



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:30 p.m. No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:15 a.m. No Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:30 a.m. No Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:15 a.m. No Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

4:30 p.m. Tom Stuckey -
Jim, Gina, & Nicole Swehla
And Parishioners of St. Agnes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 a.m. John Hine - Rita Tomko
9:30 a.m. Angela Ciaccio - Peg McDermott
11:30 a.m. Ron Kuhn - Sandra Madonia

ALTAR SERVERS

September 20, 22:

Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. No Mass
Thursday, 8:15 a.m. No Mass

September 24-25:

4:30 p.m. Elizabeth Mack, Maxon Perkins
8:00 a.m. Greg Goetz, Mike Goetz
9:30 a.m. Beth VonBehren, Tucker VonBehren,
Matt VonBehren
11:30 a.m. Michael Enlow, Alison Enlow,
Matthew Johnson

READERS, SEPTEMBER 24-25

4:30 p.m. Ellen Kuntzi, Susan Dodson
8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Gatten,
Sr. Joan Sorge
9:30 a.m. Andy Ramage, Susan Hartl
11:30 a.m. Jan Mulrooney-Kuhn,
Ed Cobau

**COMMUNION MINISTERS
SEPTEMBER 24-25**

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, Tom Arisman, Ann
Devlin, Dave Kerwin, Becky Powell, Conrad &
Kathy Rubinkowski
11:30 a.m. Team U, Sr. Angelene
Biderbost, Jan Koltun, Phil & Leigh Reed, Rick
& Nancy Wilderson

**SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS
SEPTEMBER 25**

Pre K4 & K Ellen Greenan
1st & 2nd Colleen Dunham
3rd Gina Curry

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: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



REST IN PEACE

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

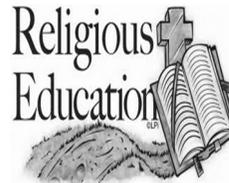
Protecting God's Children class and background review is required for all volunteers, active or occasional. This class helps you learn how you can be a protector of children and maybe save a child from a lifetime of pain and suffering. Our parish community relies on the generous service of volunteers. 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.

An International Day of Peace prayer celebration will be held on Wednesday, September 21, from 7:30-7:50 a.m., in the First Presbyterian Church Peace Garden, 321 South 7th St. (corner of 7th and Capital). The UN General Assembly has declared September 21 as a day devoted to strengthening the ideas of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The annual event is sponsored by the Grassroots Interfaith Team (GIFT). This year's theme is "The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace." All are welcome. For more information, contact Sr. Marcelline Koch, 787-0481.

Annual Respect Life Mass, Rosary Walk and Luncheon, at Holy Family Parish in Granite City on Saturday, October 1. Mass starts at 9:00 a.m. and the luncheon ends about 1:30 p.m. Luncheon guest speaker – Brian Westbrook, Coalition for Life-St. Louis. Come and pray for an end to abortion. Flyer with more information is located at <http://dio.org/plasm/events.html>

Please Note: There will be no weekday Masses Monday, September 19 through Thursday, September 22 as Fr. Bob and Fr. Daren will be at the annual priests' convocation in Quincy.



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 will meet in the church for orientation. The fee remains \$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.



Not enough. A personal relationship with God is important. But it is not enough. Not if we listen well to the spoken Word of God. From Amos and the People of the Old Testament, we learn this: do not be greedy, do not cheat, do not beat down the poor. From Luke, we learn this: own your possessions and use them for good. Do not let them own you. Do not – because we are mere stewards of what belongs to another. It really all belongs to God the Creator of all.

- If I look at all I have, what can I give away?
- How will I serve God by serving others?



