

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

May 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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## MASSES FOR MAY 8 – MAY 15

### Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mother's of the Parish
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	+James Seufert
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+John & Rose Graskemper

### 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, May 8

**Fr. Matt will celebrate his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**

**Mother's Day**

Saturday, May 14

**Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$520.00**

**Home Mission \$25.00**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>READERS</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
<b>May 1</b>	Doug Pickering	Jane Kutz	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
8	Cheryl (R) Elbert	Doug Pickering	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz
15	Kathy Heidlage	Loretta Graskemper	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
22	Jane Kutz	Leah Heidlage	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
29	Kathy Eck	Charlotte Pickering	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.

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

**DDF:** To date our parish has collected \$3,392.00 toward our \$9,590.00 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.

**ROSARY** – The rosary will be led by ladies of the parish before weekday Masses during the month of May starting at 8:10 a.m.. Please come and join them.

**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 12**. 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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14,43-52  
Ps 100:1-3,5  
Rev 7:9,14b-17  
John 10:27-30

### Monday May 9

Acts 11:1-18  
Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4  
John 10:1-10

### Tuesday May 10

Acts 11:19-26  
Ps 87:1b-7  
John 10:22-30

### Wednesday May 11

Acts 12:24--13:5a  
Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8  
John 12:44-50

### Thursday May 12

Acts 13:13-25  
Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27  
John 13:16-20

### Friday May 13

Acts 13:26-33  
Ps 2:6-11ab  
John 14:1-6

### Saturday May 14 St. Matthias

Acts 1:15-17,20-26  
Ps 113:1-8  
John 15:9-17

This Sunday's Gospel reading is short and to the point: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is the only one we follow, the only one we can trust blindly.

Others who have authority in our lives might be good shepherds, but none of them are to be followed blindly, not even the best of them. We respect the positions of bishops, parish pastors, employers, teachers, parents, etc., but all make mistakes, all sin, all have incomplete understandings of the situations for which they're responsible. We must use the Holy Spirit's gift of discernment in each case so that we don't behave like dumb sheep inadvertently cooperating with decisions that grieve our Father God.

Only Jesus can be blindly trusted. Only Jesus is perfect

and knows all, understands all, and never sins. Only Jesus can successfully make the right decisions all the time and lead us through the various situations of life without inadvertently cooperating with evil. Only Jesus can discern and implement a plan that's best for every person who's affected by the plan. Only Jesus can lead us closer and closer to heaven while guiding us through the pitfalls and dangers of the journey.

And it is only Jesus who can smile at our blunders when we stray from his plans, because he knows that we still really do love him and want to do what's right. He knows



how to implement a new plan that will steer us back into safe pastures. He compassionately holds onto us so that we don't wriggle away from the Father's hand forever.

Whenever we distrust anyone (ourselves included) we can safely trust that no matter what happens,

Jesus is there, steadfastly guiding us and re-guiding us after we stray. Because we really do love him and want to do what's right, he is securing our safety, redeeming our mistakes, making good come from bad when we repent of our sins, and of course always making sure that we'll get home to heaven.

To be good sheep, all we have to do is cooperate with his guidance!

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. How much do you trust yourself and your discernment of truth and your ability to stay on the path to heaven? Who else is difficult to trust right now?
2. What will you do this week to entrust these matters to Jesus?
3. When is it difficult to trust Jesus? Why is it so difficult?
4. Considering that past experiences with imperfect humans naturally cause us to distrust even Jesus, what helps you overcome this so that you can trust God?