

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
May 7, Fifth Sunday of Easter 1870

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MASSES FOR May 7 – May 14

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Ann Campbell
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Terrance Campbell
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	For Mother's of the Parish

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

Monday, May 8

Father Matt's 31st. Ordination Anniversary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, May 21

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

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$520.00 Home Mission \$ 465

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.

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.

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

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!

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 7

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19(22)
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Monday May 8

Acts 14:5-18
Ps 115:1-4,15-16
John 14:21-26

Tuesday May 9

Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-13ab,21
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday May 10

Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday May 11

Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96:1-3,10
John 15:9-11

Friday May 12

Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57:8-10,12
John 15:12-17

Saturday May 13

Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1b-3,5
John 15:18-21

Today's Gospel reading ends with a very astounding verse: "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do, and greater far than these." What does he mean? How can we do the same – and *greater* – miracles that Jesus himself did?

The answer is found in the context of the entire chapter. Jesus is explaining his close relationship with the Father. Remember, Jesus was (and still is) both human and divine. We need to look at these verses with that in mind. How did he serve the Father as the Son of *Man*? And how did he serve the Father as the Son of *God*?

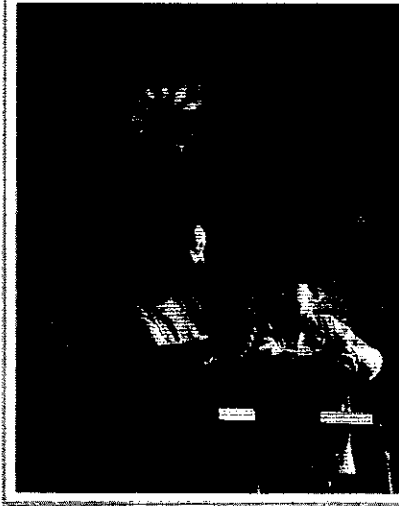
The "works I do" come from his human nature: He loved, he taught, he conversed with a listening heart, he dined with others, he worked hard at his job, he took his ministry very seriously. "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do" – he is our example of what it means to be a

holy human. We will love others as he loves them, teach the faith to others, listen to those who need someone to understand them, work hard at our jobs, offer a helping hand when we see a need, etc. There's nothing supernatural about it. It's being who we are: human children of a loving Father.

The "greater" works come from his divine nature: He did the supernatural works of his Father. "Whoever believes in me will do the works of the Father." We are called to be the Father's conduits of miracles in our world today.

When Jesus united himself to us as a human, he showed us how to rise above our human limitations. Now, through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, we are united to Christ's divine nature so that

we can continue the works of the Father. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, any disunity is removed. We can love the unlovable after they've pushed us past our human limits. We can be conduits of the supernatural. We can do everything that God asks of us, despite our inadequacies.



Reflect & Discuss:

- † Make a list of your gifts and talents. Then reflect on how each of these are the human works of Jesus for the world today. How has the Father also worked through you supernaturally?
- † Name some of the good works being done in your parish or group: How do these reflect the human nature of Jesus?
- † Name some of the ways that your parish or group shows the Father's supernatural nature to the world.
- † How can we become better able to do the "greater works" of the Father?