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit

Tuesday, September 20 – The Catholic School Elementary and Secondary principals will be meeting in St. Agnes Parish Hall from 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The principals gather monthly throughout the year to collaborate as a Springfield Area Catholic School group. Our Savior and Routt principals from Jacksonville are a part of this group. Many joint activities are planned throughout the school year. The first activity will be the attendance at the Diocesan Mission Mass by all of our fourth grade students on Wednesday, October 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 21

- A Protecting God’s Children session will be held in the parish hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. School parents and Parish volunteers are encouraged to attend if you are planning to be an active part of school and Parish activities. A one-time attendance at this program is all that is required by the Diocese.
- Technology meeting in the school office area at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 22

- The Magic-Match Committee that matches classrooms with businesses and/or other sponsors will meet at 12:00 noon in the Art Room. New committee members are most welcome.
- The Enrollment/Marketing Committee will meet in the school office area at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 23

- Mid-Quarter Progress reports will be sent home with students in grades 3-8. Parents are asked to watch for these reports as they are not sent by e-mail.
- **Hearing and Vision Screening** will be conducted for St. Agnes students on Friday, September 23. Vision Screening is required for preschool, kindergarten second, eighth grades and for all students who are new to the school. Hearing Screening is for preschool, kindergarten, first, second, third grades and for all new students. This is a requirement of the State of Illinois. The testing is conducted by qualified staff. Students who have a current vision and hearing screening test results on file do not need to be retested. Parents from other grades who have a concern about vision and/or hearing for your child should contact Sr. Joan in the school office. (793-1370)



On-Line Giving: A reminder that we have begun on-line giving, using Give Central. You can go online through the parish website, www.stagnescatholicparish.org, click the “donate now” button and begin. The tool is safe and secure, and is a response to parishioners’ request to make it easier to give. We certainly welcome any gift in any form but for many this is the easiest way to give. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Parish Office at 793-1330. You can also visit our parish website, www.stagnescatholicparish.org, for more information or to sign up. Thank you for your generosity.

National Life Chain Sunday: Please join us on October 2 for the National Life Chain Prayer Witness from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on the sidewalks of Springfield on MacArthur, Wabash, Sangamon Ave., and on Bruns Lane at the new Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. Life Chain is a Silent Prayer Witness of Repentance moved from the Sanctuary to the sidewalks. We silently pray to God while holding signs testifying to the truths that “Abortion Kills Children”, “Adoption is the Loving Option”, “Lord Forgive Us and our Nation”, “Abortion Hurts Women”, and “Jesus Forgives and Heals”. You may pray for 1 hour during this time frame or for the entire 90 minutes. For more information or sign pick-up locations, please call Terri at 217-685-3413.



CONTRIBUTIONS, SEPT. 10-11:

Regular Contributions: \$16,903

St. Agnes Parish Capital
Improvements Fund: \$1,058

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This weekend marks the kickoff of the **2016 Annual Catholic Services Appeal**, the yearly fundraiser that finances the services and ministries carried out

by our Diocesan Church of Springfield in Illinois. If you haven't already, I encourage you to take a look at the detailed information concerning this annual appeal that is carried in this Sunday's **Catholic Times**, our diocesan newspaper (Sept. 18 edition—dio.org/ct).

This week, all parish households will receive from Bishop Paprocki a special mailing containing the goals of this year's appeal and the services financed by this appeal. Also enclosed will be a pledge card for us to make a pledge or contribution.

This year's appeal theme is **"Continuing the Mission of Charity."** Support of this important annual appeal is an act of charity that helps us and many across our diocese.

Blessings,
Fr. Bob

St. Agnes Prayer Line: We are looking for parishioners who are willing to give a little time every day praying for our fellow parishioners and others in need. If this is something you would like to help with, please call Cinda Steinkamp at 787-6439.

Parish Mission

"Where is God These Days?"

Mark your calendars for a time of some spiritual refreshment as we enter a parish mission from Saturday, October 8 through Wednesday, October 12.

Fr. John Ettensohn, O.M.I., a priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate of Belleville, IL, will be our mission presenter with the theme, "Where Is God These Days?" Fr. Ettensohn will preach at all Masses the weekend of October 8/9. There will be 4 evening presentations each evening at 7:00 p.m. from Sunday, October 9 through Wednesday, October 12. (See below). In addition, there will be 8:15 a.m. Mass, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 10 through the 12th with a presentation after each Mass in the parish hall. Refreshments served after all presentations. All are welcome!

