

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter 1870

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MASSES FOR APRIL 28 – MAY 5

Saint Agnes

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

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 28

Home Mission Appeal

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

Sunday, May 5

DDF

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, May 7

Rosary For Life

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:

Readers

Servers

Extra Ordinary Min.

Gift Bearers & Ushers

April 28 Jane Kutz

Isaac Chorum

Kimberly Prince
Eric Prince
Jane Kutz

Cheryl (K) Elbert & Jane Kutz

May 5 Kathy Eck

Elsie Chorum

Mark Adamson
John Heidlage
Charlotte Pickering

Mark Adamson & Jared Campbell

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Huxley Ann Bennett who was born of water and Holy Spirit in baptism. Huxley is the daughter of Haylee and Hunter Bennett.

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

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

THANK YOU to Maria Wagner and Kathy Heidlage for hosting the reception for the First Communicants. it was enjoyed by all attending.

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

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Pray: God, my Master Grower, strengthen my trust in You and never let me stray from Your Holy Will. Prune and feed my soul so I may blossom and bear fruit to fulfill my life's purpose. Amen.

Year B

Acts 9:26-31

Ps 22:26-28,30-32

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

All Branches Must Cling to the Vine to Blossom and Bear Fruit

What a beautiful metaphor Christ shared in the Upper Room! Jesus was trying to help His disciples understand the gift of Divine Grace and how the lives of Christians must stay joined to the glorified life of Jesus to be nourished, sustained, and grow to fruitfulness.

Like any master gardener of a vineyard, God our Father delights in each of us whom He plants in His garden. He is passionate about our growth, and He wants us to reach the fruitful potential of our souls in this life so that we may fulfill our purpose in His vineyard here on earth.

He fertilizes the soil to help us grow. He waters, weeds, and prunes our vines to help us become all we were meant to be. God knows the beautiful fruitfulness and growth that we can experience in His perfect plan. He watches over each of His vines with loving care.

Our souls are made to be the perfect reflection of Christ. God the Father, with the help of the Holy Spirit, watches over us with loving guidance and protection and wants our souls to grow in love and holiness. There are times in the garden of our lives when enemies slip in and threaten the beauty and very existence of our spiritual lives. If one isn't careful, bad soil, pests, predators, parasites, dryness, and weeds can be very destructive. We will only bear fruit if we are pruned of everything unhealthy to our souls, and we must be sure to cling fast to the vine of Christ who strengthens us.

Our spiritual lives are dependent on the gift of Divine Grace and our souls are nourished and sustained by the love of Christ. It is vital that we trust Him with our whole hearts to do whatever is needed in our lives for our best growth. We must trust Christ and always stick close to Him.

As much as plants need air, sunshine, and water, a branch is just as reliant upon the vine. Without the vine – Jesus – our souls will shrivel and die. Letting go of our own selfish wills – by fully surrendering to God's Holy Will and trusting His pruning and weeding in our lives – will surely help our souls blossom, bear fruit, and become all we were made to be by our Father.