



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

5:30 p.m. Sherman Blach -
Ralph & Roslyn Brookens

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:15 a.m. DOMS - Jim Schwalbach

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

6:30 a.m. Edward Dempsey -
John & Susan Klemm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:15 a.m. Donald Cadagin -
Frank & Fran Schwartz
And Kevin Danner, Sr. - Danner Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:15 a.m. Henrietta Nortrup Hayes -
Charlene Frank
12:10 p.m. Gene Elliott - Mary Elliott

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

4:30 p.m. Fr. Erickson - John & Susan Klemm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes
9:30 a.m. Richard Spitz -
Charles & Janet Mueller
11:30 a.m. Mary O'Hara - Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33

ALTAR SERVERS

August 30, September 1, 2:

Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Jack Ramage, Kyle Rolf
Thursday, 8:15 a.m. Beth VonBehren,
Reagan Smudde
Friday, 8:15 a.m. Charlie Dunham,
Elizabeth Harley

September 3-4:

4:30 p.m. Logan Smudde, Jared Smudde,
Reagan Smudde
8:00 a.m. Peter Steward, Mike Noonan
9:30 a.m. Jack Ramage, Mary O'Brien,
Colleen O'Brien
11:30 a.m. Julia Curry, Sydney House,
Sophie Mayfield

READERS, SEPTEMBER 3-4

4:30 p.m. Sr. Angelene Biderbost,
Ellen Kuntzi
8:00 a.m. Shirley Cowles,
Tricia Hopkins-Price
9:30 a.m. Susan Hartl, Bev Dillon
11:30 a.m. Ruth Lewis, Erik Lyons

COMMUNION MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 3-4

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**

FIRST FRIDAY—SEPTEMBER

First Friday this month will be on September 5. Masses will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. and at 12:10 p.m. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:15 Mass, with reposition at noon prior to 12:10 Mass.

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.

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 (217) 321-1132.

Mass for the Deaf Community will be held Saturday September 10, 4:30 p.m. at Our Saviour Convent, 453 E. State St., Jacksonville. Celebrant – Father Tom Coughlin, O.P. Miss. Potluck dinner to follow. For more information, email Christine Lansaw at christine.lansaw@yahoo.com.

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

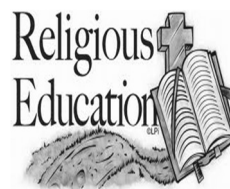


RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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.



Parish School of Religion (PSR)

provides religious education for the children (Kindergarten thru 8th grade) of St. Agnes Parish who do not attend St. Agnes School. PSR meets during the school year on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the school.

Registration for 2016-2017 is underway. Returning students must register every year. The first class is **September 21** at 6:30 p.m. Parents and students meet in the church for orientation. The fee remains at \$50 per student. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible so that we will have the necessary supplies for each student. If your child will not be returning this year, please call and let us know. Registration forms for those children in the PSR last year have been mailed out. Please update the form with any changes or corrections and return it to the Parish Office with payment. You can mail it, bring it to the office, or drop it in the Sunday collection in a plain envelope marked: "Attn: Mary—PSR." Make checks payable to **St. Agnes PSR**.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit

We welcome our new families to St. Agnes. The theme for this school year is taken from the words of Pope Francis: "Joy Springs from a Grateful Heart." We are very grateful you joined us!

Sunday, August 28 – Students in 5th-8th grade attending a Catholic grade school are invited to attend the sign-up meeting for the Catholic Elementary Schools Band at 2 p.m. in the SHG Choral Room. Information about the program will be presented, representatives will be available to discuss instrument rental, current band students will perform and students will have a chance to try various instruments. Home-schooled students in 5th-8th grade are also invited to partake in this opportunity. For more information, please contact band director, Melissa Blankestyn at blankestyn@shg.org.

Wednesday, August 31 – Back to School Night for parents only. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. in the gym with introductory remarks. Classroom presentations with the teachers will begin shortly after 7:00 p.m. All parents are asked to be present for the evening's total program as important information is shared in the gym.

Thursday, September 1 – All-School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m. Parents and family members are welcome to join us each week as our school gathers to celebrate Mass with Fr. Bob.

Monday, September 5 – No Classes due to Labor Day.

Parents, please mark your calendars for Friday, September 9, Grandparents Day! Please invite Grandparents to join our St. Agnes students and staff for this special day which includes refreshments, tours, pictures, an assembly and the celebration of Mass. (8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. to go to lunch with their Grandparents.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL ADMITS students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs and athletic and school administered programs.

