



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702



Mass Intentions

- MONDAY** 5:30 p.m. NO Mass - Sacrament of
March 21 Reconciliation 4-6 p.m.
- TUESDAY:** 8:15 a.m. William Downey - Family
March 22
- WEDNESDAY** 6:30 a.m. Tom Stuckey - Henry &
March 23 Marge Unkraut
- HOLY THURSDAY** 5:30 p.m. Parishioners of St.
March 24 Agnes
- GOOD FRIDAY** 5:30 p.m. Celebration of the
March 25 Lord's Passion
- HOLY SATURDAY** 8:00 p.m. Parishioners of St.
March 26 Agnes
- EASTER SUNDAY**
March 27 8:00 a.m. James & Mary Kelly -
Kate Kelly
9:30 a.m. John Hine - Sharon
Homer & Kathy Smith
11:30 a.m. Ron Kuhn—Jack &
Janice Butler

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

ALTAR SERVERS

March 22, 24:

Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Charlie Johnson, John Schmidt

Thursday, 8:15 a.m. TBA

March 26-27:

4:30 p.m. TBA

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

9:30 a.m. TBA

11:30 a.m. TBA

READERS, MARCH 26-27

March 24 (Holy Thursday):

5:30 p.m.—Ruth Lewis, Roslyn Brookens

March 25 (Good Friday):

5:30 p.m.—Holly Kesterson, Sharon Mast

March 26 (Easter Vigil):

8:00 p.m.—Sr. Joan Sorge, Bill Snyder, Madonna White, Bob Bussing

March 27 (Easter Sunday):

8:00 a.m. Tammie Klein, Vicki Bauer

9:30 a.m. Julie Davis, Erik Lyons

11:30 a.m. Janet Koltun, Melissa DeMarco

COMMUNION MINISTERS

MARCH 26-27

March 24, Holy Thursday

5:30 p.m. Tom Arisman, Carrie Becker, Cliff & Donna Erwin, Bob & Kathy Sherman

March 25, Good Friday

5:30 p.m. Al & Sharon Mast

March 26, Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. TBA

March 27, Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Team F, Mike & Vicki Bauer, Jean Goetz, Rita Messinger, Joan Reed, Sr. Joan Sorge

9:30 a.m. Team L, Carrie Becker, Cliff & Donna Erwin, Keith & Marie Washburn

11:30 a.m. Team S, Leah Arisman, Tom Drake, Nicolette Owens, Ben Rogers, Sam Rogers, Ogechi Uju-eke

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: As we prepare for Easter, there is another opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered here at St. Agnes Church on **Monday, March 21, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

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.

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.

A Letter from the Bishop (Good Friday Holy Land Collection and Easter Seminarian Collection)

Dear Friends in Christ,

We look forward to the liturgical celebrations of Holy Week, through which the Lord draws us more fully into the mystery of His death and resurrection.

I am writing to ask your financial support of two collections to be taken in all our parishes during these coming days. I know that I can count on you to be generous.

At the Good Friday Liturgy, a collection will be taken to help the work of the Church in the Holy Land. The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to today's special Good Friday collection.

At the Easter Vigil Liturgy and the Easter Sunday Masses, the special collection will help our diocese to educate and form future priests. Our diocese has been blessed with an increasing number of young men who have generously said yes to God's call. We now have twenty-three seminarians, two of which will be ordained in May. You can take a personal role in their formation by a generous gift in the special Easter collection.

With best wishes and prayers for blessed Holy Week and Easter, I remain

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

Easter Flower Memorials: You may make a donation for Easter flowers & decorations in memory of a loved one. There is an envelope in your monthly packet for this, or you can use a plain envelope. Mark on the envelope who the donation is in memory of. There will be a list of Memorials in the bulletin a few weeks after Easter.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit

Monday, March 21

Re-Registration forms and fees are due for the 2016-2017 school year for current St. Agnes students.

Tuesday, March 22

- Kindergarten Screening for the 2016-2017 school year will be held throughout the day. Please contact Sr. Joan in the school office if you have a kindergartener that you have not registered for next fall. *Current kindergarteners will not be in session on Tuesday.*

- Student Council Meeting at 3:15 p.m. in the art room.

Thursday, March 24

- Student Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m.
- St. Agnes students, K-8, will receive report cards via e-mail on Thursday. Parents are asked to watch for these report cards and contact teachers with questions or concerns.
- 1:30 dismissal to begin Easter Vacation

Monday, April 4

- Classes Resume



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 416-2267 or email: sberberet1@comcast.net.

