



ST. AGNES PARISH
245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 18

5:30 p.m. William Downey - Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

8:15 a.m. Donald Squires (anniv.) - Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

6:30 a.m. Basilius Zaricznyj - Stefania Zaricznyj

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

8:15 a.m. Rosemary Flannigan-Buscher (anniv)
- Mary Ann & Tom Wood

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

NO MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

4:30 p.m. Doris Weerts - Rich & Richard
Weerts
And Tom Stuckey - Judy Arvell & Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 a.m. Charles Gutzman - Barbara Root
9:30 a.m. Susan Mayfield - Family & Friends
And Leo Bollin - Stanley & Sallee Butzow
11:30 a.m. Joseph & Angela Ciaccio - Anne
Markert
And Parishioners of St. Agnes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a,
34-35

ALTAR SERVERS

April 19, 21:

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

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

April 23-24:

4:30 p.m. Zach Megginson, Andrew
Friedrich, Lauren Friedrich

8:00 a.m. Mike Bauer, Mike Reed

9:30 a.m. Noel Ward, Peyton Blackburn,
Charlie Dunham

11:30 a.m. Ben Griffin, Abigail Griffin, Rory
Lynch

READERS, APRIL 23-24

4:30 p.m. Sr. Joan Sorge, Tammie Klein

8:00 a.m. Linda Distlehorst, Marilyn Okon

9:30 a.m. Bev Dillon, Bob Bussing

11:30 a.m. Ed Cobau, Ruth Lewis

COMMUNION MINISTERS

APRIL 23-24

4:30 p.m. Team A, Karen Beckmann, Kathy
Kraft, Michael Kraft, Debra Mann, Jim Morris,
Judy Nordstrom,

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

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

SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS

MARCH 24

Pre K4 & K Roxanne Ramage

1st & 2nd Maria Rutter

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
(Catholic Home Missions Appeal)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church has great needs around the world, and the United States is no exception. Many dioceses here at home face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography or impoverished parishes. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal answers these needs and provides grants for projects to strengthen the faith of the people. Forty-two percent of all dioceses in the United States receive Catholic Home Missions support for evangelization, catechesis, ministry formation and other areas of faith development. Your support of this collection will help your neighbors here in the United States and strengthen the Church at home.

In the Pacific Ocean, between Guam and Hawaii, are the Marshall Islands, a collection of atolls and islands covering an area of 500,000 square miles. Given the great distance between these islands, travel is often difficult and communication is unreliable. The islands themselves do not have any local priests and have only one local permanent deacon and sister; and so, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart provide for the pastoral and sacramental needs of the Islands. Additionally, many people move to the United States after high school, making it hard for the Catholic Church there to find men interested in joining the priesthood. Against those odds, the Marshall Islands welcomed with great joy a seminarian in 2014! Thanks to a grant from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, they are able to afford to send him to seminary for his studies. Through his studies, he is a witness and example to other young men on the Islands.

In addition, because not all of the islands are able to have a resident priest, the Church in the Marshall Islands relies on prayer leaders to lead the Sunday liturgy of Scripture reading and reflection as well as distribution of Communion. These prayer leaders are required to attend a yearly training and retreat, and all new leaders are guided by experienced prayer leaders. Thanks to a grant from Catholic Home Missions, the Marshall Islands were able to host this training again and bring in the same presenters from the previous year, providing for continuity and familiarity.

Mission dioceses often struggle with isolation and a lack of educated pastoral and lay leadership. With your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal can continue to provide catechesis, lay leadership training, funding for seminarian education and other essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses. Please be generous in the Catholic Home Missions Appeal and help strengthen the Church at home.

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

Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Wisconsin - The Marian Shrines of Wisconsin are privileged to make available to pilgrims during this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* the gift of encountering the mercy of God by means of entering the Holy Doors at each Shrine. Pilgrims gain plenary indulgences by visiting each of the Marian Shrines during this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. Friday, July 29 – Monday, August 1, 2016. Reservations & Questions: contact Vicky Crye, 217-899-6737.

