

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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MASSES FOR April 17 – April 24

Saint Agnes

Easter Sunday	10:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Parish
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Sharon Wolfe

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, April 24

Special Collection – Catholic Home Mission Appeal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, April 25

Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

Friday, April 29

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday, April 29

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Sunday, May 1

DDF Campaign

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$530.00

Victims of Ukraine \$20.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READERS

May	1	Doug Pickering
	8	Cheryl (R) Elbert
	15	Kathy Heidlage
	22	Jane Kutz
	29	Kathy Eck

MONEY COUNTERS

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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Louise Bellm, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

ST AGNES WELCOMES: Allyson Darrow, daughter of Jared and Abbie Campbell, into the church. She was Baptized and received the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil at St. Mary's. We congratulate Allyson and her family and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless them.

DDF: The Annual Diocesan Development Fund appeal will be held on May 1, 2022. 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 \$9,590.00. We ask you to keep the DDF campaign in your prayers.

1st Communion: The following St. Agnes children will be making their 1st Communion at St. Mary's on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Elsie Chorum and Lucy Elbert. Please keep them in your prayers.

St. Mary's School: On Sunday, May 1, 2022 the school will be having an All School Mass. Then after Mass they will have the student art show and breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to come!

St. Mary's School: is selling hanging flower baskets for a fund raiser. There are flyers in the back of church.

HAPPY EASTER

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9
or Matthew 28:1-10

Monday April 18

Acts 2:14,22-33
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11
Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday April 19

Acts 2:36-41
Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22
John 20:11-18

Wednesday April 20

Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-9
Luke 24:13-35

Thursday April 21

Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8:2ab,5-9
Luke 24:35-48

Friday April 22

Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a
John 21:1-14

Saturday April 23

Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118:1,14-21
Mark 16:9-15

Alleluia! Celebrate the healing and increased faith that comes from growing closer to Jesus through the faith-building exercises of Lent and the solemn meditations of Holy Week!

The doorway into heaven is the cross. Experiencing the glory of the celebration of Easter – deep within our hearts, within our needs, within our desires – began with accepting our sorrows and sacrifices and sufferings are our own personal connections to Jesus. And now, Easter joy comes not only from accepting what Jesus did for *you* on the cross but also from continuing the journey, side by side, step by step with Jesus.

When we're sincere about following Christ, if we truly want to grow in faith, we do whatever he does, united to his ministry of helping others grow in their eternal relationship with God. In this, we face the cross again and again. There is no gain in salvation

without the pain of sacrificial love.

The victorious alleluia of Easter is the triumph of the cross. It's the realization that life doesn't have to be free of troubles in order to be full of joy. It's the day-to-day living out of a faith that comes from trusting that God is carrying us through the trials and bringing good out of bad.

Our cross is a soft word that we speak when someone else is angry and we feel like shouting. Our cross is a



hand outstretched to comfort the afflicted when it's inconvenient and we feel like withdrawing. Our cross is a good deed that we do to those who treat us unjustly and we feel like retaliating. And our resurrection is the joy that comes from knowing that we have made a difference in the lives of others for the sake of God's kingdom.

Love that's given when it's difficult is a suffering love, a passionate love, a salvific love, i.e., it benefits the eternal lives of others. Then, our sacrifices have a value of endless worth. This is so much better than a self-serving, easy life. It's *eternally* better! Easter Sunday Mass is the celebration of rising with Jesus into glorious victory over evil.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What sacrifices are you suffering from right now? This is your cross. God appreciates all you have done for his kingdom; knowing this is your resurrection!
2. Describe the time when a bad experience turned into something good. What did you learn from it about God or faith?
3. How do you know that you're an Easter Christian?