Job Opening: SHG is currently seeking a coach for the swim team. Interested parties should contact Athletic Director, Ken Leonard, at leonard@shg.org or by calling 787-1595, ext. 171.

SHG ShopAPalooza is seeking vendors for its annual shopping event on Sunday, October 23, 2016, at SHG's West Campus. If you are interested, contact Ann Holmes at 899-2044 or email SHGShopAPalooza@gmail.com. The deadline for early registration is Sept. 15, 2016.

SHG Jr Cheer Camp – The 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 with additional information can be found 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 or lghardy@gmail.com with questions.



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CONTRIBUTIONS, AUGUST 20-21:

Regular Contributions: \$15,310

St. Agnes Parish Capital
Improvements Fund: \$999**GREETERS—SEPTEMBER**4:30 Barb Kern
8:00 Matt & Janet VonBehren
9:30 Kathy Vizral

Dear Friends in Christ,

If you see a new face around here at St. Agnes helping with maintenance, that person is Mike Mayfield. Mike joins Mattt Lael, our head of maintenance, as well as Matt Fitzgerald, custodial/janitorial help, to form the team that attends to the practical matters of keeping our parish complex up to snuff.

Please extend a warm welcome to Mike as he joins us, and a word of gratitude and encouragement to Matt Lael and Matt Fitzgerald.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Bob

World Youth Day: *Leah Arisman*, 2014 St. Agnes School alumna, and daughter of parishioners Mark and Krista Arisman, recently attended World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. She wrote about her experience in a recent edition of the State Journal Register. The article she wrote is reprinted below, in case you missed it. World Youth Day is an incredible experience for our youth. Hopefully, we will see and hear from more of our youth in 2019, in Panama.

My experience in Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day was an experience of a lifetime. This 12-day trip changed my life for the better. I was introduced to the rich history of old Europe, the cultural diversity of people around the world and the unique ways to worship God. My first international trip was definitely a success.

World Youth Day is a huge Catholic event established by Pope John Paul II in 1986, which focuses on cultivating Catholic faith in youth. This year in Krakow there were around 2.5 million youth gathered to see Pope Francis. Krakow is especially empowering because it is where Pope John Paul II grew up and learned to love his faith. In 2019, WYD will be held in Panama. Everyone should try to attend; it is a chance of a lifetime.

World Youth Day encompasses three days, with amazing events such as The Stations Of The Cross and a huge Mass with Pope Francis himself. Gathered in a giant field with 2.5 million people and the Pope is a truly moving experience. Hearing Pope Francis call all youth to stop being “couch potatoes” and live our faith inspired us all to make our lives matter for the good of the world.

Krakow is also a vibrant city. The beautiful parks and cobblestone streets paired with the historic buildings give travelers an experience like no other. One of the oldest universities in Europe is there, dating back to the 1300s. My favorite part of the city was the many outdoor cafes where you can enjoy people-watching and concerts. The food is to die for! I highly suggest the meat pierogis.

We visited Auschwitz-Birkenau, a visit I will never forget. It was very sobering to be in the same place where the Nazis massacred so many innocent lives during World War II. Visiting this camp was the perfect way to begin our pilgrimage because it forced us to look inside ourselves and look for God in even the most desolate places.

My favorite part of WYD was meeting so many like-minded teens from around the world. I got the chance to practice speaking German when I met Dominic, a 21-year-old German man. He was very willing to speak to me in his language and made me feel relaxed while speaking. Everyone was so friendly and interested in delving deeper into the faith, it really influenced me to contemplate my own faith life.



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).

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.



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, call Cynthia Gallo Callan at 217-972-5343 or email cindy.callan@att.net

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.



RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

For the most vulnerable among us:
May they be respected and loved
according to their God-given dignity;

We pray to the Lord...



Who to invite? We have all had the task of making the guest list for a dinner, a cookout, a wedding, the Christmas cards. Who is on it? Who is crossed off? Who must we invite? Who can't be seated next to whom? You know it all! Jesus, however, upsets our list making tasks today.

He tells his host – and thus us – invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. In short, invite everyone, especially those who probably cannot invite you back.

- Who do I need to invite over for coffee, for lunch?
- Who can I include in some outing, project, or conversation?

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.