

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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January 12 Baptism of the Lord 1870

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## **MASSES FOR JAN 12 – JAN 19**

### **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. Mass  
Fri. 8:15 a.m. Mass  
Sat 4:00 p.m. Mass  
Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass

## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Sunday, January 12 **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**  
Sunday, January 12 **Rosary Before Mass**  
Friday, January 17 **Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot**  
Sunday, January 19 **St. Agnes Feast Day**  
Sunday, January 19 **Rosary Before Mass**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tuesday January 21 **Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**  
Friday, January 24 **Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor**  
Saturday, January 25 **Feast of Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**  
Sunday, January 26 **Church in Latin America Collection**  
Sunday, January 26 **Rosary Before Mass**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$390.00 Catholic Education Assistance \$2448.00**

## **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>Jan 12</u></b>	Sandy Thorn	Isaac Chorum	Mark Adamson John Heidlage Charlotte Pickering	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
<b><u>Jan. 19</u></b>	Amber Wilson	Elsie Chorum	Doug Pickering Patrick Wolfe Cheryl (K) Elber	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert

**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.

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTER:** If you would like a copy of your contributions for the 2024 year, please print your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church

**ST AGNES FEAST DAY**(Jan. 21) will be celebrated on Sunday, Jan. 19 after mass with a Soup and Chili Dinner. So far, these ladies have volunteered to bring .Soup: Donna, Cheryl, Charlotte and Kathy E. Chili: Cheryl(Ray) and Linda. If anyone else would care to volunteer please call Kathy (434-4575 Families not bringing soup/chili are asked to bring fruit or veggie trays, cheese/crackers or a dessert or something to compliment the meal. Donna volunteered to bring hot dogs again which are much appreciated especially by the young folk.

Good News Reflection for  
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
January 12, 2025



Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)  
Ps 29:1-4, 9-11 (or Ps 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30)  
Acts 10:34-38 (or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### **What are you waiting for?**

This Sunday's readings are full of expectation. What are *you* waiting for? How do you need God to come and rescue you from injustices, or deliver you from evil, or comfort you as you wait for loved ones to turn their hearts back to God? What guidance have you been seeking while feeling confused and uncertain?

Do you feel Christ's gift of peace within you as you wait expectantly? Or do you feel frustrated, worried, and impatient?

In the Gospel reading, we see John the Baptizer's congregation filled with expectancy because they hoped that he was their finally-arrived Messiah. Yearning for God to intervene against injustices, foreign oppression, and sin, they latched onto the fiery enthusiasm of John and his baptism of repentance.

God, however, had something much better in mind, more complete. The real Messiah would baptize with the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit. Whereas John could only call people to repentance, the real Messiah would empower them to grow in holiness by giving them his own Spirit of holiness.

When Jesus submitted himself to John's baptism, it was not because he needed to repent; he was sinless. He was uniting himself to *our* need for repentance, thus starting his ministry of delivering us from evil and eventually take our sins to the cross.

In Christian baptism, we are immersed into the holiness of Jesus as well as his ministry, his priesthood, his prophetic sharing of the Good News, his servant leadership, and yes, his sufferings for the benefit of the salvation of others. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do as Jesus did, and the Father says, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased!"

What do you expect? What do you think should happen in your daily life because of your baptism? Expectation is a good attitude — unless it's based on impatience, which usually leads to disappointment. Expectation that's based on the goodness of God and what *he* wants for us is the attitude that brings us joy, greater faith, and even miracles.