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# ST. AGNES PARISH

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday** 4:30 p.m.  
**Sunday** 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.  
**Monday** 5:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday** 8:15 a.m.  
**Wednesday** 6:30 a.m.  
**Thursday** 8:15 a.m.  
**First Friday** 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:15 Mass until noon.

(No daily Mass on Fridays except for First Fridays)

**Holydays** Consult the bulletin prior to the Holyday

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Call the Parish Office to schedule other times.

**ST. AGNES PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Loved and chosen by God, we are the St. Agnes Parish family. Through Baptism we share responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus. We are called to be a community whose members enable and support the gifts given to each by the Spirit. We are sent to make Christ visible in our world through worship, proclamation of the Word, and service to all God's people. We, the people of God, in the Catholic Christian community of St. Agnes, in northwest Springfield, Illinois, commit ourselves to seek first the Kingdom of God in our life together.

**WELCOME!**

If you're new to our community and not yet registered, we invite you to call or stop by the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

**INFANT BAPTISMS**

Infant Baptisms are celebrated on the **first and third Sundays of the month** at 12:30 p.m. Attendance at the Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class is required. Call the Parish Office to register for the class and to arrange for a Baptism.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open to the unbaptized who are interested in joining the Catholic faith, those baptized Christian who are considering becoming a Catholic, and baptized Catholics who are not fully initiated. Inquiry sessions for those interested in joining the Catholic faith are held periodically throughout the year. Please call the Parish Office for additional information.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office.



## ST. AGNES PARISH

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 a.m. Ann Oswald (Carolyn Beeler)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:15 a.m. DOMS (Jim Schwalbach)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30 a.m. Walter Brown (Mary Sestak & Vicki Stalcup)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

8:15 a.m. Sp. Int. - Srs. Joan & Corde (Ralph & Roslyn Brookens)

And Betty McGann (Family)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

No Mass

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

4:30 p.m. Margaret O'Donnell (Family)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 a.m. Jack Coleman (M/M Mike Noonan)

9:30 a.m. Roy Schleyhan (Karen Frank & Julie Billingsley)

11:30 a.m. Ron Kuhn (Ralph & Roslyn Brookens)

And William Bennett (Jan Kuhn)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 55:1-11; Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a;  
Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,  
17-20; Jn 1:35-42

## ALTAR SERVERS

### JANUARY 9, 11:

8:15 a.m. Matthew Johnson, Vance Ludolph

8:15 a.m. Maxon Perkins, Jack Ramage

### JANUARY 13-14:

4:30 p.m. Louis Bartletti, Rose Bartletti,  
Maria Bartletti

8:00 a.m. Mike Bauer, Mike Reed

9:30 a.m. Vance Ludolph, Jack Ludolph,  
Jaycie Cole

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

## **READERS, JANUARY 13-14**

4:30 p.m. Denise Klemm, Ruth Lewis

8:00 a.m. Harry Mitchell, Sr. Joan Sorge

9:30 a.m. Bev Dillon, Rick Wilderson

11:30 a.m. Janet Koltun, Bob Bussing

## **COMMUNION MINISTERS**

### **JANUARY 13-14**

**4:30 p.m. Team D,** Judi Bloome, Susan  
Dodson, Dan Dollison, Sharon Huck, Mary  
Mucciante, Kathy Smith

**8:00 a.m. Team I,** Mary Ann Gatten, Robert  
& Nancy Gorman, Steve & Julie Johnson, Louis  
Kink

**9:30 a.m. Team O,** Bill & Cindy Callan,  
Richard & Meredith Koerper, Doug McDonald,  
Becky Powell

**11:30 a.m. Team V,** Jeff Enlow, Adrian  
Gandhi, Annette Nelson, Lisa Sommer, Amanda  
Turner

## **SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS**

### **JANUARY 14**

Pre K4 & K

Ellen Greenan

1st & 2nd

Mary Ludolph

3rd

Maria Rutter

## **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



**Signature Ads:** We will have sign-ups for the annual Springfield Right to Life Signature ad in the Gathering Space after all Masses this weekend, January 6-7 and next weekend, January 13-14. This is a great opportunity to show your support for life on the anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion on demand at any stage of pregnancy. Cost of one line is \$5.00 and can consist of a single name, several names, an org or a family name. Your participation will be appreciated.

**Baby Bottle Boomerang,** for First Step Women’s Center (formerly Lifetime) will begin January 6-7. Debbie Shultz, Director, will share campaign details and will also provide a tour of the Mobile Medical Unit after each Mass. Bottles will be collected January 27-28. Help support a Culture of Life in your community. Contact Diane Blean, 725-0065, for further information.



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

**Patti Baird**



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** “They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, let us give homage to


the presence of God in our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend in Springfield, IL on March 23-25, 2018. The next Weekend in the St. Louis area is on February 2-4. To register or for more information, call 314-649-7317 or go online to [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org).

**PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE:**  
 The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12.

**Holy Family Food Pantry:** Next weekend, January 13-14, is our regular collection for the Holy Family Food Pantry. Please bring your food donations to the gathering space. Cash donations are always appreciated. Make checks payable to “Holy Family Food Pantry.”

