



**ST. AGNES PARISH**

245 North Amos Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62702

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

5:30 p.m. David Goetz - Katie Ambrose

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

8:15 a.m. Agnes Ann Smith - Family  
Helen Davsko - Friend

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

6:30 a.m. Walter Brown - Arzy Staten

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

8:15 a.m. Ann Havey - Joyce Henn

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

NO MASS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes  
Hugh S. Beeler - Family  
Ed Goetz - Jean Goetz

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

8:00 a.m. Flaviette Fulgenzi -  
Jean Walker, Andrea & Kelly  
9:30 a.m. Delores Prosperini -  
Carole Ann Rudolph  
11:30 a.m. Joe Dold -  
Cecelia & Chuck Kulavic

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43  
**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10  
**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28  
**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44  
**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48  
**Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40  
**Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**November 15, 17:**

8:15 a.m. Massimo Polistina, Jack Ludolph  
8:15 a.m. Jack Ramage, Olivia Prichard

**November 19-20:**

4:30 p.m. Louis Bartletti, Rose Bartletti,  
John Schmidt  
8:00 a.m. Lou Matsko, Mark Gebhards  
9:30 a.m. Beth VonBehren, Tucker  
VonBehren, Matt VonBehren  
11:30 a.m. Joe Kuhn, Ben Rogers,  
Emma White

**READERS, NOVEMBER 19-20**

4:30 p.m. Madonna White, Sharon Huck  
8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Gatten, Harry Mitchell  
9:30 a.m. Bev Dillon, Roslyn Brookens  
11:30 a.m. Adrian Gandhi, Erik Lyons

**COMMUNION MINISTERS  
NOVEMBER 19-20**

**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  
NOVEMBER 20**

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

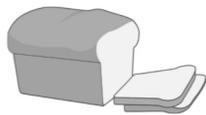
**PRAYER LINE REQUESTS**

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



**BE SURE TO STOP BY THE CHILI SUPPER IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA TODAY, NOVEMBER 15, SERVING FROM NOON TO 6:30 P.M.**

In addition to chili, soup, hot dogs and dessert, the Altar Society will have lots of great baked goods for sale, and a raffle for a dozen prizes. Also, the Holy Name Society has a raffle for an iPad Air 2 - WiFi, Fitbit Charge 2 and \$50 cash. Stop by and support our Parish!



**31st Annual "Breadline Sunday"** to benefit St. John's

Breadline will be the weekend of November 19-20. Loaves of bread will be available after all Masses. With your generous donation, the Breadline can meet the ever-increasing need to feed the hungry in our community. Please help us continue to provide hot, nutritious meals to the homeless, socially disabled, elderly, unemployed, and many families, including single-parent families with children. The Breadline is currently serving an average of 600 meals each day! Your help is needed more than ever.

The suggested donation for a loaf of bread is \$4. **Please remember:** You are not paying \$4 for a loaf of bread—you are donating to a very worthy cause. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.



Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, ALL articles for the November 27 bulletin must be received in the church office by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 17. Please fax articles to 793-3212 or email articles to [sac245@comcast.net](mailto:sac245@comcast.net).

There will be no 8:15 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day (November 24). **MASS ON THANKSGIVING WILL BE AT 9:00 A.M.**

The Parish Office will close Wednesday, Nov. 23, and re-open on Monday, Nov. 28.

**LETTER FROM THE BISHOP  
(Campaign for Justice and Hope)**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

A collection for the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Home (DCJH) will be taken up next weekend, November 19-20. All money collected is distributed to qualified groups and organizations within our diocese that provide help and hope to the poor in accord with Catholic teaching.

I am grateful for your past support and partnership in this collection. Last year, twenty-two (22) organizations and programs throughout the diocese received grants from the November DCJH collection. It was through generous contributions that food was provided to the hungry, mentorship and counseling given to individuals experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and trauma, and housing made available for the homeless.

It is my hope that this year's collection will increase so that we can more fully meet the needs of those living in poverty within our diocese. If you have not contributed to this collection before, I hope you will consider being a first time donor. If you have contributed in the past, please consider increasing your gift by a few dollars.

As disciples of Jesus our Lord, let us offer families living in poverty our prayer, action and financial support. Giving generously brings hope and helps individuals break out of their cycle of poverty.

May God bless you and reward you with peace and joy.

Sincerely your in Christ,  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

**St. Joseph Missals, 2017 edition**, will be available for purchase in the Gathering Space this weekend, November 12-13.



**ST. AGNES SCHOOL**  
*catch our spirit*  
 A PeaceBuilder School

### **Monday, November 14**

– Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. for the November Faculty meeting.

### **Tuesday, November 15**

– St. Agnes School will host a Scholastic Book Fair from November 15 to November 22 in the school library. Parish families are invited to stop in and visit the Book Fair. It will be open the evenings of Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., while conferences are in progress.

