



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

5:30 p.m. NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:15 a.m. David Goetz - Don & Judy Buckley

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:30 a.m. Fr. Robert Erickson -
Robert & Ruth Hood

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 a.m. Veda Lascody -
Larry & Judy Lascody
9:30 a.m. Bill Becker - Cathy Diveley
And Parishioners of St. Agnes
11:30 a.m. Etta Dold - Family

ALTAR SERVERS

September 6, 8:

Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Maxon Perkins,
Matthew Johnson

Thursday, 8:15 a.m. Massimo Polistina,
Jack Ramage

September 10-11:

4:30 p.m. Zach Megginson, Andrew Frierdich,
Lauren Frierdich

8:00 a.m. Peter Steward, Mike Noonan

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

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

READERS, SEPTEMBER 10-11

4:30 p.m. Jamie Greenwald, Tammie Klein

8:00 a.m. Susan Dodson, Sharon Mast

9:30 a.m. Holly Kesterson, Ed Cobau

11:30 a.m. Don Steinkamp, Kari Kelley

COMMUNION MINISTERS

SEPTEMBER 10-11

4:30 p.m. Team A, Karen Beckmann,
Kathy Kraft, Michael Kraft, Debra Mann, Jim
Morris, Judy Nordstrom,

8:00 a.m. Team F, Mike & Vicki Bauer,
Jean Goetz, Rita Messinger, Joan Reed,
Sr. Joan Sorge

9:30 a.m. Team L, Carrie Becker, Cliff &
Donna Erwin, Richard Koerper, Keith & Marie
Washburn

11:30 a.m. Team S, Camille Arisman,
Leah Arisman, Tom Drake, Ann Griffin, Holly
Griffin, Grace Kuchar, Ben Rogers

SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS

SEPTEMBER 11

Pre K4 & K Gina Swehla
1st & 2nd Maria Rutter
3rd Becky Powell

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor: 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

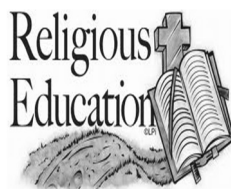
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17;
Lk 15:1-32

PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, Labor Day.



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**.

If your child is new to the program, please call the Parish Office, 793-1330, to register.



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



REST IN PEACE

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

Protecting God's Children class and background review is required for all volunteers, active or occasional. This class helps you learn how you can be a protector of children and maybe save a child from a lifetime of pain and suffering. Our parish community relies on the generous service of volunteers. Without you and your commitment to service, our parish would falter. We have an upcoming training session on **Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. Please call the church at 793-1330 to register for the class.

Church and School volunteers may attend this session. You only need to take the class one time to be a volunteer. Background checks need to be completed every five years.



WELCOME to the following parishioners who registered at St. Agnes Parish in August:

Nicholas and Erin Austin Family
David and Janel Comerford Family
Adam and Kelly Fricke
John and Kathleen Giacomini
Lydia and Bernard Ibiiri Family
Gregory LeBlanc
Ryan and Kelle Lee Family
Sharon Norris
Kristina Orama
Nick and Ana Till
Tin and Khanh Tran Family
Kevin and Kate VonBehren
Mike and Ashley Walz Family



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit

Monday, September 5

No Classes due to Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 6

Parents' Club Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Wednesday, September 7

Grant Writing Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school office area.

Thursday, September 8

Annual Fund Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school office area.

Friday, September 9

Grandparents' Day at St. Agnes School. Grandparents or another significant adult in your child(ren)'s life are invited to share the morning. The morning begins at 8:00 a.m. and will include a tour of the school, pictures with your grandchildren, refreshments in the cafeteria and gym. All will move to the Church at 9:30 a.m. for a special program followed by Mass together at 10:15 a.m. St. Agnes School children are asked to invite your grandparents for this special day. School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. to go to lunch with grandparents.

Monday, September 12

- 1:30 Dismissal for Faculty Meeting.
- School Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

September 12-16

St. Agnes students, as well as all Catholic students throughout the Springfield Diocese, will take the Iowa Assessment tests during this coming week. **Parents are asked not to schedule extra appointments during this week as these tests are very important.** The results are used to guide curriculum and individual student progress.



Ride to Mass Needed: We have a parishioner needing a ride to 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays but is willing to go to another Mass if transportation is available. She lives off West Lawrence Avenue. If you can assist in this ministry, please call the Parish Office at 217-793-1330. Thank you for your help.

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 SHGShopAPalooa@gmail.com. The deadline for early registration is September 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.

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 at 414-0224.



CONTRIBUTIONS, AUGUST 27-28:

Regular Contributions: \$17,212

St. Agnes Parish Capital

Improvements Fund: \$843

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!



Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday, September 4, our Holy Father, Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta (Kolkata) (*simply "Mother Teresa" as we know her*). Her name is virtually synonymous with charity, especially for those most overlooked. Indeed in Saint Mother Teresa we have a friend before God who beckons us to be attentive to the presence of Jesus in those in need, near and far.

The weekend of September 17/18 parishes across our diocese will embark upon the 2016 Annual Catholic Services Appeal which funds the various ministries and services offered by our Diocesan Church of Springfield in Illinois. The theme of this year's appeal — in light of Saint Mother Teresa — is *"Continuing the Mission of Charity."* The Annual Catholic Charities Appeal is one way of extending ourselves in the mission of charity to those in need close at home. More later!

Enjoy the Labor Day holiday,

Fr. Bob

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 September 6.

Concert Across America hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Church. On Sunday, September 25, we will remember the forgotten victims of America's gun violence epidemic as part of The Concert Across America, a series of live music events of all sizes from coast to coast. Places of worship across the country will be singing for peace to raise the volume on the national effort to save lives from gun violence. Please join us on Sunday, September 25, 3:00-4:00 p.m. to be a part of this national event. All denominations are welcome. If you wish to participate, please contact the St. Agnes Music Director, Karen Ferguson, 217-793-1330. St. Francis of Assisi is located at 4849 LaVerna Road, Springfield, IL. Learn more at <http://concert.faithsunited.org>.

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.

Calvary Cemetery Fall Clean-Up – Please remove ALL decorations that you would like to save by September 14. ALL decorations will be removed during the period of September 15-30. The crew will begin collecting decorations early morning on September 15 and will then, weather permitting, clean remaining leaves, tree debris, etc., from around monuments as well as mow these areas before decorations are replaced. Fall decorations may be placed beginning October 1. The clean-up notice signs on the gates will be removed as soon as the clean-up is complete. Please do not leave decorations prior to the signage being removed as it will only take more time for the crew to remove it to access the area. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Cemetery Office at 523-3726. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our cemetery well-kempt and beautiful.



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).

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

Diocesan White Mass: Physicians, nurses, administrators, allied health care providers and all others involved in the healing ministry are welcome to join Bishop Thomas John Paprocki on Saturday, October 15, 4:00 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, Reception and program to follow. Guest speaker Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, To RSVP: Bernadine Smith at bsmith@dio.org, call (217) 321-1139 or register, online at www.dio.org/familylife/annual-masses.html by October 11.

2016 Annual Prayer in the Public Square Rosary Rally will be held on October 15 at the Illinois State Capitol Building in front of the Lincoln statue on Capitol and 2nd streets. We will pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and sing God Bless America, America the Beautiful and more. Tell your prayer groups. Saturday, October 15, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you would like to lead one of the prayers, contact Donna 622-8576 or email d.berte@comcast.net.

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.



RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

For our nation: May God unite us in peace and respect for each other and all human life;

We pray to the Lord.....

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.

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.

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.