**Courses for all Catholics - University of Dayton Online Learning** – Cycle 1 begins January 2018. The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), is a program of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton which offer adult faith formation classes. Our partnership with the University of Dayton allows the people of our diocese to take these classes at half price. These adult faith formation courses support the Church’s catechetical ministry and are for all Catholics. This means that you can deepen your faith at a time and place convenient to you via the internet. Classes for Cycle 1 are Jan. 14–Feb. 17. Register through January 10. For more info, visit [vlcff.udayton.edu](http://vlcff.udayton.edu) or contact the Office for Catechesis, 698-8500.

**Butler Funeral Home:** January 11, 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 for a complimentary breakfast at MCL Restaurant & Bakery from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. This event is free: no cost. Call 544-4646 to reserve your seat by January 8.



**RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER**

For the times we are afraid to welcome life: May the Lord fill our hearts with confidence in His loving care and provide for every need;

We pray to the Lord....



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### **Monday, January 8**

- Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. for the monthly Faculty meeting.
- School Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school office area.

### **Tuesday, January 9**

- Parents' Club Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

### **Wednesday, January 10**

- Ag in Kindergarten Classroom.
- Scholastic Bowl Practice from 3:15-4:30 p.m.
- Grant Writing Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, January 11**

- All School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.

### **Friday, January 12**

- End of 2nd Quarter for St. Agnes School students.

### **Monday, January 15**

- No School, Martin Luther King Day.



## **Illinois Scholarship Tax**

**Credit:** Did you know that your family might be eligible for an Illinois Scholarship Tax Credit? Eligible students are members of a

household whose federal adjusted gross income this year as determined by IDOR, does not exceed 300% of the federal poverty level. Empowerillinois.org will begin accepting students applications for scholarships on January 24, 2018. The application portal will be available at [empowerillinois.org](http://empowerillinois.org). Families can begin preparing for the application process by collecting the following documents:

- Copy of 2016 federal tax return, 1099, W-2, or year-end pay stubs.
- Verification of Illinois residence (utility bill, driver's license, etc.)
- Documentation of student age (birth certificate, federal/state ID or passport).
- Student's prior semester report card.
- If available, letter of acceptance or enrollment at an eligible school.

Students currently enrolled in Catholic schools can apply!

**From the Vatican** – Proclaiming the joy of the Gospel is the mission entrusted by the Lord to his Church. In keeping with this mission Pope Francis is introducing a new approach through a 2018 Bishops' Synod with the topic, "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment." The Church has decided to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective ways to announce the Good News today. In terms of hearing directly from young people, the Vatican has launched a survey for youth and young adults. The goal of this questionnaire – aimed at young people throughout the world from 16 to 29 years of age – is to provide young people with the opportunity to communicate, express and recount who they are and what they want to say about themselves. Here is the link: <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>.

**Totus Tuus Team Applications** for staff for the summer 2018 Totus Tuus season in the diocese are now being accepted. Totus Tuus hires college students and seminarians to staff teams that will travel throughout this diocese and neighboring dioceses over the course of the summer to present the Totus Tuus program with students in 1-12 grades. There is a 10-day training program that starts on May 30 at Villa Maria. The commitment is through July 28 with a break over the week of the Independence Day holiday. For more information about the role of the summer staff or to bring Totus Tuus to your parish, please contact Kyle Holtgrave at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154, or visit <http://www.dio.org/youthministry/staff-information.html>.



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**CONTRIBUTIONS, DECEMBER 23-24:**

Regular Contributions: \$19,788

St. Agnes Parish Capital  
Improvements Fund: \$598**CONTRIBUTIONS, DECEMBER 25:**

Regular Contributions: \$16,752

St. Agnes Parish Capital  
Improvements Fund: \$304**CONTRIBUTIONS, DECEMBER 30-31:**

Regular Contributions: \$16,163

St. Agnes Parish Capital  
Improvements Fund: \$556**MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**St. Valentine's @ the Villa** – Come celebrate St. Valentine's Day with other dating, engaged and married couples from throughout the diocese on Saturday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m. Drinks, dinner and comedy entertainment is only \$50 per couple! For more information and to register, go to <http://www.dio.org/familylife/events.html>.

**Living in Love Marriage Enrichment Retreat** – Couples who stay successfully and happily married make their marriage a priority. They are not content with having a marriage that is just 'okay', they want something much more. Living in Love provides an opportunity for couples to reconnect with their own personal love history and gain a renewed sense of purpose, hope and direction for their future. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.dio.org/familylife/events.html>

**St. Agnes Cub Scout Pack**

**32** is growing into adventures, activities and learning while having fun! All interested boys in first grade through fifth grade are invited to join us at our next meeting on Thursday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m., St. Agnes Parish Hall.

**Citizenship Workshop** – The Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries, along with the Immigration Project, is offering a Citizenship workshop at Christ the King Parish, Springfield on Saturday, February 3, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. for Legal Permanent Residents who are ready to naturalize (become a U.S. citizen). See the bulletin board in the back of the church for more information and necessary documents.

