

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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May 21, The Ascension of the Lord 1870

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## **MASSES FOR May 21 – May 28**

### **Saint Agnes**

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Jana Russell Townsend
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Mary (Boes) Nisson
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+John * & Rose Graskemper

### **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, May 21

**Reception for the First Communicants and the graduating High School seniors after mass**

Friday, May 26

**Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wednesday, May 31

**Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thursday, June 1

**Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr**

Saturday, June 3

**Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyr**

Sunday, June 4

**Mission Co-op Collection. We would like to welcome Father Doug Grandan**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH:** \$ 1,132.00

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

	<b><u>READERS</u></b>	<b><u>Servers</u></b>	<b><u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u></b>	<b><u>MONEY COUNTERS &amp; USHERS</u></b>
<b><u>June 4</u></b>	Kathy Eck	Sterling Elbert	Maria Wagner	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
14	Kimberly Prince	Isaac Chorum	Kimberly Prince	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
21	Cheryl (K) Elbert	Elsie Chorum	Eric Prince	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert
28	Sandy Thorn	Sterling Elbert	Thomas Adamson	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage

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

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to our High School graduates, Kylin Wagner & Gabrielle Duley.

**DDF:** Thank you so much for not only meeting our goal, but going above & beyond!!! To date our parish has \$9,095.00 toward our \$8,942.00 goal.

## **SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 4th, 2023 for St. Mary's Old-Fashioned Picnic**

Plans are underway for the 2023 Old Fashioned Church Picnic at St Mary's Church in Pierce City, which will be held on June 4, 2023. We would be honored for you to visit us for a day of fun and delicious food.

Roast Beef or Fried Chicken Dinner starting at 11:00am and going until 1:30pm. Hamburgers, polish sausage and all fix ins throughout the day. We will also have: bingo, country store, cake walk, trash and treasures, face painting, kids games, spiral potatoes, funnel cakes, music, and a raffle for wonderful prizes.

It is a fun filled day for everyone to enjoy. Come join us!

## **FAMILY PRAYER**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as you lived God's plan for your family, you changed the shape and design of the human family. Watch over all families today as they struggle to live God's word in the midst of challenge and difficulty. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Ascension Sunday

### Sunday May 21

Acts 1:1-11  
Ps 47:2-3,6-9  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Matthew 28:16-20

### Monday May 22

Acts 19:1-8  
Ps 68:2-3b,4-5acd,6-7b  
John 16:29-33

### Tuesday May 23

Acts 20:17-27  
Ps 68:10-11,20-21  
John 17:1-11a

### Wednesday May 24

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

### Thursday May 25

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

### Friday May 26

**St. Philip Neri**  
Acts 25:13b-21  
Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b  
John 21:15-19

### Saturday May 27

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

In the Gospel reading, Jesus states the Great Commission. He still repeats it today and at the end of every Mass when, through the priest, he sends us on our way. "Go," he says. "Go and make disciples wherever I send you."

A disciple is a student. Think of people you know who are mere followers of Christ, people who claim to believe in Jesus but who are not learning how to imitate Christ, adult Catholics who stopped their religious education a long time ago. Their faith is not enough to change the world, because they live more like the world than like holy representatives of Christ. Or they live more miserably, less joyfully than those who know how much Jesus cares about them. Or they are unpleasant to be around, because they have not developed enough humility to exude Christ.

You are called to disciple them! Jesus has commissioned you to do it. And it's not impossible to do. Take apart the word "commission" to see

that you are "with" ("co") Jesus on his "mission". He says, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me" in the context of the Great Commission. This means that, when we share in Christ's mission, we share in his power.

If we are more than mere followers and have been disciples learning how to be fully alive in the Holy Spirit of Christ, he will give us the words and the opportunities to teach others to observe and understand what he has commanded.



With Christ, we can change hearts by teaching the people around us what it means to be a follower of Christ who also learns from Christ. We teach first by our example, but unless this is backed up with explanations of why we follow Christ, those whom we hope to influence will make no new discoveries

about God's love, the benefits of God's commandments, or the need for God's merciful forgiveness.

"Behold!" he adds as an exclamation point on the Great Commission, "I am with you always. Together we will change the world, one disciple at a time."

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Are you just a follower of Christ or are you also a student of his ways, his truths, and his commandments?
- † What can you do to learn more?
- † How does it feel to be a partner of Jesus in his mission of evangelization?
- † How have others evangelized you? What did they do that inspired you to become more active in your Christian faith?