



## ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62702

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY** 5:30 p.m. **NO MASS**

January 18

**TUESDAY:** 8:15 **NO MASS**

January 19

**WEDNESDAY** 6:30 **NO MASS**

January 20

**THURSDAY** 8:15 **NO MASS**

January 21

**FRIDAY**

January 22

**SATURDAY** 4:30 Marvin Frisch - Ralph &  
Roslyn Brookens  
And Tom Stuckey - Henry & Marge  
Unkraut

**SUNDAY** 8:00 Donald J. Kulek - Joan &  
Dave Kerwin  
And Parishioners of St. Agnes  
9:30 Delores Prosperini - Ernest,  
Family & Friends  
And Doris Savoie - Betty Bernet  
11:30 Ron Kuhn - Kathleen Trapp  
And Bob Kenney (anniv.) - Linda  
Mueller

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:2-21

**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12: 12-30; Lk  
1:1-4, 4:14-21

## ALTAR SERVERS

January 19,21:

**Tuesday, 8:15 a.m.** No Mass

**Thursday, 8:15 a.m.** No Mass

January 23-24:

4:30 p.m. Kyle Rolf, John Phalen, Nick Phalen

8:00 a.m. Mike Caveny, Chuck Murphy

9:30 a.m. Beth VonBehren, Tucker VonBehren,  
Matt Von Behren

11:30 a.m. Michael Enlow, Haley Enlow, Alison  
Enlow

## READERS, JANUARY 23-24

4:30 p.m. Roslyn Brookens, Ruth Lewis

8:00 a.m. Harry Mitchell, Jamie Greenwald

9:30 a.m. Patrick Joyce, Cindy Callan

11:30 a.m. Adrian Gandhi, Julie Davis

## COMMUNION MINISTERS

### JANUARY 23-24

**4:30 p.m. Team D,** Judi Bloome, Susan  
Dodson, Dan & Nancy Dollison, 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,** Tom Arisman, Bill &  
Cindy Callan, Mary Crabtree, Pamela Hargan,  
Doug McDonald

**11:30 a.m. Team V,** Judith Anderson, James  
Curtis, Jeff Enlow, Adrian Gandhi, Janice  
Gandhi, Ann Griffin

## SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS

### JANUARY 24

Pre K4 & K Mary Ludolph

1st & 2nd Colleen Dunham

3rd Ellen Greenan

## 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

## A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP Latin America Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year we celebrate the important milestone of 50 years of solidarity with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Church there faces many challenges, including lack of access to resources the faithful need to nourish their spiritual lives. Often, there are too few priests to meet the needs of the many communities they serve, or the communities themselves are simply too isolated to have access to other important resources for the faith. Strategies to train and support evangelization leaders are vital to reach those who are disconnected from the life and mission of the Church.

For the past 50 years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops through its Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has helped 25 countries in Central and South America as well as the Caribbean confront challenges to the faith. With your help and the support of the Catholic faithful, we have helped develop evangelization and catechetical programs. We have also funded activities that promote an encounter with Jesus Christ, so that the faithful can become missionary disciples.

For example, in the Diocese of Garzon, Colombia, the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe is blessed with a large community; however, there are only a few priests to address its many needs. Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the parish was able to train pastoral and evangelization leaders for the parish community. These leaders participated in formation on leadership and teaching catechesis, as well as in spiritual retreats, so they could reach out to the larger community. The parish also created "Catholic Faith" kits to aid in evangelization and teaching catechesis to those in the community. Through this project, the parish was able to achieve its goal of creating an evangelization program that can reach the 3,700 families of the parish.

Our diocese takes up this collection the weekend of January 23-24, 2016. Please be generous in this collection, and take this opportunity to share your faith with families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

**PLEASE NOTE: The Church office will be closed Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King Day.**

**Fr. Bob will be away from the parish through January 22.**

**Catholic Times:** Don't forget to send in your donation. There is an envelope for the *Catholic Times* in your January monthly packet. We ask for your help in meeting our annual assessment for the *Catholic Times*. Thank you for your help!



**“My Delight.”** Not “Forsaken”. Not “Desolate”. God says it long ago to Israel and says it still today to each of us: You are my Delight! This is the endearing language of personal relationship. This is the lasting language of covenantal love. In the Gospel today, Jesus, in a first public act, has compassion on the bridal party and their guests at Cana. Good wine, saved to last. No one is forsaken.

- Who are the desolate ones?
- Who are the forsaken ones who are near?
- How can I act with compassion?



**ST. AGNES SCHOOL**  
*catch our spirit*

**National Catholic Schools Week:** In two weeks, St. Agnes School begins our annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. During this week, we honor the role of Catholic education in our parish, our community and our nation and the many people who make our schools possible. We join Catholic Schools across the nation to celebrate the

success of Catholic Schools!

