



ST. AGNES PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. |
| Monday | 5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 8:15 a.m. |
| Wednesday | 6:30 a.m. |
| Thursday | 8:15 a.m. |
| First Friday | 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:15 Mass until noon. |

(No daily Mass on Fridays except for First Fridays)

Holydays Consult the bulletin prior to the Holyday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Call the Parish Office to schedule other times.

ST. AGNES PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Loved and chosen by God, we are the St. Agnes Parish family. Through Baptism we share responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus. We are called to be a community whose members enable and support the gifts given to each by the Spirit. We are sent to make Christ visible in our world through worship, proclamation of the Word, and service to all God's people. We, the people of God, in the Catholic Christian community of St. Agnes, in northwest Springfield, Illinois, commit ourselves to seek first the Kingdom of God in our life together.

WELCOME!

If you're new to our community and not yet registered, we invite you to call or stop by the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

INFANT BAPTISMS

Infant Baptisms are celebrated on the **first and third Sundays of the month** at 12:30 p.m. Attendance at the Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class is required. Call the Parish Office to register for the class and to arrange for a Baptism.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open to the unbaptized who are interested in joining the Catholic faith, those baptized Christian who are considering becoming a Catholic, and baptized Catholics who are not fully initiated. Inquiry sessions for those interested in joining the Catholic faith are held periodically throughout the year. Please call the Parish Office for additional information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH STAFF

- Rev. Robert J. Jallas, Pastor
- Rev. Pawel Augustyniak, Parochial Vicar
- Deacon Roy A. Harley
- Karen Ferguson, Music Director
- Kathy Vizral, Parish Administrative Assistant
- Tami Dillon, Parish Secretary
- Nancy Wilderson, PSR Coordinator
- Ryan Dillon, Maintenance
- Mathew Fitzgerald, Maintenance

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Parish Office..... 793-1330
- Parish Fax..... 793-3212
- Parish Email..... sac245@comcast.net
- Parish Website..... stagnescatholicparish.org

SCHOOL STAFF

- Rachel Cunningham, School Principal
- Karen White, School Administrative Assistant
- Sharon Swehla, School Secretary

- School Office..... 793-1370
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- Caregiving Ministry..... Barb Kern
- Choir & Song Leaders..... Karen Ferguson
- Communion Ministers..... Elaine Arisman
- Gift Bearers..... Debra Mann
- Greeters..... Barb Kern
- Holy Name Society..... Mike Noonan
- Readers..... Deacon Roy A. Harley
- Parents' Club..... Jen Graves
- Parish Council..... Carrie Becker
- Right to Life..... Cliff Erwin
- School Board..... Carrie Harrison
- St. Vincent de Paul Society..... Jim Ketchum
- Young at Heart..... Jane Snyder, Linda Hurley



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

5:30 p.m. Bill Showtis (Family & Friends)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:15 a.m. Jane Renzi (Ruth Lewis)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:30 a.m. Frank Schwartz (Jim Flatley)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:15 a.m. Geraldine Oxley (Bartletti Family)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

No Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

4:30 p.m. Vince & Josephine Fileccia

And James Forstall (Angela
Lichtenberger)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 a.m. Charles "Chick" Bean (Charles
Buscar)

And Parishioners of St. Agnes

9:30 a.m. Bill Becker (Carrie Becker)
11:30 a.m. Matt Penning (St. Agnes Choir)

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: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

ALTAR SERVERS

NOVEMBER 27, 29:

8:15 a.m. Celia Smudde, Jack Ludolph

8:15 a.m. Emma Markwell, Tori Vizral

DECEMBER 1-2:

4:30 p.m. Charlie Johnson, Zach
Megginson, David Reichensperger

8:00 a.m. Lou Matsko, Jeff Tatarek

9:30 a.m. Beth VonBehren, Tucker
VonBehren, Matt VonBehren

11:30 a.m. Jaycie Cole Sydney Devlin

READERS, DECEMBER 1-2

4:30 p.m. Tammie Klein, Susan Dodson

8:00 a.m. Dan Punzak, Linda Distlehorst

9:30 a.m. Ed Cobau, Susan Hartl

11:30 a.m. Don Steinkamp, Sr. Angelene
Biderbost

COMMUNION MINISTERS

DECEMBER 1-2

4:30 p.m. Team B, Michael Farmer, Jim
Frank, Beth LaFata, Dan Punzak, Pat Steiren

8:00 a.m. Team G, Carolyn Chestnut, Donna
Chestnut, Tom Frost & Julie Davis, Brad &
Diane Loscher

9:30 a.m. Team M, Ralph & Roslyn
Brookens, Maribeth Farnham, Bob & Kathy
Sherman, Virginia Sprinkel

11:30 a.m. Team T, Eloise Baird, Jackie
Davis, Patrick Dennis, Linda Mueller, Lyn
Mueller, Don Steinkamp

SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS

DECEMBER 2

Pre K4 & K

Courtney Norris

1st & 2nd

Colleen Dunham

3rd

Gina Swehla

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 Sunday, December 9. 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.

