



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY March 14	5:30 p.m.	Peg Coleman - Sis Graham & Mary DeCrane
TUESDAY: March 15	8:15	Janet Orlando - Ralph & Roslyn Brookens
WEDNESDAY March 16	6:30	Chris Wohltmann - The Conran Family
THURSDAY March 17	8:15 <u>And</u>	James Metz - Family Steve Shannon - Kate Kelly
FRIDAY March 18		
SATURDAY March 19	4:30	Delores Prosperini - Judy Bloome
SUNDAY March 20	8:00 9:30 <u>And</u> 11:30 <u>And</u>	NO MASS Marilyn Sheehan - Steve & Donna Matheis Barb Willenborg - Mike & Colleen Johnson Sally Jo Parnell - Friends Parishioners of St. Agnes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

ALTAR SERVERS

March 15, 17:

Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Maxon Perkins, Emily Rapacz
Thursday, 8:15 a.m. Jack Ramage, Kyle Rolf

March 19-20:

4:30 p.m. Kyle Rolf, John Phalen, Nick Phalen
 8:00 a.m. Greg Goetz, Mike Goetz
 9:30 a.m. Beth VonBehren, Tucker VonBehren,
 Matt VonBehren
 11:30 a.m. Michael Enlow, Haley Enlow, Alison
 Enlow

READERS, MARCH 19-20

4:30 p.m. Maureen Farmer, Sr. Angelene
 Biderbost
 8:00 a.m. Patrick Joyce, Tricia Hopkins-
 Price
 9:30 a.m. Andy Ramage, Cindy Callan
 11:30 a.m. Sandra Kelly, Kari Kelley

COMMUNION MINISTERS MARCH 19-20

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, Ann Devlin, Dave
 Kerwin, Annette Nelson, 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 MINISTERS MARCH 20

Pre K4 & K
 1st & 2nd
 3rd

Easter Break

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



TRIDUUM LITURGIES

Soon we will be entering the core of our church year with the celebration of the Triduum liturgies:

Holy Thursday: March 24, 5:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Washing of Feet. The parish hall, where the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in a special chapel, will be open until midnight for private prayer and adoration.

Good Friday: March 25, 5:30 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday: March 26, 8:00 p.m., THE VIGIL OF EASTER. During this liturgy, we will receive into the Catholic Church, **Ruth Ziogas**.

Easter Sunday: March 27, Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



PALM SUNDAY

LITURGIES: Please note a slight schedule change here at St. Agnes for the Masses next Sunday, Palm Sunday (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 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16. A light soup supper will follow. Donations 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.

Good Friday Way Of The Cross: The annual Good Friday Way of the Cross for Peace and Justice will be held on Friday, March 25 beginning at noon at the Supreme Court Building, 2nd & Capitol. The two hour prayerful walk remembers Jesus' passion and its connection with the sufferings of injustice experienced in God's people in our world today. Join with others in this ecumenical experience of prayer. The walk is sponsored by Pax Christi Springfield, Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Springfield Dominican Sisters, and First Church of the Brethren. Alternate location if raining – St. Joseph Parish Church, Springfield. For more information, call/text 217-652-3567.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: As we prepare for Easter, there are opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A Lenten Communal Penance Service will be held at Christ the King Church this **Monday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.** for the parishes of St. Agnes, Blessed Sacrament and Christ the King.

In addition, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered here at St. Agnes Church on **Saturday, March 19, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** as well as on **Monday, March 21, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

St. Agnes Bereavement Support Group will have its next meeting on **Thursday, March 17, 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. The Group meets on the third Thursday of each month.

Car Ride Needed: Parishioner, Ann Howorth Raa, is looking for a ride to Saturday or Sunday Mass. She lives in Chatham at the Villas of Holly Brook. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 793-1330.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit

Monday, March 14

- Dismissal at 1:30 for the monthly Faculty Meeting.

Monday & Tuesday, March 14-15

- St. Agnes School is hosting the Art Showcase for the Catholic Elementary schools. This Art Showcase used to be displayed at Benedictine Library. Since that is no longer possible, the elementary schools will take turns hosting. All are invited to visit the Showcase on school days from 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. An Awards assembly & reception will be held in the school gym at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15.