The theme for National Catholic Schools Week, 2016 is: "Catholic Schools : Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." This theme encompasses concepts that are at the heart of Catholic education. St. Agnes School is a community but also a part of the larger communities of home, Church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are integral to Catholic education and the measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

Please see the insert in next week's bulletin for the specific activities. We hope that School and Parish families and friends will be able to join us for the activities. The week begins with an Open House after all of the Masses on Sunday, January 31st. Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria. Teachers will be present after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to celebrate with us!

Monday, January 18– NO Classes, Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 19 – Preschool Conferences. No school for current preschoolers.

Wednesday, January 20 - Technology meeting in the office area – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 21– Magic-Match meeting at 12:00 noon

Enrollment meeting at 6:00 p.m. (Please note change in time)

"Gala" meeting at 7:00p.m. in the school library

Friday, January 22 – St. Agnes students, K-8, will receive report cards via e-mail on Friday. Parents are asked to watch for these report cards and contact teachers with questions or concerns.



**Join Us - St. Agnes Gala on March 5, 2016.** The Gala will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield a Doubletree by Hilton hotel and the evening will consist of dinner, silent/live auctions and entertainment provided by *Howl at the Moon* dueling pianos. Doors will open at 5:00pm and festivities will conclude at 11:00pm. General Admission tickets are \$75 a person and include admission, bid book, dinner, open bar and entertainment for the evening. Reserved seating is available in pairs, foursomes or tables of eight. Feeling LUCKY? Purchase raffle tickets to WIN 2016-17 St. Agnes tuition or \$2500

toward SHG tuition, a beautiful quilt, beer for a year or a 50/50! Not necessary to be present to win. Gala and Raffle Tickets are *ON SALE* and can be purchased using cash or check after masses or using credit card online. Check out the Gala website, [www.stagnescatholicsschool.org/annual\\_gala.php](http://www.stagnescatholicsschool.org/annual_gala.php) for more details. We need your help to make this a success. How can you help? If you have donated to the auction in the past, THANK YOU! We are seeking similar items for the Gala, if you would like to donate, please let us know. Consider donating items such as any new items, sporting event tickets, services, vacation packages, gift cards to local shopping and restaurants, birthday party packages or bottles of wine valued at \$15 or more for the *Wall of Wine*. We are accepting donations after masses and will have donation forms for you to complete. We are looking for sponsors, with varying levels that include reserved tables, advertising and event signage. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Lyons at 553.2615 or Sarah Tapscott 473.7189 or email [stagnesfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:stagnesfundraiser@gmail.com).

Our next Gala meeting will be Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 in the school library. We still need help in making this a successful auction, so please join us if you are interested in helping.



### CONTRIBUTIONS, JANUARY 9-10:

Regular Contributions: \$ 18,104

St. Agnes Parish Capital  
Improvements Fund: \$ 2,903

**MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!**



### Springfield Right to Life Signature Ads and Recommitment to Life Rally:

Springfield Right to Life will again sponsor a Signature Ad in the State Journal-Register on Thursday, January 21, 2016. This year's advertisement will state: "I am your Creator. You were in My care even before you were born." Two red roses, pro-life symbols, will surround a mother's hand reaching out to her child. The ad will precede the annual Recommitment to Life Rally, which will be held in the State Capitol Rotunda at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 24 with a reception to follow in the Howlett Building. Ads are \$5.00 per line and can include one name, several names or a whole family. Volunteers will be in the Gathering Space after all Masses this weekend, January 16-17. Please take advantage of this opportunity to stand up for life.

### January Mass in American Sign Language:

Saturday, January 23 – Please join us for Mass in American Sign Language with Father Tom Coughlin, O.P. Miss. Our Saviour Convent, 453 E. State Street, Jacksonville, Illinois 62650. Mass starts at 4:00 pm with a potluck dinner to follow. For more information, email Christine Lansaw at [christine.lansaw@yahoo.com](mailto:christine.lansaw@yahoo.com)

**St. Valentine's at the Villa:** Why not celebrate the joy and humor of Christian married love with your sweetheart this St. Valentine's Day? Sunday, **February 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.** Dinner, Drinks and Entertainment \$50.00 per couple. Entertainment provided by comedian C.J. Harlow. Open to all married, engaged and dating couples. Villa Maria Retreat Center, 1903 East Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL 62712 - For registration visit <http://www.dio.org/familylife/events.html>.

### Living in Love – Retreat Weekend:

Provides an opportunity for couples to reconnect. Designed to energize romance. January 30-31 at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Retreat Center, Springfield. The cost is \$150 per couple. Scholarships are available. The retreat includes Sunday Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday. RSVP – [Bsmith@dio.org](mailto:Bsmith@dio.org) or (217) 321-1139.



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Jesus worked his first public miracle at the wedding feast in Cana. Many believe this symbolizes the overabundance of grace Jesus gives to the couples in the sacrament of matrimony. Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and even transform your marriage sacrament. Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 5-7. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org).



### Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Volunteer Program

seeks single, Catholic women 21+ years of age to give long-term volunteer service of 3- 12 months sharing faith community and serving alongside Sisters in a wide variety of ministries. Contact Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC at [connie.ss@att.net](mailto:connie.ss@att.net) or visit [phjcvolprogram.org](http://phjcvolprogram.org).



## Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

**Saturday, January 23, 2016:**

Join us for our next **Grapevine Social** starting at 5:30 p.m. at ***It's All About Wine***. You can come and go as your schedule allows. You do not have to drink wine to participate; beer, soft drinks and water are also available. Please bring your friends and an appetizer to share. Our charity this time is the St. Agnes Gala to be held on Saturday, March 5. They will get 10 percent of all our purchases that night and the following week. Call Roslyn Brookens (622-6299) for more information.

**Friday, February 26, 2016:** We are planning a bus trip to St. Louis to visit the "new" Basilica, St. Joseph's Church (the site of many reported miracles) and have dinner at a great restaurant on the Hill. We will leave from the St. Agnes parking lot at approximately 9:00 a.m. (exact time dependent on the weather and to be announced later) and go to Mass at noon in the Basilica, then take a tour of the facility. Cost of the trip is \$75.00 per person and includes the bus, tip for the driver, donation to the Basilica, dinner, etc. Limited seats are available and we already have a number of reservations. You can sign up this weekend in the Gathering Space after all Masses. For more information, contact Jane Locascio (306-3037).

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016:** **Mark your calendar** for our potluck starting at 5:30 p.m. with a social, then dinner at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Dale Boudreau will share his special musical talents with us and we look forward to an enjoyable evening. Cost is \$5.00 to cover the cost of the entrée and drinks. Please bring a dish to share. There will be sign-ups in the Gathering Space two weekends prior to the event. In the interim, questions can be directed to Barb Kern (546-7729) or Cliff Erwin (787-7017).

## Knights of Columbus Council #3914

wish to announce the following events:

- 1st Friday Fish Fry will be held Friday, February 5 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Riverton KC Hall.
- St. James Church Breakfast will be held Sunday, January 31 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Proceeds will be used to purchase a defibrillator (AED)
- Pasta Dinner will be held Saturday, February 13 from 4-7 p.m. at the Riverton KC Hall. Proceeds benefit the George Tregoning Family

See bulletin board in the back of the church for more details.

**Lenten Fish Fry:** Our Lady of Lourdes Lenten Fish Fry will be held in the School Gym, 3950 Lourdes Drive, Decatur, on February 12, 19, 26 and March 4 from 4:30-7 p.m. Catfish, Baked Cod, Walleye and Shrimp Dinners will be available. All dinners include French fries or baked potato, coleslaw, bread and one soft drink. Dinners are \$7.50 (\$8.50 for shrimp). Children's menu includes choice of Walleye or a hot dog for \$4.00. The kid's dinner includes French fries and one soft drink.

**Trivia Night:** The Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony will host its annual Trivia Event on Sunday afternoon, January 24th, 2016 at 2:00 pm at the Hoogland Center, Theater 3. Cost is \$10/person or \$100 per table of 10. Cash prizes for top three teams. Mulligans and 50/50 tickets will also be available for purchase. Phone 753-8000 or go to [www.svys.org](http://www.svys.org) for more information or to reserve your space

## RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER



Join thousands of Catholics across the nation now through January 24, as we pray for a Culture of Life. Visit the website [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to receive novena prayers by text message,

App, email, or on-line.

**Knights of Columbus Membership Drive** for Council 16126, will be after all Masses on January 23-24 at Cathedral. Knights of Columbus members are practicing Catholic gentlemen whose principles center on Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. Come join us and learn about your Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Patrick Kelleher, [kelleherbp@gmail.com](mailto:kelleherbp@gmail.com), 704-724-1303.

**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast (all you can eat!) Today**, January 17 at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Chatham from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults \$3 for children 4-11 and children under 4 are free. Proceeds will benefit local food pantries (Chatham & Holy Family).

**The Lyke Conference** focuses on worship and the rich cultural traditions of Black Catholics – Conference dates are July 5-9, 2016, San Antonio, TX. This year's theme: Black Catholics -Fully Functional, Fully Committed. For additional information or to register, please visit [www.lykeconference.com](http://www.lykeconference.com).

**Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest:** Cathedral Knights of Columbus, Council 16126, welcomes all boys and girls, ages 8-14, to their 1st Annual Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. (See Cathedral website for rules and additional information on contest). All Posters must be submitted to Cathedral no later than, Sunday, January 31. Judging will take place in February. Each bracket winner receives cash prize. For more information or to register, please contact Patrick Kelleher at 704-724-1303 or [kelleherbp@gmail.com](mailto:kelleherbp@gmail.com).

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