

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

April 16, Second Sunday of Easter 1870

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MASSES FOR April 16 – April 23

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Theresa Heidlage
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Mary Lenore Droska

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 25
Saturday, April 29

Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist
Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$871.00 Catholic Relief \$50.00 Holy Land \$260.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

	<u>READERS</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS & USHERS</u>
<u>May 7</u>	Doug Pickering	Elsie Chorum	Patrick Wolfe	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
14	Cheryl (R) Elbert	Sterling Elbert	John Heidlage	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert
21	Kathy Heidlage	Isaac Chorum	Cheryl (K) Elbert	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
28	Jane Kutz	Elsie Chorum	Dennis Heidlage	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

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

CONGRATULATIONS: to Sarah Elbert and Jax Welters on receiving their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's today.

ANNUAL SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON: presented by St. Lawrence PCCW is on April 26 from 11:00 to 1:00. Additional information is on the flyer in the back of church.

CONSECRATION OF FAMILIES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, as we consecrate our family to you, each day we wish to live Your life, to nurture in our home those virtues which bring us Your peace and to avoid the worldliness and selfishness which leads us away from You. O Divine Heart of Jesus, be pleased to watch over our family, to bless all that we do, to dispel our troubles, to sanctify our joys, and to lighten our sufferings. If one of us should ever offend You by sin, remind us, O Merciful Jesus, of Your goodness and mercy shown to the repentant sinner. When the time of separation arrives within the family and death brings its grief into our midst, may those of us who go and those of us who stay be committed to Your Holy Will. May the hope of Your promise remind us that the day will come when our entire family, reunited in Heaven, will be able to sing forever of Your glory and mercy. As we entrust our family to Your loving mercy, may the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Joseph, her Beloved Spouse, present to You our Act of Consecration and keep us ever mindful of it all the days of our life. All glory to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our King and our Redeemer!

2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday April 16

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Monday April 17

Acts 4:23-31
Ps 2:1-9
John 3:1-8

Tuesday April 18

Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93:1-2,5
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday April 19

Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-9
John 3:16-21

Thursday April 20

Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2,9,17-20
John 3:31-36

Friday April 21

Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27:1,4,13-14
John 6:1-15

Saturday April 22

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
John 6:16-21

We are an Easter people, because we know and celebrate that Jesus has risen from the dead. And yet, we don't always feel like celebrating.

It's hard to feel like the Good Friday experience of carrying our crosses has really ended.

Today's second reading describes what the Easter experience is supposed to feel like: an indescribable and glorious joy. But how does that happen?

The attitude of joy does not come from reaching the end of our cross-like burdens. Rather, it comes from knowing that Christ's death and resurrection have overcome our crosses, and by uniting ourselves to his life, we are victorious even before we see the battle end.

Furthermore, it comes from knowing that we have the ultimate victory – eternal life in God's abundant love – and we know that this gift is "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" and that it's being

safeguarded by the power of God because, by choosing to have faith in Christ, we have accepted the gift in advance.

This joy-from-knowing is the definition of "hope". Hope isn't wishful thinking. Hope means celebrating what is certainly going to happen *before* it happens.

Some Catholics say that they're afraid they might lose their salvation because they're afraid that something will tempt them



to turn away from Jesus between now and the hour of death. If you worry about this, let me ask you: During times of suffering, do you reject God or run to him?

Even when we get angry at God, we're actually very close to him. We're angry because we believe in him and trust him and he seems to be

disappointing us. This is normal: Our faith is purified by our trials.

To embrace life as an Easter people, we must learn to remember that our sufferings are temporary and that someday we will enter into eternal joy. This is what we celebrate even while carrying our crosses.

Reflect & Discuss:

† In what ways has God apparently disappointed you? What is he doing (or not doing) that's upsetting you? How is this increasing your closeness to him, even if it feels like he's silent and distant?

† Give an example of wishful thinking: What have you wished for in prayer? What have you been begging God to do? How is this different than hoping (joy-from-knowing)? Even if your wish never comes true, what's your reason for a higher hope?