

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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Nov. 17, Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 1870

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## MASSES FOR NOV.17 – NOV 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.	+Loretta Bartkoski

### St. Mary's

Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion
Wed.	8:15 a.m.	
Fri	8:15 a.m.	
Sat	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, November 17  
Tuesday, November 19  
Thursday, November 21  
Friday, November 22  
Sunday, November 24

**All School Mass**  
**Filling Bags for Outreach**  
**Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**  
**Collection for Catholic Charities of Southern MO**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, November 28  
Saturday, November 30

**Thanksgiving Day Masses: St. Agnes 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's 10:30 a.m.**  
**Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:** \$1284.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
<b>Nov. 17</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>All School Mass</b>

### Extra Ordinary Min.

Mark Adamson  
John Heidlage  
Charlotte Pickering

### Gift Bearers & Ushers

Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage

**Nov 24** Leah Heidlage Sterling Elbert

Doug Pickering  
Patrick Wolfe  
Cheryl (K) Elbert

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, Brenda (Wroblewski) Buchannon, Maura Sparks, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**ROSARY:** weekly before the Sunday mass. Please come early and join in.

**PCCW** will be collecting Large cans of fruit and vegetables for St. Peter's Outreach during the months of October and November.

**NOVEMBER 19:** We Will be filling bags for Outreach participants to receive on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Help to fill the bags would be appreciated .If anyone would like to help hand that out on the 25<sup>th</sup> please let Kathy know.

**BISHOP EMERITUS JOHN J. LEIBRECHT** 40th Episcopal Anniversary. Join us as we celebrate on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 St. Agnes Cathedral, 533 S. Jefferson Ave. Springfield, Missouri 65806 | Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** dinner was a big success. We made &1700.63. Donations \$600.00, Raffle \$799.00, Bingo \$207.38, Fish Pond \$35.25, Meat Sales \$59.00. Thank you to everyone!!

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S:** Marilyn Adamson, Rhoda Elbert, Marilyn Henderson, Allyson Darrow & Gregory Summer.

What a week!! We had a great guest speaker this past week. Peggy Painter came with her homing pigeons and explained how these birds find their way home. We were then allowed to release the birds and watch them fly. Check out Facebook for pictures.

Also, if you have a need for a dove release for your special event, give Peggy a call at I Dove the Ozarks (417) 209-6180. Thanks Peggy!! Please remember Ms. Lanetta's classes are collecting canned and nonperishable food items for St. Suzanne's food pantry. This food drive involves the entire school and is a yearlong service project. I urge a big push next week to bring in these items so families in need can have a good Thanksgiving. We will not have an All-School Mass in December, but I am happy to announce that in January we will have an All-Parish Children's Mass. This Mass will include St. Mary's students and PSR students. More details to come. School will be in session Monday, November 25 th . Thanksgiving Break will be Wednesday, November 27 th through Monday December 3 rd . Have a great week and God Bless!  
Susan Salsman

## Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024: Dn 12:1-3 | Ps 16:5,8-11 (1)  
| Heb 10:11-14,18 | Mk 13:24-32

Do you have an unending problem? Where's Jesus? In today's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks of his Second Coming. And here he hasn't even finished his first coming! How confusing it must have been to the disciples.

They grew even more confused after Jesus ascended to heaven but delayed coming back. They remembered him saying that "this generation" will not pass away until all these Second Coming events have taken place, yet time passed, the apostles began to die off, and Jesus still had not returned. The misery of living in this world continued.

Think of your own unending problem. Don't you wish Jesus would hurry up with his Second Coming and destroy all evil? Notice what Jesus said: "When you see these things happening, know that I am near, at the gates." He didn't pin down a date.

So what was he trying to convey? His nearness!

For the past 2,000+ years, we have all been part of "this generation" that will not pass away before his Second Coming. It's the generation of Christian humanity, the Body of Christ on Earth in the form of Church community, the generation of children who have been adopted by God the Father through the sacrifice and resurrection of God the Son.

The final era ("last days") of salvation began on the first Pentecost and will continue until the Second Coming of Christ. It is the age of the Holy Spirit; Christ's earthly ministry is continued through us empowered by his Spirit.

The lesson in the fig tree is that we can discern when summer is near. In other words, we can discern – in good times and in bad – that Jesus is near to us in his Holy Spirit.

Jesus is right now at "the gate" of your next step on the journey to heaven. A gate is meant to be opened so that we can pass through it. Jesus is opening the gate right now

for you – the gate of holiness, the gate of love. Step through it to live in the fullness of the mission he has planned for you here on earth.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What problems are you waiting to be rescued from? Is Jesus really taking too long, or does he have a bigger, better plan?
- † What will you do to become more aware of his nearness, his comfort, his joy and peace to help you endure the long wait?
- † What are the signs that the Church gives us that help us discern the nearness of Christ?
- † What other "fig trees" has Jesus given to you that increase your hope and patience and endurance?

