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# ST. AGNES PARISH

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## WELCOME!

Anyone new to our community or not yet officially registered, we welcome you to call Tami Dillon in our Parish Office or stop in during office hours to register with our parish.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon Roy Harley by calling the Parish Office or by email at rharley@stagnescatholicparish.org for more information or to schedule a baptism.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Father Dan Bergbower by calling the Parish Office or by email at dbergbower@stagnescatholicparish.org for more information.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

For more information on RCIA, please contact Cathy Becker in the Parish Office or by email at cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

PSR classes start in the fall and follow the school year calendar. To sign up for PSR classes please call Tami Dillon in the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call Tami Dillon in the Parish Office to arrange a time.

## 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.
- Friday** 8:15 a.m.
- Holydays** Consult the bulletin prior to the Holyday

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
or call the Parish Office to schedule other times



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS & INFORMATION

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Check Bulletin for Office closures

- Parish Office.....793-1330
- Parish Email.....info@stagnescatholicparish.org
- Parish Website.....stagnescatholicparish.org

*Bulletin submission deadline - Tuesdays, Noon*  
*Email submissions to*  
*tdillon@stagnescatholicparish.org*

## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS & INFORMATION

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Summer Hours vary

- School Office.....793-1370
- School Email.....info@stagnescatholicparish.org
- School Website.....stagnescatholicparish.org

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Please contact Kathy Vizral in the Parish Office or email kvizral@stagnescatholicparish.org to inquire about our many opportunities to serve the parish. We have several organizations and committees available to our parishioners.





# St. Agnes Catholic Parish

245 N. Amos Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702  
Web: [www.stagnescatholicparish.org](http://www.stagnescatholicparish.org) Office: (217) 793-1330

First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2019

## — Mass Times —

**Saturday** (Vigil): 4:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
11:30 a.m.

**Monday:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** 8:15 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 a.m.  
**Thursday - Friday:** 8:15 a.m.  
*Holy Days: As Announced*

~ Sacrament of Reconciliation ~  
**Saturday:** 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
*Anytime by Appointment*

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the*  
Week

### Monday, December 2

5:30 p.m. - Bill Becker †  
Barbara Hansen †

### Tuesday, December 3

8:15 a.m. - Quinn & McMurray  
Families †

### Wednesday, December 4

6:30 a.m. - Emmanuel Pathinvo  
†

### Thursday, December 5

8:15 a.m. - John Mosher †

### Friday, December 6

8:15 a.m. - Rose Fenstermaker †

### Saturday, December 7

4:30 p.m. - Don & Iverne  
Mucciante †

### Sunday, December 8

8:00 a.m. - Sandra Koebler †  
9:30 a.m. - Tom McCracken †  
Clay Yates †  
11:30 a.m. - Parishioners of  
St. Agnes

## Parish Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
*Bulletin Deadline:*  
Tuesday, Noon  
Phone: (217) 793-1330

**“Stay Awake!”**

*Matthew 24:37-44*



## A message from Fr. Dan

*Happy New Liturgical Year! This is the first Sunday of Advent which begins our new Church Year! This first Sunday you see the Advent Wreath prominently displayed in the Sanctuary. Each week one of the Candles is lit to symbolize Light in the midst of darkness. The evergreens also symbolize Life (Green) over Death (the browns and greys of winter). It is in a circle which has no beginning or end which symbolize Everlasting Life!*

**HAPPY 44TH BIRTHDAY FR. PAWEL AUGUSTYNIAK!** Fr. Pawel will celebrate his birthday on Wednesday, December 4! Congratulations and Happy Birthday!

**NEW CALENDARS** This year we have our very own Parish Calendars that list the Holy Days and include parish contact information. THANK YOU to our GENEROUS *Knights of Columbus* for this blessing!

**NEW MISSALETTES** As we begin a New Liturgical (worship) year we also have the new Missals. This year the SUNDAY READINGS are included as a benefit to any and all who may have difficulty hearing the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass (for various reasons). Please enjoy these and take good care of them as they need to last all year.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK, DECEMBER 7, 4:30 P.M. MASS** At Saturday evening Mass there will be Four (4) priests administering the Anointing of the Sick. This includes **Physical** healing (surgery, advanced age, chronic illness); **Emotional** and **Relational** healing (divorce, death, depression, etc.) and **Spiritual** healing (dark night of the soul, dryness, etc.). This includes ALL AGES from infants to seniors.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** This year our Christmas Eve Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. (no incense) and 9:00 p.m. (incense). Christmas Day Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. (incense).

**SIGN OF PEACE** Please be aware that during the cold and flu season a smile and/or bow of the head and “Christ be with you” is most acceptable.

**SOUND SYSTEM** We continue our interviews for a new sound system in the church. We have two more upcoming which hopefully can be accomplished before Christmas. Who knows...perhaps by Easter we will have a new system?

**PASTOR’S EMAIL ADDRESS** My email address is: **dbergbow-er@stagnescatholicparish.org**. This is the very best way to get in touch with me.

**May God’s Holy Spirit Guide Our Parish Family in this New Year!**



# St. Agnes Catholic School

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**Honor God: Be Faithful in Little Things**



## 2nd Grade Students and Parents

*Please note:* There is a Reconciliation Meeting this Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church for all 2nd graders and a parent or guardian.

## Important Dates to Remember

### Monday, December 2:

- School Resumes

### Tuesday, December 3:

- Parents' Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 4:

- PGC Class, 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- 2nd Grade Reconciliation Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Church

### Thursday, December 5:

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

## School Christmas Festivities

### December 10-13:

- Secret Santa Shop, sponsored by the Parents' Club, in the Parish Hall

### Thursday, December 12:

- Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m. in School Gym

### Friday, December 20:

- Pre-K Polar Express Event, 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- K-8th Grade Christmas Parties, 12:00 p.m.
- **1:30 p.m. Dismissal, No Late Day**

### December 21-January 5:

- Christmas Vacation! Enjoy!



