

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

May 31st. 2020 – Pentecost Sunday

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MASSES FOR May 31 – June 7

Saint Agnes

Sunday 8:30 a.m. St. Agnes Parish Family
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. +Justice & Peace
Thursday 8:30 a.m. + Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 8:30 a.m. St. Agnes Parish Family

St. Mary's

Mon. 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Services
Wed. 8:15 a.m.
Friday 8:15 a.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, June 1

**Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

Sunday, June 7

EVENTS COMONG UP:

Mon., June 8-Fri., July 10

Fr. Matt will be gone on Vacation

Thursday, June 11

Feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle

Saturday, June 13

Feast of St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Dr. of the Church

Your Gift to the Church: \$ 620.00.00

DDF REPORT: Thank you for your generosity to the Diocesan Development Campaign. The goal for our parish is \$10338.00, so far we have pledged \$2,690.00, paid \$2,040.00, owed, \$6500.00.

Readers

Servers

Extraordinary Min

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Sharon Wolfe, Theresa Heidlage, Paul Mettlach, , Marie Jasumback, Mary Lenore Droska, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Linda Russell, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

YOU CAN VIEW THE BULLETIN ON LINE AT: www.stmaryspcmo.com

INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE: Concerning the directives from the diocese on the COVID-19 Virus you may visit their webpage at www.dioscrg.org or visit their Facebook page Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. There is also a letter on the bulletin board.

FR. PETER'S 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD is on Saturday, June 13, 2020. To help him celebrate you may send him a card to 1100 E. Montclair St., Room 327 Springfield, Mo 65807-5076. If everything works out we will have a celebration for him at St.Mary's on July 25, 2020. More information will follow.

CEMETERY – It is our policy that on Memorial Day weekend and for the following two weeks flowers/items may be on the graves. At any other time flowers must be on the tombstone or base. Items may be on the ground until the **evening of Sunday, June 7**. If you have not cleared the ground by then, the items will be removed.

No one is allowed to drive stakes in the cemetery ground, place statues or plaques on the ground (except these two weeks) and may never plant flowers or trees by or on the graves! Thank you for your cooperation. With your help we are able to maintain a neat and attractive Cemetery

CEMETERY PLOTS – If you are interested in purchasing a cemetery plot, please contact Jared Campbell at 825-6938

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER

For those who suffer and those who cry this day, give relief from their burdens, dear Lord.

Let them experience Your true peace. Love them, Lord, when others cannot.

Hold them, Lord, when human arms fail.

Hear their prayers, O Lord, and let them hear Your word of peace in their lives. Amen

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Monday June 1

Mary, Mother of the Church
Genesis 3:9-15, 20
or Acts 1:12-14
Ps 87:1-3,5-7
John 19:25-34

Tuesday June 2

2 Peter 3:12-15a,17-18
Ps 90:2-4,10,14,16
Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday June 3

Sts. Charles Lwanga & co.
2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12
Ps 123:1b-2
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday June 4

2 Timothy 2:8-15
Ps 25:4-5ab,8-10,14
Mark 12:28-34

Friday June 5 St. Boniface

2 Timothy 3:10-17
Ps 119:157,160,161,
165,166,168
Mark 12:35-37

Saturday June 6

2 Timothy 4:1-8
Ps 71:8-9,14-17,22
Mark 12:38-44

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." This is our prayer on Pentecost. It's the reason the Church can exist and continues to exist. We live in the age of the Holy Spirit.

Without the power and presence of the Spirit of Christ, Christianity would have been unable to sustain itself during two millennia of persecutions, scandals, and obstacles.

Without the Spirit of Christ, we Christians would be unable to be Christ in today's world. We'd be unable to do what the Father asks of us.

Pentecost Sunday re-lives the birthday of the Church, and as it does, it also re-lives our spiritual birthdays, i.e., our initiations as members of the Church. It's a community-wide celebration of the impact that our baptisms have had on our lives and it's a reaffirmation of the Sacrament of Confirmation when the

bishop confirmed that we truly received the Holy Spirit during baptism. Pentecost reminds us that through these sacraments we received God's power and presence so that we can overcome sin, live in holiness, and change the world around us.

How does God "renew the face of the earth"? Through us! First, God the Father gave his Holy Spirit to Jesus



the Son so that he could successfully fulfill his mission on earth. Jesus then gave his Holy Spirit to us, so that we can grow in holiness and to continue the work of renewal that he began.

If you feel inadequate for any holy task, you're correct: You are inadequate.

But the Spirit of God who dwells in you is more than adequate. Proceed forward trusting in this partnership!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Are you making a difference on the earth because of the Holy Spirit living in you and working through you?
2. What is the Holy Spirit doing – or wanting to do – through you? Answer this first regarding your home life, then your job, then your parish, then your recreational activities, in that order of priority.
3. How did you first discover that the Holy Spirit was making a difference in the lives of others through you?
4. Describe a recent time when God partnered with you.
5. How do you feel about the Spirit of God renewing the world through you? What are your hopes and dreams for this?

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST. FROM THE PASTOR.