Thank You

Dear Fr. Bob and St. Agnes Parishioners,

The faculty and staff at St. Agnes School would like to thank you for your generosity with the Catholic Schools' Week donation and your continued support throughout the year. It is indeed an honor to serve the students and families in the St. Agnes School and Parish. May you and your families be blessed during this Lenten season and all year long.

- St. Agnes Faculty and Staff

Saturday Spectacular: Drop your child off Saturday, April 9 at the St. Agnes School gym and they can enjoy a week of Camp Ondessonk packed into one night! A night filled with games, food, tie-dye, Gaga, "Camp" activities and lots more, supervised by some of Camp O's very own staff. Cost is \$30, which includes a t-shirt (if registered by 4/1), food, games and prizes. For every canned good you donate, you can get \$1 off the price (up to \$5). Registration must be paid in full at the door via cash or check made out to "Camp Ondessonk". RSVP to lodge.springfield@gmail.com with your child's name. We'll send you a waiver, registration form and schedule for the night's events. Walk in's are welcome!!!! Any questions? Call Tyler at 361-7366 or email lodge.springfield@gmail.com



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The bulletin of March 27 will have to be sent early next week. All articles for that bulletin must be received no later than 8:00 a.m. tomorrow Monday, March

Also, the Parish Office will be closed for the Easter Break from 12:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday, March 24 through Monday,





CONTRIBUTIONS, MARCH 12-13:

Regular Contributions: \$ 14,352

St. Agnes Parish Capital
Improvements Fund: \$ 589

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!

6th Annual Hockey with Bishop

Paprocki: Bishop Paprocki, a.k.a. the Holy Goalie, will be hitting the ice again on March 23 at 7 p.m. at the Nelson Center for Catholic Charities' unique fundraiser 'Hockey with Bishop Paprocki.' All proceeds from the 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. Former Blackhawks star standout Grant Mulvey will also be there! Admission is \$5 at the door. See you there!



Dear Friends in Christ,

We have entered that week in our tradition called "Holy" due to the core mysteries of our salvation that we celebrate—the saving passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus. On Holy Thursday (March 24, 5:30 p.m.) there will be the Mass of the Lord's Supper in which we recall the origin of the gift of the Eucharist that we celebrate so frequently and which nourishes us on our pilgrim way to the embrace of God. At this Mass also the feet of twelve persons are washed in imitation of Jesus' call to service and the pouring out of himself for our salvation. Our parish hall will be the chapel of reservation for the Blessed Sacrament (open till midnight) where all are invited to come and spend a bit of time in prayer and adoration.

Good Friday (March 25, 5:30 p.m.) is the only day of the year when Mass is not permitted. There will be the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. The simplicity and silences of this liturgy allow us to enter into the deep meaning of the proclamation of the Lord's Passion according to John. We venerate the Cross—the tree of new life—as the instrument of our salvation. We seek to embrace the Cross in our lives and thus allow the life of the Risen Lord to shine through us and in our world. The liturgy ends with a Communion Service.

Holy Saturday (March 26) commemorates Jesus lying in the tomb, a time of prayer and preparation for the Vigil of Easter and Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter! Our vigil will begin at 8:00 p.m. We will bless the Easter fire and light the new Paschal Candle, symbol of the Risen Christ among us. We will listen to scripture readings of how God has worked in salvation history culminating with the proclamation of the Resurrection of Jesus. We will renew our baptismal promises, our identity as the presence of Jesus in our world. At this liturgy, we will receive into the Catholic Church **Ruth Ziogas**. She will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist. Ruth is of the Lutheran tradition. She has a daughter, Emma, in the 2nd grade here at St. Agnes School (Emma is excited as she will be receiving her First Communion in May!) Ruth is currently working on her M.A. in Criminal Behavior. She has eight siblings! Ruth joins nearly 300 other persons across our diocese who will be initiated into the Church this Easter. Congratulations! Let us keep Ruth and all the soon-to-be initiated in our prayers.

Let us take time to celebrate these days. They are God's gift to us!

Blessings this Holy Week,

Fr. Bob



Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

The YAH planning committee will have a **special meeting** of all interested individuals on

Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the **Parish Hall**. The purpose of the meeting is to revise our by-laws for the May elections and to discuss upcoming spring, summer and fall activities for our group. We welcome your input so please come with your ideas.

