



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 18

5:30 p.m. Sally Jo Parnell - Delmar & Theresa Padke
And Christopher Wohltmann - Michael & Karen Beckmann

TUESDAY, JULY 19

8:15 a.m. Monica McCormick - Dr. John & Lynda Snodsmith

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

6:30 a.m. Walter Brown - Ralph & Roslyn Brookens

THURSDAY, JULY 21

8:15 a.m. DOMS - Jim Schwalbach

FRIDAY, JULY 22

NO MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 23

4:30 p.m. Cathy Bernet - Don & Judy Buckley

SUNDAY, JULY 24

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes
9:30 a.m. James Metz - Family
11:30 a.m. Joe Dold - Doris Pagent

ALTAR SERVERS

July 19-21:

Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Beth VonBehren, Reagan Smudde
Thursday, 8:15 a.m. Rose Bartletti, Anna Curtis

July 23-24:

4:30 p.m. Zach Megginson, Andrew Frierdich, Lauren Frierdich
8:00 a.m. Greg Goetz, Mike Goetz
9:30 a.m. Jack Ramage, Mary O'Brien, Colleen O'Brien
11:30 a.m. Julie Curry, Sydney House, Sophie Mayfield

READERS, JULY 23-24

4:30 p.m. Susan Dodson, Ellen Kuntzi
8:00 a.m. Sharon Mast, Dan Punzak
9:30 a.m. Ed Cobau, Rick Wilderson
11:30 a.m. Don Steinkamp, Erik Lyons

**COMMUNION MINISTERS
JULY 23-24**

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Please **The Parish Office will**
Note **be closed July 22 and**
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MEALS ON WHEELS REMINDER: If you signed up to deliver Meals on Wheels, our schedule is for the next two weeks. If you have forgotten what day you signed up for, we do have the lists here in the Parish office (793-1330). Thanks to everyone for helping out with this worthwhile ministry.

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

Father Frank Pavone, Founder of Priests for Life, is coming to Springfield, Saturday, August 20th. He will celebrate 8:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception followed by a presentation in the Atrium. All are invited to attend. For more information and to RSVP, call the Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries 217-321-1161.

The recent Supreme Court ruling does not affect existing DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) policy. There will be a DACA and Citizenship Workshop at Christ the King Parish, Springfield on Thursday, July 14th, from 9:00 am-2:30 pm. For more information call the Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries 321-1161.

BAPTISM CLASS: The Baptism Class is required for all parents who have not taken a class before, although all parents are urged to attend. The next class will be on July 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space of the Church. Parents may take the class prior to the birth of their child. Please call the Church Office to register.



Be sure to stop by the Parish Hall this weekend, July 16-17 to welcome Fr. Daren Zehnle, our new

Parochial Vicar. Fr. Daren will be in the parish hall after 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and then again after 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Stop by to say “hello” and introduce yourself. Cookies and punch will be served after Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass. Coffee and donuts will be available after Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses.

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The usual way by which an unbaptized person (those seven years of age and above) becomes a full, participating member of the Catholic Church is through a faith formation process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the reception of the sacraments of initiation at Easter.

Persons who have been baptized in another Christian church and who wish to become a member of the Catholic Church are also encouraged to participate in the RCIA before receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We are now planning for those who want to inquire about the process or simply find out what RCIA is all about.

If you know of someone interested, please call the Parish office at 793-1330. Our RCIA sessions will begin in September.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit

The School Office is closed the rest of July. The office will reopen on Monday, August 8.

School Packets: Families with students (Pre-K thru 8) attending St. Agnes School for the 2016-2017 school year may pick up your family packets in the Gathering Space after all Masses the weekends of August 6-7 and August 13-14. Class assignments and information needed for Orientation Day on Wednesday, August 17 will be enclosed. Packets remaining after the 11:30 Mass on August 14 can be picked up in the School Office.

Health Exam info: Children entering preschool, kindergarten or sixth grade and students transferring to Illinois from another State or outside of the country, must have a complete **written health exam** in the school office before first day of school, Aug 18. Immunizations must be up to date.

