

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent 1870

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MASSES FOR MARCH 30 – APRIL 6

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. + Robert Campbell Birthday Remembrance
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:

Thursday, April 3

Stations of the Cross lead by a volunteer at 8:00 a.m.

Day of Abstinence

Fish Fry at St. Mary's 5-7 p.m. Adults \$10 Kids 5 (ages 6-12) 5 & under Free. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, April 6

Lenten Penance Service at St. Mary's at 5:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, April 10

Lenten Penance Service at St. Agnes at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 11

Stations of the Cross led by Father Matt at 7:00 p.m.

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YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$1336.00 Eastern & Central Europe \$100.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers

Servers

Extra Ordinary Min.

Gift Bearers & Usher

March 30 Cheryl (K) Elbert

Sarah Elbert

Kimberly Prince
Eric Prince
Jane Kutz

Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell

April 6 Sandy Thorn

Isaac Chorum

Mark Adamson
John Heidlage
Charlotte Pickering

James Campbell & Doug Pickering

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, Lenore Wagner, Ozelle Hendricks and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish..

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

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Home and School Fish Fry- Home and School will be hosting the final fish fry of the year on April 11. If you want to help, I will be sending out a remind a little closer to the event once we see when and where we need people. If this is your Home and School circle, your circle leader will be contacting you to put you on the work list. Please remember that Home and School does a lot of work for the school. We need help from everyone to make these events and fundraisers work. The funds raised go to help all of the students and teachers at St. Mary's.

We need help prepping, cooking, and serving. We have two work shifts available: 4:30-6:15 and 6:15-8:00. Please call or text Brittany Washam at 737-2009 to sign up.

Good News Reflection for
4th Sunday of Lent
March 30, 2025

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Ps 34:2-7
2 Cor 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Why we are worthy of love

Who is worthy to receive the love and unconditional forgiveness of God? During every Mass, we pray, "Lord, I am not worthy... but say the Word and my soul shall be healed." Jesus illustrates in this Sunday's Gospel reading that we are all worthy, but not because of what we do — rather, it's because of what Jesus *did* do: He died on the cross to take our sins into death so that we can rise up with him in the perpetual Easter experience of unity with God.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, it's not what the son did that made his return home acceptable. It's not his repentance that made him worthy of receiving his father's love. It's what the father did. He loved his child. Unconditionally. He loved him even while he was far away, even while he was straying in a sinful lifestyle.

The dad's unconditional, faithful love was his gift to the son even while the son was rejecting it.

The gift that the son gave to his dad upon his return home was an open heart to receive the love that had always been available.

During every Mass, we come to church as prodigal children. It doesn't matter that we think we've been good Christians all week long. In some way or other, we have turned our backs on God's full, unconditional, faithful love. This is why we always start Mass acknowledging that we have sinned. Let's take this opportunity very seriously!

Next, we listen to the Word that heals our broken relationships with God. The homily should always be carefully planned to enhance this, but if it's not, Jesus is nonetheless speaking to you through his Holy Spirit; listen in your heart. Jesus, who is the Word made flesh, has already begun to respond to your presence at Mass.

In the Offertory, we offer ourselves to the Father; it's our moment of surrender: "I no longer deserve to be called your child, so do with me as you will." What God wills is for us to be restored to a fully loving, give-and-take relationship with him and his family. And thus, in the grandest moment of the Liturgy, we receive the Eucharist as a gift of unity with God and with his whole family, the Church. (Those who cannot receive the Communion of the Host and Cup are graced with a Spiritual Communion.)

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what ways do you feel like a prodigal child? Do you feel separated from God to any degree? What sins do you need to confess so that you can turn around and head back home? Your Father is waiting with open arms!