



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

5:30 p.m. Fr. Robert Becker - Sharon & Jim Masterson

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:15 a.m. Mary Fran Nadasdy - Charles & Patricia Statler

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:30 a.m. Henrietta Nortrup Hayes - Barbara Kling
And Tony Vandenberg - Bob & Mary Jo Marlee

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. Donald Cadagin - Barb Lehman

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

NO MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

4:30 p.m. Donald Mucciante - Mary Mucciante

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes
9:30 a.m. Betty Reid - Dan & Amanda Field
And George Tabacchi - Family
11:30 a.m. Ron Kuhn - Erin Rachford

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

ALTAR SERVERS

November 22:

8:15 a.m. Matthew Johnson, Vance Ludolph

November 26-27:

4:30 p.m. Meredith Lyons, Michael Kraft, Emily Rapacz

8:00 a.m. Greg Goetz, Mike Goetz

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

11:30 a.m. Carter Crabtree, Anna Curtis, Matthew Johnson

READERS, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. Ruth Lewis, Susan Dodson

READERS, NOVEMBER 26-27

4:30 p.m. Sr. Angelene Biderbost, Ellen Kuntzi

8:00 a.m. Dan Punzak, Vicki Bauer

9:30 a.m. Marilyn Okon, Bill Duffield

11:30 a.m. Jan Koltun, Jan Mulrooney-Kuhn

COMMUNION MINISTERS

NOVEMBER 26-27

4:30 p.m. Team D, Judi Bloome, Susan Dodson, Dan & Nancy Dollison, Mary Mucciante, Kathy Smith

8:00 a.m. Team I, Mary Ann Gatten, Robert & Nancy Gorman, Steve & Julie Johnson, Louis Kink

9:30 a.m. Team O, Bill & Cindy Callan, Pamela Hargan, Jane Locascio, Doug McDonald, Kathy Vizral

11:30 a.m. Team V, Elaine Arisman, James Curtis, Jeff Enlow, Adrian Gandhi, Janice Gandhi, Annette Nelson

SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving Break

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

8:00 AM-5:00 PM: Sheila Noonan 546-0012
Barb Kern 546-7729
5:00 PM-10:00 PM: Maureen Brady 787-3423
Cinda Steinkamp 787-6439



**CHRISTMAS
“ANGEL TREE”**

It’s time again for the Catholic Charities “Angel Tree” program. We will have a “gift drive” from now through Dec. 11. There are categories of items for you to choose from, and you may buy one item or as many as you wish. Catholic Charities will collect the items, and will then set up the items in a “Holiday Store,” where eligible parents will be able to choose several gifts for each child up to age 12.

Our “Angel Tree” will be in the Gathering Space this weekend. There will be cards on the tree with various categories listed. Please take a card from the tree, purchase one or more items from that category, and bring your **unwrapped** gifts back to the tree in the gathering space (you can put the gifts in a gift bag if you would like, or provide a roll of wrapping paper). One of the requested items is gift cards. If you do want to donate a gift card, please deposit it in the gold wrapped gift box next to the tree. This will prevent the card from being lost or inadvertently thrown out. Our goal is to provide at least 500 gifts for families in need. **The deadline for returning the gifts is December 11.** If you have any questions, call the Church Office, 793-1330.



The 30th Annual “Breadline Sunday” - Pick up a loaf or 2 today!

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.



REST IN PEACE

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

St. Agnes Prayer Line: We are looking for parishioners who are willing to give a little time everyday 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.



COOKIES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

is an annual event sponsored by the Altar Society. Cookies made by our parishioners are packaged up and delivered to parishioners who are homebound and those in nursing homes. The cookies will be delivered this year on Monday, Dec. 5.

PLEASE BRING COOKIES TO THE SERVERS’ SACRISTY (the door next to Ladies’ Restroom) **AFTER MASSES THE WEEKEND OF DEC. 3-4.** If you would like to help package and/or deliver cookies on Dec. 5, please call Kay Closter at 546-3083. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m. that day.

**THE MASS ON THANKSGIVING
WILL BE AT 9:00 A.M.**

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



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit
 A PeaceBuilder School

St. Agnes Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd. All parents are asked to enter by the gym entrance for Conference.

Please call the school office if for some reason you are unable to keep your conference time to reschedule.

Be sure to visit the book fair set up in the library.

Monday, November 21

Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. Conferences are from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22

Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Conferences are from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 23 – Sunday, Nov. 27

Thanksgiving Vacation

Monday, November 28

Advent Wreath Lighting at 10:30 in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

St. Agnes school staff and students wish all of our Parish families a Happy Thanksgiving. Our prayers of gratitude for all you do for our Parish school are offered for you throughout this season. We continue to remember in our prayers the names of the deceased loved ones you sent to us.



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.



HONOR Roll - First Quarter

Eighth Grade

Emily Brenneisen
 Jillian Hulcher
 Lillian Kerr
 Adam Kuchar
 Martin McGrath
 Mya Moriconi
 Anna Phalen
 John Schmidt
 Isaac Vizral

Seventh Grade (cont.)

