

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

Dec. 15 Third Sunday of Advent

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## **MASSES FOR DEC 15 – DEC. 22**

### **Saint Agnes**

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Birthday Celebration for Father Matt
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Bernice Wagner

### **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, December 15

**Dinner for Father Matt's Birthday after Mass  
Advent Penance Service at Pierce City at 4:00 p.m.**

Monday, December 16

**Advent Penance Service at Verona at 6:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, December 17

**Decorate Church for Christmas after mass  
Advent Penance Service at Billings at 6:00 p.m.**

Sunday, December 22

**Father Matt's Birthday  
Advent Penance Service at Sarcoxie at 6:00 p.m.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wednesday, December 25

**The Nativity of the Lord**

Thursday, December 26

**Feast of Saint Stephen, The First Martyr No Mass**

Friday, December 27

**Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Saturday, December 28

**Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$575.00**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Readers**

**Dec. 15** Kathy Heidlage

### **Servers**

Sarah Elbert

### **Extra Ordinary Min.**

Kimberly Prince

Eric Prince

Jane Kutz

### **Gift Bearers & Ushers**

Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert

**Dec. 22** Jane Kutz

Isaac Chorum

Mark Adamson

John Heidlage

Charlotte Pickering

Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

**Dec. 25** Kathy Eck

Elsie Chorum

Doug Pickering

Patrick Wolfe

Cheryl (K) Elbert

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, Bernadine Adamson and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**CELEBRATING FATHER MATT'S BIRTHDAY:** after mass on Sunday, Dec. 15. Meat and potatoes provided potluck otherwise. Please bring either a salad, vegetable or dessert.

**MEETING ON DECEMBER 17:** in the St. Agnes church basement at 7 p.m. to discuss the influx of chicken houses south of the church. Over 40 houses are currently scheduled to be built within a 2 mile radius. Please come and voice your concerns and thoughts.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHONERS WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND A CARD DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

Father Peer Morciniec Lacoba Nursing Home 850 US Hwy 60 Monett, MO 65708	Jim & Veda Perrin 3078 County Rd. 30 Sarcoxie, MO 64862	Marie Jasumback 3827 S. Summit Ridge Dr. Independence, MO 64055	Rosemary Boes 115 Village Road Neosho, MO 64850	Rosella Curtis 1608 S. Fort Ave Springfield, MO 65807
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Dorothy Katzfey 2440 Unicorn Rd Sarcoxie, MO 64862	Paul & Margie Mettlach 28066 Aspen Rd Sarcoxie, MO 64862	Delores Nimsick 2863 Vixen Rd Sarcoxie, MO 4862
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**Christmas Eve Masses:** St. Mary's 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day Masses:** St. Mary's 12:00 a.m. Midnight St. Agnes 10:30 a.m.

**New Year's Eve Vigil:** St. Mary's 6:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day Masses:** St. Agnes 10:00 a.m.

**NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**

One more week until Christmas Break! The days are rushing past us at warp speed. Please check our upcoming events for all that is coming your way. We are advertising for a new teacher (7 th -8 th ) for next school year. This could be a part-time or full-time position depending on the candidate. Please see Mrs. Salsman for details. We will be accepting applications at the St. Mary's School office. Next Friday, Dec.20 th , we will dismiss at 1pm. There will be no buses or afterschool on Friday, Dec 20 th . The Twelve Days of Christmas we have left are: Tuesday, Dec.17 th - Elf Day- Got pointy ears and pointy shoes? Wear them on this day to show you are Santa's little helper! Wednesday, Dec.18 th - Christmas in July- Hawaiian shirts, surfing shorts, etc. It may be cold outside, but dress for July (all clothing must meet dress code standards.) Thursday Dec 19 th - Christmas Tree Day- Add some ornaments to your clothing or tinsel yourself up. Look like a festive Christmas tree. Friday, Dec. 20 th - Christmas Hat Day- Put on a hat that best symbolizes the Christmas spirit.

**Good News Reflection**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2024

**Pray:** Beloved Lord, may doing good become a daily practice for me, sustained and guided by Your Spirit of Love. Amen.

**Year C**  
Zep 3:14-18a  
Is 12:2-6  
Phil 4:4-7  
Lk 3:10-18

**Experiencing Joy as a Ministry**

The Third Sunday of Advent focuses our attention on the spirit of joyfulness, because this is an essential mark of true faith. All the readings are full of joy and the thrill of happy expectation.

In the Gospel reading, John the Baptizer preaches good news to the people, and they are filled with joyful anticipation for whatever God is about to do.

Do you know that joy is a ministry? It's an important way to share the faith. We all have a calling to do this ministry wherever there is misery and hopelessness.

Let's look at how John fulfilled this ministry of joy. We might think he was anything but joyful in his robe of scratchy camels hair and his fiery sermons about repenting from sin. But look closer. His ministry prepared people's hearts to receive Jesus.

Having faith means trusting God which means resting in hope which produces joy. When you or someone you know is lacking joy, it's because Jesus has not yet been invited fully into the situation that's been stealing the joy. It might be too early in the grieving process, which is healthy and normal, or it might be a lack of faith, which needs nurturing.

The ability to experience the joy of faith comes from turning to the love of God and receiving his comfort in the midst of hardships. It also arises from getting to know the joyful side of Jesus and the joyful purposes behind all of his teachings.

Jesus preached going the extra mile, loving our enemies, and doing good to those who cause us hardships, none of which is fun. What we need to discover and then share with others is that holy living, although not always fun, is what unites us to the joyful love of Jesus and the joyful purposes of everything he preached.

Remember, even going to the cross produces joyful results.