

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
March 3, Third Sunday of Lent 1870

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MASSES FOR MARCH 3 – MARCH 10

Saint Agnes

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

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:

Tuesday, March 5
Thursday, March 7
Friday, March 8

Rosary for Life at 8:00 a.m.
Lenten Penance Services at Holy Family in Shell Knob at 1 p.m.
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
Lenten Penance Services at St. Mary's in Pierce City at 4 p.m.
Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Sunday, March 10

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 13
Thursday, March 14
Friday, March 15

Lenten Penance Services at St. Suzanne in Mt. Vernon at 6 p.m.
Lenten Penance Services at St. Agnes in Sarcoxie at 6:30 p.m.
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
Lenten Penance Services at St. Joseph in Billings at 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 17

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 1105.00 The Mirror \$91.00 Eastern & Central Europe \$300.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
<u>March 3</u> Cheryl (K) Elbert	Isaac Chorum	Kimberly Prince Eric Prince Jane Kutz	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
<u>March 10</u> Sandy Thorn	Elsie Chorum	Thomas Adamson Mark Adamson John Heidlage	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Rosemary Boes, Father Peter Morciniec, Brenda (Wrobleski) Buchannon, Maura Sparks, Loretta Graskemper, Patrick Wolfe and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S: Isaac Chorum, Sarah Elbert, Tom Heidlage, Janet Jennett, Jared Jennett, Leroy Kutz, Paul Mettlach, Lillian Prince, Michael Schwartz, Amber Wilson & Ron Wagner.

FEBRUARY CHURCH CLEANERS: Marilyn Henderson, Margie Calentine, Kathy Eck, Pam Campbell, Brenda Schmitt

ST. AGNES' PCCW has been asked to provide a raffle basket for the April 19th & 20th DCCW State Annual Assembly Conference. We are asking all Parish women to donate \$5.00 worth of lottery tickets (or more if able) for the basket. Tickets need to be collected before March 31st at the latest. You can give them to any of our PCCW officers, Kathy Eck, Kathy Heidledge, and Sandy Thorn, or Brenda Schmitt. For more information, you can contact Brenda Schmitt at (417)529-1372. We appreciate anything you can contribute. There is a flyer in the back of church.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 3

Ex 20:1-17
Ps 19:8-11
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

Monday, March 4

2 Kgs 5:1-15b
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 5

Dn 3:25,34-43
Ps 25:4-5b,6,7b-9
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6

Dt 4:1,5-9
Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7

Jer 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 8

Hos 14:2-10
Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9

Hos 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4,18-21b
Lk 18:9-14

Jesus strongly reacted in Jerusalem when He drove out the money changers in the Temple. Remembering the psalm from Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me," imagine the disciples witnessing their beloved leader's assertive rampage of the temple that day. He was chasing away all that wasn't right and holy in the sanctuary of God. Jesus' righteous anger and firm actions were a clear sign from the beginning of His ministry that He would fiercely protect God's house, His truths, and teachings. He was serious about His mission to teach us to know God, to love Him, and to serve Him. Jesus showed us we could trust Him to keep us on the right path to heaven.

Just as Jesus was consumed with zeal for the Father's house in the Jerusalem Temple, He is also serious about His pursuit and protection of our souls, the temple of the Holy Spirit. He wants to keep us on track to our goal of heaven. Jesus suffered

and died for our sins and then resurrected from the dead so that we may have the hope of everlasting life in heaven.

If something or someone is blocking our relationship with God, making us less loving and less willing to sacrifice our selfish desires, Jesus will send the Holy Spirit to help us surrender our hearts to His Holy Will. He will pursue us with zealous passion; all we need to do is be open, listen, and follow Him. Jesus' passionate invitation and promise of heaven are there in front of us, but we must decide to answer His call, make our path straight, follow His Way to heaven, and lead others to join us.



A consistent prayer life, studying Sacred Scripture, participation in the Mass, and frequent reception of the Sacraments, along with love and service to others, are sure ways to cooperate with God's grace and strengthen our virtue and sanctity. This will surely lead to a zealous life for God and will likely draw others to Christ, too.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What do you need to drive out of your life to help you stay on the sure-footed path of God's Holy Will?
- † In what ways are you ready to commit your life and total trust more fully to the Lord?
- † How has someone else's zeal for Christ drawn you closer in your own walk with Christ?
- † How are you showing zeal for Christ through the living example of your relationships and life?