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# ST. AGNES PARISH

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**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.



**ST. AGNES PARISH**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**

5:30 p.m. Jack Coleman (Langfelder Family)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

8:15 a.m. Jim Brocarrdo, Jr. (Barb Kern)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

6:30 a.m. Manuel Faudoa (Stefania Zaricznyj)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**

8:15 a.m. DOMS (Jim Schwalbach)  
5:30 p.m. Doris Padget (NALC Etta May Johnston Aux. 21)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**

8:15 a.m. Pat Kreppert (Friend)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

4:30 p.m. Joe Dold (Dold Family)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes  
And Rita Spitz (Jack Coleman)  
9:30 a.m. Maggie Mucciante (Mary Mucciante)  
11:30 a.m. Dr. David Mack (Mary Celine Sestak)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**DECEMBER 5, 7, 8:**

8:15 a.m. Emma Markwell, Olivia Prichard  
8:15 a.m. Adeline Gilmore, Jaycie Cole  
8:15 a.m. Jack Ludolph, Emma Markwell

**DECEMBER 9-10:**

4:30 p.m. Sophie Billingsley, Andrew Frierdich, Kyle Rolf  
8:00 a.m. Greg Goetz, Mike Goetz  
9:30 a.m. Adam Kuchar, Brandon Schafer, Isaac Vizral  
11:30 a.m. Julia Curry, Rory Lynch

**READERS, DECEMBER 7**

5:30 p.m. Shirley Cowles, Melissa Bland

**READERS, DECEMBER 9-10**

4:30 p.m. Sr. Angelene Biderbost, Denise Klemm  
8:00 a.m. Shirley Cowles, Andy Ramage  
9:30 a.m. Cindy Callan, Bev Dillon  
11:30 a.m. Julie Davis, Kari Kelley

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

**DECEMBER 9-10**

**4:30 p.m. Team B,** Michael Farmer, Jim Frank, 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, Don Steinkamp

**SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS**

**DECEMBER 9-10**

Pre K4 & K Roxanne Ramage  
1st & 2nd Colleen Dunham  
3rd Eloise Baird

**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



**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, the patronal feast of our nation and diocese, is Friday, December 8. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. and Friday, December 8 at 8:15 a.m.



### CHRISTMAS "ANGEL TREE"

There is still time to donate a gift for the Catholic Charities "Angel Tree" program. There are some cards left on the tree, but any type of toy gift is appropriate, and gift cards are also great. Please bring your unwrapped gifts back to the tree in the Gathering Space and put any gift cards inside the gold wrapped gift box next to the tree (to keep them from getting lost). Don't forget to donate gift bags or wrapping paper for the unwrapped gifts you donate. These items are needed too in addition to the gifts themselves. Thank you for your generosity each and every year.

**The deadline for returning the gifts is December 10.** Items will be picked up from the church on December 11. If you have any questions, call the Church Office at 793-1330.



### 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 Thursday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. here at St. Agnes Church.

**Holy Family Food Pantry:** Our regular collection for the Holy Family Food Pantry is next weekend, December 9-10. Please bring your food donations to the Gathering Space. The Food Pantry tries to provide extra items to needy families during the holidays, so any extra help you can give is greatly appreciated. Cash donations are always welcome. Please make checks payable to "Holy Family Food Pantry" and put them in the collection in an envelope so marked. Thanks for your generosity during this holiday season and all year long.



### 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, Dec. 11.


**PLEASE BRING COOKIES TO THE SERVERS' SACRISTY (the door next to Ladies' Restroom) AFTER MASSES THE WEEKEND OF DEC. 9-10.** If you would like to help package and/or deliver cookies on Dec. 11, please call Kay Closter at 441-3601. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m. that day.

**Tune in to Catholic radio on AM 1410 & 88.9 FM WIHM.** Programming includes daily Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, live call-in shows, local programming and much more. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call toll-free (877) 305-1234.

