

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## MASSES FOR FEB 9 – FEB 16

### 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. +Robert Campbell

### 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:

February 10

**Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

February 14

**Memorial of Saints Cyril, Mark, and Methodius, Bishop**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 22

**Feast of The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$593.00 Church in Latin America \$65.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Readers

### Servers

### Extra Ordinary Min.

### Gift Bearers & Ushers

**Feb. 9** Leah Heidlage Isaac Chorum Mark Adamson Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz  
John Heidlage  
Charlotte Pickering

**Feb. 16** Doug Pickering Elsie Chorum Doug Pickering Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell  
Patrick Wolfe  
Cheryl (K) 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, Lenore Wagner and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

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

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S:** Isaac Chorum, Sarah Elbert, Tom Heidlage, Janet Jennett, Jared Jennett, Leroy Kutz, Paul Mettlach, Lillian Prince, Michael Schwartz, Amber Wilson & Ron Wagner.

**FEBRUARY CHURCH CLEANERS:** Marilyn Henderson, Margie Calentine, Kathy Eck, Pam Campbell, Brenda Schmitt

## A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion.

Be close to our president and our statesmen: give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world.

Make me more deeply aware of my heritage: realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen.

Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen.

Good News Reflection for  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 9, 2025



Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8  
Ps 138:1-5, 7-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

### **The big picture**

Very often, the Lord gives us help even when we don't ask for it. We see this in what he did for Simon Peter, James and John in this Sunday's Gospel reading, when he provided a great catch of fish for them.

What's his motive? Was he rewarding these fishermen for lending him one of their boats? Do you think he does good things for you as a reward?

Well, it's not a reward. There's a bigger picture.

Note the pattern of Christ's interaction with us as illustrated by this Gospel story:

1. First, the fishermen already know Jesus; they call him "Master" because he's a master teacher and they are his students.
2. Second, Jesus helps them in an unexpected way.
3. Third, Jesus turns the gift into a calling.
4. Fourth, the disciples give up everything that could interfere with answering the call.

Whenever God intervenes in our lives, he does it to benefit us and others. We belong to a community, God's family; we are not in relationship with God as isolated individuals. By connecting ourselves to God in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in worship, we are connecting ourselves to everyone else and to his concerns for them.

Our prayers for help are never answered only for our sake. God always sees a bigger picture. And he always cares about everyone who's affected.

If it seems like God isn't responding to your pleas, it's because he's working on a bigger plan. He's coordinating how the answer to your prayers will help others — many others.

God cares very much about your personal needs and desires, but he cares about everyone else, too, whether they ask for his help or not. And he is turning your needs into a calling, a ministry designed specifically for you. This means that the moment you begin asking for help, you are called by God to share his help with others.