



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

5:30 p.m. Dorothy Tobin - Mary J. Cimarossa

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

8:15 a.m. T.J. Meyer -
Dick & Mary Jane Davidson

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

6:30 a.m. Mary VonDeBur - Sandy Roberts

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

8:15 a.m. Darlene Brennan - Mary Digirolamo

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

NO MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

4:30 p.m. Margaret Ann Mucciante -
Carol McCue

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 a.m. Delores Prosperini -
Ernest, Family & Friends
9:30 a.m. Bill Becker - Jack & Jeannie Erisman
11:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes
And Joe Dold - Mark & Beth Gebhards

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv:11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ex 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ex 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

ALTAR SERVERS

August 16, 17:

Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Emily Brenneisen,
Paul Gilmore
Thursday, 8:15 a.m. Rose Bartletti,
Anna Curtis

August 20-21:

4:30 p.m. Charlie Johnson, Steve Johnson,
Jackie Johnson
8:00 a.m. Louis Kink, Don Steinkamp
9:30 a.m. Adam Kuchar, Grace Kuchar
11:30 a.m. Joe Kuhn, Ben Rogers,
Emma White

READERS, AUGUST 20-21

4:30 p.m. Maureen Farmer, Madonna White
8:00 a.m. Sharon Mast, Shirley Cowles
9:30 a.m. Mark Jarmer, Cindy Callan
11:30 a.m. Pathy Ekal, Jan Koltun

**COMMUNION MINISTERS
AUGUST 20-21**

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 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 MAIL, FAX OR E-MAIL ALL
BULLETIN ARTICLES TO THE RECTORY.
DEADLINE: MONDAY**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(August 15) is not a Holyday of Obligation this year due to it falling on a Monday this year. Mass will nevertheless be celebrated on Monday, August 15, 5:30 p.m.



REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers **Leona Ostendorff** of our parish who died recently. May she know the fullness of joy that the Risen Lord desires to share with us.

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, 321-1161.

Heroic Catholic Manhood, Workshop for Men

– There is a crisis facing men in the Church today and an absence of good mentors for our boys. But with grace and formation, you can help turn the tide. Come on your own or with your men's group to learn the essentials of mentorship and how to take it to the next level. Saturday, September 17, St. Boniface, Edwardsville, IL, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cost \$10. (Lunch included) To register, visit www.dio.org/familylife/events or call 321-1132.



BAPTISM

Our prayerful best wishes accompany **Mason Alexander Till**, son of Nicholas and Ana Till and **Josie Grace Walz**, daughter of Michael and Ashley Walz, who were recently baptized. May the Light of Christ ever shine through them!



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.

2016 Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference (DAEC)

will be held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel November 4-5, 2016. This conference is for ALL Catholics. Our keynote speaker will be author, radio personality, and podcaster Greg Willits along with 19 other speakers. Registration can be done by mail or online. For more information, you can visit our webpage at: dio.org/catechesis/daec

St. Agnes Bereavement Support Group

will have its next meeting this **Thursday, August 18, 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

Welcome to all of our St. Agnes School families!

Thursday, August 18: The first half day of school for St. Agnes students will be on Thursday, August 18. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. No Late Day. Teachers will remain for an In-Service afternoon.

Friday, August 19: Students (Grades K-8) will begin at 8:00 a.m. and be dismissed at 3:10 p.m. Late Day and hot lunches begin on Friday, August 19.

Preschool classes will begin for 3 and 4 year olds on Monday, August 22. The first two days will be half days beginning at 8:00 a.m. and dismissing at 11:00 a.m. Full day sessions begin on Wednesday, August 24.

The first All-School Liturgy will be held on Thursday, August 25 at 8:15 a.m. Parents are invited to join us as we ask the blessing of God's Spirit on our new school year. Our school theme this year is "Joy Springs from a Grateful Heart." (Pope Francis)

A Band meeting and sign-up will be held on Sunday, August 28 at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart-Griffin, for all parents and students in grades 5-8 who are interested in joining the Springfield Catholic Elementary Schools band. Please contact Melissa Blankenstein (blankenstein @shg.org), the band director at SHG for more information.

