



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY January 4	5:30 p.m.	Janet Orlando - Dan & Lisa Lanzotti
TUESDAY: January 5	8:15	Sally Jo Parnell - Kathryn Meneghetti
WEDNESDAY January 6	6:30	Lynda Evinsky (anniv.) - Krueger Family <u>And</u> Barb Willenborg (anniv.) - Mike & Colleen Johnson
THURSDAY January 7	8:15	No Mass
FRIDAY January 8		No Mass
SATURDAY January 9	4:30 <u>And</u>	Peg Coleman - Carol McCue Albert Homer - Sharon Homer & Kathy Smith
SUNDAY January 10	8:00 9:30 <u>And</u> 11:30	Holy Souls in Purgatory - Judy Gunn Bill Becker - The Lenn Family Parishioners of St. Agnes Vernon Reichle - Lou Ann Mack <u>And</u> Gene Elliott - Mary Elliott

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

ALTAR SERVERS

January 5, 7:

Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Camille Arisman, Louis Bartletti

Thursday, 8:15 a.m. No Mass

January 9-10:

4:30 p.m. Elizabeth Bretscher, Elizabeth Harley, Michael Kraft

8:00 a.m. Lou Matsko, Mark Gebhards

9:30 a.m. Skyler Justison, Aleya Justison, Isaac Vizral

11:30 a.m. Max Hartwig, Sophie Kink-Tucker, Olivia Kink-Tucker

READERS, JANUARY 9-10

4:30 p.m. Pat Stieren, Sharon Huck

8:00 a.m. Tricia Hopkins-Price, Linda Distlehorst

9:30 a.m. Marilyn Okon, Roslyn Brookens

11:30 a.m. Adrian Gandhi, Sandra Kelley

COMMUNION MINISTERS JANUARY 9-10

4:30 p.m. Team B, Michael Farmer, Jim Frank, Sharon Huck, Connor Kink, Dan Punzak, Pat Steiren

8:00 a.m. Team G, Carolyn Chestnut, Donna Chestnut, Tom Frost & Julie Davis, Brad & Diane Loscher

9:30 a.m. Team M, Ralph & Roslyn Brookens, Maribeth Farnham, Bob & Kathy Sherman, Virginia Sprinkel

11:30 a.m. Team T, Eloise Baird, Jackie Davis, Patrick Dennis, Marie Hamende, Linda Mueller, Don Steinkamp

SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS DECEMBER 10

Pre K4 & K Gina Curry
1st & 2nd Maria Rutter
3rd Shelley Simon

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

8:00 AM-5:00 PM: Sheila Noonan 546-0012
Barb Kern 546-7729
5:00 PM-10:00 PM: Maureen Brady 787-3423
Cinda Steinkamp 787-6439

Holy Family Food Pantry: Next weekend, January 9-10, is our regular collection for the Holy Family Food Pantry. Please bring your food donations to the Gathering Space. Cash donations are always appreciated. Please make checks payable to "Holy Family Food Pantry." Thanks for your support all year long to this very important ministry.

The Holy Name Society will meet on Monday, January 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will make plans for the coming year. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.



WELCOME to the following parishioners who registered at St. Agnes Parish in December:

**Regina Dunn
Russ & Alyssa Krug
George & Mary Perich Family
Clayton & Jenna Yates Family**



Epiphany is Manifestation Day. It is the day for sharing. It is another day for gifts. It is the Twelfth Day of Christmas. The gift, clearly, is Christ Jesus the Lord. The gift, clearly, is given not just to me, not just to "us", but also to "them".

How can I be like God today and manifest some goodness and grace to both us and them?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. We read about the magi bringing gifts to the Christ child. Give the gift of time and yourselves to your spouse; sign up today to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on February 5-7. To register or for more info call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.



Next weekend, January 9-10 will be the Catholic Times collection. Don't forget your envelope found in your January envelope packet.

