



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

5:30 p.m. Doris Jean Polson - Ruth Lewis

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

8:15 a.m. Magaret O'Donnell -
Jim & Marilyn Meyers

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

6:30 a.m. Catherine Link - Nancy Schrenk

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

8:15 a.m. Shirley Brunsman -
Michael & Maureen Horstman

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

NO MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 a.m. Ann Havey - Florence Scott
9:30 a.m. Doris Savoie - Mary Lou Disco
11:30 a.m. Ron Kuhn - Doug & Ruth Atwater

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19,
22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

ALTAR SERVERS

August 23,25:

Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Charlie Dunham,
Massimo Polistina

Thursday, 8:15 a.m. Maxon Perkins,
Emily Rapacz

August 27-28:

4:30 p.m. Kyle Rolf, John Phalen,
Nick Phalen

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

9:30 a.m. Emily Brenneisen,
Matt Brenneisen, Brandon Schafer

11:30 a.m. Carter Crabtree, Anna Curtis,
Lindsey Ferguson

READERS, AUGUST 27-28

4:30 p.m. Susan Dodson, Marilyn Okon

8:00 a.m. Vicki Bauer, Mary Ann Gatten

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

11:30 a.m. Adrian Gandhi, Jan Mulrooney-
Kuhn

COMMUNION MINISTERS

AUGUST 27-28

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

2016 Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference (DAEC) will be held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel November 4-5. 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 visit our webpage at: dio.org/catechesis/daec

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.

Knights of Columbus: Silver Rose and Prayer Service on Saturday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Father Braden Maher will be the Celebrant. The Silver Rose is based on the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Sanctity of Life – One Rose, One Life. All are Welcome to this special Prayer Service for the protection of the unborn. For information on the Knights of Columbus Silver Rose, see the website www.kofc.org or contact Patrick Kelleher at kelleherbp@gmail.com or 704-724-1303. We look forward to seeing you there.

St. Joseph Church Parish Mission will be held September 17-21. The theme of the mission is "Pope Francis – The Church Who Serves." Mission Leaders will be Fr. Brian Pierce, OP and Sr. Ann Willits, OP. Please join us! Attend any weekend Mass September 17 and 18 or attend a session at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. on September 19-21. Childcare available upon request. Call the Parish Office, 544-7426 for further information.



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.

Theology on Tap: Please mark your calendars for Friday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 4179 on Lake Springfield. Guest speaker is Lisa Hendey author of *The Grace of Yes: Eight Virtues for Generous Living*. She will giving a presentation titled "Selfies and Souls: Nurturing the Domestic Church in the Digital Age." For more information or questions, please email graynicholasjohn@gmail.com



Here comes everybody. The entry to the kingdom of God, to heaven, is described as passage through a narrow gate. But the path to it is pretty wide. It has to be, because this roadway has room for the nations of every language, sisters and brothers from everywhere. This is our pilgrimage – helping one another on the path to the kingdom, to our final home, to God.

- Who will be my companions this week?
- Who needs my help down this common road to heaven?



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.

Soccer Challenge: Knights of Columbus Father Augustine Tolton Council, Cathedral will be presenting their 2nd Annual Soccer Challenge. The Knights have joined forces with the Springfield YMCA who have provided a Soccer Field to present this year's Soccer Challenge at **University of Illinois Springfield Youth Soccer Fields on Saturday, September 10, between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** The Soccer Challenge is open to any and all Youth, Male or Female, between the ages of 9-14. All participants receive a Certificate of Participation, with the Winners of each age and gender moving on to the District, Regional, State and International Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenges. For more information, contact Youth Director Deacon Scott Keen, [414-0224](tel:414-0224), KeenSco@yahoo.com, or Patrick Kelleher, kelleherbp@gmail.com, [704-724-1303](tel:704-724-1303).

Koinonia of Springfield: Join us for a potluck and social gathering for Koinonia of Springfield 40th Anniversary on Saturday, September 3 from 1:00-4:00 at St. John Vianney Parish 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 CHEER CAMP: SHG Cheerleaders will host their Jr. Cheer Camp on Saturday, September 10 at SHG East Campus from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Children in grades K-8 are invited to attend. Participants will perform with the cheerleaders during the first quarter of the SHG / Glenwood football game on Friday, September 16. Registration forms are in the SHG school office. Camp fee is \$45 if received by September 7 or \$50 for late registrations and walk-ins. Contact Leah Hardy, [217-553-5155](tel:217-553-5155) or lghardy@gmail.com with questions.



CONTRIBUTIONS, AUGUST 13-14:

Regular Contributions: \$20,979

St. Agnes Parish Capital
Improvements Fund: \$1,250

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!

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.

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/>

Butler Funeral Homes invites you to An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery and Advance Planning on September 1. When it comes to burial, cremation and advance funeral planning, we know that people have many questions. As funeral and cremation specialists, we're happy to provide answers during our FREE program. Join us at 5:00 p.m. for a complimentary dinner at the Fairview Restaurant and a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. All events are free: no cost or obligation. Call 544-4646 to reserve your seat by August 29.

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.



Worldwide Marriage

Encounter: Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Let Jesus be the Lord and Savior of your life and marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 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.



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

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 do 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.

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



RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

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, go to: <http://dio.org/plasm/events.html> or call the Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries: 321-1161. Items due by August 26.

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.

ST. AGNES PARISH WEBSITES:

St. Agnes Church:
stagnescatholicparish.org
St. Agnes School:
stagnescatholicsschool.org

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, a 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