Sunday, October 9

- 7:00 p.m. Presentation: "Meeting God on the Journey of Life"

Monday, October 10

- 8:15 a.m. Fr. Ettensohn presides and preaches at Mass. After Mass Talk: "How on Earth do we live the Way, the Truth, and the Life of Jesus?"
- 7:00 p.m. Presentation: "Not Just Existing, Fully Alive!"

Tuesday, October 11

- 8:15 a.m. Fr. Ettensohn presides and preaches at Mass. After Mass Talk: "Visions, Locutions, and other Spiritual Experiences"
- 7:00 p.m. Presentation: "What Freedom Really Means"

Wednesday, October 12

- 8:15 a.m. Fr. Ettensohn presides and preaches at all school Mass. After Mass Talk: "What can we do about Children who wander from the Church?"
- 7:00 p.m. Presentation: "Back to the Future from the Heart"



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. Cost is \$5.00 per person for the entre and covers all drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share. Your friends are welcome. Sign-ups will be in the Gathering Space after all Masses on the weekends of September 17-18 and September 24-25. Our speaker will be one of our own parishioners, Dan Punzak, who will speak on “Near Death Experiences” which promises to be a very interesting topic. We hope to see you there.

* **Tuesday, October 4** – YAH planning meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. All are welcome.

* **Friday, October 7** – We are invited to Christ the King’s Over 50 Potluck at 5:30 p.m. in their parish hall. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the cost is \$5.00, plus bring a covered dish to share. The speakers will be Ryan Held’s parents who will talk about Ryan’s Olympic experience. If you are interested in attending, please call Cliff at 787-7017 to make a reservation.

* **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. Speaker to be announced.

* **Saturday, December 10** – *The Messiah* at the Cathedral.

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.

Senior Living Expo – Friday, September 30, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Sangamon Prairie Reception Center, 8855 State Route 4, Chatham (Next to Staab Polk Memorial Home). Open to the public, free admission, free parking, free health screenings. Many vendors will be on site offering products and services to seniors. Flu shots offered by Sangamon County Health Department from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Cost may be covered by Medicare or insurance. Please bring your Medicare Part B and insurance card.) Free Refreshments and door prizes!

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month – The National Alliance on Mental Illness has resources available about suicide prevention, how you can help others, and how to discuss suicide without increasing the risk of harm. Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. For more information on how you can help, go to: www.nami.org/suicideawarenessmonth/hp#sthash.MJVU6vNz.dpuf



RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

For the unborn, the poor, and all who are cast to the margins: May the Lord keep them from affliction and safeguard them in his care:

We pray to the Lord.....

Attention 7th and 8th Graders: Join the SHG student section at the SHG vs. Rochester football game Friday, October 7! Come on out to Cyclone Stadium between 6:30-7:00 p.m. on the 7th and cheer the Cyclones to victory. The reserved student section is on the northernmost part of the stands, on the SHG side, closest to the jumbotron. Wear your black and gold, get your friends together, and join the fun! See you there!

SHG's 3rd Annual Adult Homecoming Celebration will be held Friday, September 23, in the West Campus multi-purpose room immediately following the football game. There will be LIVE music by Kapitol Sound until midnight, FREE admission, delicious food and a cash bar. This event is for alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends of SHG 21 and over. See you there!

Marriage Anniversary Mass: We will again host a Diocesan celebration for couples who have been married 50 years or more on Sunday, September 25. The celebration will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception starting at 1:45 p.m. with a Musical Prelude. Holy Mass will follow at 2:00 p.m. with a reception afterward. If you have been married 50 years or longer (or will be by December of this year), contact us for your certificate today! Register by calling (217) 321-1139.

An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be held this Sunday, September 18 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. All proceeds will benefit Rutledge Youth Foundation. For questions, call 787-2360