



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.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Jallas, Pastor
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Deacon Roy A. Harley
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Kathy Vizral, Parish Administrative Assistant
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Mike Mayfield, Maintenance

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Greeters ······ Barb Kern
Holy Name Society ······ Mike Noonan
Readers ······ Deacon Roy A. Harley
Parents' Club ······ Monica Wieneke
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Young at Heart ······ Jane Lacascio, Rosyln Brookens



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:30 p.m. Anthony Loro - Marc Loro

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:15 a.m. Joe Dold - Dold Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 a.m. Mary McLaughlin - Friends
And Tony Vandenberg - Catherine
Canfield

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:15 a.m. Fran Schwartz - Dean & Julie
Cardosi-Rogers Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NO MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:30 p.m. John Homer - Sharon Homer &
Kathy Smith
And Delores Enno - Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes
9:30 a.m. Delores Prosperini - Family &
Friends

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23;
Mt 5:38-48

ALTAR SERVERS

February 14,16:

8:15 a.m. Massimo Polistina, Jack Ludolph
8:15 a.m. Jack Ramage, Olivia Prichard

February 18-19:

4:30 p.m. Sophie Billingsley, Andrew
Friedrich, Lauren Friedrich
8:00 a.m. Brad Loscher, Tony Mares
9:30 a.m. Jack Ramage, Peyton Blackburn,
Charlie Dunham
11:30 a.m. Max Hartwig, Sophie Kink-Tucker,
Olivia Kink-Tucker

READERS, FEBRUARY 18-19

4:30 p.m. Harry Mitchell, Susan Dodson
8:00 a.m. Vicki Bauer, Tammie Klein
9:30 a.m. Bill Snyder, Bev Dillon
11:30 a.m. Adrian Gandhi, Erik Lyons

**COMMUNION MINISTERS
FEBRUARY 18-19**

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, Bill & Cindy Callan,
Pamela Hargan, Nancy King, Jane Locascio,
Doug McDonald
11:30 a.m. Team V, Elaine Arisman, James
Curtis, Jeff Enlow, Adrian Gandhi, Annette
Nelson

**SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS
FEBRUARY 18-19**

Pre K4 & K Roxanne Ramage
1st & 2nd Colleen Dunham
3rd Janet Sgro

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



Soon we will enter the season of Lent, a season of preparation for Easter renewal as we are invited to undergo conversion of mind, heart and ways of acting. Lent begins **March 1**, Ash Wednesday. Let us give prayerful consideration as to what we need to do as we enter this holy season.

Ashes for Ash Wednesday are traditionally made from palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. There will be a basket for collection of palms in the gathering space.

MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: Ash Wednesday, March 1: 6:30 and 8:15 a.m., 6:45 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPERS: Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays of Lent: March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. A light soup supper will follow.

"OPERATION RICE BOWL": Lenten rice bowls for "Operation Rice Bowl," sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, can be found in a special basket near the bulletin board in the Church gathering space. A good way to take up the practice of almsgiving this Lent!

"KEEPING THE SEASONS:" Enclosed with our bulletins for the Lent/Easter Seasons is "Keeping the Seasons" from Liturgy Training Publications. This is a handy prayer/custom/and prayer sheet to help with our reflections and practices during these holy seasons of renewal in the Lord.

"LITTLE BLACK BOOK": A popular Lenten devotional booklet printed annually by the Diocese of Saginaw (Michigan). These booklets can be found in special baskets in the church gathering space. These are comparable to the "Little Blue Book" we used for Advent 2015.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and ends just prior to the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 13, when the Paschal Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year.

All of the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow), serious prayer, and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

Lenten regulations:

1. Abstinence: Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Per Reverend Monsignor David J. Hoefler, "We will not be granting a dispensation from abstinence from eating meat on Friday, March 17."
2. Fast: Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two meals should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers **Roy Schleyhan** of our parish who died recently. May he know the fullness of joy that the Risen Lord desires to share with us.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Body of Christ, the Church, **Gwendolyn Marie Bottom** who was recently baptized. May the Light of Christ shine brightly in and through her!





ST. AGNES SCHOOL
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Monday, February 13

- 1:30 p.m. dismissal for the monthly faculty meeting
- Gala planning meeting in the school library at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14

- Valentine's Day parties for PreK3 – 3rd grades at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

- Jump Rope for Heart Program during the school day
- Sports Pictures in the parish hall
- Technology meeting in the school office area at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 16

- All-School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.
- Family Fitness Night at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 17

- Mid Quarter
- Science Fair judging of projects after school

Saturday, February 18 & Sunday, February 19

- St. Agnes School will be hosting a Science Fair in the school. All are invited to view the projects after the Masses next weekend. The school will be open. Students in grades 4-8 have worked on science projects.

