



## ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62702

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

5:30 p.m. Josephine & Vincenzo Fileccia -  
Jim & Giovanna Forstall

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:15 a.m. Walt Brown - Mary Lou & Hank  
Smith  
And DOMS - Jim Schwalbach

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:30 a.m. Joseph Kunkler - Ann Laughlin

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:15 a.m. Fr. Robert Becker - Barb Kern

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:15 a.m. Howard White - Madonna White  
12:10 p.m. Charles Scott - Angela & Robert  
Williams

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:30 p.m. Ann Keller - Mark & Mary  
Selvaggio

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 a.m. David Goetz - Don & Judy Buckley  
And Al Giacomini - Family  
9:30 a.m. Doris Savoie - Carol McEvoy  
11:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

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

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

## ALTAR SERVERS

### November 29, December 1:

8:15 a.m. Elizabeth Harley, Adeline Gilmore  
8:15 a.m. Matthew Johnson, Vance Ludolph

### December 3-4:

4:30 p.m. Emma Markwell, John Phalen, Nick  
Phalen  
8:00 a.m. Mike Caveny, Chuck Murphy  
9:30 a.m. Jaycie Cole, Mary O'Brien, Colleen  
O'Brien  
11:30 a.m. Julia Curry, Sydney House, Sophie  
Mayfield

## READERS, DECEMBER 3-4

4:30 p.m. Roslyn Brookens, Tammie Klein  
8:00 a.m. Andy Ramage, Linda Distlehorst  
9:30 a.m. Bill Duffield, Julie Davis  
11:30 a.m. Ruth Lewis, Marilyn Okon

## COMMUNION MINISTERS DECEMBER 3-4

**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 DECEMBER 3-4

Pre K4 & K Roxanne Ramage  
1st & 2nd Eloise Baird  
3rd Shelley Simon

## 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



## Advent Communal Reconciliation Service:

Our common communal penance service with Blessed Sacrament and Christ the King parishes in preparation for Christmas will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church.

### FIRST FRIDAY—DECEMBER

First Friday this month will be on Dec. 2. 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.

**Advent Discipleship Series:** On each of the four Wednesdays of Advent, a special faith formation session will be offered at 6:30 p.m. in St. Frances Cabrini Parish Hall, 1020 No. Milton. The sessions are free to the public and will feature the following:

- Wednesday, November 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
**Journey of Fr. Augustus Tolton: From Slavery to Priesthood**, *Presenter: Mr. Leroy Jordan*
- Wednesday, December 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
**Charity Is Not Enough: Walking with the Two Feet of Charity and Justice**, *Presenter: Catherine Becker*
- Wednesday, December 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
**Climate Change and the Universe Story**  
Presenter, Sr. Sharon Therese Zayac, OP
- Wednesday, December 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
**Beyond Baby Jesus: An Adult Understanding of The Incarnation**  
Presenter: Sr. Beth Murphy, OP

### GREETERS - DECEMBER

4:30 Barb Kern  
8:00 Robert & Jane Brenneisen  
9:30 Charlie & Michelle Blackburn  
11:30 Mark & Krista Arisman



### CHILI SUPPER NEWS:

THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support the **Holy Name Annual Chili Supper**. We had a great crew of hard-working volunteers who gave a lot of hours to help make this annual event a success. **Thanks to you all!!!**

#### Holy Name Society Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the Holy Name Raffle Winners!

iPad Air 2– WiFi — **Colleen Reno**  
Fitbit Charge 2 — **Lynn Flotkoetter**  
\$50 cash — **Bob Sherman**

The **Altar Society Bake Sale** was the usual assortment of delicious homemade goodies. Thanks to all the wonderful ladies who baked all those items, and special thanks to everyone who helped all day at the sale.

#### Altar Society Raffle Winners

Here are the **Altar Society Raffle Winners** and the generous folks who donated the prizes (in parentheses):

- \$200 Kohl's gift card (Altar Society): **Barb Kern**
- \$100 Amazon gift card (Roslyn Brookens): **Jean Goetz**
- \$50 Bella Milano gift card (Barb Kern): **Nancy Canny**
- Gift Basket: **Cathy Locher**
- Quilt (Sally Mueller): **Ann Oswald**
- Reflections Basket (Kathy Vizral): **Betty Ed**
- Christmas Lantern (Mary Stevens): **Nicki Robbins**
- Manicure (Kathy Thompson): **Mary DiGiralamo**
- Movie Basket (Nancy Peterson): **Pam Ketchum**
- Massage & Manicure (Ellen Kuntzi): **Tom Laughlin**

Congratulations to the winners! Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and a special thanks to everyone who donated prizes.