Yearbooks can be picked up in the school office by those in last year's 8th grade graduating class who ordered yearbooks. Yearbooks (2015-2016) can still be purchased for \$20.

Trivia Night will be held Saturday, August 27 at the Riverton K of C Hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Game starts at 7:00 p.m. \$10 per person and a max of 10 per table. Mulligans and 50/50 available. Food and beverages available for purchase. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Prizes \$200/\$100/\$50. Proceeds used for community activities.

Living in Love – Retreat Weekend provides an opportunity for couples to reconnect. Designed to energize romance. August 20-21 at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Retreat Center. \$150 per couple. RSVP – Bsmith@dio.org or (217) 321-1139.

Legion of Mary Bus Trip: Join us Sunday, September 11 for a bus trip to St. Joseph Shrine in St. Louis. Bus departs 8:30 a.m. from St. Al's School parking lot – 21st and Joles Street. Travel to shrine – Mass at 11 a.m. Tour of Shrine. Then travel to Our Lady of the Snows for lunch at your expense. Return to lot approximately 4:00 p.m. Cost for bus \$22.00. Reservations and money due by August 11. Send to: Rita Lesko, 3420 East Enos, Springfield, Illinois 62702. Phone 210-2331

Koinonia of Springfield: Join us for a potluck and social gathering for Koinonia of Springfield 40th Anniversary on Saturday, September 3 from 1-4 at St. John Vianney Parrish Hall. Bring a covered dish or salad to share. RSVP by August 26 to Mikki Buhl at koinonia.information@gmail.com or 527-1912.

SHG Jr. Poms Camp: The SHG Poms Squad will be hosting a Jr. Poms Camp on August 27, 2016 from 8:30 a.m.-Noon at the SHG East Campus. The campers will perform at Halftime on September 2, 2016 on the football field. Email alwashko@gmail.com for the camp form and any questions. GO CYCS! **Pre-Register by mail before August 20 for a chance to win a pair of official SHG Golden Angel Poms**



CONTRIBUTIONS, AUGUST 6-7:

Regular Contributions: \$17,445

St. Agnes Parish Capital
Improvements Fund: \$727

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: St. Paul encourages us to "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus." When we focus on Jesus and continue to develop a deeper relationship with him, we become transformed. Let His love transform your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on September 23 - 25. To register or for more information, call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be holding their annual picnic in Michael Illinois on the weekend of August 27-28. They will be serving Turtle Soup, Fish, Dumplings, Pulled Pork and more on their shaded picnic grounds after the picnic celebration Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. On Sunday, there will be an all you can eat family style dinner from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be plenty of entertainment, games, rides, bounce and more for everyone. Please come to beautiful Calhoun County, enjoy the festivities and pick up some delicious peaches on your way back home.

St. Louise de Marillac bunco party is Sunday, August 28 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish Hall. The cost is \$10 which also includes lunch. There will also be raffle items and 50/50 drawing available. Call 529-7088 for reservations.

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a program of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton. The VLCFF offers online adult religious education and faith formation courses in support of the Church's catechetical ministry. This means that you can deepen your faith at a time and place convenient to you via the internet. Courses may be taken for undergraduate credit (for an additional fee) and some courses qualify for credit in our diocesan Catechist Formation Process. Registration for Cycle 6 began July 13. Classes begin August 28. For more information, visit the Office for Catechesis webpage at dio.org/catechesis/vlcff.html