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★ **Christmas Mass Schedule:** ★

★ **Sunday, December 24,** ★

★  Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and ★

★ 10:00 p.m. (Choir begins at 9:30 ★

★ p.m.) ★

★ **Monday, December 25,** Christmas Day: ★

★ 10:00 a.m. ★

★ **Monday, January 1,** New Year's Day: ★

★ 10:00 a.m. ★

★ Due to Christmas falling on a Monday this ★

★ year and Christmas Eve Masses on Sunday ★

★ evening and night, we will not have 11:30 ★

★ a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 24. ★

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**ST. AGNES SCHOOL**  
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### Monday, December 4

- Elective Day
- 1:30 p.m. Dismissal for the Faculty meeting
- School Board and Parents' Club Christmas gathering at 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 5

- Beardstown Singers will perform at 9:30 a.m.
- Advent Wreath lighting at 10:30 a.m. in the gym

### Wednesday, December 6

- Singing Aces will go out into the community and sing for Christmas at Hildebrant Apartments, Bonasinga Senior Apartments, Bickford Senior Living, and Mill Creek.
- Scholastic Bowl practice after school until 4:30 p.m.
- The Student Council will be decorating for Christmas after school from 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 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.
- Grant Writing meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the office area.

### Thursday, December 7

- Annual Fund Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 8

- All-School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m. for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Please support our Catholic Schools and attend the K of C Breakfast next Sunday, December 10 at the K of C on Isles. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, and kids five and under are free. All proceeds benefit our Springfield Catholic Grade School Scholarships (tuition assistance). The breakfast extends from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Students from our various schools will be performing throughout the morning.

**Christmas Program:** St. Agnes first and second graders and the Singing Aces will be presenting their Christmas program "Away in a Manger" on Thursday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Please come and enjoy this Christmas gift!

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

**Students:** All area eighth graders are invited to Sacred Heart-Griffin on Saturday, December 9 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 a \$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).

### **St. Agnes Parish – Head of**

**Maintenance Position:** St. Agnes Parish is seeking to fill the position of Head of Maintenance. The upkeep, repair and maintenance of the 10 acres that make up the complex of St. Agnes Parish require the coordination/carrying out of custodial/janitorial responsibilities for church, school and grounds; knowledge of HVAC workings, annual inspections, etc. The individual will have the skills needed to oversee and delegate tasks to other maintenance employees to ensure all work is completed. For further information, please contact Fr. Bob at the Parish Office (793-1330) or [sac245@comcast.net](mailto:sac245@comcast.net).



### CONTRIBUTIONS, NOVEMBER 18-19:

Regular Contributions: \$16,901

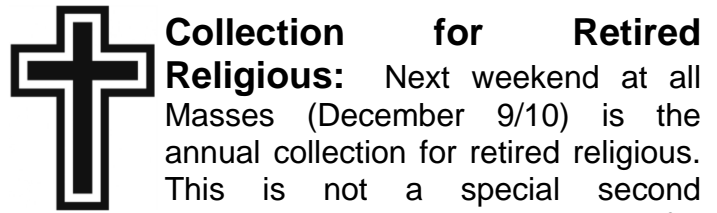
St. Agnes Parish Capital  
Improvements Fund: \$823

### CONTRIBUTIONS, NOVEMBER 25-26:

Regular Contributions: \$13,864

St. Agnes Parish Capital  
Improvements Fund: \$770

**GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!**



**Collection for Retired Religious:** Next weekend at all Masses (December 9/10) is the annual collection for retired religious. This is not a special second collection, rather, the envelope for this collection is in our monthly packet. Let us be generous to those who have witnessed to faith and helped pass on Christian faith to us.



**Campaign for Justice and Hope:** Thank you for your contributions of \$1,178 to the annual Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH). Your generosity brings hope to people in our diocese living in poverty. For information about how groups and organizations can apply for a DCJH grant, please call 217-698-8500, ext. 168, or email [DCJH@dio.org](mailto:DCJH@dio.org) or visit us at [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org).



**OUR SISTER PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS** in November totaled \$1,570. Thanks to everyone for your generosity every month to our Sister Parish in Guatemala!



**Have Breakfast with Santa in the Parish Hall after all Masses on Sunday, Dec. 17.** Parents and grandparents – take the kids to see Santa that morning. (The adults are

invited to come too!) Remember to bring your cameras to take pictures of the kids (and their families) with Santa. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Poinsettia Sale – Pick-up TODAY,** December 2 and 3, before and after all Masses in the St. Agnes School Cafeteria. Please enter through the school gym doors entrance. Please call Lisa Sommer (899-5719), Michelle Zanin (370-9602), or Colleen Dunham (414-8981) with any questions. We hope you enjoy your Poinsettias this holiday season. Thank you so much 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!