Wednesday, March 16

- Kindergarten students will take part in an *Elegant Event* in their classrooms at lunch time. The boys escort the girls into the classroom for a formal dinner. Boys and girls are dressed in their finest clothes and learn to order and pay for their meal at a restaurant. Of course, the event is photographed and put into a book for students to remember!

- Technology Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the office area.

Thursday, March 17

- Penance Service and Reconciliation for St. Agnes students, grades 2-8 (9:30 a.m.)

- Magic Match Committee Meeting at noon in the art room

- Enrollment Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the office area

Friday, March 18

- No school due to Faculty Day of Prayer

- End of third quarter for students

- Barnes & Noble Book Fair will be held on this free day. Be sure to get your books you've been wanting to purchase and name St. Agnes School. You can also go on line to purchase books.



Spring/Mother's Day

Flower Sale: The St. Agnes 7th Grade will begin their Spring Flower Sale the

weekend of March 19 and 20. If you are planning to purchase annual bedding plants, hanging baskets or pots, please check our collection before going anywhere else! Students and parents will be in the gathering space before and after all Saturday and Sunday Masses March 19 through April 17, except Easter weekend. Plants will be available for pick-up after Masses during Mother's Day weekend. Please consider supporting our 7th Grade Class. Thank you! If you have any questions please contact Sammie Berberet at 217-416-2267 or email: sberberet1@comcast.net.

CUT LOOSE - Tickets are now on sale for the SHG spring musical *Footloose!* March 17-20 at the Dominican Hall Theatre. The Children's Dance Event will be held Sunday, March 20 at noon. Tickets may be purchased online at www.shg.org or by calling 787-1595, ext. 153

Congratulations to the following parishoners participating in SHG's *Footloose!*

Catherine Adam
Leah Arisman
Chloe Billingsly
Emily Bland
Ellie Bretscher
Julia Clark
Eilise Cummins
Julia Curry

Erica Disco
Amelia Finnell
Lindsay Finnell
Emma Harley
Aleya Justison
Elyse Lanterman
Caroline Mitchell
Colleen O'Brien
Jacqueline Perich

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 18 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Riverton KC Hall.



CONTRIBUTIONS, MARCH 5-6 :

Regular Contributions: \$17,843

St. Agnes Parish Capital
Improvements Fund: \$ 892

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!

St. Agnes Church Paintings: Rocky Schoenrock's paintings appeared on the front page of The State Journal-Register for more than 20 years starting in 1969. In 1981 the original St. Agnes Church was on the front page on Christmas Day. Rocky, passed away on September 3, 2015 and the family has discovered a number of prints of the old St. Agnes and are making them available for your purchase on Saturday, April 9-10 after all Masses in the gathering space. Unframed prints will be \$30 each, cash or check preferred. An additional \$2 fee will be applied to credit card purchases. Limited number of prints available. We look forward to sharing our father's artwork with you.

Embracing Our Sacred Journey of Wisdom: A Retreat for Women - Robin Hebert from Lafayette, Louisiana will present this retreat, **April 29-May 1 at Chiara Center**. Robin is a spiritual director, retreat leader, and co-author of When Women Pray and When Wisdom Speaks. She serves Our Lady of Wisdom Church and the UL Catholic Student Center as marriage ministry coordinator, and speaks regionally and nationally on themes of women's spirituality. Madonna Jones will provide her inspirational music. Contact JoLynn Adams at 502-0882 or Vicki Schmidt, 652-8632 or vickss@att.net for a registration form. Theresians International (www.theresians.org) is a Catholic women's organization open to all Christian women. Must register before April 1.



Dear Parishioners of St. Agnes,

The word "**FUN**" encapsulates much of our St. Agnes Gala that took place last Saturday, March 5, at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. A delicious meal, good company, generous bids, dancing' feet and a wonderful dueling piano combo made for a festive night that helped raise funds for some very practical needs for our parish school. "Kudos" to the gala committee and many others for working so hard to put on this event. A special word of gratitude for the two who stepped up to co-chair our gala—**Amy Lyons** and **Sarah Tapscott!** Wonderful job! And thanks to so many generous persons who put forth the gift of treasure! The gala grossed nearly \$72,000! Thank you so much!