“REMEMBER, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF TIME.” THE WORDS OF CHRIST TO THE APOSTLES, AND TO US. THESE, FROM THE END OF THE GOSPEL READING FOR MASS THIS PAST SUNDAY, WHICH MARKED THE ASCENSION. THIS PART OF ST. MATTHEW’S GOSPEL RECOUNTS THE PROMISE MADE TO THE DISCIPLES. AS IS ALWAYS THE CASE, WHEN A PROMISE IS MADE, IT IS KEPT, AND IS KEPT IN A WAY THAT IS BEYOND ANYTHING THE HUMAN MIND CAN CONCEIVE OF FULLY UNDERSTAND. THE CHURCH, THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST WITH THE MEMBERS OF HIS BODY BEGINS WITH THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE APOSTLES AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. THE CHURCH IN TEACHING, THE SACRAMENTS, ALL THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISTRIBUTED UPON CHRIST’S MYSTICAL BODY ARE THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE THIRD PERSON OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. THIS IS WHY, IN ALL THE SACRAMENTS, THERE IS A CALLING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT TO MAKE HOLY THE MATTER USED IN THE SACRAMENTS.

WHAT BEGINS IN THE INCARNATION, THE UNITY OF GOD AND MAN (GENERIC MEANING) CONTINUES, UNBROKEN, THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH THE GRACE/GIFT OF THE CHURCH. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE UNITED IN THIS GREAT MYSTERY OF THE POWER AND ETERNAL LOVE OF GOD EXPRESSED THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. YOU HAVE HEARD ME SAY, ALTOGETHER TOO OFTEN IN SERMONS, WHEN WE ARE AT MASS, WE ARE AS CLOSE TO HEAVEN AS WE CAN BE WHILE STILL ON THE EARTH. THE MASS IS ONE WITH THE SAVING ACT OF CHRIST IT IS ONE WITH THE ETERNAL WORSHIP OF GOD IN HEAVEN. THIS IS WHY THE SEVEN WEEKS OF NO “PUBLIC” MASSES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AND LONGER IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD WAS SUCH A DEATH DEALING PAINFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ME. I AM CERTAIN IT WAS JUST SO WITH ALL OF YOU.

CONTINUING WITH THE LAST THOUGHT EXPRESSED, I WANT TO EXPAND UPON AND ADD SOMETHING TO THE LETTER SENT EACH OF YOU IN THE MAIL LAST WEEK. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WITH THE LIMITED RESTORATION OF MASS TO THE FAITHFUL, THERE WOULD NOT BE A CHANCE OF THE MASS BEING SOMEHOW SEEN AS A PRIVILEGE OR A COMMODITY. THUS, THE POINT OF TRYING BEST TO AVOID A SENSE OF “FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED” BASIS. THAT IS SIMPLY NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE NATURE, DIGNITY OR MEANING OF THE MASS. THIS IS WHY AFTER CONSULTATION, I WENT WITH THE IDEA OF ALPHABETIC (HATE TO SAY IT) RATIONING. I AM NOT SURE THAT EVERY AVAILABLE PLACE WILL BE TAKEN. BECAUSE OF THIS, IF YOU ARE OF A MIND TO “TAKE A CHANCE” ON COMING DURING YOUR “NON-ALPHABET” WEEKEND, YOU MAY STILL FIND CAPACITY AT THE TIME MASS STARTS. I AM HOPING WE CAN GET AWAY FROM THE WHOLE RATIONING THING VERY QUICKLY. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND CHARITY TOWARD ALL THROUGH OUT THIS.

DDF. (DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND)

THE OFFICIAL WEEKEND FOR THE DDF THIS YEAR IS JUNE 6 AND 7TH. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE BISHOP AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOLKS WERE COUNTING THINGS BEING BACK TO SOMETHING CLOSE TO NORMAL BY THEN. I KNOW THAT THE BISHOP WILL BE VERY PLEASED THAT SUCH A GREAT NUMBER OF YOU RESPONDED BY MAIL. THE USUAL PROMOTION IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE MATERIALS, VIDEO AND OTHER RESOURCES THAT ARE RELATED TO THE CAMPAIGN, THESE ARE ALL AVAILABLE ON THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AND THE DIOCESAN FACEBOOK PAGE ON INTERNET.

A LITTLE BIT OF PRAYER:

IN RECOGNITION OF PENTECOST SUNDAY, AND THE BLESSING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AMONG US, I WANT TO INCLUDE THE PRAYER WITH WHICH MY FAVORITE PROF IN SEMINARY STARTED EACH CLASS. IT IS THE PRAYER INVOKING THE HOLY SPIRIT. I WONDER IF FR. KALER THOUGHT THAT WOULD HELP US LEARN BETTER, OR PERHAPS JUST BREAK LESS GLASS LAB WEAR IN CHEMISTRY. ANYWAY:

LEADER: COME HOLY SPIRIT

RESPONSE: FILL THE HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL, AND ENKINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE

LEADER: SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT AND THEY SHALL BE RECREATED

RESPONSE: AND YOU SHALL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH

LEADER: O GOD, YOU TEACH THE HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL BY SENDING THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. GRANT THROUGH THAT SAME SPIRIT HIMSELF, WE MAY BE TRULY WISE AND REJOICE IN THE COMFORT HE GIVES US THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

RESPONSE: AMEN.

ONCE WE RESPONDED WITH "AMEN," PAT ALWAYS SAID, "NOW MEN, TO WORK!" I THINK THAT FR. KALER ALWAYS SAID THAT AFTER THE PRAYER TO REMIND US THAT ALL THAT IS GOOD IS DONE UNITED TO CHRIST WITH THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. IF SUCH WAS HIS INTENT, HE WAS RIGHT ON TARGET.

GOD BLESS - Fr Matt.