

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

May 16, 2021 The Ascension of the Lord

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## **MASSES FOR May 16 – May 23**

### **Saint Agnes**

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Frank & Bertha Boes
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	+Frances Rehrauer
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Bernard & Louise Koenig
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish Family

### **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:**

### **UPCOMING EVENT:**

May 24  
May 26  
May 30  
**Your Gift to the Church: \$ 853.00**

**Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**  
**Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest**  
**Mission Co-op Collection**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **READERS**

<b>May</b>	<b>2</b>	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.

**DDF:** To date our parish has \$6815.00 toward our \$10,338.00 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.

**CHURCH CLEANERS** for May: Jane Kutz, Jean Wagner, Linda Russell

**MAY BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES:** Bernard Boes, Robert Campbell, Maryann Campbell, Sterling Elbert, Leah Heidlage, Kathy Heidlage, Doris Katzfey, & Sharon Wolfe.

**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 6.** 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

## **PRAYER**

Increase our Faith Holy God, We thank you for the gracious gift of faith.

With the apostles before us, we ask that you open our hearts to the power of your Word and increase our faith that we may be bold followers and joyful witnesses to the message and mission of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11  
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Ephesians 1:17-23 or  
Ephesians 4:1-13  
Mark 16:15-20

### Monday May 17

Acts 19:1-8  
Ps 68:2-7ab  
John 16:29-33

### Tuesday May 18

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

### Wednesday May 19

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

### Thursday May 20

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

### Friday May 21

Acts 25:13b-21  
Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20  
John 21:15-19

### Saturday May 22

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

Sometimes we find ourselves in the same posture as the disciples in Acts 1:1-11, looking up at the sky, staring at nothing, waiting for Jesus to come back and rescue this world from evil.

Our world needs the Second Coming of Christ—and now! What's the delay? Ahhh, but he's told us not to wait but to go forth and spread the Good News. He told us to take what he's given us and use it to continue the works of his ministry.

Why do we stare at the empty sky? Because we feel inadequate.

Parents know this feeling. After giving birth or adopting a child, we have the awesome task of raising this person into a faith-filled, emotionally healthy adult.

Graduates know this feeling. After completing college or a Lay Ministry training program or ordination or final vows, we stand on the threshold of

working for the Lord and wonder: Will I be effective and successful? Will I like it? Or will I be sent where I'd rather not go?

Those who are grieving know this feeling. After a loved one is taken home to the Lord or a friend is lost in a failed relationship, our lives change drastically. It feels like it shouldn't have. How can we recover from the emptiness, which by its very nature forces our attention onto ourselves and our unmet needs, so that we become full of service to others?



Every change in our lives is a commissioning. Every loss is the beginning of a new calling. Every experience is training for a work of God's kingdom that the Lord wants to accomplish through us.

Why are you standing there looking at the sky? Jesus has been your teacher and your guide: Although you cannot see what he's doing now, he has not abandoned you. He is fulfilling his promise: "You will receive power from the Holy Spirit, and you will be my witness throughout the earth." Indeed, you were given that Holy Spirit in baptism, and it is this Spirit of God that empowers you to continue the ministry of Jesus using your particular gifts and talents and experiences.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What thresholds or new beginnings are you facing?
2. How are these opportunities for the continuation of the ministry of Jesus?
3. In what ways are you doing the works of Jesus?
4. Which parish ministries could use your gifts and talents?
5. How do you rely on the Holy Spirit to get it done?