

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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April 23, Third Sunday of Easter 1870

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MASSES FOR April 23 – April 30

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Lawrence Katzfey, Jr

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion
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, April 25

Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

Saturday, April 29

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 30

Catholic Home Missions Appeal - Second Collection

Tuesday, May 2

Rosary will be said at 8:00am before weekday masses during the month of May.

Tuesday, May 2

No Mass – Communion Services at 8:30

Wednesday, May 3

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Monday, May 8

Father Matt's 31st. Ordination Anniversary

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$1025.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>READERS</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS & USHERS</u>
May 7	Doug Pickering	Elsie Chorum	Patrick Wolfe	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
14	Cheryl (R) Elbert	Sterling Elbert	John Heidlage	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert
21	Kathy Heidlage	Isaac Chorum	Cheryl (K) Elbert	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
28	Jane Kutz	Elsie Chorum	Dennis Heidlage	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

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

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND: appeal will be held on May 6-7. 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 \$8,942.00. We ask you to keep the DDF campaign in your prayers.

ANNUAL SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON: presented by St. Lawrence PCCW is on April 26 from 11:00 to 1:00. Additional information is on the flyer in the back of church.

PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus.

We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.

Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties;

By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with who you live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 23

Acts 2:14,22-33

Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

Monday April 24

Acts 6:8-15

Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30

John 6:22-29

Tuesday April 25

St. Mark

1 Peter 5:5b-14

Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17

Mark 16:15-20

Wednesday April 26

Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 66:1-3a,4-7a

John 6:35-40

Thursday April 27

Acts 8:26-40

Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20

John 6:44-51

Friday April 28

Acts 9:1-20

Ps 117:1bc,2

John 6:52-59

Saturday April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 9:31-42

Ps 116:12-17

John 6:60-69

The two disciples of today's Gospel reading did not recognize Jesus until after they heard him explain the scriptures and then broke bread

with him. It was a two-part process. First, while listening to him teach about the scriptures, only their hearts recognized him. ("Were not our hearts burning within us?") Their eyes didn't see his true identity until Jesus shared a meal with them, raised the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them to eat.

When we celebrate Mass today, we're on a similar journey with Jesus. First, we have the Liturgy of the Word, during which we hear the scriptures and a homily that explains them. This is a time of opening our hearts to him.

A well-trained reader will speak the words of scripture with meaning and emphasis so that our hearts can recognize God in the words. A well-trained priest or deacon will set our hearts on fire as if Jesus himself were teaching us the meaning of the scriptures. But even when the reader

or homilist does a poor job, we can open our hearts to hear Jesus speaking to us directly.

Then we move into the Liturgy of the Eucharist. When the presiding priest consecrates the bread and wine, it is Jesus himself who is actually doing it, using the priest's hands and vocal chords. Jesus is doing for us what he did for those two disciples at Emmaus.



If we have opened our hearts to Jesus during the first part of Mass, and if we are still paying attention, we see more than a piece of bread and a chalice of wine. We see Jesus. We recognize him with our hearts *and* our heads. We know beyond all doubt that the resurrected Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † In what area(s) of your life does Jesus seem to be absent? How can the Mass help you recognize Jesus and feel his closeness?
- † What else can you do to discover the presence of Jesus when you are not able to sense his nearness?
- † When did you first discover that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist? What helped you with that discovery?
- † How do you know that the bread and wine change into the substance of Jesus while retaining their original form (which is called "transubstantiation")?
- † How easy is it for you to recognize Jesus in the Eucharist? Why?