Please mark your calendar for these **Coming Attractions** this spring and summer.

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

* Tuesday, May 17 – Potluck with speaker (to be identified).

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

* Sunday, June 26 - Coffee and donuts sponsored by YAH.

* 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); Roslyn Brookens (622-6299) or Don Frank (414-6679).

Breakfast Buffet: Knights of Columbus #364 on Meadowbrook presents All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet on April 10 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, sausage links, tater tots, biscuits & gravy, Belgian waffles, fruit salad, donuts & pastries, orange juice, milk, coffee, and tea. The cost for adults is \$10, kids 6-12 is \$5 and kids 0-5 are free. Proceeds benefit the Elizabeth Ann Seton Program.

Fish Fry: The Riverton K of C will hold it's last fish fry of the Lenten season on April 1 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Menu includes Walleye, Shrimp, Catfish, and Baked Fish Dinners. Dinners include coleslaw, choice of fries, baked potato or potato salad. A portion of the proceeds will be used to purchase a defibrillator for the club.

Butler Funeral Homes and Cremation Tribute Center invites you to An Open Door Session with information about Long Term Care and Asset Protection at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 1st at MCL Cafeteria, 2151 Wabash Ave, Springfield. In this session, we will specifically address information about options to preserve the funds set aside for funeral or memorial services in accordance with Illinois Medicaid eligibility requirements before medical expenses, including the cost of long term care, deplete assets. Join us for a complimentary breakfast and an interactive and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. This event is free: no cost or obligation. Call 544-4646 no later than March 28th to reserve your seat.

RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

Project Rachel - Trust in the mercy of God's love. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5. Pray that many will seek and receive the gift of God's infinite mercy.

Attention Golfers! St. Agnes will be hosting a Golf Outing Fundraiser on Friday, May 13 at Edgewood Golf Club in Auburn. Check-in and lunch will begin at 11:00 am, with a shotgun start at Noon, and dinner and prizes at 5:00. The registration fee of \$100 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, beverages, dinner, and prizes. Registration/sponsorship forms are available in the gathering space, or contact stagnesgolfouting@gmail.com with questions. Deadline for sponsorships and registration is May 1. Thank you for your support!

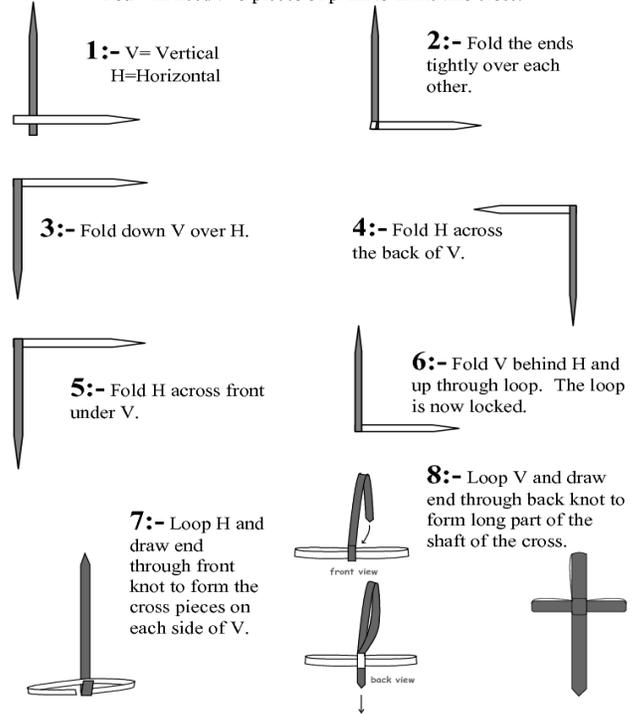


Thank You!! We would like to thank everyone who helped make the Gala a success. Our goal for the evening was to promote Friends, Faith and FUNdraising through an event for parish and school families and friends. We appreciate everyone who attended, those who purchased raffle tickets, those who bid on the amazing auction items, those who donated wine, auction and raffle items, the numerous volunteers and those who sent us your prayers. We couldn't have pulled it off without each and every one of you. With your generosity, we were able to raise funds to assist both the parish and the school. We thank you again and look forward to your continued support at next year's Gala and other fundraising events.

- Amy Lyons, Sarah Tapscott and the Gala Committee

HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS

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



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