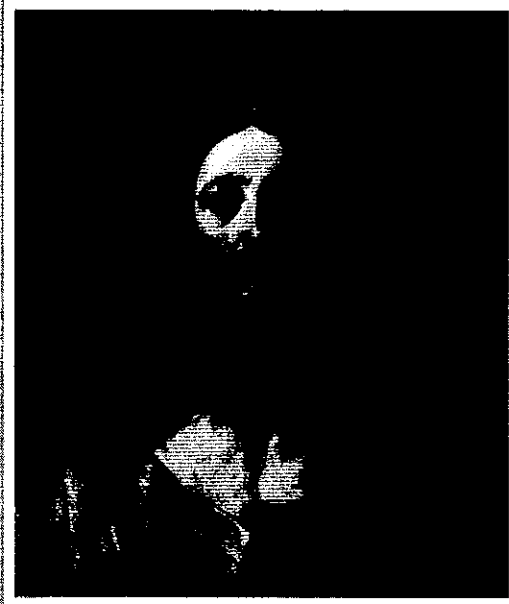
To be a Christian is to follow Christ, be like Christ, serve as Christ, love as Christ, suffer and die as Christ, and ultimately rise as Christ. During his public ministry, Jesus told his disciples from the start that anyone who wished to be a follower of his must renounce himself and take up his cross every day to follow him.

As "his hour" drew nearer and the Holy Will of his Heavenly Father was just around the corner, Jesus once again told his disciples in no uncertain terms that to follow him would mean to take up their own crosses and be willing to suffer and die for the love of others. Jesus challenged his disciples to live lives of selfless service to others then, and his challenge continues for us now.

What a beautiful image Jesus gave us of the grain of wheat! According to the Catechism, "The grain of wheat points to the Holy Eucharist in which the Sacrifice of Christ becomes really present. As we die to ourselves in union with him, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we

become other Christs." (CCC 2731)

As we submit our hearts to the Lord and give our lives as disciples of Christ, every one of us is called in many ways to share in the joys and sorrows of Christ. Just as at different seasons of our lives we are given different crosses to bear, we are also called to different ways to serve others. When we serve others, Christ works in us and through us. We can be Jesus to those he puts in our paths to help.



We can see Jesus in those we serve.

Sometimes it is easier than other times, but we must remember that Jesus is reflected in us when we are serving. Sometimes God uses our acts of faith and charity to break open seeds in other souls as well.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What has had to die in your life for you to draw closer to Christ?
- † Thinking of a cross you have carried in the past, how has your faith grown since it has lifted?
- † What is the heaviest cross you are being asked to bear right now?
- † How have you seen the face of Jesus in those you serve?
- † What are ways that have helped you the most to bear your crosses as Jesus bore his?