

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

Dec. 1, First Sunday of Advent

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MASSES FOR DEC 1 – DEC. 8

Saint Agnes

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

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:

Tuesday, December 3

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Rosary for Life at 8:10 a.m.

Saturday, December 7

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Dr. of the Church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 9

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

DCCW Region II Meeting at St. Suzanne's in Mt. Vernon

Friday, December 13

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday, December 14

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor

Tuesday, December 17

Decorate Church for Christmas after mass

Father Matt's Birthday

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$536.00 Catholic Charities of So. MO \$495.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers

Dec. 1 Doug Pickering

Servers

Elsie Chorum

Extra Ordinary Min.

Doug Pickering

Patrick Wolfe

Cheryl (K) Elbert

Dennis Heidlage

Leah Heidlage

María Wagner

Doug Pickering

Patrick Wolfe

Cheryl (K) Elbert

Gift Bearers & Ushers

Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell

Dec. 8 Cheryl (R) Elbert

Sterling Elbert

James Campbell & Doug Pickering

Dec. 25 Kathy Eck

Elsie Chorum

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

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

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.

THANK YOU to the group who bagged the food for the Outreach. The people at the Outreach were impressed with the bags' contents.

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.

Good News Reflection

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Pray: Lord Jesus, awaken our hearts to Your presence in the Eucharist. Strengthen our faith to embrace hope and victory over life's trials. As we journey through Advent, help us to live joyfully, trusting in Your love and guidance, and sharing Your light with others. Amen.

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Jer 33:14-16

Ps 25:4-5,8-10, 14 (1b)

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Faith the Gives Hope and Victory

Today's world needs Christians who truly understand that faith gives us hope and victory in the midst of any and all difficulties.

Taking this even further, today's world needs Catholics who truly understand that going to Mass means having faith in miracles – especially the miraculous transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Are you changed by the presence of Christ in the Eucharist? If so, then after you exit the church, others see evidence of this faith – right?

There's a difference between "knowing" the truths of our faith and authentically living these truths.

What prayer requests have you made in which you're still waiting for God to provide his help? When you offer them to Jesus during the prayers of Mass, do you feel the hopefulness that comes from faith?

During the consecration of the Eucharist, if we do not have faith in God's ability to change bread and wine into Christ – an ability that does not rely on how holy the priest is – we won't have faith to recognize that Jesus is ministering to us in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks of his Second Coming, but we can also relate it to our daily lives today. We all have new tribulations looming in the future, unknown and unpredictable. That's life on earth! And Jesus wants to help us through them. Faith in this gives us hope and victory.

However, when our focus is on our troubles instead of on Christ, we are not living in faith. Jesus warned us about our hearts becoming spiritually drowsy. This is when we lose faith. We forget to remain centered in Christ. We neglect to listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.