

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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May 29, 2022 The Ascension Of The Lord

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MASSES FOR MAY 29 – JUNE 5

Saint Agnes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. + Thersa Heidlage
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Justice & Peace
Thursday 8:30 a.m. +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 10:30 a.m. +James Seufert

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:

Tuesday, May 31

Wednesday, June 1

Friday, June 3

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, June 6

Saturday, June 11

Sunday, June 12

Monday, June 13

Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of The Church

Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Catholic Communication Campaign

Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of The Church

Celebration of Father Peter's 52 Year Ordination Anniversary

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 580.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

June 5 Cheryl (K) Elbert
12 Sandy Thorn
19 Doug Pickering
26 Cheryl (R) Elbert

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Patrick Wolfe
Mark Adamson
John Heidlage
Cheryl Elbert

MONEY COUNTERS

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, Steve Schmitt and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

MAY BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES: Bernard Boes, Jim Campbell, Maryann Campbell, Sterling Elbert, Leah Heidlage, Kathy Heidlage, & Doris Katzfey

DDF: To date our parish has collected \$7,267.00 toward our \$9,590.00 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.

CHURCH CLEANERS: June Cheryl (K) Elbert, Jennifer Ocheltree, Cheryl (R) Elbert, Rhoda Elbert

ROSARY – The rosary will be led by ladies of the parish before weekday Masses during the month of May starting at 8:10 a.m.. Please come and join them.

PRAYER

Increase our Faith Holy God, We thank you for the gracious gift of faith.

With the apostles before us, we ask that you open our hearts to the power of your Word and increase our faith that we may be bold followers and joyful witnesses to the message and mission of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3,6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28;10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53

Monday May 30

Acts 19:1-8
Ps 68:2-7ab(33a)
John 16:29-33

Tuesday May 31

The Visitation of Mary

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
or Romans 12:9-16
Isaiah 12:2-6
Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday June 1

St. Justin

Acts 20:28-38
Ps 68:29-30,33-36ab
John 17:11b-19

Thursday June 2

Acts 22:30;23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11
John 17:20-26

Friday June 3

St. Charles Lwanga & co.

Acts 25:13b-21
Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20
John 21:15-19

Saturday June 4

Acts 28:16-20,30-31
Ps 11:4,5,7
John 21:20-25

Why did Jesus ascend to heaven? Imagine how readily people would have converted if he had resumed his public ministry after his resurrection.

However, God's salvation plan for the world was much bigger than that. While Jesus walked the earth, he was but one man. Afterward, by giving himself in the Eucharist to his disciples, he became every human who takes this Sacrament seriously. When we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we unite ourselves to his mission. In every eucharistic liturgy, we are "co-missioned" (i.e., placed into mission with Jesus) to continue the ministry he began.

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he commissioned every disciple – including you – for this task. And it is renewed during every Mass.

It's a difficult mission. Humanly we are quite inadequate, so Jesus gave us his

Holy Spirit. By uniting our spirit to his Spirit and then relying on God in every situation, adequacy is not the question. It's willingness. Are we willing to put time, effort and spiritual growth into being Christ's hands and voice for the world?

Because Jesus ascended to heaven, he has no hands but our hands, and he has no voice but our voice.



Are you unhappy about the evils that exist in this world? God has great plans to bring his kingdom into these situations. Are you concerned about the abuses you see? Immorality on television? Injustices in your workplace? Divisions in your parish or hurtful behavior in your leaders? Jesus is far more disturbed by these evils than you are. However, he uses your hands, and he uses your voice.

Ever since Jesus ascended into heaven and gave his Holy Spirit to us, God ministers to the world through us: in our homes, in our parishes and work-places and play-places.

Lord Jesus, fill me with the presence of Your Holy Spirit and with the gifts You want me to use. Show me when and how to use these charisms. And help me to overcome my pride and fears and any other sins that are holding me back from the works that You are calling me to do. I want to be Your hands, Your feet, and Your voice, Lord Jesus. Amen!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What thresholds or new beginnings are you facing?
2. How are these opportunities for the continuation of the ministry of Jesus?
3. In what ways are you doing the works of Jesus?
4. Which parish ministries could use your gifts and talents?
5. How do you rely on the Holy Spirit to get it done?