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 Sunday, December 9.** If you have any questions, call the Church Office, 793-1330.



Franciscan Nativity Festival:

Chiara Center will host the Franciscan Nativity Festival on Friday, November 30 from 2-7 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, December 1-2 from noon – 4 p.m. Free and open to the public, the Festival features more than 100 Nativity Sets, each with unique history and significance. The Festival includes a tour of St. Francis of Assisi Church. Chiara Center is located at 4875 LaVerna Road, Springfield, IL 62707. www.chiaracenter.org

St. Joseph Missals, 2019 edition, will be available for purchase in the Gathering Space this weekend, November 24-25. Missals may also be purchased at the Parish Office during weekday office hours. Missals are \$3.50 each.



Advent Reconciliation Service:

Our common communal penance service with Blessed Sacrament and Christ the King parishes in preparation for Christmas will be held on Monday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church.

FIRST FRIDAY—DECEMBER

First Friday this month will be on Dec. 7. 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.

GREETERS - DECEMBER

- 4:30 Barb Kern
- 8:00 Carolyn & Donna Chestnut
- 9:30 Steven & Elizabeth Vogt
- 11:30 Connie Cody



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. If you know of someone who is homebound or in a nursing home that would appreciate cookies, please call Kathy at the Parish Office, 793-1330. The cookies will be delivered this year on Monday, December 3.

PLEASE BRING COOKIES TO THE SERVERS’ SACRISTY (the door next to Ladies’ Restroom) AFTER MASSES THE WEEKEND OF DEC. 1-2. If you would like to help package and/or deliver cookies on Dec. 3, please call Kay Closter at 441-3601. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m. that day.

Lessons and Carols: Celebrate the Advent season with Scripture and carols led by the Cathedral priests and the Cathedral choir. Cathedral, Sunday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL
catch our spirit
 A PeaceBuilder School

Sunday, November 25

- Singing Aces perform at Festival of Trees at 3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 26

- Classes Resume.
 - Student Council Meeting after school until 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, November 27

- Robotics Club meeting after school until 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 29

-All School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 1 & Sunday, December 2

- Poinsettia Pick-up after all Masses in school cafeteria (use gym door entrance).

Monday, December 3

- Advent Wreath Lighting at 8:15 a.m.
 - 1:30 dismissal for faculty meeting.



8th Grade Poinsettia Sale – Pick-up is Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, before and after all Masses in the St. Agnes School Cafeteria. Please enter through the school gym doors entrance. Please call Julie Billingsley (691-1567) and Ann Holtrop (725-4924) with questions. We hope you enjoy your Poinsettias this holiday season. Thank you so much for your support!!!

Healthy Spaces for Helping: If you are interested in learning how to better care for those in need, please come on Monday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. to the Cathedral Atrium for a 45 minute presentation about the effects of trauma (abuse, neglect, living in poverty) on children and adults. You will also learn why being trauma-aware is essential to responding to the needs of our community, particularly people and populations who are homeless or live in poverty. Contact Vicki Compton at 522-3342 for more info or to RSVP.

Springfield Area Youth Group November Event – You Are Invited!

On Sunday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. the youth group will be meeting at King Pin Lanes, 3115 E. Sangamon Ave. for an evening of bowling. Games are \$4.00, shoe rental is free! Bring a friend. For more information and to RSVP, join the Remind group by texting @spiug to 81010.

Funeral Luncheon Dishes: Over the last few months, 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!



Save the Date

Please join us



Saturday, January 26, 2019

5:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

WHO: You and your friends

WHERE: The St. Agnes Gymnasium

WHAT: Food, Drinks, Music, Silent & Live Auctions

COST: \$30 (Tickets on sale soon through our website)

ATTIRE: Casual & Cozy, after all, It's January

WHY: To kick off Catholic Schools Week and support our amazing school and parish!

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Maggie Cunningham at stagnesannualauktion@gmail.com or 217-416-1604.



CONTRIBUTIONS, NOVEMBER 17-18:

Due to the accelerated bulletin schedule, amounts were not available. They will be in next week's bulletin.

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!



Dear Parishioners of St. Agnes,

Each of the households of our parish that is St. Agnes should have received a special update this past week concerning a possible capital campaign to address needed projects as well as reduction of parish debt and increased offering. We are working with the Steier Group from Omaha, Nebraska in seeking to meet these needs. Other parishes here in Springfield as well as across our diocese have also worked with them.