**Christmas Band Concert – On December 9 at 3:00 p.m.** The Catholic grade schools and Sacred Heart-Griffin will hold their Christmas concert in the Auditorium. The beginning band will start the concert with *A Mozart Melody* and *Jingle Bells*. The grade school concert band will play an *African Bell Carol*, *Christmas Time is Here*, and *Deck the Halls with Chips and Salsa*. The high school band will then play *Christmas Fugue*, *Sleigh Ride*, *Santa's Excellent Adventure*, *A Nutcracker Spectacular*, and *The Call of Christmas*. The combined concert and high school bands will conclude the concert with *Chanson de Noel*. Come and enjoy the sounds of Christmas!



## Young at Heart (YAH) Activities

\* Tuesday, January 9: Open meeting for YAH Planning Committee at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are invited to provide input on future activities. Contact Roslyn Brookens (622-6299) or Jane Locascio (306-3037) for more information.

\* After the Holidays Gathering: Plan to join us for our sixth annual dinner event at Bella Milano's Restaurant on **Sunday, January 14, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. This event is open to all parishioners and their friends. For more information, contact Cliff Erwin at 787-7017.



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of Advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by enjoying a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with our spouse. The next Weekend in Springfield, IL is on March 23-25, 2018. The next Weekend in the St. Louis area is on February 2-4, 2018. To register or for more information, call 314-649-7317 or go online to [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org).



## Brother James Court

Will be holding its annual MEGA RAFFLE with a 50-50 split of the proceeds. The drawing will be held Monday, December 4. Tickets are \$20.00 each or 3 for \$50.00. The more tickets sold, the greater the prize. You can purchase tickets online, by phone or by check. Tickets are available on our website [www.brotherjamescourt.com](http://www.brotherjamescourt.com). Or you may call 747-5972 to pay by phone. Brother James Court has been serving men with disabilities for over 42 years as a result of your support!

**An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet** will be held on Sunday, December 10 from 8 a.m. until noon at Knights of Columbus Springfield Council 364. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6 - 12, and *FREE* for ages five and under. Santa Claus will arrive at 9:00 a.m. to greet the crowd. **All proceeds will benefit Springfield Catholic Schools.** For questions, call 787-2360.

## 18th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk

will be held by the St. John Vianney Women's Society on Saturday, December 9 from 8:30 a.m. until noon in the activity center at 902 St. John Drive in Sherman. Shoppers will be able to select their favorites from dozens of varieties of fancy Christmas cookies, candies, and breads. Cookies are sold for \$6.50 per lb. and we also offer pre-packaged trays for the hurried shopper. These make great gifts. Our cookie walk is one of the largest in the area and has the reputation of "the best cookie walk around!" Everything is homemade by the ladies of our parish. The event also includes a dozen direct sale vendors at our CHRISTMAS GIFT GALA! New this year is a Silent Basket Auction. Refreshments and entertainment too! Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and you need not be present to win. This year's prizes include: iPad Air 32gb, \$150 Hy-vee, \$200 Humphrey's, \$200 Soniccare, \$200 cash, gift cards and prizes.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Are you new to the area and just started coming to St. Agnes Church? Have you been attending church here for a while and have never registered? You can call the Rectory Office, 793-1330, during regular office hours, and register over the phone.



## RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

For Catholics: May God keep us steadfast in protecting the sacred gift of human life;

We pray to the Lord....

**From the Vatican** – Proclaiming the joy of the Gospel is the mission entrusted by the Lord to his Church. In keeping with this mission Pope Francis is introducing a new approach through a 2018 Bishops’ Synod with the topic, “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.” The Church has decided to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective ways to announce the Good News today. In terms of hearing directly from young people, the Vatican has launched a survey for youth and young adults. The goal of this questionnaire – aimed at young people throughout the world from 16 to 29 years of age – is to provide young people with the opportunity to communicate, express and recount who they are and what they want to say about themselves. Here is the link: <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>.

**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.



*Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*  
-Isaiah 7:14

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