

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent 1870

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## MASSES FOR APRIL 6 – APRIL 13

### Saint Agnes

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

### 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, April 6  
Tuesday, April 7  
Thursday, April 10  
Friday, April 11

**Lenten Penance Service at St. Mary's at 4:00 p.m.**

**Rosary For Life at 8:00 a.m.**

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

**Stations of the Cross led by Father Matt at 7:00 p.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 St. Mary's Home & School**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Sunday, April 13

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, April 17  
Friday, April 18  
Saturday, April 19

**Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service at 3:00 p.m. St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m.**

**Holy Saturday Mass at St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m.**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$1022.00 Catholic Relief Services \$570.00 Mirror \$14.00**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers &amp; Usher</u>
<b><u>April 6</u></b>	Sandy Thorn	Isaac Chorum	Mark Adamson John Heidlage Charlotte Pickering	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
<b><u>April 13</u></b>	Amber Wilson	Elsie Chorum	Doug Pickering Patrick Wolfe Cheryl (K) Elbert	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 (Wroblewski) Buchannon, Maura Sparks, Bernadine Adamson, Lenore Wagner, Ozrelle 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.

**THANK YOU** to Brenda Schmitt for volunteering to be vice-president of the PCCW. PCCW will be cleaning the furnace room on Apr. 8 after the Tuesday 8:30 Mass. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you, Kathy

**APRIL CHURCH CLEANERS:** Leah Heidlage, Kimberly Prince, Jessica Wagner

**APRIL BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES:** Michael Bartkoski, Helen Campbell, Jessica Chorum, Jillian Curtis, Monta Heidlage, Margaret Mettlach, Charlotte Pickering, Eric Prince, Kimberly Prince, Maria Wagner, & Jax Welters

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

It was a great week at St. Mary's. Things don't always go according to our plans, but they do go according to God's plans. Fifth graders headed out for our retreat in Carthage on Wednesday. We got as far as Sarcoxie when weather reports came in that serve weather was headed our way. We turned the bus around and came back to have a 5th grade retreat here. We had a bit of fun with ice-breaker activities to start. We then read about the crucifixion of Jesus from the Gospel of John, and discussed the suffering Jesus endured to make salvation possible for us all. We said the rosary and all-in-all took time to get closer to the Lord.

News from preschool and pre-K!! Ms. Lanetta's classes and the entire school has been hard at work this year collecting food for St. Susanne's Food Pantry. So far this year, Ms. Lanetta has delivered over 10 carloads (seats and truck included) of food to the pantry. Thank you to Ms. Lanetta and all the St. Mary's students and families that have made this a rousing success! Let's finish strong!! Make up days from our snow absences will be April 21 and May 19.

**\*\*HELP WANTED\*\***

St. Mary's needs 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.

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.

Good News Reflection for  
5th Sunday of Lent  
April 6, 2025

Isaiah 43:16-21

Ps 126:1-6

Phil 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

**Christ's compassion** This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us a good example of how to treat someone who is, as Jesus says elsewhere in scripture (Matthew 25) "the least of these." The recipient of Christ's compassion in this story was considered to be unworthy of life itself. She was first of all a woman, which in her society meant she was inferior to men. She was a sinner and deserved punishment. She was one single person facing a condemning crowd alone. How much more of a "least" one could anyone be?

When have you felt alone and insignificant? Perhaps you've faced a condemning crowd. Then again, have you ever treated others as if they're not important? Yes, none of us can cast the first stone.

There are many in the Church who feel forgotten and neglected. We all know some of them. Their loneliness is usually hidden from us, and if we're busy with many important responsibilities, seeking them out and giving them attention feels too overwhelming. Their needs become too insignificant to warrant the expense of our time, the development of parish resources, and the sacrifice of our personal comfort.

Divorced Catholics often feel condemned, and many who could be receiving Communion stay away because they've been misinformed about the Church's rules, and no one is reaching out to lead them back.

And although the Church has been focusing on stopping the abuse of children, often the sin of homosexual activities between "consenting" adults and the lustful or abusive grooming of easily influenced adults is ignored, because they are dismissed as "less vulnerable" — they are of least concern.

Identifying the least among us and reaching out to them is a good Lenten exercise — but only if the intention is to make it a year-round habit.