



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

5:30 p.m. Jack Coleman - Carrie Becker

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:15 a.m. Margaret Graham - Carol McCue

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30 a.m. Leona Kervin - Friends

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

8:15 a.m. David Pohl—Rita Nortrup

FRIDAY, JANURAY 13

NO MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

4:30 p.m. Rudy & Rose Kink - Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 a.m. Fr. Robert Erickson - Robert & Ruth Hood
9:30 a.m. Delores Prosperini - Family & Friends
11:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes

ALTAR SERVERS

January 10, 12:

8:15 a.m. Anna Curtis, Charlie Dunham
8:15 a.m. Kyle Ward, Maxon Perkins

January 14-15:

4:30 p.m. Louis Bartletti, Rose Bartletti, John Schmidt
8:00 a.m. Al Mast, Jeff Tatarek
9:30 a.m. Beth VonBehren, Tucker VonBehren, Matt VonBehren
11:30 a.m. Julia Curry, Sydney House,

READERS, JANUARY 14-15

4:30 p.m. Jamie Greenwald, Pat Stieren
8:00 a.m. Vicki Bauer, Tricia Hopkins-Price
9:30 a.m. Holly Kesterson, Mark Jarmer
11:30 a.m. Sr. Angelene Biderbost, Pathy Ekal

COMMUNION MINISTERS

JANUARY 14-15

4:30 p.m. Team C, Mike & Dawn Caveny, Barb Kern, Mark & Ellen Kuntzi, Rudy Kink

8:00 a.m. Team H, Lois Bloechle, Rita King, Al & Sharon Mast, Rosie McCormick, Chuck Murphy

9:30 a.m. Team N, Tom Arisman, Ann Devlin, Dave Kerwin, Becky Powell, Conrad & Kathy Rubinkowski

11:30 a.m. Team U, Sr. Angelene Biderbost, Jan Koltun, Phil & Leigh Reed, Rick & Nancy Wilderson

SHARE THE WORD

JANUARY 14-15

PreK & K Roxanne Ramage
1st & 2nd Shelley Simon
3rd Deanna Kuchar

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

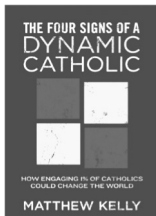
PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

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 Ad Campaign:

Springfield Right to Life will again sponsor a Signature Ad Campaign in the State Journal-Register, to be published the week of January 18, 2017. We encourage you to participate and sign your name to this life affirming campaign! You will have the opportunity to be a part of making a statement in the defense of LIFE. After all Masses this weekend, January 7-8 and next weekend, January 14-15, parishioners and guests may make a \$5.00 donation and complete the signup sheet to have their name included in the Right to Life advertisement. An individual, family or group name is acceptable for inclusion in the ad. Checks should be made out to Springfield Right to Life. Note: Anonymous donations will be gratefully accepted. Given the nature and intent of this public pronouncement, anyone who wishes to withhold their name from publication will be listed as “*Friends for Life.*”



The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic Book Discussion Begins Today (January 8)!

More than 800 copies of *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* were given to parishioners as a Christmas gift in late December. With the holidays now behind us, those who are interested in being guided through their reading of the book are invited to the first Small Group Discussion Program this Sunday (January 8) in the Parish Hall. The program, to be held from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., will focus on the first chapter, *Incredible Possibilities*. The program is free. Complimentary cookies with coffee, iced tea and water will be provided. Additional copies of the book will be available (first come, first served) at the Parish Hall prior to the program for those who have not yet received a copy or would like an additional copy for a family member, relative, friend or other. Please plan to join us! If you can't make today's session, please plan on joining us at the next group discussion on January 29 from 3:30-4:30 in the Parish Hall.

Catholic Times Collection: This weekend is our parish collection for the *Catholic Times*. This donation helps to provide *Catholic Times* to you and many of our parishioners. Donation envelopes for this collection were included in your January envelope packet. Donations for the *Catholic Times* may also be made online through our parish website. For a minimum donation of \$15.00 per year, readers receive a Catholic perspective on the world around us: local, national, worldwide, and Vatican news and events. Please be sure to make at least a \$15 donation. The parish relies on every person's donation to help subsidize this parish expense.

The Holy Name Society will meet on Monday, January 16, 7:00 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.

You Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married.” For everyone else there is *Retrouvaille*. Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with each other? Are you constantly fighting? Or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the *Retrouvaille* Program, visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next Program begins the weekend of FEBRUARY 3.

ALPHA: Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No pressure, no follow up, no charge. Alpha will meet on Tuesday nights from 6:00-8:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 10 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 1615 W. Washington, Springfield. No registration is required, and all are welcome. Call the Diocese at 217-698-8500 or visit <http://alphausa.org/about> for more information.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit
 A PeaceBuilder School

Monday, January 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 12

- All-school liturgy at 8:15 a.m.
- Annual Fund Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school office area.

Friday, January 13

- End of the second quarter for St. Agnes School students.

Monday, January 16

- No School, Martin Luther King Day.

Find Peace, Hope, Understanding, Healing, Community, Acceptance following separation or divorce:

You are invited to attend Catholics Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG). You will hear inspiring stories of recovery from divorce and separation, and wisdom from Catholic speakers, writers and clergy on turning to God, for help. Our group meets Wednesdays, beginning JAN. 25 in Room 3 of St. James Parish Hall, Riverton. For more information, call the Office for Marriage and Family Life, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois at 321-1132 or call 494-3366 to speak with the facilitator. For a preview of the sessions go to <http://www.catholicsdivorce.com/Catholics-Divorce-Survival-Guide-Preview-Videos>



Great River TEC: Teens Encounter Christ is an opportunity for young people between 16 and 21 - and for adult observers - to be invited to a closer relationship with

Jesus. As you listen to others speak of their relationship with the Lord and how God has worked in their lives, enter into prayer both individually and communal, and through the celebration of Church's liturgical life, you will be able to reflect more deeply on how God works in your own life. The next TEC retreat will be held in Quincy, Illinois January 14-16, 2017. For more information or to register, please visit www.greatrivertec.org or speak with Fr. Daren.