**Cachet Club Butter Braid Sale** will be held January 9 through February 13. In addition to butter braids, we also have pizza dough and cookie dough available for sale. Proceeds benefit St. John's Breadline and Helping Hands. To place an order, contact any member or call Joan Layzell at 546-3610.

**Young at Heart (YAH) Activities**

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

\* Tuesday, January 9: Open meeting for YAH Planning Committee at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are invited to provide input on future activities. Contact Roslyn Brookens (622-6299) or Jane Locascio (306-3037) for more information.

\* After the Holidays Gathering: Plan to join us for our 6th annual dinner event at Bella Milano's Restaurant on **Sunday, January 14, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. This event is open to all parishioners and their friends. Reservations are requested by Monday, January 8. For more information, call Cliff Erwin at 787-7017.

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### People of Light

O God of all nations, who beckon us to live in the light, you scattered the darkness through the birth of your Son, Jesus. Prophets of old foretold that your brilliance would cover the earth and draw all peoples into your loving care. Grant that we, who, like the Magi, seek the radiance of your glory are found worthy to proclaim your holy name. Shine brightly within our hearts and illuminate our minds as we faithfully share the Good News. May all peoples be drawn closer to you by the revelation of your Incarnate Word. Keep us ever in your care, so that, filled with joy, we may always work to build a just and peaceful world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Sunday, January 7, 2018

#### Revealing Light

*Today's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.* The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's manifestation to all the nations. We are familiar with the story of the three wise men and the song "We Three Kings," but do we stop and think about what the Scriptures tell us today? In the First Reading, the prophet demands that Jerusalem rise up; God has restored the city, bathing it in light. God's glory is revealed in this thriving city and its renewed people: all the "Nations shall come to your light" (v. 3). Jerusalem reveals the Good News of salvation so that the world can bask in God's redeeming love. In the Gospel, Magi from the East (representing different cultures/places) seek the Christ Child. They follow a star; they are in pursuit of truth. Upon seeing Jesus, they paid him homage. Jesus has come to save all people, and Christ's manifestation transforms the way we see one another. Christ is at the center of our relationships, and he uses our diverse gifts and experiences to reveal the Father. When the visitors from the East find Jesus, they are made part of the story of God's people.

In Baptism, bathed with the Light of Christ, we are delivered from our misfortune and made into the Body of Christ. We are no longer a people of darkness; we must shine out like Jerusalem. Our lives should reflect Christ's Divine Presence, proclaim justice to the poor, release to the captives, and attract all who seek to know truth.

### This Week at Home

**Ordinary Time** - Ordinary Time is divided into two periods. The first begins with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends with Ash Wednesday (February 14). The second and longest period begins after Pentecost and concludes on the Saturday after the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of All the Universe. The word *ordinary* means "ordered." The season is called *Ordinary* because we number the weeks outside of festal time to help us mark the time. During Ordinary Time, the Lectionary narrates the works of Jesus and outlines what it means to be a disciple. This season is not mundane or unimportant but a season to reflect on what it means to be a faithful disciple of Christ and to practice the faith we profess. During these weeks of Winter Ordinary Time, relish the quiet of winter, listen attentively to the Scriptures, and notice the simplicity of the decor in your parish church. Allow these few weeks to be a time of contemplation and of sharing the Good News, especially as we ready ourselves for the celebration of Lent and Easter.

#### January 8 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today marks the official end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Along with the wedding at Cana and the story of the Magi, this story reveals God's presence among us. Adrien Nocent, OSB, says, "The baptism of Christ, leads us even more deeply into the paschal mystery. For the baptism of Christ in the Jordan manifests the fact that salvation is now given to all: sin is destroyed"



(*The Liturgical Year*, Liturgical Press, 2013). As Jesus comes up from the water, God reveals that Jesus is his beloved Son. Because of the waters of Baptism, we share in the life that Jesus promised. We have a share in the Kingdom and are required to work that all people have peace, justice, and love. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11.*

**Friday, February 2**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Though forty days after Christmas, this feast brings Christmas Time to mind. The liturgy for this day reminds us that Jesus is a light of revelation to the Gentiles (2:32). Simeon and Anna recognized the divine child, the King of Glory, who became like us in order to save us from our sins. This feast reminds us that Jesus is truly the light that banishes all darkness and purifies all peoples so they might share in God's goodness. At Mass today, many parishes will bless the candles used throughout the year and invite parishioners to bring candles from home to be blessed. The liturgy begins with the blessing and a candlelight procession to remind us




that Jesus is our light in the darkness. *Today's Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40.*

**Saturday, February 10**

**St. Scholastica**

Not much is known about Scholastica's early life: she is the twin sister of St. Benedict and the foundress of the Benedictine nuns. Hagiography tells us that Scholastica was deeply devoted to prayer and deepening her friendship with God. The readings today point out both this idea of deep love for God and the theme of service to the Lord. Though Scholastica was cloistered, her devotion to God, her brother, and her community revealed the love and mercy of God to others. Take a moment today to read her story. There's a gem that tells us of a time she outwitted Benedict. *Today's Readings (from the Memorial): Song of Songs 8:6-7; Psalm 148:1bc-2, 11-13a, 13c-14; Luke 10:38-42.*

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