



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702



Mass Intentions

MONDAY 5:30 p.m. Dean E. Cox - Family
February 29

TUESDAY: 8:15 Denny McKennedy - Lori
March 1 Petry

WEDNESDAY 6:30 Mary Matheis - Ralph &
March 2 Roslyn Brookens

THURSDAY 8:15 Donald J. Kulek - Dorothy
March 3 Ston

FRIDAY 8:15 Dorothy Cour - Peg
March 4 McDermott
12:10 Catherine Marie Cummings -
Family
And Gene Elliott - Mary Elliott

SATURDAY 4:30 Norma Jeanne Fairweather -
March 5 Betty Bennett
And Robert Steskal - Barb Kern

SUNDAY 8:00 Charles Gutzman - Rita Israel
March 6 9:30 Doris Savoie - Glenn Jacobs
11:30 Gene Elliott - Mary Elliott
And Parishioners of St. Agnes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

ALTAR SERVERS

March 1, 3:

Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Camille Arisman, Zach Megginson

Thursday, 8:15 a.m. Rose Bartletti, Anna Curtis

Friday, 8:15 a.m. Emily Brenneisen, Paul Gilmore

March 5-6:

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

8:00 a.m. Al Mast, Jeff Tatarek

9:30 a.m. Noah Brooks, Brandon Schafer,
Maddie Warrington

11:30 a.m. Camille Arisman, Matthew Johnson,

READERS, MARCH 5-6

4:30 p.m. Ellen Kuntzi, Sr. Angelene
Biderbost

8:00 a.m. Tricia Hopkins-Price, Marilyn
Okon

9:30 a.m. Bob Bussing, Jamie Greenwald

11:30 a.m. Don Steinkamp, Adrian Gandhi

COMMUNION MINISTERS

MARCH 5-6

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

MARCH 6

Pre K4 & K Gina Curry
 1st & 2nd Kathy Vizral
 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

A Letter from the Bishop (Catholic Relief Services)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will be taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve Jesus dwelling in our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. These agencies provide a broad range of services, including advocating for immigrants, providing humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, resettling displaced individuals, and working for increased peace in our world. Your support of this collection is an opportunity to serve Jesus dwelling in our brothers and sisters.

In 2005, in war-torn Afghanistan, Aazar* and Ali* lost their family due to their father's political affiliations. The boys, ten and eight years old, fled to Pakistan, looking for safety amid the many threats to their lives. Shortly after they arrived in Quetta, Pakistan, they were separated, and despite days of searching, Aazar could not find his younger brother. Continuing to receive threats, Aazar was forced to keep moving, making his way through Pakistan and Iraq, and finally reaching an orphanage in Turkey, where he was granted refugee status. In 2012, he received a referral to be placed in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) program, bringing him to the United States.

Once here in the United States, Aazar reached out to the BBC, which held a nightly radio program broadcast in the Middle East to find missing persons, for help in finding Ali. Within one week, his brother was found alive in Pakistan, having lived with a family for the past seven years. However, he had been residing as a domestic helper and so did not attend school, nor did he have any friends. The USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) program began working with agencies in the United States and Nepal and with the United Nations to reunite the brothers, and ultimately, Ali was also referred to the USCCB URM program. After nine years of separation, the brothers were once again reunited and could begin to resettle and reconnect as family.

MRS is one of the six worldwide Catholic relief agencies funded by The Catholic Relief Services Collection. These agencies work to provide food, water, disaster relief, and other vital assistance to suffering people each day.

Please be generous in The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support truly makes a difference.

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

** Names changed to protect children's identities.*

Women's Conference: Save the Date for In Her Cherished Heart Women's Conference, Saturday, September 10 at the Christ the King Parish Center. Speaker Lisa Hendey will present on her book, "The Grace of Yes: 8 Virtues for Generous Living." The day will consist of Mass, Confession, Lunch, and Adoration. Cost is \$30. For more information, go online to cherishedheartconference.com. The event is being sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Marriage & Family Life.

FIRST FRIDAY—MARCH

First Friday this month will be on March 4. Masses will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. and at 12:10 p.m. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:15 Mass, with reposition at noon prior to 12:10 Mass.