I Am the New Year

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months. All that you sought and didn't find is hidin in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Living in Love – Retreat Weekend: Provides an opportunity for couples to reconnect. January 30-31, 2016 at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Retreat Center, Springfield, Illinois. The cost is \$150 per couple. Scholarships are available. The retreat includes Sunday Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday night. RSVP – Bsmith@dio.org or 321-1139. For more information or to register online, please go to www.dio.org/familylife/events.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Bob will be away from the Parish from Thursday, January 7 through Friday, January 22.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit

Monday, January 4

- Classes resume for St. Agnes School students. Monday is a regular length school day with dismissal at 3:10 p.m. It is not an early dismissal day.

- Parish/School Planning meeting for the March 5th Gala - 6:30 p.m. in the library

Tuesday, January 5

- Parents' Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the library

Wednesday, January 6

- Grant Writing meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school office area.

Thursday, January 7

- All-School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m. St. Agnes School children and staff will be celebrating the Epiphany. All are invited to join us.

- Annual Fund meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school office area.

Monday, January 11

- Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. for the monthly Faculty meeting.

- St. Agnes School Board will meet in the library at 6:30 p.m.

SHG Placement Test Makeup: The 8th grade Placement Test will be offered again on Saturday, January 9 at SHG's main campus. Doors open at 8 a.m., with the test beginning at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Stephanie Phillips at 787-1595, ext. 126, or e-mail phillips@shg.org. The Placement Test is the next step for all 8th graders interested in attending SHG in the fall of 2016.

DIVORCED? The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide 12-week group begins January 6th, 2016 at 7pm in the St. James Parish Center (112 N 6th St, Riverton, IL 62561). There is No cost. Free will offerings will be accepted to defray the cost of the program materials and light refreshments each week. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Sorry, no child care available. For more information, email marruffojohn@gmail.com or call John at 217-494-3366.

Catholic Comedy Outing: Join Butler Funeral Homes for lunch at CJ's Restaurant followed by Bible Bingo, an interactive play from the creator of Late Nite Catechism, at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts on January 9th. We will leave Springfield at 10:30 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$56, all inclusive. Call 544-4646 to reserve a seat.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship:

Cathedral Knights of Columbus, Council 16126, welcomes all boys and girls, ages 9-14, to their 1st Annual Free Throw Championship, St Aloysius Gymnasium, Saturday, January 9, 2016, 9am. The Free Throw Challenge has a Council, District, Regional, State and International component to the tournament. All participants receive a Participation Certificate and Winners move on to the next stage in each gender and age bracket. For more information or to register, please contact Patrick Kelleher at 704-724-1303 or email kelleherbp@gmail.com.

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.

~Edith Lovejoy Pierce



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CONTRIBUTIONS, DECEMBER 19-20:

Regular Contributions: \$ 20,550

St. Agnes Parish Capital
Improvements Fund: \$ 1,024**MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Dear St. Agnes Parishioners,

Since early September, a group of parishioners have been meeting, making preparations for a fundraising event for our parish and school - **"The St. Agnes Gala"** Consisting of a sit-down dinner, silent and live auctions and dueling pianos, the gala will take place on **Saturday, March 5** at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. An opportunity to raise some funds and have a good time as well! I call your attention to further details about this event found elsewhere in this Sunday's bulletin.

Blessings in this new year of 2016!

Fr. Bob

Make a resolution to listen to AM 1410 & 88.9 FM WIHM Catholic Radio in the New Year. Tune in to daily Holy Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Rosary. Participate in live call-in shows on the faith, such as Catholic Answers Live, Open Line, Called to Communion, and more. For a program schedule and a free CD call (314) 752-7000 or toll free at (877) 305-1234.

**RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER**

That our faith may lead us to the presence of Christ in the sick, the poor, the oppressed, and the unborn, we pray to the Lord.....

**Young at Heart (YAH) Activities****Saturday, January 23,****2016:** Join us for our next

Grapevine Social starting at 5:30 p.m. at Its All About Wine. You can come and go as your schedule allows. Please bring your friends and an appetizer to share. Our charity this time will be the St. Agnes Gala to be held on Saturday, March 5. Call Roslyn Brookens (622-6299) for more information.

