

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter 1870

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## MASSES FOR April 30 – May 7

### Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Lawrence Katzfey, Jr
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Terrance Campbell
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Ann Campbell

### 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

Sunday, April 30  
Tuesday, May 2  
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Wednesday, May 3

### **Catholic Home Missions Appeal - Second Collection**

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

**No Mass – Communion Services at 8:30**

**Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, May 8

**Father Matt's 31<sup>st</sup>. Ordination Anniversary**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:** \$ 943.00 Home Mission \$10.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>READERS</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS &amp; USHERS</u>
<b>May 7</b>	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.

**RECEPTION:** for the First Communicants and the graduating High School seniors after mass on May 21st.

**PRECIOUS BLOOD OF Jesus:** can be received starting in May.

**ST. MARY'S DINER TICKETS:** on May 13th will be available for purchase after mass today and next Sunday. All proceeds go to St. Mary's School. There is a flyer in the back of church. Please see Rhoda Elbert.

## PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf. Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

## 4th Sunday of Easter

### Sunday April 30

Acts 2:14a,36-41  
Ps 23:1-6  
1 Peter 2:20b-25  
John 10:1-10

### Monday May 1

#### St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 11:1-18  
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4  
John 10:11-18  
or Matthew 13:54-58

### Tuesday May 2

#### St. Athanasius

Acts 11:19-26  
Ps 87:1b-7  
John 10:22-30

### Wednesday May 3

1 Corinthians 15:1-8  
Ps 19:2-5  
John 14:6-14

### Thursday May 4

Acts 13:13-25  
Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27  
John 13:16-20

### Friday May 5

Acts 13:26-33  
Ps 2:6-11b  
John 14:1-6

### Saturday May 6

Acts 13:44-52  
Ps 98:1-4  
John 14:7-14

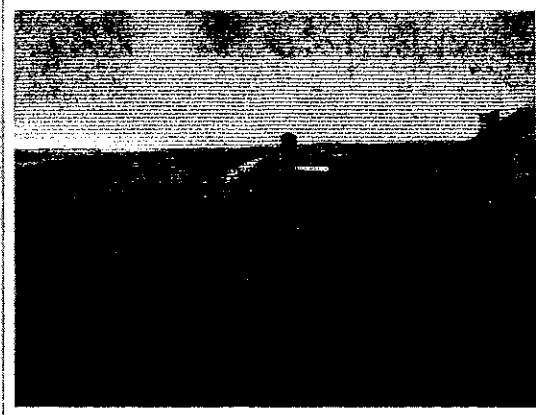
Are you at an impasse in your spiritual growth or emotional healing or a difficult relationship? Do you need a breakthrough? Do you feel stuck behind a fence that's keeping you on the outside of peace, joy, satisfaction, or healing?

This Sunday's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus is the gate in that fence. He helps us reach the heavenly side of the gate, outside the realm of earthly restrictions — not only when we die and enter eternal life, but also here and now in our earthly life, so that we might always "have life and have it more abundantly."

When our path seems blocked, we can only make progress by letting Jesus shepherd us around and through and over the obstacles. If people shut a door on something that God wants us to do, Jesus is still our open gate and no one can close him out of our lives. He will lead us into a new opportunity for accomplishing the plans of God. If he's given us a frustrated holy desire or a passion for which there seems to be no outlet, instead of complaining or quitting, we must look at Jesus and see him as a gate that opens into a new direction or location.

Remember, however, that until we get all the way through this gate, we must stick close to him like dumb sheep. There's a journey to take before we can reach the other side of the fence.

The thief that comes to steal and slaughter can only reach us



when we stray away from Jesus and we take our eyes off of him.

Despair and worry are two common thieves, robbing us of peace, joy, satisfaction, and healing. But they're not as powerful as they pretend to be. We defeat them easily by remembering that they do not speak the full truth. The truth is: Jesus is our Good Shepherd safely guiding us into a life of abundant victory!

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What breakthrough are you hoping for? What's frustrating you and seems hopeless? What's causing you to think that a problem you're facing might lead to disaster and destruction?
- † What will you do this week to follow Jesus more closely so that you can get through this with more peace?
- † Share the story of a time when you experienced obstacles and Jesus provided a breakthrough that led to victory.