

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Terrier & Cherry Rd. Intersection, Sarcoxie, MO

April 27 Second Sunday of Easter 1870

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MASSES FOR APRIL 27 – MAY 4

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.	+Loretta Bartkoski

St. Mary's

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, April 27

Tuesday, April 29

Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

Sunday, May 4

Collection for Catholic Home Mission Appeal

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

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Dr. of the Church

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

DDF Weekend

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, May 6

Thursday, May 8

Sunday, May 11

Rosary For Life at 8:00 a.m.

Father Matt's 33 Ordination Anniversary

Mother's Day

YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$979.00 Mirror \$14.00 Holy Land \$230.00 Home Mission \$20.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Readers

Servers

Extra Ordinary Min.

Gift Bearers & Usher

April 27

Debbie Heidlage

Sarah Elbert

Kimberly Prince
Eric Prince
Jane Kutz

Dennis Heidlage & Paul Heidlage

May 4

Leah Heidlage

Isaac Chorum

Mark Adamson
John Heidlage
Charlotte Pickering

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, Bernadine Adamson, Lenore Wagner, Ozrelle Hendricks and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

ROSARY: weekly before the Sunday mass. Please come early and join in.

ROSARY – The rosary will be led by ladies of the parish before weekday Masses during the month of May starting at 8:10 a.m. Please come and join them.

JOB OPENING

St. Mary's School in Pierce City is looking for a cook for the 2025-2026 school year. Virtus training is required. The hours will be Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This position also has health insurance and retirement. Please call Shelly Wrobleski at the church office 476-2827 or Susan Salsman in the school office at 476-2824, or email st_marys@live.com for an application.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Casey's Rewards Dollars to St. Mary's School-A program that awards you points for purchases including gas and diesel. Your points add up to dollars with an option to donate to St. Mary's School. If you aren't a Casey's reward member please join and if you are a member please consider donating your reward dollars to our school.

Good News Reflection for
2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday
April 27, 2025



Acts 5:12-16
Ps 118:1-4, 13-15, 22-24
Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

Alive in the Spirit of Mercy

This Sunday's Gospel reading sets the stage for Pentecost. Prior to giving us the full gift of his Spirit, Jesus provides the gift of peace, the gift of his heart. A supernatural gift, it penetrates deep into our own hearts. It is the calming presence of Christ when we face challenges and difficulties.

Jesus bestowed it upon his first apostles twice in the same meeting shortly after his resurrection. Then he gave them the life-breath of God, the Holy Spirit, and commissioned them with the priesthood of forgiving the sins of others — another gift that brings peace.

This gift of peace has been distributed by Jesus ever since, through the ordained priesthood in what we now call the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And to hold us steady in our efforts to remain holy, Jesus still gives us the breath of God. This breath, this life-sustaining presence of God's Spirit, which created the world and which keeps us spiritually alive, is the Holy Spirit — God's holiness activating us and dwelling within us.

Whatever is not holy — not of the Spirit — is sinful and destructive. Jesus, who is the embodiment of Divine Mercy, died on the cross and gave us his Spirit so that we could live in the forgiveness of God.

Whenever you pray the "Our Father", do it slowly and intentionally, and pay attention to these words: "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Think of the people who have irritated you the most or who have continued to behave hurtfully without remorse. Consciously forgive them during this prayer.

Otherwise, your unforgiveness could affect their eternal souls as well as your own, because you're denying them an opportunity to understand God's forgiveness through your example, and you're denying God the opportunity to forgive you for your sin of unforgiveness.

Forgiveness doesn't mean approving of the sin nor forgetting what was done. It means letting go of the desire to retaliate. It means choosing to love whether it's deserved or not. It means entering anew into Christ's gift of peace.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who in your life is hardest to forgive? Perhaps it's yourself! What sins are you retaining by refusing to accept that God has already made his forgiveness available through the cross and resurrection? What are you going to do this week to let go of the unforgiveness?