

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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MASSES FOR May 2 – May 9

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+John & Rose Graskemper
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish

St. Mary's

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Rosary Service
Wed.	8:15 a.m.	
Friday	8:15 a.m.	
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, May 3
Thursday, May 6
Saturday, May 8
May 9

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostle
National Day of Prayer
Father Matt's 29th Ordination Anniversary
Mother's Day

UPCOMING EVENT:

May 14 **Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**

Your Gift to the Church: \$823.00 Home Mission \$260.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

May 2	Sandy Thorn
9	Martin Wagner
16	Doug Pickering
23	Cheryl (R) Elbert
30	Kathy Heidlage

MONEY COUNTERS

Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
James Campbell & Doug Pickering
Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
James Campbell & Doug Pickering

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

THE ANNUAL DIOCESEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND appeal will be held on May 2. 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 \$10,338.00. We ask you to keep the DDF campaign in your prayers.

THE ROSARY will be said before weekday masses starting in May at 8:10 AM

FATHER PETER'S NEW ADDRESS: Springfield Mercy Villa, 1100 E. Montclair, Room 326, Springfield, MO 65807

THANK YOU: This weekend concludes the Angels Among Us drive for the school. We would like to thank each and every one of you for participating and contributing to our great little school. The amount of support that we receive is very overwhelming. Thank you again. Please join us after Mass on May 8th. The St. Mary's student Art show will be set up in the gym from 5:00-7:00. We invite you to come over and stroll through the exhibits. Ms. A. and the kids do some pretty amazing things.

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



5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22:26-27,28,30-32
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Monday May 3 Sts. Philip and James

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

Tuesday May 4

Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-11,12-13ab,21
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday May 5

Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-2,3-4ab,4cd-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday May 6

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

Friday May 7

Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57:8-9,10,12
John 15:12-17

Saturday May 8

Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1b-2,3,5
John 15:18-21

The Gospel reading tells us that all who belong to Christ are fruit-bearing branches of one vine. Jesus is the vine, and because we are all attached to him, we share the same calling: to bear good fruit. And not just any fruit that seems good, but the same fruit that Jesus produced.

However, most of us underestimate how important this is! You are more valuable than you know. God wants you to produce Christ's fruit – and more of it.

Today too many Christians are settling for mediocrity. As long as we get some personal satisfaction from being Christian, we feel all too easily satisfied. As long as we're helping some people with our kindness or generosity or love, we think God is satisfied with the good fruits we're producing.

Have you ever asked why there's so much evil in the world? Why doesn't God

raise his almighty hand against war, against corruption in government, against the greed of high-salaried managers who lay off their employees while giving themselves huge bonuses, against the perpetrators of physical and emotional abuse, against legislation that discriminates against Christian faith, against rising crime rates, or against any evil that's corrupting our world?

Why doesn't God do something?

Actually, *he does!* However, he does it the same way

he grows grapes. The life force of the vine (Jesus) travels through the vine to the little twigs (you and me and all Christians) that hold the grapes. The more open we are to receiving nourishment from Christ, the more fruit Jesus produces through us. But the grapes are not supposed to stay there!

We're nourished by Christ in order to take his fruits abundantly out into the world. We must grow strong and healthy, branch out, and use everything we've received from Christ for the sake of others.

Evil is stopped to the extent that we Christians continue Christ's earthly ministry. Victory over evil comes from Christ, that is, *through* us from Christ. Holiness in the world comes from Christ's Holy Spirit actively transforming it through our holiness.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Are you doing enough to grow the best fruit on your branch of Christ's vine? How healthy is your connection to Christ?
2. What in your life needs to be pruned off because it's not producing full, abundant fruit?
3. Name some of the things we do that fertilize the vineyard. What has helped your branch grow stronger and bear more fruit?
4. How does ignoring the need to prune ourselves hinder the growth of good fruit – fruit that defeats evil?