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ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit

Saturday, February 27 – Registration for Preschool, Kindergarten (Includes current 4 yr. old preschoolers), and students in other grade levels new to St. Agnes School from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Sunday, February 28 – Registration after all of the Masses in the library from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Non-refundable Registration fee for K-8 is \$75.00, for preschool is \$50.00. Please bring, also, a copy of your child's official birth certificate, baptismal certificate unless your child was baptized at St. Agnes.

Tuesday, March 1

- Re-registration forms for 2016-2017 school year go home with youngest child. These are due back Monday, March 21
- Student Council meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2

- Robotics Club meeting at 3:15 p.m.
- Grant Writing meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school office area
- Winter Sports pictures in the Parish Hall

Thursday, March 5

- All-School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.
- Annual Fund meeting will be held in the school office area at 6:30 p.m.

GREETERS - MARCH

- 4:30 p.m. Barb Kern
- 8:00 a.m. Mike & Ellen Bartletti Family
- 9:30 a.m. Cliff & Donna Erwin
- 11:30 a.m. Glenn & Joy Cuyugan Family

Parish Missions

St. James Church in Riverton is hosting a parish mission led by Fr. Church Edwards from now until March 2. The theme of the mission is *Here I Am, Lord: Becoming an Intentional Disciple*. Reception after Monday-Wednesday 6:30 p.m. sessions.

Sacred Heart Church in Virden will host a parish mission from February 29-March 2. Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will preach a Parish Lenten Mission entitled "*Signed and Sealed with the Cross*". The mission will be held each evening at 7 p.m. in the following locations: Feb. 29 at St. Benedict Church, Auburn; March 1 at Sacred Heart Church, Virden and March 2 at St. Patrick Church, Girard. Please join us!

Lenten Fish Fries

Little Flower Church Men's Club is hosting their famous Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent in the Parish Hall, 5:00-7:30 pm. Please join us!

Riverton Knights of Columbus #3914 will have a Fish Fry March 4 & 18 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Riverton KC Hall.

Everybody Cut Footloose - Tickets for SHG's spring musical, "Footloose", go on sale March 1! Tickets may be purchased online at www.shg.org or by calling 787-1595, ext. 153. Show dates are March 17-20, with the Children's Dance Party March 20 at noon.

Cyclone Sneak Peek Days are back!

Are you curious what SHG is like during a busy school day? You can see SHG in action at our Cyclone Sneak Peek Day on Thursday, March 10. Tours will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. No reservation needed. Call 787-9732 for more information.

The 57th annual SHG Mostaccioli Dinner will be held Sunday, March 6 at SHG's West Campus from 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available for purchase at the door. Carry outs available. In addition to the delicious food, the dinner will feature a cash raffle with top prize of \$10,000, exhibits, baked goods and children's games. Thank you for your support of SHG!



CONTRIBUTIONS, FEBRUARY 20-21:

Regular Contributions: \$ 18,204

St. Agnes Parish Capital
Improvements Fund: \$ 875

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!

PLEASE PRAY FOR... We ask you to remember in special prayers the women and men of our military services who are in places of conflict around the world. Pray for peace, and pray for the safe return of all of our armed services personnel and other workers, including Anne Bloechle, daughter of parishioners Michael and Lois Bloechle, who was deployed recently.

Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism Workshop: March 3-5 at Sacred Heart Convent, 237 W. Monroe. A workshop for participants to take a deeper look at the historical development of racism in the U.S., how it still manifests itself and is perpetuated in institutions today, and how it affects both people of color and white people. Workshop is facilitated by Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training from Thursday, 6 p.m. until Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Planning for College: The CTK Men's Club will be hosting a short presentation by William Moredock, Ph.D, titled, *Planning for College: the Best Time To Start Is Now! A Seminar For Junior High Parents*. Doc Moredock is the SHG Director of Student and Family Services and Current SHG Seniors. This will be an excellent opportunity to gather college planning info early, leading to better decisions, both academically and financially. Presentation will be on March 3, 7pm in the CTK Parish Center. We would like to encourage all Jr. High School parents to attend.



