

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.



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.r	n. – 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

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School	Email	info@stagnescatholicschool.org

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACT PERSONS

Caregiving Ministry	Barb Kern
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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 HeartJar	ne Snyder, Linda Hurley



ST. AGNES PARISH

245 North Amos Avenue Springfield, IL 62702

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:30 p.m. Earl & Bertha Beckmann (Family)
And Jeff Nelson (John & Judy Hiler)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:15 a.m. DOMS (Jim Schwalbach)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:30 a.m. Basilius Zaricznyj (Stefania Zaricznyj)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:15 a.m. Gene & Margaret Damiani (Susan Owens Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

No Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

4:30 p.m. Joseph Ciaccio (Natalie Bales)
And Marge Reid (Cori Midden)

SUNDAY. DECEMBER 16

8:00 a.m. Jennifer Briesacher (Bible Study) 9:30 a.m. Sam Hartl (John & Virgie Ronan) 11:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 **Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

ALTAR SERVERS

DECEMBER 11, 13:

8:15 a.m. Reese Watson, Taylor Boatman 8:15 a.m. Celia Smudde, Jack Ludolph

DECEMBER 15-16:

4:30 p.m. Celia Smudde, Logan Smudde, Reagan Smudde

8:00 a.m. Mike Caveny, Chuck Murphy 9:30 a.m. Jack Ramage, Johnny Ramage,

Lauren Turner

11:30 a.m. Max Hartwig, Ben Rogers

READERS, DECEMBER 15-16

4:30 p.m. Ellen Kuntzi, Jamie Greenwald 8:00 a.m. Harry Mitchell, Marilyn Okon 9:30 a.m. Rick Wilderson, Roslyn Brookens 11:30 a.m. Adrian Handhi, Richard Koerper

COMMUNION MINISTERS DECEMBER 15-16

4:30 p.m. Team D, Judi Bloome, Susan Dodson, Dan Dollison, Sharon Huck, 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, Becky Powell, Rick & Nancy Wilderson 11:30 a.m. Team V, Jeff Enlow, Adrian Gandhi, Kari Ann Kelley, Sandy Kelley, Annette Nelson

SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS DECEMBER 15-16

Pre K4 & K Eloise Baird
1st & 2nd Mary Ludolph
3rd Sophie Ludolph

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



Dear Parishioners of St. Agnes,

Many thanks to all who recently took the time and interest to share their reflections, concerns and insights about the possibility of a parish capital campaign. There certainly was much support to proceed with such an undertaking to raise funds addressing parish debt and some much needed maintenance projects.

Moving forward on such a campaign, our theme will be: "A Family of Faith: Investing in Our Future".

This is an important time for our parish as we seek to lay a strong foundation for a positive future. To be successful, we will rely on every family here at St. Agnes to provide support. In the coming weeks and months you will learn much more about the campaign and the different ways you can help this cause. In the meantime, please keep in prayer our parish leaders and volunteers who will be working to ensure a successful outcome.

Blessings in this holy season of Advent,





CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS:

You may make a donation for Christmas decorations in memory of a loved one. There is a special envelope in your December packet

for this purpose, "Christmas Flower Offering." Please put in the amount of donation, and on the reverse side, who the donation is in memory of. You may put the envelope in the collection or mail to the Rectory. A list of memorials will be in the bulletin in January.



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 Monday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church. In addition, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held here at St. Agnes on Thursday, December 20 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. as well as on Saturday, December 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.



WELCOME to the following parishioners who registered at St. Agnes Parish in November:

Jennifer Becker
Lee & Lisa Bloome
Jonathan & Sara Beth Eck Family
Rob & Sarah Fafoglia Family
Jeanne Harvill
Sean & Emily Maisenbacher Family
Joel & Stacie Reichensperger Family
Lindsay & Mary See Family
Stephanie White Family



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Body of Christ, the Church, the following children who were recently baptized: Oliver Cockanye, Casey Kesterson, and Sabine Tonstad. May the Light of Christ shine brightly in and through them!



Have Breakfast with Santa in the Parish Hall after all Masses on Sunday, Dec.

23. 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.



Sunday, December 9

Please support our Catholic Schools and attend the K of C breakfast today, December 9 at the K of C on Isles. The cost is \$10 for adults and teens, \$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 through the morning. St. Agnes Singing Aces will be singing at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 10

Advent Wreath lighting at 8:15 a.m. in the gym.

Tuesday, December 11

- St. Agnes Parents Club will be sponsoring the Secret Santa Workshop for students to shop for Christmas for moms, dads, brothers and sisters and other relatives and friends Tuesday, December 11 through Friday, December 14. This event will be held in the Parish Hall.
- Robotics Club meeting from 3:15-4:30 p.m. in the Science room.

Wednesday, December 12

- Dress down day to benefit Taylorville tornado victims. Students may donate a minimum of \$1.00 to participate.
- Grant Writing Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 13

- St. Agnes students in grades 3-8 will have an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at 9:30 a.m. in the Church.
- St. Agnes first and second graders and the Singing Aces will be presenting their Christmas program: "Star of Wonder" on Thursday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Please come and enjoy this Christmas gift!

Friday, December 14

Singing Aces Christmas Tour in morning.

SHG Placement Test will be offered on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Becky Jones, Tuition Manager, and Sr. Katherine O'Connor, President, will be available to answer parents' questions at 8:30 a.m. in the Choral Room. Please contact our Registrar at 217-787-1595, ext. 126 if you are unable to take the test. Students will need to bring #2 Pencils and \$10 testing fee. No calculators will be allowed. Pre-registration online is required by Friday January 11. Use the following link to register: http://bit.ly/SHGPlacementTest2019.