Children in kindergarten, second and sixth grade, and students transferring to Illinois from another State or outside of the country, must have a **dental exam** completed before the first day of school.

Kindergarteners and students transferring to Illinois from another State or outside of the country, must have an **eye exam** from an optometrist before the first day of school.

Copies of these forms can be picked up in the Parish Office if parents need them. Usually the physician and/or dentist will also have these forms. The physical, dental and eye forms should be turned in to the school office on Orientation day (Tuesday, August 18).

M.A.G.I.C. Match Program: St. Agnes School has a program that matches sponsors to classrooms and curriculum areas. If you or your business is willing to be a sponsor for one of our classrooms for the 2018-2017 school year, contact Nancy Peterson, Development Director at 793-1330.

Newcomers' Welcome will be hosted by the Parents' Club on Sunday, August 14, in the School cafeteria after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. A light lunch will be served to parents and children. An informational meeting will follow for parents while the children have supervised play. Please contact Kate Watson, 303-1650, if you will be able to join us. **Welcome to all new families!**

Luers Uniform 20% off Sale will be Monday, July 18 - Saturday, July 30.

St. Agnes Sports Program News:

Sports physical: 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders participating in the St. Agnes Sports program are required to have a 2016 physical in order to participate. **(Physicals are required by the school for all 6th graders. These school physical forms do not cover sports. The IESA Physical form must also be completed.)** A copy of the physical should be dated for the 2016-2017 school year and must be submitted before sports practices begin. Any questions, contact the school office at 793-1370.

Mandatory Coaches meeting for all St. Agnes coaches for the 2016-2017 school year will be held on August 7, 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Please plan to attend this mandatory meeting.

Softball practice will begin Monday, July 25, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Fred Farley and Troy Benedict will coach the St. Agnes team. Practices and home games will be played at the SHG softball diamond. Contact Fred Farley with questions, 741-0101.

Baseball practice will begin Monday, August 1, 4:30-6:00 p.m. place to be announced. Joe Milbrandt and Charlie Blackburn will coach the team.

Cross-Country season begins August 1. Coaches for this sport include Mike O'Brien and Leah Hulcher.



CONTRIBUTIONS, JULY 9-10:

Regular Contributions: \$13,301

St. Agnes Parish Capital
Improvements Fund: \$1,115

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!

In Her Cherished Heart Women's Conference will be Saturday, September 10 at Christ the King Parish Center in Springfield. Speaker Lisa Hendey will present on her book, "The Grace of Yes: 8 Virtues for Generous Living." Mass, Goody Bags, Confession, Lunch, Adoration. Mother's room for children under 1 year. Information can be found online at cherishedheartconference.com. Sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Marriage & Family Life.

Max Dollars for Education: In their commitment to education, County Market has presented St. Agnes School with a check in the amount of \$1,000. County Market has now given more than \$1.1 million to local schools over the past 21 years! As an associate owned company, County Market understands the need to give back to the communities it does business in. County Market is happy to help our schools in the all-important task of educating our youth. This year, County Market and its sponsors including Pepsi, Kellogg's, Smucker's and McCormick teamed up to donate nearly \$100,000 to 53 area schools. For more information on Max Dollars for Education, please go to www.myCountyMarket.com. This program begins a new school year in August. Thank you to all of our families who have signed up for this program. We invite Parishioners who shop at County Market to help our Parish School by joining in this Max Dollars for Education Program.

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 Scott Keen. To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit <http://www.dio.org/missions/mission-trips.html> or contact Vicki Compton at 698-8500 or vcompton@dio.org. Space is limited. Register today!

Share your story. The Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries is accepting stories for the Catholic Times' October Respect Life edition. This year's theme is: **Moved by Mercy**. For more information, a flyer is located at: <http://dio.org/plasm/events.html> or call the Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries - 217-321-1161. Items are due by August 26.



Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Would you like to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Tune in to Catholic Radio on **AM 1410 & 88.9 FM WIHM**. Programming includes daily Holy Mass, devotions, Catechetics, live call-in shows, and much more. For a program schedule and a free CD call (314) 752-7000 or toll-free (877) 305-1234.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City, December 8-13, 2016. Join internationally renowned Theology of the Body speaker, author and teacher Christopher West for a life-changing journey to the holy sites around Mexico City – spanning two Marian feast days culminating with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. From \$1,799 a person. For detailed information visit: corproject.com/mexico



Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

* Sunday, July 17 – Wine tasting at a new location. Jane and Phil Locascio have generously volunteered to host a wine tasting gathering at their home at 2101 Renwick Drive in Springfield. Time will be 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and you should bring whatever you want to drink, an appetizer to share and your lawn chairs. No need to call; just show up.

* Tuesday, September 27 – Potluck in the Parish Hall. More information in August.

* Saturday, October 15 – Picnic and bonfire at Villa Maria Center. More information in September.

Please feel free to contact any of the following officers for more details on any of the activities listed above or to offer suggestions for future activities: Jane Locascio (306-3037); Roslyn Brookens (622-6299); Sue Hartl (787-5849); Barb Kern (546-7729); or Cliff Erwin (787-7017).



I am amazed by this story! Abraham, sitting at this doorway under a tree, sees three strangers approach. He runs to greet them. He sees to the bathing of their tired dusty feet. He sits them down under his tree. He feeds them. They engage in conversation. The story is a little ambiguous, but

Abraham comes to know them as someone(s) divine. He responds with lavish hospitality. Perhaps my mercy work this week is wrestling with these discipleship questions:

- How will I greet and treat strangers?
- How can I, who can I literally bathe or “bathe” with kindness?
- Who will I feed dinner?

The 95th annual K of C Bar-B-Que & Raffle will be held on Sunday, July 31 from Noon until 7 p.m. at Council 364. Food can be purchased, dine in or carry out. St. Agnes School 8th Grade class will conduct a bake sale. The Juke House Band will provide musical entertainment and D.J. the Clown will appear, no cover charge. K C Pool will be open for free swimming - children must be accompanied by adult. Raffle drawing at 7 p.m. for \$20,000 in cash prizes, including a \$10,000 grand prize. With questions, call 787-2360.

Bake Sale - Please come out and support our St Agnes 8th graders as they will be hosting a bake sale to raise funds for all of the exciting activities for their last year at St Agnes School. St. Agnes students will be selling delicious treats Sunday July 31 from Noon until 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Meadowbrook. Hope to see you there.

RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER



State Fair Booth
Springfield Right to Life will be hosting our educational booth at the

Illinois State Fair in the Exposition Building. The booth is a great outreach to share the pro-life message and to educate our youth on the sanctity of human life. Many of you volunteer each year to staff our booth. We are so grateful for your commitment!

This year we need volunteers for our booth from August 11 - 21. The scheduling is for shifts starting at 9 a.m. with the last shift ending at 9 p.m. We'd like to have three volunteers per shift. A ticket for entry to the fair will be provided. Being a volunteer at our booth is an opportunity to be a witness for the unborn. It is a very positive experience and your presence does make a difference. Please join us! Teens are welcome and encouraged to volunteer. New this year: The first Sunday of the fair will be "Sticker Sunday!" For more information and to sign up for shifts please call the Springfield Right to Life office at 523-2700 or e-mail us at info@springfieldrtl.org.

27th Annual Family Camp/Renewal Days for Family and Friends of Persons with Special Needs will be Sept. 24-25 at Lake Williamson Christian Center, Carlinville, IL. Package deal includes: Overnight accommodation in accessible rooms, 3 meals, and all camp activities including: crafts, miniature golf, singing, games, square dancing, swimming, and hay rides. Sunday Eucharist will be celebrated. Early Bird Registrations are due by Aug. 1, 2016. (Fees increase by \$5 per person after Aug. 1) Cost is: Adults– \$88, Youth (Ages 6-17) - \$50 per youth, free for children 5 and under. Contact Elaine Vonderheide, Camp Coordinator at (217)342-2718 or email mewv23@consolidated.net for further information.

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NEW PARISHIONERS: Are you new to the area and just started coming to St. Agnes Church? Or have you been attending Church here for a while and have never registered? You can call the Rectory office, 793-1330, during regular office hours, and register over the phone.

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