PALM SUNDAY

LITURGIES: Please note a slight schedule change here at St. Agnes for the Masses on Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week (this year the weekend of March 19/20). Due to the length of the Masses that day and the need for musicians to prepare for the liturgies, there will **NOT** be an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday, March 20. There will be the usual Masses on Saturday, March 19, 4:30 p.m. as well as the usual 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, March 20. This is only for that weekend, Palm Sunday. Again, please note and thank you for your understanding! Blessings as we enter the holiest of all weeks in our faith tradition.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP

SUPPERS: One of the traditional penances of Lent is participation in the devotion, "Stations of the Cross", a prayerful accompaniment of Jesus on the way to Calvary and how that journey is lived in our lives of faith. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays of Lent: February 24, March 2, 9 and 16. A light soup supper will follow. Donations this year will go toward the Helping Hands of Springfield, a homeless shelter outreach program. Why not stop by for this devotion on the way home from work or bring the family or a friend.

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www.helpinghandsofspringfield.org

"The Butler Difference" A Consumer Guide to Funerals, Cremation & Advance Planning. Please join us March 10 for a complimentary lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Bella Milano and discussion about The Value of Ceremony, Butler Signature Services, Facts About Cremation, Veterans Tributes, Green Funerals and Natural Burial, Celebrant Services, Advance Planning, and much more. Call 544-4646 to reserve your seat by March 7.



Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

Friday, March 4: We have been invited to a potluck mystery dinner theater play at Christ the King's Over 50 Club.

The social starts at 6:00 p.m. in their parish hall. Please bring a dish to share and \$4.00 for the entrée/coffee/tea. One of our Young at Heart members will be playing a part. Reservations are needed by Friday, February 29. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Cliff Erwin (787-7017).

Tuesday, March 8: 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).

Coming Attractions: Please mark your calendar for the following activities this spring and summer.

* Saturday, April 23 – Grapevine Social at Its All About Wine

* Saturday, June 18 – South Pacific at the MUNI.

* Saturday, July 9 – Sister Act at the Legacy.
More information will be available in future bulletins or you can call Roslyn Brookens at 622-6299.



Worldwide Marriage

Encounter: Is your marriage bearing fruit? Don't wait until it is too late, take time to renew your marriage now. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on

April 22nd to 24th. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

Flower Sale: St. Therese Guild of Little Flower is selling Geraniums. The cost is \$2.50 per plant and must be paid for when order is placed. These are locally grown and very healthy. The colors are Red, White, Salmon, Pink and Fuchsia. The deadline for orders is Friday April 15 and customers can pick them up on Saturday, April 30 at the Little Flower parish center. We will be selling baskets there also. For information or order forms contact Nancy Siders at 494-3077 or Connie Speck at 816-2963.

St. Patrick's Catholic School Annual Blarney Bash

fundraiser, Friday, Mar. 11, 5:30-8:30pm at the LRS Hangar at the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. Entertainment by The Deep Hollow, Dick Levi's car collection viewing, food and drinks and auctions provided with ticket prices: \$30 person/\$50 couple/\$250 table. Reservations at www.st-patrick.org or the school at 523-7670. Green attire encouraged! Please attend to support our students!



RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

From February 10 through March 20, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 1000 E. Washington St., and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information, or to sign up for a vigil time or volunteer to help, please contact: Claudia Connelly at c.connelly01@gmail.com or call Springfield Right to Life at 217-523-2700 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/Springfield.

Friday, March 18 has been designated as the day for St. Agnes parishioners to stand up for life and pray at the clinic. To sign up for an hour of prayer (or whatever amount of time you can spend) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., contact Cliff Erwin at 787-7017. Thanks in advance for your support of life.



I AM. You are. We are. Our ancestors in faith, the good people of Israel, have a name for God that is never spoken. They see YHWH and say instead “The Lord”. That same Lord met Moses – in the desert, no less – looking like fire flaming out of a bush that was not consumed and

introduced himself as “I AM”. What a name! The name for an unburned bush. The name of the One who witnesses affliction. The name for the God who hears, who knows, and who saves. Saves them. Saves me. Saves us.

- Let us spend some focused time with I AM this Holy Year in this cherished Lent.
- Let us look for those in need; let us say, “You are known and loved by God. Let me _____.”

TO THE MEN OF ST. AGNES PARISH:

The Annual Holy Name Mass and Dinner, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, will be held on Monday, March 7, beginning with 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Church. A social hour and supper will follow in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be available. All men of St. Agnes Parish are welcome to make a reservation and attend. Sign the bottom of this and return it to the Church Office, drop it in the collection basket, or call the church office at 793-1330 to RSVP. We hope to spend some time on March 7 in prayer and fellowship with you.

I will attend the Mass and Dinner:

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