St. Agnes Bereavement Support Group will have its next meeting on **Thursday, April 21, 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.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit

Sunday, April 17

- Sports Banquet at 5 p.m. in the gym to honor our athletes who have participated in the St. Agnes Athletic program this past year. This is the first year that this event is being held so that more affirmation can be given to our students to represent St. Agnes School in Athletics. Congratulations to all of our athletes!

Monday, April 18

- M.A.G.I.C. Match Sponsors & Leadership Donors Appreciation Dinner. This year's gathering will be held in the school gym. The evening begins with refreshments at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and the program to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19

- Student Council Meeting (3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m)

Wednesday, April 20

- Robotics Club at 3:15. This is the last meeting of the school year.
- Technology Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 21

- All School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.
- St. Agnes students will enjoy the Ned Show at 1:30 p.m. The 45 minute character education assembly promotes positive attitudes and respect and encourages students and staff to do their best every day.
- Enrollment Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 22

- Mid Quarter
- St. Agnes Parish and School Confirmation Class will participate in a Retreat Day given by the staff from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The day will be held at Villa Maria Retreat Center. Parents are asked to take students directly to the Center and pick them up there. Lunch will be provided.
- 8th Grade Lock-In will begin with registration at 8:30 p.m. and conclude on Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m.



Kids Good Grief Camp

hosted by Staab Funeral Homes will be held April 24 from noon to 4 p.m. at Erin's Pavilion in Southwind Park at 4965 S. Second Street, Springfield. Led by licensed therapists, Kids Good Grief Camp is a supportive and fun camp for children who have lost a loved one. Through Kids Good Grief Camp, children can share their experiences with other children – validating each other's feelings and lessening their sense of isolation. In doing so, they can help each other in their individual healing journeys. The event is open to children ages 6 –12. Cost is \$10, but scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call 217-247-4421 or visit www.kidsgoodgriefcamp.com.

Timothy Retreat is a 24-hour Catholic, junior high retreat lead by high school and college youth. The retreat focuses on I Timothy 4:12: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." This year's retreat will be held at St. John Vianney Church in Sherman Friday, April 22 (7pm) until Saturday, April 23 (5 pm mass). For more information, contact John Barrett at jnkab@hotmail.com or 496-2452 or check out our website: <http://timothyretreatnorth.weebly.com/>

Blessed Sacrament Hosts St. Charles Parish Choir: On Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament of Springfield will host the St. Charles Parish Choir of Charleston, Illinois. The thirty-voice ensemble will present "Seasons of Praise" a concert of religious and liturgical music in the sanctuary at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The choir will present choral works and music from Mass liturgies from throughout the church year some of which will include participation by the congregation. Come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful liturgical music in a prayerful setting. Admission is free, and a free will offering will be taken. All are welcome.



CONTRIBUTIONS, APRIL 9-10 :

Regular Contributions: \$16,876

St. Agnes Parish Capital
Improvements Fund: \$960

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!



Dear St. Agnes Parishioners,

In this weekend's edition of our diocesan newspaper, the **Catholic Times**, you may have noticed the announcement of a number of summer clergy assignments, one of which pertains to our parish. Bishop

Paprocki is sending to our parish a parochial vicar - a fancy church-word for an assistant priest! - **Fr. Daren Zehnle**. Fr. Zehnle is currently finishing his degree in canon law in Rome and will begin his ministry with us on July 1. In addition, Fr. Zehnle will have other responsibilities - he will be the chief master of ceremonies for the Bishop; will serve as a judge on our diocesan marriage tribunal and will be the associate director for our diocesan Office for Worship and the Catechumenate (see our diocesan website, dio.org for more information).

Please keep Fr. Zehnle in your prayers as we soon welcome him and see a new face around these parts! And remember in prayer as well all the other clergy mentioned in the **Catholic Times** who this summer will begin new roles of service in our diocese.

Enjoy the good news that is the
Easter season!

Fr. Bob

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!

Mass for the Deaf Community will be held Saturday, April 16, 4:30 pm at Our Saviour Convent, 453 E. State, Jacksonville. Celebrant - Father Tom Coughlin, O.P. Miss. Potluck dinner to follow. For more info, email Christine Lansaw at christine.lansaw@yahoo.com.