Friday, February 26, 2016: Mark your calendars for our bus trip to St. Louis to visit the Basilica and the Shrine of St. Joseph and to have dinner on the Hill. We will leave from the St. Agnes parking lot. More details on costs, exact times, etc. will be provided in future bulletins. For more information, contact Jane Locascio (306-3037).

If you any questions on these activities, or if you have suggestions for future activities, please contact any one of the following officers: Ralph Brookens (415-1889); Sue Hartl (787-5849); Carrie Becker (787-6823), Barb Kern (546-7729) or Cliff Erwin (787-7017).

God has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on Earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which He looks
With compassion on this world
Yours are the feet with which
He walks to do good
Yours are the hands with which
He blesses all the world.
God has no body now on earth but yours.

- Teresa of Avila (Adapted)

If you have a little extra time, we are looking for people to help with the Caregivers program. Caregivers are volunteers of all ages who provide safe assistance to older adults and help them with things they can no longer do. For more information or to assist with this program, please call Barb Kern at 546-7729.

St. Agnes Gala ~Save the Date~

Please join us for an evening of Fun, Friends and Fundraising at the St. Agnes Gala on March 5, 2016. The Gala will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Hotel and the evening will consist of dinner, silent and live auctions and entertainment provided by **Howl at the Moon** dueling pianos. Tickets are \$75 a person and includes dinner, open bar and entertainment for the evening. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and festivities will conclude at 11:00pm. Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Space after all Masses beginning January 10 until they are sold out. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted. There are reserved seating options, so be sure to inquire.

We need your help to make this a success. How can you help? Consider donating new items for the auction such as: sporting event tickets, services, vacation packages, birthday party packages or you can also donate a bottle of wine or two valued at \$15 or more for the wall of wine. All donations are greatly appreciated but need to be submitted by January 31, 2016. Sponsoring or underwriting a Gala expense, advertising in the bid book and purchasing a table are great ways to support the Gala and advertise your business at the same time. Forms are available in the Gathering Space. Try your luck and purchase a raffle ticket for tuition, quilt, or beer for a year! Most importantly, come be a part of the fun ~ whether as an attendee or volunteer. Please contact Amy Lyons 217.553.2615 or Sarah Tapscott 217.473.7189 with questions or email stagnesfundraiser@gmail.com. See you there!!

Fish Fry: Riverton Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3914 in Riverton wish you a blessed Christmas and happy New Year. We also wish to invite you to our 1st Friday Fish Fry on Friday, January 8, 2016 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Riverton KC Hall. Please note that this is the 2nd Friday instead of the first which happens to be New Year's Day.



It's Wine Time St. Agnes Gala - Wall of Wine Event

Mark your calendar and make plans with a friend or two or 10 for an enjoyable evening! Come to 4:30 Mass on **Saturday, January 23, 2016** and then head over to **It's All About Wine** (1305 Wabash Avenue) afterwards. Make it your evening destination or stop by before your Saturday night out. We will be there until 8:00 pm. You are encouraged to bring an appetizer to share with the other event goers, including the St. Agnes Young at Heart Club. Don't drink wine? Don't worry, they have other beverages (beer and soft drinks) available to consume while you share in the friendship and fun.

It's All About Wine will donate 10% of the wine purchased this day to the auction wall of wine. What a great way to purchase wine bottle donations for the Wall of Wine as well as replenish your supply at home. **It's All About Wine** will store the bottles on site and deliver them to the Gala for us!

This should be a fun parish event. Any questions? Call or text Monica Wieneke 494.8348 or call Roslyn Brookens 622.6299. Can't make it but want to help out? Stop by **It's All About Wine** anytime on the day of the event and tell them you are supporting the St. Agnes Gala with your purchase.

Butler Funeral Home: An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery and Advance Planning. When it comes to burial, cremation and advance funeral planning, we know that people have many questions. As funeral and cremation specialists, we're happy to provide answers during our FREE program. Join us January 7 at 11:30 a.m. for a complimentary lunch at Bella Milano and a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. RSVP by January 4 by calling 544-4646.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Are you new to the area and just started coming to St. Agnes Church? Or have you been attending Church here for a while and have never registered? You can call the Rectory office, 793-1330, during regular office hours, and register over the phone.

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