

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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MASSES FOR May 9 – May 16

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	For Mother's of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Frank & Bertha Boes

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:

May 14 **Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**
May 16 **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

UPCOMING EVENT:

May 24 **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
May 26 **Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest**

Your Gift to the Church: 590.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

<u>May</u>	<u>2</u>	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 \$3,600.00 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 FOR MOTHER'S Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, pray for all mothers, so that they will be able to fulfill their maternal responsibilities. Help them to be lovers and nurturers of all human life from the moment of conception until natural death, all the while being examples for their own children. Pray for their children, so that they, too, will be faithful followers of Your Son. We offer these prayers in Jesus' name, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,
34-35,44-48
Ps 98:1-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

Monday May 10

Acts 16:11-15
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b
John 15:26 -- 16:4a

Tuesday May 11

Acts 16:22-34
Ps 138:1-3,7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday May 12

Acts 17:15,22--18:1
Ps 148:1-2,11-14
John 16:12-15

Thursday May 13

**Our Lady of Fatima
(Ascension of the Lord)**

Acts 18:1-8
Ps 98:1-4
John 16:16-20

Friday May 14

St. Matthias

Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Ps 113:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8
John 15:9-17

Saturday May 15

Acts 18:23-28
Ps 47:2-3,8-9,10
John 16:23b-28

Servanthood is the mark of true Christian living. Jesus emphasized this during the Last Supper, saying that he

came not to be served, but to serve, and that likewise we should serve one another. In his parables, he often referred to believers as "servants" of the Kingdom. But in John 15:9-17, Jesus says that he wants us to be his *friends*, not his slaves. Is he contradicting himself?

Not at all! Friends serve because they care. Slaves serve because of duty and the fear of punishment.

Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." Do we hear this as a friend or as a slave?

Slaves are afraid of what will happen if they fail to keep God's commandments; they are self-protective. Friends are eager to find out what God commands, because they view the commandments from the perspective of

love, as opportunities to serve; they are other-oriented.

Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love one another the way I love you." It's the supreme commandment; call it the Commandment of Friendship. He says, "You know how I love you, my friends: I openly share with you everything that the Father tells me." His friends realize that what he shares (through scripture *and* through the Church) reveals our opportunities to love.



Every commandment is rooted in love. Every Church teaching is based on scriptures that help us know when and how to love.

When we fail to obey, do we lose God's love?

Never! Do we lose our place in his love? Yes. By living outside of his commandments, we feel unloved even while being loved.

This is slavery. We're enslaved by fear or by false beliefs or by our wounds that have caused us to think that we're not loved enough. God's commandments then feel confining, and if we try to escape, we commit rebellion. Those who don't rebel accept their slavery and obey dutifully in the hope of winning God's love.

Friends, on the other hand, know that God always loves them, and in this love, they are free to serve one another joyfully.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Are you obeying God like a slave or his best friend?
2. Do you eagerly jump into doing the will of God or do you complain about it? Do you ever want to escape from God's will?
3. What will you do to become more aware of his friendship?
4. What raises our relationships with God from slavery to friendship? Describe differences between obeying out of duty and obeying out of love.