

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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March 9, First Sunday of Lent      1870

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## **MASSES FOR MARCH 9 – MARCH 16**

### Saint Agnes

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| Sunday   | 10:30 a.m. | +Lawrence Katzfey        |
| 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

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| 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, Mar. 13

**Region II DCCW meeting** at Sts. Peter and Paul in Pulaskifield. Registration at 9:30 with Mass at 10. Speaker will be from the Rapha House speaking on child trafficking

Friday, March 14

#### **Day of Abstinence**

**Stations of the Cross at St. Agnes at 7:00 p.m. lead by a Father Matt.**

**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

Friday, March 14

**Lenten penance Service at Verona at 6:00 p.m.**

Sunday, March 16

**Lenten Penance Service at Aurora at 5:30 p.m.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 19

**Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thursday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 20

**Lenten Penance Service at Mt. Vernon at 6:00 p.m.**

Friday, March 21

**Lenten Penance Service at Monett at 6:30 p.m.**

Friday, March 21

#### **Day of Abstinence**

**No Stations of the Cross**

**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, March 23

**Lenten Penance Service at Billings at 4:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, Mar. 25

**PCCW meeting** after 6pm Mass. Games: Kathy Heidlage, Marilyn Henderson, Jessica Wagner, Tricia Heidlage Refreshments: Brenda Schmitt, Jane Kutz, Leah Heidlage

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:    \$ 768.00    Mirror \$14.00    Catholic Relief Services \$20.00**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

| <u>Readers</u>                   | <u>Servers</u> | <u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>                           | <u>Gift Bearers &amp; Ushers</u> |
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| <b><u>March 9</u></b> Jane Kutz  | Isaac Chorum   | Mark Adamson<br>John Heidlage<br>Charlotte Pickering | Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt       |
| <b><u>March 16</u></b> Kathy Eck | Elsie Chorum   | Doug Pickering<br>Patrick Wolfe<br>Cheryl (K) Elbert | 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 (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.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SPRING ASSEMBLY** will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Springfield on Fri, Apr. 25-Sat., Apr. 26. There are registration forms on the table in the back of church if you are interested in going. They usually have excellent speakers. If you wish to go just Friday that is an option for \$50 which includes the evening banquet and entertainment. Region II is responsible for greeting the other regions and directing them to proper rooms for the assembly. (At this time I intend to go for Friday if anyone is interested in riding with me - you do need to preregister).

### **NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**

Last weekend we had a wonderful time at the Home and School Family Dance. Delicious food, great music, and somewhat questionable dance skills were experienced. We are considering making this an annual tradition. Preschool and pre-k registration has begun for parishioners and current preschool students and goes through Feb. 26 th and then it opens to surrounding parishes as well. March 15 th will open general registration for any other available spots that are still open. There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit that holds your child's spot. Please come to the office for registration forms. Make up days from our snow absences will be March 17, April 21, and May19.

**\*\*HELP WANTED\*\*** St. Mary's is in need of a school cafeteria cook for next school year. Please call Shelly at the church office at 476-2827 or Susan Salsman at 476-2824. Hours are from 8-2 Tuesday-Friday. We will also be looking for cafeteria volunteers to help as well. VIRTUS training is required.

Additionally, we will need some help next year in first and second grade to assist during class and teach religion. This is a part-time position on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-12. We need a Catholic for this position as it will involve instruction for first communion. This is a paid or volunteer position. P.E. is needing a new teacher for next year as well. This position is only one day a week from 12-3pm. This is a volunteer position. Anyone wanting to help would need to undergo Virtus Child Safety training online.

**\*\*\*Exciting News\*\*\* MORE MOSCHOLARS NEWS\*\*\*\*** We will be having a MOScholars /Bright Futures Fund information session on March 16 th after Mass. Come for the donuts, stay for the info! Will be reviewing the procedures and eligibility requirements for the Bright Futures Scholarships. We will also be going over how you can donate to this fund that helps students attend Catholic schools. The scholarship, if awarded, will pay 100% of the tuition cost for the student. Don't like doing stuff online? We can help you get through the process for student registration and tax credit donation. We are adding more information in your folders this week and to our bulletin.\*\*\* April 11- 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.

### **Good News Reflection First Sunday of Lent March 9, 2025**

**Union with Christ** Jesus' life is our life if we're sincere about our faith. We unite ourselves to him by receiving his body and blood in the Eucharist. We meet him in the scriptures and walk with him on the path to heaven. During Lent, the readings that the Church provides for Sunday and daily Mass will help us with this journey if we listen with an ear that recognizes our personal connections to Christ. In this Sunday's Gospel passage, we journey with Jesus into the desert. Consider your own struggles with temptation; reflect on how sin makes your life feel barren and dry like a desert. When we walk with Jesus, we unite ourselves to his struggle with the devil and to his victory over the devil. Our temptations become his temptations, and in our efforts to remain united to him, we reject Satan and choose the life of holiness. The Church helps us do this by giving us ways during Lent to improve our self-discipline and conquer the self-centeredness that makes us vulnerable to sin: fasting and abstinence, alms-giving, reconciliation services, faith formation events, reading materials, and more. Every meal and meat that we give up for Lent, every sin that we confess in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, every sacrifice of time that we make to add more prayer and spiritual reading to our daily life, and every other Lenten activity is a practice of self-denial that unites us to Jesus in the desert. Jesus fasted from food and other physical comforts during his battle with the devil, and this strategy strengthened him and prepared him for the ministry that came afterward. This is what Lent should be for us, too. Satan is not someone to fear. Jesus already defeated all demons on our behalf, first in the desert and then on the cross. Our battle is really only against temptation and our personal weaknesses that make us vulnerable to succumbing to sin. We don't always want to follow Jesus. This is what we must surrender to God during Lent. Then Easter will be far more meaningful, because we will emerge from Lent much stronger in our faith.