

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
May 14, Sixth Sunday of Easter 1870

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MASSES FOR May 14 – May 21

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.	+Mary Lenore Droska
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Jana Russell Townsend

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, May 21

Reception for the First Communicants and the graduating High School seniors after mass

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, May 26

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 347.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>May 7</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Ministers</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS & USHERS</u>
14	Doug Pickering	Elsie Chorum	Patrick Wolfe	James Campbell & Doug Pickering
21	Cheryl (R) Elbert	Sterling Elbert	John Heidlage	Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert
28	Kathy Heidlage	Isaac Chorum	Cheryl (K) Elbert	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
	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, Karen Sweeney and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

THANK YOU: to Jane Kutz for doing such a wonderful job on stripping and redoing the Holy Water Pedestals.

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

DDF: To date our parish has \$6,395.00 toward our \$8,942.00 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.

SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 4th, 2023 for St. Mary's Old-Fashioned Picnic

Plans are underway for the 2023 Old Fashioned Church Picnic at St Mary's Church in Pierce City, which will be held on June 4, 2023. We would be honored for you to visit us for a day of fun and delicious food. Roast Beef or Fried Chicken Dinner starting at 11:00am and going until 1:30pm. Hamburgers, polish sausage and all fix ins throughout the day. We will also have: bingo, country store, cake walk, trash and treasures, face painting, kids games, spiral potatoes, funnel cakes, music, and a raffle for wonderful prizes. It is a fun filled day for everyone to enjoy. Come join us!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 14

Acts 8:5-8,14-17
Ps 66:1-7,16,20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Monday May 15

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

Tuesday May 16

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

Wednesday May 17

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

Thursday May 18

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

Friday May 19

Acts 18:9-18
Ps 47:2-7
John 16:20-23

Saturday May 20

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

In John 14:15-21, Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit is our "Advocate". Some scholars translate the word to "Counselor". In the original Greek, it means "called alongside". It's closely related to the verb "parakaleo" ("to call" or "summon") from which we get "Paraclete" as a name for the Holy Spirit. It referred to a legal assistant, a courtroom advocate.

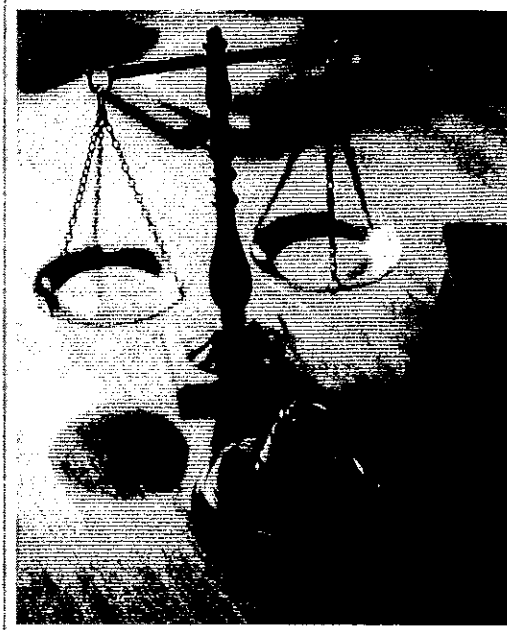
Jesus is telling us that the Holy Spirit is our legal assistant when we're falsely accused, misjudged, or wrongly condemned.

Notice that Jesus refers to our Advocate as the "Spirit of Truth". No matter what other people think about us, no matter what wrong things they say about us, no matter what opinions they have of us, God always knows the truth. And the truth that sets us free from their bad attitudes is this: It's only God's opinion that really matters. And his opinion of us is better than we think it is!

We judge ourselves more harshly than we should, and this is why we worry so much about how others are judging us. If we honestly examine

our consciences, seek reconciliation with God for our sins during the Penance Rite at Mass or in the Sacrament of Confession, and strive to improve, then Jesus says to us what he said to other sinners: "I do not condemn you; go and sin no more."

Don't you sometimes wish Jesus would come physically to your rescue when you're misjudged? He said that he will not leave us orphaned – his Holy Spirit will always be with us when



we need to be defended, telling us the truth about our goodness.

Even when we sin, the Spirit of Truth defends us to our heavenly Judge: "Look, this precious child really does want to be holy." To us, the Spirit says, "Let me teach you how to grow in holiness and avoid this sin." And to others, the Spirit says: "If you love me, love this good friend of mine."

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How have you been unjustly accused and unfairly judged? Imagine what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Father about that. And to those who condemned you. And what is he saying to you about you?
- † Describe a time when God defended you. How did the Advocate manifest his help?
- † Who learned more from it: you or your accusers?