

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
April 24, 2022 Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy

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MASSES FOR April 24 – MAY 1

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Sharon Wolfe
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Special Intention

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary Service
Wed.	8:15 a.m.	
Fri.	8:15 a.m.	
Sat	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, April 24	Special Collection – Catholic Home Mission Appeal
Monday, April 25	Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist
Friday, April 29	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Sunday, May 1	DDF Campaign

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, May 2	Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday, May 3	Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles
Tuesday, May 3	Rosary at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 8	Fr. Matt will celebrate his 30th Anniversary of Ordination
	Mother's Day

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$1,698.00 Holy Land \$260.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>May</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>READERS</u>
	8	Doug Pickering
	15	Cheryl (R) Elbert
	22	Kathy Heidlage
	29	Jane Kutz
		Kathy Eck

MONEY COUNTERS

Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
James Campbell & Doug Pickering
Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Louise Bellm, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

DDF: The Annual Diocesan Development Fund appeal will be held on May 1, 2022. This effort is conducted in every parish of the diocese to help finance the activities and ministries of the Catholic Church in Southern Missouri. Our parish goal is \$9,590.00. We ask you to keep the DDF campaign in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Elsie Chorum, who made her 1st Communion at St. Mary's on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

ANGELS AMONG US: Dear Friends, As we look toward the end of this school year, it is time for our special annual fundraiser called "Angels Among Us." We truly believe that St. Mary's School has *many angels* that are here for us in so many ways! Last year we had an amazing response! Because of everyone's generosity with this fundraiser, we raised over \$25,000 dollars! For everyone who donates \$10 or more, their names will be posted on angels and placed in the gym. For those who donate \$400 or more, they will also get their names engraved on a metal "leaf" and placed on our Giving/Endowment tree in the school's hallway. Donations may be made in the memory of a loved one. Please make a note telling us whose name you want on the angel and/or leaf. The fundraiser ends on May 13. The profits from this fundraiser will go directly to help the school. If you would like to make a donation to St. Mary's School, you may contact the office or mail it to the school at the following address. If it is not possible to give at this time, then we ask that if you please remember us in your prayers. If you know of any alumni who do not live locally and do not get our newsletter, but would like to, please contact the office. Thank you and may God bless you!

Attn: Angels
202 Front Street
Pierce City, MO 65723

Your friends in Christ,
Jason Kramer (Principal)
Sally Heidlage (Chairperson)

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16
Ps 118:1-4,13-15,22-24
Rev 1:9-13,17-19
John 20:19-31

Monday April 25
St. Mark, Evangelist
1 Peter 5:5b-14
Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17
Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday April 26
Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93:1-2,5
John 3:7b-15

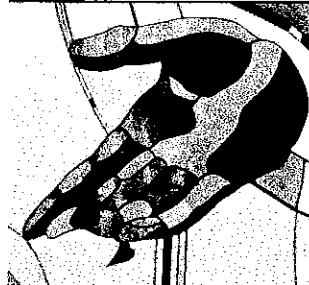
Wednesday April 27
Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9
John 3:16-21

Thursday April 28
Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2,9,17-18,19-20
John 3:31-36

Friday April 29
St. Catherine of Siena
Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27:1,4,13-14
John 6:1-15

Saturday April 30
Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
John 6:16-21

The Gospel reading sets the stage for Pentecost. Prior to giving us the full gift of his Spirit, Jesus provides the gift of peace, the gift of his heart. A supernatural gift, it penetrates deep into our own hearts. It is the calming presence of Christ when we face challenges and difficulties.



Jesus bestowed it upon his first apostles twice in the same meeting shortly after his resurrection. Then he gave them the life-breath of God, the Holy Spirit, and commissioned them with the priesthood of forgiving the sins of others – another gift that brings peace.

This gift of peace has been distributed by Jesus ever since, through the ordained priesthood in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And to hold us steady in our efforts to remain holy, Jesus gives us the breath of God. This breath,

this life-sustaining presence of God's Spirit, which created the world and keeps us spiritually alive, is the Holy Spirit – God's holiness activating us and dwelling within us.