Monday, February 20

- No School, Presidents' Day



Coffee and Donuts: Sunday, February 26, coffee and donuts will be served 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.

St. Agnes Alumnus Named SHG Student of the Month:

SHG senior, Andrew Johnson, was named Student of the Month for February. Andrew is on the high honor roll and participates in art club, National Art Honor Society and will be a Golden Palette participant this year. Andrew notes, "SHG has prepared me for my future endeavors, including college and pursuing a degree in marine biology."

St. Agnes Girl Scout Troop 6368 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after all Masses this weekend, Feb. 11/12 and next weekend, Feb. 18/19 in the gathering space. Come get your old favorites like *Thin Mints* and try the new *S-mores* cookie! Your purchase helps our troop fund activities throughout the year. Donations are also being accepted for Operation Cookie Share, where cookies are sent to active US Military Troops, as well as Veterans at-home and around the world. For more information, contact debpil@yahoo.com. Thank you for supporting St. Agnes Girl Scout Troop 6368!

Scholarship: The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW), an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women, will again offer four \$500 Diocesan Leadership Scholarships for outstanding female high school seniors. Young Catholic Women who exemplify the SDCCW mission and values of leadership, faith and service will be considered. For any additional information, please see the flyer and scholarship application found on the bulletin board in the gathering space.



How would you like to help St. Agnes School?

Please cut out all Box Tops that you find on products and put it in the red container in the gathering space. Each Box Top is worth ten cents! Also, you can get the Box Top app at the app store. It allows you to scan the box top and donate it to St. Agnes School. Thank you!



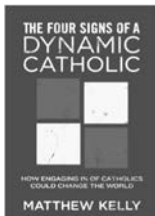
CONTRIBUTIONS, FEBRUARY 4-5:

Regular Contributions: \$20,301

St. Agnes Parish Capital
Improvements Fund: \$981

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!

BAPTISM CLASS: The Baptism Class is required for all parents who have not taken a class before, although all parents are urged to attend. Our next class will be held February 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parents may take the class prior to the birth of their child. To register for the class, call the Parish Office at 793-1330.



Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic Book Discussion:

Readers of *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* are invited to the third Group Discussion Program today (February 12) in the Parish Hall. The program, to be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m., will focus on the value of study as the second of *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*. Through study, Dynamic Catholics develop a greater understanding and awareness of God's personal call to holiness. As author Matthew Kelly explains, continuous learning is a path to discovery of how to say "yes" to the things that help you grow in holiness (become the-best-version-of-yourself) and "no" to those things that don't. A commitment to study need not be overbearing. It's very manageable ... even in midst of all other day-to-day work, family and social responsibilities. Sunday's program is free. Complimentary cookies with coffee, iced tea and water will be provided. Please join us!



The Gala is just 3 weeks away, now is the time to get your tickets!! The Gala will be held on March 4 at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and festivities will conclude at midnight. General Admission tickets are \$75 a person and include admission, dinner, drinks and entertainment by The Shenanigans. Some reserved seating is still available in pairs, foursomes or tables of eight. It's a night of Faith, Friends and FUNdraising, please join us!

Feeling LUCKY? Purchase raffle tickets to WIN 2017-18 St. Agnes tuition or \$3,000 toward SHG tuition, beer for a year or a 50/50! We have a new raffle this year - the Holy Spirits raffle! If you can't make it to the Gala, you can still help support the event by buying a raffle ticket, it is NOT NECESSARY to be present to win. Gala and Raffle Tickets are *ON SALE* and can be purchased using cash or check after Mass or using credit card online. Check out the Gala website, www.stagnescatholicsschool.org/annual_gala.php for more details.

THANK YOU, to all who have already donated! We are still in need of bottles of your favorite wine, an unusual beer or alcohol you enjoy for our Holy Spirits raffle. Also, we are looking for sponsors who would like to advertise in the bid book. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Lyons at 553.2615 or Sarah Tapscott 473.7189 or email stagnesfundraiser@gmail.com.