– STEM Club Meeting from 3:15-4:30 p.m. in the science room

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

### **Wednesday, November 16**

– Technology meeting in the school office area at 6:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, November 17**

– All-School Liturgy for Thanksgiving with St. Agnes students. Children are invited to bring canned goods and/or other non-perishable items to present at this Mass that can be given to those in need for Thanksgiving.

– Magic-Match Meeting will be held in the art room at 12:00 noon.

– Enrollment meeting in office area at 6:30 p.m.

### **Friday, November 18**

– St. Agnes 5<sup>th</sup> graders will take part in a Community Service Day with all Catholic School 5<sup>th</sup> graders. They will gather at Little Flower to rake leaves at St. Joseph Home and visit the residents in the afternoon.

The Parents' Club raffle grand prize drawing will be held on Tuesday, November 22. Be sure to check the St. Agnes web site for the daily winners. Thank you to all who have supported this year's raffle. Funds raised by the raffle are used to support special activities and learning materials for St. Agnes students.

*Thank You* **A Big Thank You**

to **Jared Smudde** for completely redoing the Butterfly Garden as his Eagle Scout project. He not only dug up the entire garden ( thanks to his Dad helping till it 9 times). He repainted the bird bath a beautiful shade of blue and also repainted St. Francis. He dug up all the perennials and replanted them. He also replanted the railroad ties. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dillon and Pleasant Nursery who donated rose bushes and many perennials. They also helped him tag and identify them and donated mulch for the garden. Many parents helped him out on our clean-up St. Agnes day. Thank you!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Poinsettia Sale:** The St. Agnes 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class is selling beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas Season to help fundraise for graduation expenses and the class trip. These large, gorgeous plants come in a 6½ inch foil-covered container. The plants are available in red, white, pink and marble for \$14.00 each. Please keep the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class in mind when purchasing plants for your home, office, business, family, gifts, OR to deliver to a homebound St. Agnes Parishioner.

Poinsettias may be picked up at the school cafeteria (gym door entrance) before and after all Masses on **December 3 and December 4**. Please return your order form and payment (checks payable to St. Agnes 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) to the school office or to volunteers at the sales table before/after weekend Masses by **Monday, November 21**. Please call Carol Hausman (836-8800), Michelle Blackburn (971-0599) and Deanna Kuchar (414-6106) with questions.

**Trivia Night:** St. Aloysius School presents "Timeless Trivia – A Trip Through the Decades" on Saturday, November 19. Cost is \$10 per person. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Chili Dinner (All you can eat chili, hot dog, dessert) for \$7. Carry out available from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Cash bar of beer, wine, and soda available. Decorate your table to represent your favorite decade. Come in costume. Door prizes will be awarded.

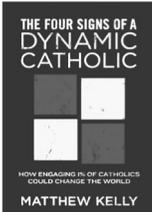


### CONTRIBUTIONS, NOVEMBER 5-6:

Regular Contributions: \$17,825

St. Agnes Parish Capital

Improvements Fund: \$925



### Would You Like to Help with a New Parish Faith-Enrichment Program?

St. Agnes parishioners will be receiving a free copy of Matthew Kelly's book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* as a gift this

Christmas season. A special series of small group discussion programs will follow in early 2017 for all who wish to be guided in their reading of this inspiring, faith-enriching book.

Volunteers are needed to assist with distribution of the book at all Masses on the Third (December 10-11) and Fourth (December 17-18) Sundays of Advent. Volunteers are also needed to help with arrangements (primarily room set-up and clean-up and refreshment set-up and service in our parish hall) for the series of seven small group discussion programs. (Look for more information at *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* small group discussion program in future weekly bulletins.)

In the meantime, contact parishioner Ed McDowall if you would like to volunteer. Ed can be contacted by voice or text at (217) 341-1780 or by email at [ed.mcdowall@comcast.net](mailto:ed.mcdowall@comcast.net).

Also ... the books will be purchased with money raised through donations to eliminate the need to pay for them through the parish's general fund. Contact Ed McDowall if you would like to make a contribution to support this parish wide Christmas gift.

**Prayer Line:** Are willing to give a little time every day praying for our fellow parishioners and others in need? If you would like to help, please call Cinda Steinkamp at 787-6439.



Dear St. Agnes Parishioners,

In the fall of 2013, a small group of parishioners began here at St. Agnes a program of spiritual renewal entitled: "That Man Is You." Very faithfully over three years (2013-2016), in the fall and winter/spring seasons ("semesters!") men gathered on Tuesday mornings at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and video presentations on Catholic Christian male spirituality. The discussion groups afterwards were enlivening. I was touched and encouraged by the number who so eagerly were wanting to share their faith and where God was present and leading them.

With the leadership of one of our parishioners, Ed McDowall and the help of Mark Gebhards, Doug McDonald, Kevin Vost as well as others, we wish to embark upon a new faith enrichment program entitled "The Four Signs of A Dynamic Catholic." This is a program of faith sharing open to all – men, women, young adults, parishioners and non-parishioners alike. I call your attention to the information excerpt concerning this program that can be found on this page of the bulletin.

