

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
April 9, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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MASSES FOR April 9 – April 16

Saint Agnes

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

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

Sunday, April 9

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Egg Hunt after Mass**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 929.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>April 2</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS & USHERS</u>
9	Jane Kutz	Isaac Chorum	Doug Pickering	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert
16	Kathy Eck	Elsie Chorum	Leah Heidlage	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
23	Cheryl (K) Elbert	Sterling Elbert	Charlotte Pickering	Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt
	Sandy Thorn	Isaac Chorum	Mark Adamson	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

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 parish.

ROOFING BIDS: are being taken to put a new roof on the rectory.

APRIL BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES: Michael Bartkoski, Helen Campbell, Jessica Chorum, Jillian Curtis, Kenneth Elbert, Monta Heidlage, Margaret Mettlach, Charlotte Pickering, Eric Prince, Kimberly Prince, Maria Wagner, Martin Wagner, & Jax Welters

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion. Be close to our president and our statesmen: give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world. Make me more deeply aware of my heritage: realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen. Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ. Amen.

HAPPY EASTER

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday April 9

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

Monday April 10

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

Tuesday April 11

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

Wednesday April 12

Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-4,6-9
Luke 24:13-35

Thursday April 13

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

Friday April 14

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

Saturday April 15

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

Are you ready to proclaim the Good News about how Jesus has helped you? What holds you back? Do you hesitate because you don't yet understand how the deaths in your life (the sacrifices, the lost hope, the broken relationships, etc.) have been resurrected into new life?

Such hesitation was the mental state of the disciples on the first Easter morning, as depicted in the Gospel of John.

The attitude of Peter in the reading from Acts is quite a contrast! The disciples now know their calling: They were empowered and commissioned to testify that Jesus is the Savior, and they fully embraced this vocation.

Do you understand how Jesus is turning your tragedies and other difficulties into triumphs and great blessings?

To "testify" means to share the truth based on your own experiences. Peter specifically proclaimed that everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins. Of course he did! Peter knew first-hand what it's like to need and then receive Christ's forgiveness.

We will not understand much about how our sufferings have led us to a new and blessed life until we start talking about it. The first inklings of insight awaken when we discuss it within our close, holy friendships, like Mary of Magdala did when she ran to Peter and John after discovering the empty tomb. They, in turn, told the other disciples.

It was while they were together – in community – that Jesus appeared and revealed his resurrection to them. Later, after having lots of time to talk about it with friends, the Holy Spirit



empowered them to go out and evangelize the world by sharing their experiences with anyone willing to listen.

Reflect & Discuss:

† The empty tomb doesn't immediately make sense. What has been confusing to you during your faith journey? What has caused you to feel empty and frightened? Where might Jesus be in this?

† How have your own experiences of being forgiven enabled you to feel more compassionate toward others? Does that change the way you talk to them about God and church and other spiritual or moral issues?

† What is the biggest change that Jesus has brought into your life? What were you like before this change? How did God intervene? What were the results? This is your testimony. Practice sharing it by telling the story to your community of friends.