St. Valentine's at the Villa - Join us February 12 Dinner, Drinks and Entertainment \$50.00 per couple. Open to all married, engaged and dating couples. Entertainment provided by comedy writer Tom Leopold. A comedy writer finds God - A personal journey of faith... one joke at a time! From writing episodes of *Seinfeld* and *Cheers* to working with such comedic legends as Bob Hope, Billy Crystal, Lucille Ball and Chevy Chase, Tom has been at the epicenter of comedy for nearly forty years. For registration visit <http://www.dio.org/familylife/events.html>



Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

* Sunday, February 19 - We will be holding our first (hopefully not our last) Paint Day in the parish hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. We have a good number registered, so it should be a great time! For those who have a balance due, \$30 per canvas, please bring your payment that day. Cash or check only please. We do not take credit or debit cards. Snacks will be provided, but bring your own beverages. We are looking forward to a fun afternoon! For questions or concerns, contact Jane Snyder at 546-7084 or janesnyder167@yahoo.com.

* 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 future bulletins or contact Barb Kern (546-7729) or Cliff Erwin (787-7017).

Always in My Heart—A Special Event for Celebrating Valentine's Day After Loss:

For those touched by the loss of a spouse, partner, or significant other, the thought of celebrating (or not celebrating) Valentine's Day after losing a loved one can be overwhelming. In an effort to help reconcile these feelings and redefine the meaning of Valentine's Day, Butler Funeral Homes will be hosting a special event on Tuesday, February 14 at Boccardi's Italian Imports. The event will take place from 11:30-1:30 and will include an Italian lunch buffet, beautiful piano music by Mark Gifford, trivia, door prizes, and a special treat to take home and enjoy. Seating is limited—please call 544-4646 for reservations by February 8. No cost or Obligation.

Courses for all Catholics - University of Dayton Online Learning

- A new year begins a new opportunity to sign up for the online courses through the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), a program of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton. 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. Courses may be taken for undergraduate credit (for an additional fee) and all courses qualify for credit in our diocesan Catechist Formation Process. Registration for the SECOND CYCLE course began January 18 and continues through March 1. This second course cycle begins March 5. For more information, visit vlc.udayton.edu or contact the Office for Catechesis.

The Elizabeth Ann Seton Program (EAS)

invites you to join us for our annual event that helps raise funds for programs offered by EAS that supports mothers and children in Central Illinois. This year we have decided to rock things a bit! Local Artists and Designers, like Felicia Olin, have worked hard on specially designed EAS Rock Rocking Adirondack Chairs. Each chair is unique! Sponsors have the opportunity to take home one of the beautifully designed Adirondack chairs. Sponsorship opportunities are available but not necessary to attend! We hope you joining us for EAS Rocks, Saturday, February 25 at Christ the King Parish Hall. Tickets are \$50 per person. Doors Open at 5:45 p.m. and entertainment by the band Take 10 starts at 7:00.



RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

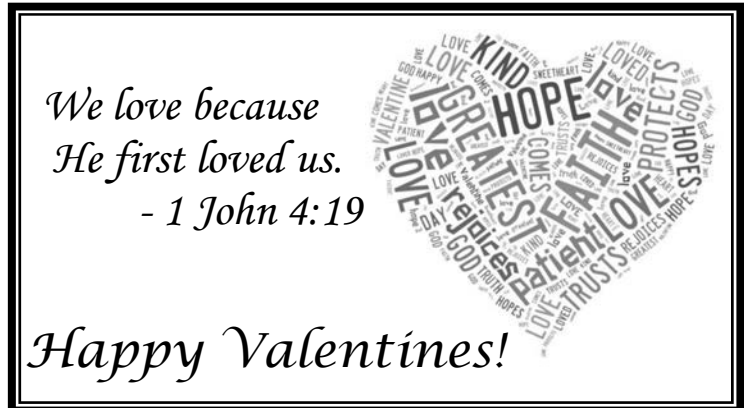
For our country: May the Lord, the giver of life, grant that respect for each person shapes our law and way of life;

We pray to the Lord....

St. Joseph Parish Dinner & Auction will be held February 25 in the St. Joseph Gym at 1345 North 6th Street, Springfield. The evening starts at 5:30 p.m. with appetizers and live music, 6:15 p.m. dinner. Live auction and raffle drawing following dinner. \$30.00 per person. Call 217-303-5805 to make reservations by February 13.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: “For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.” Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 21 - 23, 2017. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

St. Agnes Bereavement Support Group will have its next meeting on **Thursday, February 16, 10:00 a.m. in the Rectory Conference Room.** The purpose of this group is to give love and support through prayer, spiritual readings, tapes, etc., to those who are coping with the grief associated with the loss of a loved one. The Bereavement Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss, no matter how long ago that loss was.



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