



**ST. AGNES PARISH**

245 North Amos Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62702

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, JULY 25**

5:30 p.m. Jack Smith - Family

**TUESDAY, JULY 26**

8:15 a.m. Susan Taylor - Marilyn Taylor

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**

6:30 a.m. Tom Stuckey -  
Gary & Kathy Koester

**THURSDAY, JULY 28**

8:15 a.m. Henrietta Nortrup Hayes -  
Angela Schiava

**FRIDAY, JULY 29**

NO MASS

**SATURDAY, JULY 30**

4:30 p.m. Norma Jeanne Fairweather -  
Betty Bennett

**SUNDAY, JULY 31**

8:00 a.m. Edward Purcell, Sr. -  
John & Susan Klemm  
9:30 a.m. Richard Spitz - Dan & Nancy Ray  
11:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28  
**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43  
**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21, Mt 13:44-46  
**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Jn 11:19-27  
**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12  
**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11;  
Lk 12:13-21

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**July 26,28:**

**Tuesday, 8:15 a.m.** Emily Brenneisen,  
Paul Gilmore

**Thursday, 8:15 a.m.** Charlie Dunham,  
Massimo Polistina

**July 30-31:**

4:30 p.m. Louis Bartletti, Rose Bartletti,  
John Schmidt

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

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

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

**READERS, JULY 30-31**

4:30 p.m. Maureen Farmer, Harry Mitchell

8:00 a.m. Tricia Hopkins-Price,  
Madonna White

9:30 a.m. Julie Davis, Jamie Greenwald

11:30 a.m. Sandra Kelley, Kari Kelley

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

**JULY 30-31**

**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

**PRAYER LINE REQUESTS**

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Sheila Noonan 546-0012  
Barb Kern 546-7729

5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.: Maureen Brady 787-3423  
Cinda Steinkamp 787-6439

*Please  
Note*

**The Parish Office will  
be closed July 29.**

**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 this Wednesday, 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 at 793-1330 to register.

**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](http://cherishedheartconference.com). Sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Marriage & Family Life.



**Ask. Seek. Knock.** Do you know someone who is just so relentless? He tirelessly makes his point! She keeps at it and does not back down. They ask ... and ask again ... and yet again! Abraham, the merciful one, is just like that – reread of his persistence in Genesis 18: 20-32. The friend is just like that, too, in Luke 11: 1-13. And Jesus tells all who hear, and that is us today as well, be just like that in addressing God. Ask. Seek. Knock. Few words, fewer actions, great persistence.

- How will my prayer be persistent this week?
- For whom and for what will I pray?
- How can I respond like God and open my door (and my heart), give food to the hungry, bargain for the innocent?

**MEALS ON WHEELS REMINDER:** If you signed up to deliver Meals on Wheels, our schedule continues this next week. If you have forgotten what day you signed up for, we do have the lists of volunteers in the Parish Office (793-1330). Thanks to everyone for helping out with this worthwhile ministry.



## 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.



## 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](mailto:info@springfieldrtl.org).



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, August 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 (Wednesday, August 17).

**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 2016-2017 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 continue until 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 16-17:

Regular Contributions: \$16,268.25

St. Agnes Parish Capital  
Improvements Fund: \$684.00

**MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**The 95th Annual K of C Bar-B-Que and Raffle** will be held on Sunday, July 31 from Noon until 7:00 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 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Meadowbrook. Hope to see you there.



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** and

**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.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Next weekend (July 30/31) our parish will have its annual mission appeal. We welcome **Fr. Sergio Armando Perez, IVE**, who is a member of religious community, the Institute of the Incarnate Word ([www.ive.org](http://www.ive.org)). Fr. Perez will appeal for help in his community's mission work in a number of countries (including Tajikistan and Kazakhstan!) as well as houses of formation for clergy in a variety of nations. Let us be generous in our support of the Church's rich mission outreach in the name of Christ.

Summer blessings,

*Fr. Bob*

**Father Frank Pavone, Founder of Priests for Life**, is coming to Springfield, Saturday, August 20. He will celebrate 8:00 a.m. 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.

**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](http://corproject.com/mexico)

**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.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Please allow me this brief opportunity to express my gratitude for your warm welcome to St. Agnes Parish and my pleasure at being appointed Parochial Vicar here. It is an especially great pleasure to serve with Father Bob, who was my Pastor during my seminary studies.



I am still in the somewhat slow process of unpacking some 1,600 books (bookstores, while my friends, are dangerous!) and settling into the rectory, a process I hope to complete by the end of next week. At the same time, I am seeking to understand how my four roles will fit together or impact each other. As you know, I also serve as the Associate Director of the Office for Divine Worship and the Catechumenate, Chief Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop, and Diocesan Judge for the Diocesan Tribunal. Some of these roles, especially that of Chief Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop and Diocesan Judge, will require my presence away from the parish with some regularity. However, I hope and will strive to be involved in the life of the parish to the greatest extent possible.

By means of some introduction, I was ordained eleven years ago and have previously served as Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony Parish in Effingham (2005-2009), Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Virden, St. Patrick Parish in Girard, and Holy Cross Parish in Auburn (2009-2011), and as Priest Secretary and Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop (2011-2013). I spent the last three years in Rome pursuing a License in Canon Law (J.C.L.), which I received only a few weeks ago. Having grown up in Quincy, I received a Bachelor of Arts in history from Quincy University (2000). After college, I entered Mundelein Seminary, from which I received a Baccalaureate of Sacred Theology (2005) and a Master of Divinity (2005).

I am a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. I am also an associate member of the Society for Catholic Liturgy and of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, a member of the Medieval Academy of America, the International Arthurian Society, The Tolkien Society, and the Canon Law Society of America.

On a more personal note, I have one brother, David. He is married to Angie and they have one son, Matthew. Our parents died when we were young, so David and I were raised by our dad's sister, Mary, and her husband, Bob. Our four cousins, then, became very much our brothers and sister. As far as hobbies go, I enjoy hiking, swimming, and reading. I have a deep love of Dr Pepper, the writings of J.R.R. Tolkien, and Hawaii. One little known fact about me is that I worked in a toy store for seven years while I was in high school and college, a job I stumbled into because I played video games.

Please know that I look forward to getting to know you in the weeks and months to come and remember you in my prayers each morning. I pray that the bold and courageous witness of Saint Agnes will inspire each of us to an ever-greater fidelity to the Lord Jesus to share with her the glory of the martyr's palm!

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Daren J. Zehnle



## Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

\* 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).

**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.



## RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

**Project Rachel** – The pain and sorrow of a past abortion need not endure for a lifetime. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.