Smell like sheep. This is what Pope Francis says: Shepherds should smell like the sheep they shepherd. This is not a charge just to bishops and priests. It is told to all of us, too. All of us shepherd in little and big ways: in the children we bear and raise, in the students we teach, in the workers we guide, in the customers we serve. To smell like sheep, we must be unafraid, for we are part of the one protected flock, we are all in this together (Jew and Gentile - reread Acts 13:14,43-52). Sunday makes us one. Jesus makes us one.

Divorce Ministry: St. Agnes Parish will present the 12 week program "**The Catholic Divorce Survival Guide**" starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 in the parish hall. All faiths are welcome to attend the program. The program incorporates **Theology of the Body** principles into all topics and is faithful to the teaching Magisterium of the Catholic Church. There is no fee for the program; however, free will donations will be accepted. If you or someone you know is struggling because of divorce, whether it is a current or past situation, this program not only gives you valuable information for all areas of your life, but also a support group that lets you know you are not alone. Join us to start on your journey to peace and joy after divorce. For more information or to sign up for the program, call Bev Dillon at 494-9750.



Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

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 and Election of Officers.

* 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.

* Saturday, October 15 – Picnic and bonfire at Villa Maria Center

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).

DASK (Divorced and Separated

Koinonia): Is God calling you or someone you know who is divorced or separated to a wonderful spiritually led retreat nestled in nature! Many Christian men and women who have experienced separation and/or divorce, plus a Priest have been preparing and praying for you to join them on this healing weekend. DASK retreats consist of talks, discussions, great food, liturgical celebrations, as well as time for fun and relaxation. It will be held at Todd Hall (a beautiful retreat center less than 2 hrs. from Springfield) on April 22-24. This is a wonderful, safe Christian (all faiths welcome) environment for healing and growth during this detour in your life. Please don't let finances keep you from joining. If you or anyone you may know would benefit from this uplifting retreat, contact Jean Storzum; (314) 704-1870 or Richard Kreher; slark4@yahoo.com

Eucharistic Ministers Needed: HSHS St. John's Hospital needs Eucharistic Ministers to serve communion and/or pray with our patients on a daily basis. If you are interested, please call Teri in the St. John's Spiritual Care Department at 217-525-5675 for more information. Thank you.

Job Opening: St. Patrick Catholic School, Springfield, IL, (Pre-School through 5th Grade) is seeking a Principal for the 2016-2017 School year. Candidate must be Catholic, have Illinois Administrative Certificate or be willing to pursue Illinois Administrative Certificate. Send cover letter and resume to Ginny Conlee at ginnyconlee@comcast.net.

J.O.S.H.U.A. and SHG students are collecting this weekend for their Mission trip. Keep us in prayer, and if you'd like to help financially, the students are here to collect the M & M tubes. If you missed this weekend, you may still contribute by returning any tubes to the parish office or to SHG. Thanks again for your support over the years.

34th Annual Spring Luncheon will be held by the Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. on Monday, April 25 at the Northfield Center. This fun event includes lunch, a silent auction, bake sale and raffle. This year's raffle item is a gorgeous watch donated by Denney Jewelers worth \$500. Reservations are required and seating can be reserved by calling the Center at 525-5630. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$240 for a table of 8.

RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

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.

Chicken Dinner: The Knights of Columbus #4175 North Council and the Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation will be hosting their 43rd Annual Chicken Dinner Sunday, May 1 from 11 am to 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Eat in, take out and drive through are available. Adult dinners will include a ½ of a chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Cole slaw, a roll and a dessert. These are the same recipes people have come to love over the years. Tickets are available from members of both the Council and the Foundation and area merchants. Proceeds are split between the two groups, going to charities supported by both. Last year, the Knights of Columbus awarded over \$3,500 in tuition assistance to elementary and secondary parochial students and the Foundation awarded around \$5,000. Chances are that a student you know benefited from these awards.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: The good news of the Gospel reminds us that we are God's people, the sheep of his flock! Because of Jesus' death and resurrection we are given the ultimate gift of eternal life and are held tight, safe and secure in God's hand! Let these amazing and life giving truths fill you and your marriage relationship with His love and peace. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on April 22-24. To register call 314-649-7317 or go to www.stl-wwme.org.



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