

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO
April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter 1870

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MASSES FOR APRIL 21 – APRIL 28

Saint Agnes

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	First Communicants
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Justice & Peace
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Bernard Boes

St. Mary's

Monday	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 21

Reception after Mass to Celebrate our two First Communicants: Karson Campbell and Lillian Prince

Thursday, April 25

Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

Sunday, April 28

Home Mission Appeal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, April 29

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Dr. of the Church

Thursday, May 2

Rosary at 8:10 a.m.

Friday, May 3

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Wednesday, May 8

Father Matt's 32 Ordination Anniversary

Thursday, May 9

Rosary at 8:10 a.m.

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$ 1,250.00 Home Missions \$10.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Readers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extra Ordinary Min.</u>	<u>Gift Bearers & Ushers</u>
<u>April 21</u> Kathy Heidlage	Sarah Elbert	Dennis Heidlage Leah Heidlage Maria Wagner	Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage
<u>April 28</u> Jane Kutz	Isaac Chorum	Kimberly Prince Eric Prince Jane Kutz	Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, Rosemary Boes, Father Peter Morciniec, Brenda (Wrobleski) Buchannon, Maura Sparks, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

TUESDAY APRIL 30: at 10 a.m. Holy Mass will be celebrated at Lacoba in Monett. The Knights of Columbus, Verona Council will be honoring Father Peter with 4 th degree. All are welcome. THANK YOU

APRIL BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCES: Michael Bartkoski, Helen Campbell(86), Jessica Chorum, Jillian Curtis, Kenneth Elbert, Monta Heidlage, Margaret Mettlach, Charlotte Pickering, Eric Prince, Kimberly Prince, Maria Wagner, & Jax Welters

APRIL CHURCH CLEANERS: Leah Heidlage, Kimberly Prince, Jessica Wagner

THURSDAY, MAY 9: Bishop Rice will pray the rosary at the Grotto at St. Mary's at 6:30 p.m.

DDF: The Annual Diocesan Development Fund appeal will be held on May 5, 2024. 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 \$10,345.00. We ask you to keep the DDF campaign in your prayers.

Good News Reflection

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Pray: Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who knows and calls us each by name. Help us to know and love you better so we may follow you in trust on the holy road to heaven and bring others along with us. Amen.

Year B

Acts 4:8-12

Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

From Wayward Sheep to Good Shepherds

As a child, I always loved hearing about Jesus the Good Shepherd and seeing pictures of our Lord holding His staff in one hand, surrounded by a herd of fluffy sheep, and with one wayward sheep always curled around His shoulders. I was comforted by this image of Jesus, who loved all His sheep, even those who lost their way and took off in the wrong direction.

This parable offers a much deeper meaning to me now as an adult. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life to help me – a sinner who is so prone to going astray. He suffered, died on the cross, and rose from the dead to lead me and all of God’s children (His sheep) on the right path to heaven. He knows me by name and restores my soul with grace from the Sacraments. He safeguards my steps from the snares of the Evil One through the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit alive in the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. He sometimes allows me to make wrong turns, but because I know and love Him, I can trust that He is always right there, ready to bring me back into the fold.

Through the living waters of Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit, Christians are called and empowered to become like Jesus and be good shepherds, too. In His image, we must forgive those who are lost and do our part to bring them back into God’s embrace. We must live our lives in joy and compassion for others – especially the poor, the downcast, and the lost – who most need God’s mercy.

Trusting in the wise voice and directions of the Good Shepherd, we must never be afraid to speak God’s truth and wisdom with love and grace to correct those who are astray and having trouble finding their way. As worthy shepherds, we must pray for courage to stay loyal to Christ, the Good Shepherd, in our everyday thoughts, words, and actions, whether alone, with family, at work, at church, in politics, in science, or interacting with media.

Remember that Jesus and the Church have been associated with controversy from the beginning, but He promises victory in the end. We must hold on tightly in faith, help others know and love Christ, and shepherd them into the loving gate of our Savior.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In which areas of your life do you most need shepherding to stay on the right path to heaven?
How are you being a good shepherd to the poor, downcast, and lost?