5th Annual Moms Go Back to School Luncheon to benefit the mothers and children that the Elizabeth Ann Seton (EAS) program serves. You're invited to join us on Thursday, September 8, beginning at noon at the Dove Conference Center in Springfield, IL. Our keynote speaker for the event is Linda Shanklin; the proud mother of two sons, Frank Iguodala, Jr., and Andre Iguodala, NBA basketball player. Moms Go Back To School will raise funds for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Program's educational efforts. All mothers are encouraged to return to school after the birth of their child. EAS has learned over the past 20 years that those moms who make the greatest strides toward independence are those who continue their education. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$350 per table. If interested in attending or sponsor options, please feel free to call Dawn Morris, Executive Director, at (217) 757-6025. For more information check out our website – <http://www.elizabethannsetonprogram.org/>



Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

Please mark your calendar for the following **upcoming events**. More information will be provided on all these events as they get closer.

- * **Tuesday, September 27** – Potluck in the Parish Hall. Social at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Speaker to be announced later.
- * **Tuesday, October 4** – YAH planning meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. All are welcome.
- * **Saturday, October 8** – Tour of the St. Francis of Assisi Church and the Chiara Center starting at 9:00 a.m. with an optional brunch to follow.
- * **Saturday, October 15** – Picnic and bonfire at Villa Maria Center.
- * **Saturday, November 5** – Grapevine Social at *It's All About Wine*.
- * **Tuesday, November 15** – Potluck in Parish Hall.
- * **Saturday, December 10** – *The Messiah* at the Cathedral.

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).

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City, December 8-13. 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 more information visit: corproject.com/mexico

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, August 14 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at Knights of Columbus Council 364. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, and kids ages five and under are free. Proceeds will benefit Brother James Court. For questions, call 787-2360.

Riverton K of C Fish Fry is back starting September 2. Join us from 4:30-7:00 p.m. for Walleye, Shrimp, Catfish or Baked Fish Dinners. Dinners include coleslaw, choice of fries, baked potato or potato salad. Carry out orders can be placed at 629-7202 after 4:30 p.m.

Retrouvaille: You Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married”. For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with each other? Are you constantly fighting? Or so you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next Program begins the weekend of September 16-18.



RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

Springfield Right to Life's Annual Fundraiser will be held Saturday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza. Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, is the keynote speaker. Please invite your friends and family, and join us for a dynamic presentation from a world-class pro-life advocate! Call the Right to Life office: 523-2700 or email: info@springfieldrtl.org to sign up to be a Table Host and save your seat by August 12! There will be NO COST for this FUND-RAISING BANQUET. There will be an opportunity for financial giving and pledges of time, talent and finances. Please visit our website www.springfieldrtl.org for more information.

In Her Cherished Heart Women's

Conference: Lessons from Lisa Hendey's *The Grace of Yes: Eight Virtues for Generous Living*. Saturday, September 10, 8:00-3:30 p.m. at Christ the King Parish Center. Mass, goody bags, lunch, adoration, confession. \$30 before August 23, \$35 at the door. Register online at www.CherishedHeartConference.com.

Save this date! Tuesday, September 27, at St. Michael the Archangel – Sigel. Springfield in IL Diocesan Council of Catholic Women would like to invite all women from our diocese to our 88th Annual Convention. The day includes Speakers, Mass, Luncheon and many opportunities to enjoy fellowship and fun. Any questions, please contact Carolyn Munie, SDCCW President at 618-667-2317 or Joyce Knodle, Registration Chair at 217-825-5150.

Book Club: Join us for the first book "club" gathering Wednesday, September 7 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the St. Agnes Parish Hall. Over 8 weeks we will read the "Eyes of the Heart: Photography as a Christian Contemplative Practice" by Christine Valters Painter. This book will explore photography as a spiritual practice from a Christian perspective. Each chapter will explore how the reader can open "the eyes of the heart" with end of chapter reflection questions. This is not a photography class; it is process orientated and a time for discovery. The book, as camera or camera phone, and an open heart, is all that is needed. Each meeting we will discuss what we read the week before and share the images we have received. The book is available at both Amazon and Barnes and Noble. For further information, please call Cynthia Gallo Callan at 217-972-5343 or email cindy.callan@att.net