Funeral Luncheon Dishes have been brought in for funeral luncheons but never picked up. Please stop by the parish hall and claim your casserole dishes and bowls. We will be disposing of unclaimed items. Thank you for your assistance!

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.

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players, Volume One In this film series, Bishop Robert Barron helps to unlock the truth behind some of the Catholic Church's most influential people. From St. Francis of Assisi to St. Catherine of Siena, from St. Thomas Aquinas to Michelangelo, all the way to Blessed John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton Christ's Incarnation is on display through the minds and lives of his Church's members. Facilitated by Vicki Compton, Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral school basement, beginning January 8, 2019.



CONTRIBUTIONS, DECEMBER 1-2:

Regular Contributions: \$19,756

St. Agnes Parish Capital Improvements Fund: \$706

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!

The Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke: While many people are getting caught up in the secular frenzy of Christmas, take a break from the holiday hustle and join Father Friedel in focusing with the Church on preparing to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Cathedral Atrium, Tuesdays December 11 and 18, 7:00 p.m.

2019 Wednesday Bible Study - Jesus said, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood." they're merely symbols Some say remembrance. Others say they're really the Body and Blood of Christ, but can't explain how that's possible. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass – but why? The answers are here. With deep insight, Dr. Brant Pitre gives a fresh perspective for understanding the mystery that is the Eucharist. The popular Lectio series offers Eucharist, a video-based study from the trusted presenters at the Augustine Institute. The 10session series will be offered on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m., in Christ the King's Parish Center. It will start January 16. Please call Mary Kay Hinkle at 787-9750 or email by January 2 to sign up and have a book ordered for you. Cost will be around \$25.

Advent Prayer Resource: Having entered a new Church year with this First Sunday of Advent, check out a prayer resource from *Dynamic Catholic* entitled "Best Advent Ever" in preparation for Christmas (BestAdventEver. com/YoureInvited)



Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. (Choir begins at 9:30 p.m.)

<u>Tuesday, December 25</u>, Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God): 5:30 p.m.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 1</u>, New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m.

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God knows where we are – and comes. This is divine revelation: God coming, God showing, God being with us. Always! Let us, therefore, wear the cloak of justice and the hat of God's glorious splendor. That is, let us still dress like Christ – just as we were first clothed in him at Baptism – and radiate his presence – just as we were first illumined by him in that sacramental bath.

- . John the Baptist calls us, today, to conversion. What will I do?
- . How can I wear mercy like a comfortable cloak, a well-worn hat?
- . How can my daily life shine in more merciful ways?



Bulletin Schedule for the Holidays:

 Articles for the bulletin of December 23 must be received in the Parish Office by 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 14.

 Articles for the December 30 and January 6 bulletin must be received in the Parish Office no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20.

> FAX: 793-3212 EMAIL: sac245@comcast.net

You can send your articles as early as you want; just indicate which bulletin you want it in.



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: Our next Paint Day will be on Sunday, February 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will have sign-ups on the weekends of January 26-27 and February 2-3. Contact Jane Snyder at the number below or watch the bulletin for more information.
- * 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)

Carols at the Cathedral

- 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.
- Mark Gifford, Cathedral Organist plays an hour of Christmas Carols on the Cathedral Pipe Organ. Free and family friendly. Cathedral, Wednesday, December 26 at Noon

The Filipino Community of Springfield invites all to their nine-day novena Masses known as "Simbang Gabi" December 13-21 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at Blessed Sacrament Parish Church. Bishop Paprocki will preside the closing Mass on Dec. 21. Light refreshments.

Surviving Divorce: Christ the King Parish is pleased to announce a new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. The cost of the program for participants is \$15, which includes all program materials. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The program begins on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at Christ The King Parish Library. Please call the Parish Office, at 217-546-3527 to register. For additional information, contact John Marruffo, 494-3366.

Christmas Market & Cookie Walk: Cathedral's CCCW ladies group is holding their Christmas Market & Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the School Hall. Shoppers can check out the Cookie Walk with dozen of varieties of cookies and candies. Cookies will be sold for \$6.50 per lb. and candies \$8 per lb. Everything is homemade. Be sure to check out our vendors at our Christmas Market. We will also have a Silent Auction and chance to win \$500 bundle of Gift Cards (from Gas Cards, restaurant, entertainment and more). The drawing will take

place at 3:30 after the event.

RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER

Peace in the Womb: Pro-Life Christmas Caroling will take place Friday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. at Planned Parenthood, 601 N. Bruns Lane, Springfield. Join us as we share this Christmas hope where it's needed

most. For more information, contact Terri (217-685-3413) or Claudia (217-836-0517).

Courses for all Catholics - University of Dayton Online Learning - Sign up for the online courses through the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), a program of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton. These adult faith courses support the Church's formation catechetical ministry and are for all Catholics. Registration for 2019 Cycle 1 is now open and closes January 16. The courses run January 20 through February 23, 2019 at a cost of \$50 per course/\$40 per seminar. The course calendar be found at: https://vlcff.udayton.edu/ calendar/#cycle 1 2019 English For information, visit our website at dio.org/ catechesis/vlcff.html or the VLCFF web site at vlcff.udayton.edu

Butler Funeral Home: 2019 Catholic Calendars Available. The Butler Family of Organizations invites you to stop by any of their locations (Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home – Springfield, McCullough-Delaney & Butler Funeral Home – New Berlin, Boardman-Smith Funeral Home – Springfield, and Staab-Polk Memorial Home – Chatham) to pick up a complimentary 2019 Catholic calendar.

St. Aloysius' Mini-Mega-Raffle is in full swing! Raffle Tickets are \$20, with a grand prize of \$5,000.00 on Thursday, December 20. Raffle Tickets are available at the parish and school office for sale. For more information, call the Parish Office at 217-544-4554 or the school at 217-544-4553. Thank you for supporting St. Al's School.



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