Faith is a gift. Faith is strengthened and deepened in study and sharing. More later!

Autumn blessings,

*Fr. Bob*



**Closing the Mercy Door.** Pope Francis set this day, 13 November, as the day to close diocesan Mercy Doors. That does not mean, however, that God will stop being merciful. And it surely does not mean that we have done enough, that we can stop doing mercy.

These mercy works, these mercy words help broaden our focus from "only me and only mine" to "always us and always ours". Such words pave the way to heaven.

- How will my heart remain open?
- How will my words match my works?
- How will my hands offer help?



## Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

Upcoming events:

\* **Tuesday, November 15** – Potluck in Parish Hall. Cost is \$5.00 and includes entrée, drinks and wine. Social at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and speaker at 6:30 p.m. Our own Ralph Brookens will give a presentation on his recent walk on the **Way of St. James** in Spain and France. This promises to be a very interesting session with Ralph's first hand experiences and **all parishioners are invited**. If you wish to hear Ralph but not attend the potluck, you can show up at 6:30 p.m. Otherwise, we strongly encourage you to sign up for the potluck in the gathering space this weekend, November 12-13. Call Barb Kern at 546-7729 for more information.

\* **Saturday, December 10** – The Springfield Choral Society will present *The Messiah* at 7:30 the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and St. Agnes has a block of seats. **All parishioners are invited**. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and can be obtained by texting or calling Roslyn Brookens at 622-6299. Tickets will also be available for sale at our November 15 potluck.

\* **Sunday, January 8, 2017** – Fifth Annual **After-the-holidays Dinner** at Bella Milano. Starting time is 6:00 p.m. Call Cliff Erwin at 787-7017 for more information or watch future bulletins.

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: Roslyn Brookens (622-6299); Jane Locascio (306-3037); Sue Hartl (787-5849); Barb Kern (546-7729); or Cliff Erwin (787-7017).

**Organist Needed:** St. Joseph's Home is in need of an organist for 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. For more information, please contact Sr. Lenore Highland at St. Joseph's Home, 529-5596.

**Fish Fry:** Riverton K of C will hold a fish fry on December 2 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at 335 S. 4th Street, Riverton. Menu includes walleye, shrimp, catfish, and baked fish dinners. Dinners include coleslaw, choice of fries, baked potato or potato salad. Carry-out orders are available by calling 629-7202 after 4:30 p.m.

**Popcorn:** Boy Scout Troop 32 will be distributing popcorn after all Masses this weekend, November 12-13. If you ordered popcorn, you may pick up your order after Masses this weekend. For more info, contact Chris Smudde at [troop0032@gmail.com](mailto:troop0032@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support!

**Boy Scout Fundraiser:** The Boy Scouts of Troop 32 will be accepting orders for Christmas Wreaths and Centerpieces after all Masses this weekend, November 12-13. The products will be available for pick up the weekend of December 3-4. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**Holiday Bazaar:** Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Christmas Bake Sale and Bazaar is Saturday, December 10 from Noon until 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 11, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy some of the best bakers in town and shop for those last minute gifts from the best crafters in town. We are still in need of vendors so if you are interested or know someone, please have them contact Lisa Duffey at [lduffey@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:lduffey@cathedral.dio.org) or 415-2625. Table rental is \$20 for 1-6 ft. table with two chairs and this fee includes both days. Everyone is invited to join us.



## RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

**All are invited to attend a prayer service for parents who have lost a child** due to miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion. The prayer service will be Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m., at Blessed Sacrament. For more information, contact Deacon Burns at 528-7521.

**Healing our Home: Living in Right Relationship**, "Food and Faith" Dinner Series, Thursday, November 17, 6:00 p.m., at the Chiara Center, 4875 LaVerna Road in Springfield. Call 523-0901 for reservations. The cost for dinner and presentation is \$20 per person or \$35 for a couple. Presenter is Sister Sharon Zayac, O.P.

**Light a Candle of Love "A Service of Remembrance - at Holiday Time"** for bereaved families and friends, sponsored by Staab Funeral Home, will be held on Sunday, November 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Erin's Pavilion in Southwind Park. You are invited to bring a small framed photo to be placed on our memory table during the service. Refreshments will be served. Open to the public.

**An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet** will be held today, November 13 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at Knights of Columbus Council 364 located at 2200 Meadowbrook Rd. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6 - 12, and kids ages five and under are free. All proceeds will benefit Land of Lincoln Honor Flight Program. For questions, call 787-2360.



**Thank you for your support of the tuition assistance envelopes** which enables many of our families to have a Catholic education at our school. If there is any parishioner who would like to sponsor an individual student for tuition assistance, please contact Sr. Joan, principal, at 217-793-1370.