We soon embark upon Holy Week which celebrates the core mysteries of our salvation in Christ. At this year's Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday, March 26, 8:00 p.m.) we will welcome into the Church **Ruth Ziogas!** Ruth, already baptized, will be received into the Catholic Church, be confirmed and will receive the Eucharist. Ruth presently is a teacher's aide at Lanphier High School. She has a B.A. in Criminal Justice and is currently working on her M.A in Criminal Behavior. She has a daughter, Emma, who is in the 2nd grade at St. Agnes School and will be receiving her First Communion on May 1. Ruth comes from a family of nine children.

Another individual who will be entering the Catholic Church is our very own parish director of liturgical music, **Karen Ferguson!** She will be received into the Church, anointed in the Sacrament of Confirmation and will be nourished with the Eucharist on the Solemnity of Pentecost, May 15! Keep these two in your prayers as we journey toward the spiritual renewal that is Easter!

Lenten blessings,
Fr. Bob

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Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

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.

As usual, you can contact any of the following individuals if you would like more information on YAH events or have suggestions for new activities: Ralph Brookens (415-1889), Sue Hartl (787-5849), Carrie Becker (787-6823), Cliff Erwin (787-7017), Barb Kern (546-7729) or Don Frank (414-6679).

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL on April 15-17. Cost is \$195 for materials, meals and a single room. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! For more information or to register, call (312) 532-8286, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

A PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE TO THE HOLY LAND - You are invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime 'Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land,' 12-days, November 29 to December 10, 2016. Includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem & more! Only \$2,799 from Chicago plus \$475 in airport taxes and \$175 in tips. Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Charles Edwards and Deacon Patrick O'Toole. For more information and registration form, visit <http://www.dio.org/missions/mission-trips.html> or contact Vicki Compton at vcompton@dio.org or 698-8500. Register today!

Calvary Cemetery Spring Clean-Up – Please remove **ALL** decorations that you would like to save by March 15. **ALL** decorations will be removed during the period of March 16-31. Since Easter is within these dates this year, the crew will attempt to complete the clean-up prior to Easter but this will hinge on weather and burials. Clean-up notice signs on the gates will be removed as soon as clean-up is complete. Please do not leave decorations prior to the signage being removed as it will only take more time for the crew to remove it. If you have any questions, please contact the cemetery office at 523-3726. Thank you for your cooperation.

Her Cherished Heart Conference will be held 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.



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.

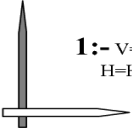
6th Annual Hockey with Bishop

Paprocki: Bishop Paprocki, a.k.a. the Holy Goalie, will be hitting the ice again for Catholic Charities' unique fundraiser 'Hockey with Bishop Paprocki.' This year, all proceeds from the 6th annual event will benefit Catholic Charities Legal Services (CCLS), which provides *pro bono* legal representation to clients across the diocese in need of help through volunteer lawyers who specialize in a certain field. The hockey game is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at the Nelson Center in Springfield at 7 p.m. starring our Holy Goalie, local players and not to mention, former Blackhawks star standout Grant Mulvey! Admission is \$5 at the door. Make sure to mark your calendar for this one of a kind fundraiser! Call Meredith Eisenbarth at [217-523-9201](tel:217-523-9201) for more info!


HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS

You will need two pieces of palm to make this cross.

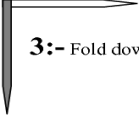
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H=Horizontal



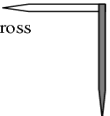
2:- Fold the ends tightly over each other.



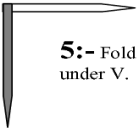
3:- Fold down V over H.



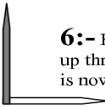
4:- Fold H across the back of V.



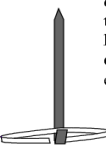
5:- Fold H across front under V.



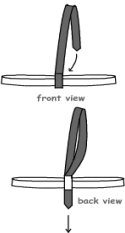
6:- Fold V behind H and up through loop. The loop is now locked.



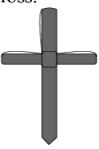
7:- Loop H and draw end through front knot to form the cross pieces on each side of V.



8:- Loop V and draw end through back knot to form long part of the shaft of the cross.



front view
back view



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