Thanks to all who have responded to the recent planning study that was undertaken to ascertain support for such a campaign and the needs it addresses. What surfaced was certainly a need for such a campaign and a willingness to support such.

We enter now into a preparation time for a capital campaign, with such an effort taking place after the new year in January. More forthcoming!

Blessings as we soon enter a new Church year this Advent!

Fr. Bob

Attention Young Adults! The Forge is a Springfield based young adult Catholic ministry that strives to bring young adults into an encounter with Jesus and authentic Christian community. All young adults are welcome to attend Holy Hour – Thursday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m., St. Jude Church in Rochester.

Thank You

Many thanks from Calvary Cemetery! Your generosity to keep Calvary Cemetery beautiful is much appreciated by all those who visit. Your continued financial support will help further develop the north end of the cemetery for additional burial space and it will also fund a new shop.



Caregiver Interfaith

Volunteer Services: Are you looking for something rewarding to do with your spare time? Why not consider becoming a volunteer for

Caregiver Interfaith Volunteer Services at HSHS St. John's Hospital. CIVS provides free services to our older adults 55 years of age and older in order to help them remain independent in their own homes. Services provided include transportation and escort to medical appointments, grocery shopping with or for individuals no longer able to go themselves, minor home repairs, and limited respite sitting 3 hours per week, as well as caring phone calls and visits. You may do this on your own time frame and offer as much or little of your time as you choose. Our current volunteers are serving approximately 350 carereceivers on an ongoing basis and we really need additional help. This is a valuable program and assists so many people within our St. Agnes community. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call St. Agnes parishioner, Barb Kern, at 546-7729.

If you or your family knows of someone who would benefit from a little assistance, please ask them to call 757-6621 to register for services from CIVS. The individual must be at least 55 years old and must be able to walk independently or with a cane or walker. We provide support rather than actual care. We do not charge for any of our services, but donations are accepted and used to support our caregiving program. We hope you will consider becoming a part of this unique program.



Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

Watch the bulletin for more information on the following activities to relieve the winter doldrums:

- * **Seventh Annual After the Holidays Dinner** at Bella Milano: **Sunday, January 6.**
- * **Paint Day: February date** to be determined.
- * **Wine and Appetizer Social: February date** to be determined.
- * **Coffee and Donuts:** We will sponsor coffee and donuts after all the Masses on **Sunday, February 24.**

Please contact any of the following officers if you would like to get involved in any YAH projects or if you have suggestions for future activities:

- * Co-chairs: Jane Snyder (546-7084) and Linda Hurley (708/218-3741)
- * Secretary: Jane Locascio (306-3037)
- * Treasurer: Bill Snyder (546-7084)
- * PR Coordinator: Cliff Erwin (787-7017)
- * Potluck Coordinator: Barb Kern (546-7729)

Companions on the Journey is the name of the lunch-time for seniors that is held on the first Monday of each month. Our hope is to promote positive social connections, offer an array of speakers on relevant spiritual topics and to encourage people to enjoy the beautiful spaces at the Chiara Center. A delicious lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and followed by a presentation and discussion. Our presenter for December 3 is Norma Roberts, a spiritual director and retired pastor, who will talk about the benefits and practice of journaling. Following the presentation, participants are welcome to stay for the duration of the afternoon to walk the grounds or for some quiet reflection. We ask for a \$20.00 contribution to honor the support given by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis who sponsor the Chiara Center. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217-523-0901 or sending an e-mail to info@chiaracenter.org. To learn more about the Chiara Center, visit www.chiaracenter.org.

Butler Funeral Home: December 6 – An Open Door Session on Funerals, Cremation, Cemetery and Advance Planning. 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 for a complimentary lunch at Finley's Tap House from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. and a brief, interactive, and open discussion forum for questions regarding these and other topics. This event is free: no cost or obligation. Call Butler Funeral Home at 544-4646 to reserve your seat by December 3.

Fish Fry: Riverton K of C will hold a Fish Fry on December 7 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Menu includes all you can eat Walleye, Walleye sandwich, shrimp, catfish, and baked fish dinners. Dinners include: coleslaw, choice of fries, baked potato or potato salad. Future Dates: February 1, March 1, 8, 22, and April 5.



Worldwide Marriage

Encounter: Almost all couples who attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend say: "We should have done this a long time ago!" Why? Their whole relationship became more alive on the weekend, and the weekend reminded them of what it was like as newlyweds. The next weekends are Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO; and Jan. 19-20, 2019 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, IL (no hotel provided). If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 314-649-7317.



RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

On this feast of Christ the King and always, may all recognize God as the author of life and give thanks for His priceless gift;

We pray to the Lord....



Prayer to Christ the King

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Make full use of Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism, when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works, and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer you my efforts in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge your Sacred Royalty, and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace may be established throughout the universe.

Amen.

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