*Thank You for your Support!!*



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

Monday, November 28

- Advent Wreath Lighting at 10:30 a.m. in the school gym. Parents are welcome to join us.

Tuesday, November 29

- Student Council will meet in the art room from 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30

- Dress Down Day for children of Parents' Club Raffle Sellers.  
 - Robotics Club Meeting after school from 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 1

- All-School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.  
 - Annual Fund meeting in the School office area at 6:00 p.m.  
 - The Student Council will be decorating for Christmas after school from 3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Students may bring decorations to add to the school decorations if they choose. A Family Christmas tree holds ornaments from each school family. An invitation is extended to PSR families if you would like to add an ornament with your family name on it to the tree in the hall by the school office.



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Poinsettia Sale –**

**Pick-up** is Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, before and after all Masses in the St. Agnes School Cafeteria. Please enter through the school gym doors entrance. We hope you enjoy your Poinsettias this holiday season. Thank you so much for your support!!!

**SHG Placement Test for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

— All area eighth graders are invited to Sacred Heart-Griffin on Saturday, December 10 from 8:30 until 11 a.m. for the PLACEMENT TEST for incoming freshmen. Doors open at 8 a.m. Students should enter through the circle drive entrance at 1200 W. Washington St. and bring two #2 pencils and the \$10 testing fee. Calculators are allowed. There will be a PARENT MEETING at 8:30 a.m. in the Choral Room where Tuition Manager Becky Jones and President/Principal Sr. Katherine O'Connor will be available to answer questions. For more information, call Stephanie Phillips at 787-1595, ext. 126 or e-mail [phillips@shg.org](mailto:phillips@shg.org)



**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!

**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!



**On-Line Giving:** A reminder that we have on-line giving, using Give Central. You can go online through the parish website, [www.stagnescatholicparish.org](http://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.



### CONTRIBUTIONS, NOVEMBER 19-20:

DUE TO THE ACCELERATED BULLETIN SCHEDULE, AMOUNTS WERE NOT AVAILABLE. THEY WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK.

**MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!**



### 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.



### 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.

### 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 as often or as little as you choose. Our current 200 volunteers are serving approximately 350 carereceivers on an ongoing basis and we need additional help.

If you or your family knows of someone who would benefit from a little assistance, please ask them to call 217-757-6621 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.

The Caregiver Interfaith Volunteer Service program is celebrating 20 years of dedicated service of Springfield, Chatham, Rochester and Sherman. We do not charge for any of our services, but donations are accepted and wisely used to support our caregiving program. We hope you will consider becoming a part of this unique program.



## 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).

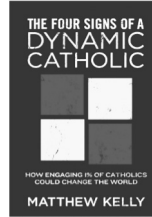
**The Holy Name Society** will meet on Monday, December 12, 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will discuss the results of the Chili Supper, and make final plans for Breakfast with Santa. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.



## Worldwide Marriage

**Encounter:** “Oh house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!” As we begin the anticipation of Advent, let us walk together in

the love of God 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](http://www.stl-wwme.org).



## 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](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.

**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.



## RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

For members of the Church: May we care for those in difficult circumstances, such as crisis pregnancies, loneliness, loss, and poverty;

We pray to the Lord...

**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](mailto: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.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Do you have an interest in sharing the Holy Eucharist with hospitalized Roman Catholics and their loved ones? Opportunities are available at Memorial Medical Center. Our particular needs include Eucharistic Ministers who are available any day of the week or weekends. If this opportunity interests you and you would like further information regarding this ministry, contact the Memorial Medical Center Pastoral Care Department at (217)788-3585 or email [staab.nancy@mhsil.com](mailto:staab.nancy@mhsil.com)



*“Come, let us climb the LORD’s mountain,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may instruct us in his ways,  
and we may walk in his paths.”  
- Isaiah 2:3*