Future Great River TEC retreats will be held in Quincy on the following dates: March 4-6; April 8-10; June 10-12; and July 22-24.


Quest: This fast-paced, 24-hour Christian experience for 8th, 9th, and 10th Graders is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, exciting, amusing, thoughtful, and carefree surrounding. It is a time to meet new people while praying, playing, singing, and sharing with them with the aim of giving you the chance to search for the real you. The next Quest retreat will be held in Quincy, Illinois February 3-4, 2017. For more information or to register, please visit www.greatrivertec.org/minitec-quest/.



Observations and dreams. Magi. Looking. Longing. Star at its rising. Traveling with gifts. Asking for helpful directions. Seeing the child. Giving gifts. Here is the point of the "We Three Kings" story: **All people reflect God's radiance.**

Even people from the east. Even outsiders. Gentiles and Jews all belong to the one Kingdom, Saint Paul reminds us. Them and us are one because God is One. Let us sing Psalm 72 all week: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

- What signs (stars) do I see calling me to act?
- What gifts (of self, of things) will I give away?
- Who will I include in _____?



CONTRIBUTIONS, DEC. 24-25:
 Regular Contributions: \$26,530

St. Agnes Parish Capital
 Improvements Fund: \$657

CONTRIBUTIONS, DEC. 31 - JAN 1:
 Regular Contributions: \$13,409

St. Agnes Parish Capital
 Improvements Fund: \$911

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!

Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery, Options and Advance Planning hosted by Butler Funeral Homes: 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. Please join us Thursday, January 12 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at MCL for a complimentary breakfast buffet and a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. We hope that you will share this invitation with your family and friends. For more information, or to reserve your seat, please call 544-4646. For planning purposes, we request that reservations be made no later than Monday, January 9.

University of Dayton Online Learning-Courses for all Catholics - All adult Catholics have the opportunity to take online college level courses through the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), a program of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton. The VLCFF offers online adult religious education and faith formation courses in support of the Church's catechetical ministry. This means that you can deepen your faith at a time and place convenient to you via the internet. Courses may be taken for undergraduate credit (for an additional fee) and some courses qualify for credit in our diocesan Catechist Formation Process. Registration for the 2017 courses closes Jan. 11, 2017. The courses run Jan. 15-Feb. 18. For more information, visit the VLCFF web site or contact the Office for Catechesis.




Sister Parish Contributions:
 Many thanks for the generous contributions for our sister parish in Guatemala. A total of \$2,315.00 was contributed in December.




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

Rosita Lawar
Theresa Lawler



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. Plus programs such as, Catholic Answers Live, Open Line, the Journey Home, and more. For a program schedule call (314) 752-7000 or toll free at (877) 305-1234.



RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

For our national and local leaders: May they follow the example of the Three Kings by seeking God and serving him and his people, especially the poor and outcast;

We pray to the Lord.....



Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- * Tuesday, January 10 – YAH planning meeting for all interested individuals. We start at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall and will end at approximately 8:04 p.m. Please come if you have any ideas or suggestions you want to share for future activities as we plan for the spring and summer. No reservation necessary; just show up.
- * Saturday, January 28 – Grapevine Social at It's All About Wine. Starting time is 6:00 p.m. and you can come and go as you please. Friends are welcome and please bring an appetizer or snack to share. You do not have to drink wine to participate. Any questions? Call Roslyn Brookens at the number listed below.
- * Sunday, February 19 – Paint day from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in our parish hall. All parishioners age 10 (with supervision) and over are invited to this fun event. Cost is \$30.00 per person and includes canvases and snacks. (Bring your own beverages.) There will be three stenciled canvases to choose from and you will need to pick your canvas prior to the date so the artist will have enough of each canvas on hand. (A picture of the designs will be available in the Gathering Space after January 1.) For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Jane Snyder at 546-7084 or janesnyder167@yahoo.com by Friday, February 10. A maximum of 40 people can be accommodated and we anticipate a good turnout, so early registrations are encouraged. Come out and beat the winter doldrums!
- * Sunday, February 26 – Coffee and donuts after all Masses sponsored by YAH. Please join us in the parish hall for some fellowship and stimulating conversation. Free will offerings will be accepted.
- * Tuesday, March 21 – Elvis will be in the parish hall for our first potluck of the year. Come to hear the songs you grew up with and relive old times. Social will be at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. and Elvis will perform at 6:30 p.m. For more information, watch the bulletin or contact Barb Kern or Cliff Erwin at one of the number below.

Please feel free to contact any of the following officers for more details on any of the activities listed above or to offer suggestions for future activities: Roslyn Brookens (622-6299); Jane Locascio (306-3037); Sue Hartl (787-5849); Barb Kern (546-7729); or Cliff Erwin (787-7017).



Do You Recycle Your Printer Cartridges? If not, let us recycle them for you. Staples will give us \$2 in credit for each cartridge we recycle (up to 20 per month). We then use the credits to purchase office supplies for the Church office. There is a box in the Gathering Space for you to put your used cartridges. Every little bit helps!

Feed the Hungry Via the Internet at www.thehungersite.com. Every day you go to this page and click on "Donate Free Food," a corporate sponsor provides food for one person for one day. Put this in your "Favorite Sites" or "bookmark" it, and when you sign on to the internet, go to this site first. It just takes a minute, and is such an easy way to help the poor. Lots of other interesting things on this site also.