Whatever is not holy – not of the Spirit – is sinful and destructive. Jesus, who is the embodiment of Divine Mercy, died on the cross and gave us his Spirit so that we could live in the forgiveness of God.

When you pray the "Our Father", do it slowly and intentionally. During the words, "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us," think of people who have irritated you or hurt you without remorse. Consciously forgive them.

Otherwise, your unforgiveness could affect their eternal souls as well as your own, because you're denying them an opportunity to understand God's forgiveness through your example, and you're denying God the opportunity to forgive you for your sin of unforgiveness.

Forgiveness doesn't mean approving of the sin nor forgetting. It means letting go of the desire to retaliate. It means choosing to love whether it's deserved or not. It means entering anew into Christ's gift of peace.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who in your life is hardest to forgive? Perhaps yourself! What sins are you retaining by refusing to accept that God has already made his forgiveness available? What are you going to do to let go of the unforgiveness?
2. Name a situation that illustrates the resurrection power of forgiveness. How did the Holy Spirit help make forgiveness easier?
3. What changed when forgiveness was given? How did this bring the kingdom of God to earth?

SCHOOL UPDATE

It's hard to believe that this school year is coming to a close. Even with all of the snow days and still dealing with the pandemic, it has been a fantastic year! All of the families were still given the option of in-person or virtual learning. Almost all of the families chose the in-person learning option. It was great to have the students back in the classroom full time!

We are now able to reinstate many of our special events and activities. The middle and upper grades have been involved in several contests. These include spelling, history, religion, math, science, and geography bees. They will also take place in our Writer's Guild which involves other schools in our Diocese. Everyone is excited that we will be taking field trips again this spring. The preschool and prekindergarten will attend the Missouri Institute of Natural Science. Our kindergarten went to Roaring River. First and second grades will be attending the Country Roads Family Fun Farm. Third and fourth graders are excited about going to the Wonders of Wildlife. The fifth through eighth graders will visit the Dickerson Park Zoo for Star Wars Day.

This year some after school programs have been implemented. These include Art Club, Book Club, and Choir for Mass.

Along with learning ABC's and 123's, the preschool and pre-kindergarten have been busy doing a free community library station, a coat drive, collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and collecting tabs for Danielle Cares (free wheelchairs for children).

The kindergarten class has been a full year of growth. At this time the students are beginning to read stories and write sentences. There are days that the class will walk across the bridge for recess and play ball. This is a fun time for the students to

work together as a team and practice playing the way God wants us to do. One day they decided to work together to clean up a center more quickly. It worked. The teacher was sure to praise the class for working together! There are days that they have class outside.

Our first and second graders have been focusing hard on reading and math skills. Along with this, they have completed some special projects this year. A couple of their favorite activities were to learn about dinosaurs and make a model of their favorite one. They also had the opportunity to design and make their own musical instruments while learning about sound.

The third and fourth grade students have researched and created models of habitats, planets, animals, and organ systems. They also enjoy several novel studies, including: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis, *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White, and *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardiner.

The fifth and sixth graders have been focusing on improving their vocabulary. Each morning they have enjoyed learning Latin roots and recognizing those roots in words they use by using their vocabulary words when writing essays or reports. Most recently they have explored careers and created posters telling about those careers using their vocabulary words. While preparing for Confirmation, the students have become more aware of faith in actions and the presence of God in all aspects of their lives.

Also, very busy this year are our seventh and eighth graders. They have been honing their writing skills. This includes writing several different essay types: compare/contrast, informational, persuasive, and narrative pieces. They also had Confirmation on March 19th. During Lent, they performed in a Live Stations Play for the school.

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St. Mary's Priest-Father Matt Rehauer
Principal-Jason Kramer
Secretary-Gina Debes
Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten-Lanetta Griпка
Kindergarten-Teresa Hopper
1st & 2nd Grades-Sally Heidlage
3rd & 4th Grades-Sierrah Summers
5th & 6th Grades-Judy Younker
7th & 8th Grades-Susan Salsman

OUR STAFF

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Classroom Aides-Bonnie Parrigon, Jerri Jasumback,
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Janitor-William Holland

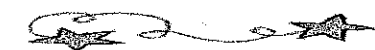
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