

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

January 19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES FOR JAN 19 – JAN 26

Saint Agnes

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

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 19

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Tuesday January 21

Friday, January 24

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26

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St. Agnes Feast Day

Rosary Before Mass

Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor

Feast of Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Church in Latin America Collection

Rosary Before Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, January 31

Sunday, February 2

Tuesday, February 4

Wednesday, February 5

Thursday, February 6

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord, Anointing of the Sick

Rosary For Life at 8:00

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyr

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$1,635.00

Catholic Education Assistance \$545.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers

Jan. 19 Amber Wilson

Servers

Elsie Chorum

Extra Ordinary Min.

Doug Pickering
Patrick Wolfe
Cheryl (K) Elbert

Gift Bearers & Ushers

Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert

Jan. 26 Sally Heidlage

Sterling Elbert

Dennis Heidlage
Leah Heidlage
Maria Wagner

Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

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

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

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Do you know someone who would love to teach in a Catholic school where we are ENCOURAGED to talk about our faith and spread the good news? St Mary's School of Pierce City is advertising for a new teacher for 7 th and 8 th grades for next school year. This could be a part-time or full-time position depending on the candidate. Full-Time candidates will be expected to teach science (5 th -8 th), social studies (7 th - 8 th), English/ language arts (7 th -8 th), and religion. Part-time candidates will be expected to teach English/ language arts (7 th -8 th) and religion (7 th -8 th). Other arrangements (part-time or full-time) could be made for the right candidate. Candidates for this position should exemplify Christian values, be self-motivated, a team-player, and be able to take direction when needed. You can email our office at susan.salsman@stmarys-piercecity.org for inquiries about this position. Please see Mrs. Salsman for details. We will be accepting applications at the St. Mary's School office. We are also in need of a volunteer who would be open to occasionally substituting for Mrs. Witt in computer class. This is a once-a-week class. Lessons would be prepared for the substitute ahead of time. If you are interested in helping out, please call the school at 417-476-2824 or email at susan.salsman@stmarys-piercecity.org. Shoot-out Fundraiser update- Students have chosen the charity they will be fundraising for which is... The USO. Since 1941 the USO has worked to make sure active military and their families are cared for. They have set up centers in active war zones to help troops communicate with their loved ones stateside, and have a long tradition of entertaining the troops abroad. This charity has been vetted for its work, transparency on how funds are spent, and the amount of every dollar donated that is spent on veterans or military and their families.

Good News Reflection for
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2025

Isaiah 62:1-5
Ps 96:1-3, 7-10
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

How to handle conflicts without sinning

The Gospel story this Sunday gives us a good example of how to handle conflicts without sinning.

Mary sees a need and wants Jesus to do something about it. She knows full well that only a miraculous intervention will solve the problem. She wants the divine in him to respond to her request, but the human nature of Jesus responds first: He doesn't want to reveal his divinity with this kind of miracle. He's eager to heal souls, not empty wine jars.

"Woman, how does your concern affect me?" he says. "My hour has not yet come." This is like saying, "I respect your request, holy Daughter of Eve, but think about how a miracle in this situation would affect the ministry I'm about to start! People will come to me for party favors and other earthly pleasures, but I want to give them eternal salvation."

We Catholics like to use this scripture as faith-building evidence of the Blessed Mother's ability to help us. We see her in this story as a mother who can get for us whatever we want from Jesus, because she can make him change his mind. Jesus told her no, but the conflict was resolved her way. Mary won, Jesus lost.

Isn't this how we view conflicts? It's not resolved until someone's a winner and someone else is a loser. Therefore, when we make requests of God and he doesn't give us what we want, we feel like we're the loser, so we pray harder, trying to make God become the loser. And when that doesn't work, we ask the Blessed Mother to side with us and influence her Son against his will.

But God wants us to be the winner from the start! He always wants what's best for us. Mary knew this when she told the wine stewards, "Do whatever my Son tells you."

Conflicts are not inherently bad. Conflicts become sacred opportunities for wonderful solutions when we entrust them to God. Mary trusted that Jesus cared about the people at the party. Jesus trusted that the Father cared about both the people and his ministry. It was a win-win situation. Questions for Personal Reflection: How do you feel when you lose an argument? How hard do you work at making the other person lose? Will you trust God to take good care of you — even if you feel like a loser?