Madalyn Linderman
 Maxon Perkins
 Jack Ramage
 Kelsey Siwak
 Alison Sommer
 Beth Ann Von Behren

Sixth Grade

Parker Boatman
 Leann Brown
 Jaycie Cole
 Adeline Gilmore
 Marie Holtrop
 Jack Ludolph
 Emma Markwell
 Luke Milbrandt
 Ryan Milbrandt
 Carter Mizeur
 Kyle Ward
 Natalie Wells
 Arabella Young

Seventh Grade

Rose Bartletti
 Anna Curtis
 Charlie Dunham
 Emily Holtrop
 Matthew Johnson
 Ryan Kanoski
 Sean Kerr

MERIT Roll - First Quarter

Eighth Grade

Aly Agusti
 Christopher Albanese
 Peyton Blackburn
 Nikolas Espejo
 Kyla Farley
 Paul Gilmore
 Maggie Hausman
 Elise Ilsley
 Charlie Johnson
 Annekathryn Rikeralm
 Karley Simon
 Ryan Soehnl
 Noel Ward
 Foster Young

Seventh Grade (cont.)


J.J. Harrison
 Vance Ludolph
 Kyle Rolf
 Alec Short
 Reagan Smudde
 Emma White
 Leah Zanin

Sixth Grade

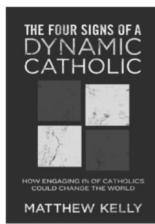
Sophie Billingsley
 Vanessa Bommarito
 Jaden Booe
 Giana Bowles
 Alexander DeMarco
 Brennah Dillon
 Kasandra Gholson
 Jake Hagen
 Mary Johnson
 Sydney Kaufmann
 Andrew Rikeralm
 Joel Soehnl

Seventh Grade

Tori Agans
 Michael Enlow
 Elizabeth Harley



CONTRIBUTIONS, NOVEMBER 12-13:
 Regular Contributions: \$15,941
 St. Agnes Parish Capital Improvements Fund: \$960
MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!



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 (Dec. 10-11) and Fourth (Dec. 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.

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.



Thank you for giving so generously to the Archdiocese for the Military Services collection last weekend. A total of **\$1,385**

was collected.



What does the Kingdom of God look like?

We pray today in the Preface at the outset of the Eucharistic Prayer for a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. We know and we believe that we get glimpses of it

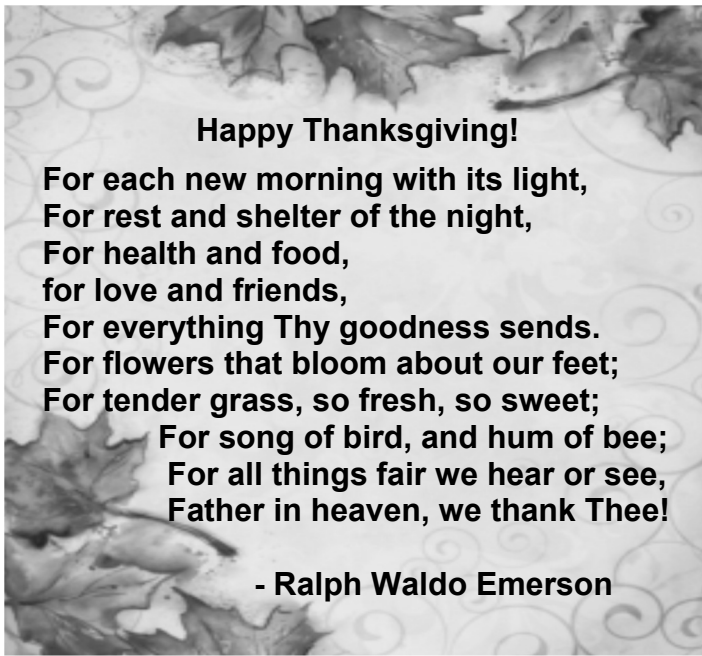
all. Right here, right now. We practice for Kingdom of heaven living after death by Kingdom living now. The mercy works are cherished methods, splendid ways to do this.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

"For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell," As we celebrate Christ the King, let us remember the fullness of love

reflected in our marriages. Explore more by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on December 2-4. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.



Happy Thanksgiving!

**For each new morning with its light,
 For rest and shelter of the night,
 For health and food,
 for love and friends,
 For everything Thy goodness sends.
 For flowers that bloom about our feet;
 For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
 For song of bird, and hum of bee;
 For all things fair we hear or see,
 Father in heaven, we thank Thee!**

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

Upcoming events:

* 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 be sold in the Gathering Space after all Masses this weekend.

* 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).

Funeral Luncheon Dishes: Over the last few months, several dishes have been brought in for funeral luncheons but never picked up after the luncheon. Please stop by the parish hall and claim your casserole dishes and bowls. We will be disposing of unclaimed items in December. Thank you for your assistance!



Christmas Wreaths and Centerpieces: St. Agnes Boy Scout Troop 32 will be distributing Christmas wreaths and centerpieces after all Masses December 3-4. Your cooperation

in picking up the products you ordered is greatly appreciated. We do have a few extras for those who missed the opportunity to place an order earlier. We thank you for your support!

Fish Fry: Riverton K of C will hold a fish fry on December 2 from 4:30-7 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.

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 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.

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

Holiday Bazaar: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Christmas Bake Sale and Bazaar is Saturday, Dec. 10 from Noon until 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, 8am-1pm. 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 or 415-2625. Table rental is \$20 for 1-6ft table with two chairs and this fee includes both days. Everyone is invited to join us.



RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

For the Church’s ministries: May they have the full legal protection to continue fulfilling their mission of bringing God’s love to the world;

We pray to the Lord.....



8th Grade Class Poinsettia

Sale: This is the last weekend to support the St. Agnes 8th Grade Class by buying beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas

Season. Proceeds help with graduation expenses and their 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 8th 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 **Dec. 3 and Dec. 4**. Please call Carol Hausman (836-8800), Michelle Blackburn (971-0599) and Deanna Kuchar (414-6106) with questions.



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. Thank you for your generosity.