## 2020 St. Agnes Auction!

Join us **Saturday, January 25**, 5:30-10:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium as we kick off Catholic Schools Week by celebrating our St. Agnes

Community. This year's Auction theme is *Après Ski Party*. Tickets include dinner, drinks and entertainment. We will also have a Live and Silent Auction and Reverse Raffle (which will be a fun twist on our usual Tuition raffle). Plan on a fun filled evening! You can purchase your tickets for \$30 on our school website. Casual Dress or a fun ski sweater encouraged.



Are you interested in donating but not sure what we could use? We took the guess work out of it and have compiled a wish list! Donations are being accepted in the school or parish office from now until January 10. If you drop something off, please make sure to fill out a donation form in the office. We want to know who to thank! For more information or a list of items needed, email Maggie Cunningham at [stagnesannualauction@gmail.com](mailto:stagnesannualauction@gmail.com).

## Don't Forget!

### Poinsettia Pick-up December 7-8

Poinsettias ordered from the 8th grade poinsettia sale may be picked up next weekend, **December 7-8**, before or after all Masses in the St. Agnes School Cafeteria. Please use the school gym entrance. Thank you so much for your support!



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• The Singing Aces will perform this **Sunday, December 1, 2:00 p.m.** at **The Festival of Trees**. Bring the family out on the last day of the festival to hear beautiful Christmas music, look at all the wonderfully decorated trees and of course meet Santa.

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Memorial's **FESTIVAL of trees**

## School Office Hours

Monday through Friday  
7:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.  
**(217) 793-1370**



Rachel Cunningham  
*Principal*  
Pam Kink  
Karen White  
*Secretaries*

# Church Happenings

## On This Week's Calendar

### Monday, December 2:

. Parish Office re-opens, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 4:

- . St. John's Retiree Luncheon in Parish Hall
- . PGC Class, 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall
- . 2nd Grade Reconciliation Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Church




## PSR 2nd Grade Students and Parents

*Please note:* There is a Reconciliation Meeting this Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church for all 2nd graders and a parent or guardian.



## Protecting God's Children

A session of Protecting God's Children will be held in the St. Agnes Parish Hall on **Wednesday, December 4** at 6:00 p.m. Please call Kathy at the Parish Office (217-793-1330) to register.



### Mass Times for Christmas

Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24,  
5:00 p.m. (no incense) and 9:00 p.m. (incense)

Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25,  
10:00 a.m. (incense)



## Weekend Mass Attendance

(Church seating capacity = 745)

	4:30 pm	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30 am	TOTALS
Nov 23/24	Attendance updated next weekend				
Nov 16/17	305	162	265	294	<b>1026</b>
Nov 9/10	389	168	278	220	<b>1055</b>
Nov 2/3	370	185	276	198	<b>1029</b>

## Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

**Saturday, December 7, 4:30 p.m.**

**Readers:** Tammie Klein, Maureen Farmer  
**EM:** Judi Bloome, Susan Dodson, Dan Dollison, Mary Mucciante, Kathy Smith

**Sunday, December 8, 8:00 a.m.**

**Readers:** Shirley Cowles, Tricia Hopkins-Price  
**EM:** Mary Ann Gatten, Robert & Nancy Gorman, Steve & Julie Johnson

**Sunday, December 8 9:30 a.m.**

**Readers:** Mark Jarmer, Ed Cobau  
**EM:** Kelle Lee, Doug McDonald, Becky Powell, Rick & Nancy Wilderson

**Sunday, December 8, 11:30 a.m.**

**Readers:** Julie Davis, Jan Mulrooney-Kuhn  
**EM:** Eloise Baird, Jeff Enlow, Adrian Gandhi, Kari Ann Kelley, Sandy Kelley, Annette Nelson

## Altar Servers

**Saturday, December 7, 4:30 p.m.**

Kyle Rolf, Macie Rolf

**Sunday, December 8, 8:00 a.m.**

Al Mast, Jeff Tatarek

**Sunday, December 8, 9:30 a.m.**

Vance Ludolph, Jack Ludolph, Dean Ludolph

**Sunday, December 8, 11:30 a.m.**

Jaycie Cole, Sydney Devlin, Michael Enlow

### Share the Word, December 8, 9:30 a.m.

Kelle Lee, Gina Curry

## Prayer Line Requests

**8:00 AM-5:00 PM:**

Sheila Noonan 546-0012 or Barb Kern 546-7729

**5:00 PM-10:00 PM:**

Maureen Brady 787-3423

Cinda Steinkamp 787-6439



## Special Mass for the Anointing of the Sick

On **Saturday, December 7 at 4:30 p.m.** if you or a loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please plan on attending this Mass. Also note, if you or a family member will be a patient at any Hospital or a local nursing home and would like Fr. Dan or Fr. Paul to visit please call the Parish Office at 793-1330.

# Generosity Report



## GOOD DEEDS AT ST. AGNES



The Christmas Season is upon us and many volunteers will be giving extra time in coming weeks to make our Church look beautiful. We thank you for all you do.

GOD BLESS YOU!  
—Fr. Dan—



## WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

November 23/24	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Regular Church Support	<b>Totals updated next bulletin</b>	
*Budget Goal ~ week 21	\$26,114.00	\$522,280.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>Totals updated next bulletin</b>	

\*This goal reflects the current best estimates and is subject to adjustment by the Finance Council.

Our current parish deficit is about One (1) month worth of weekly collections. In some parishes it is suggested that a possible Christmas Gift to the parish would mirror that deficit. That means if you give \$100 per month perhaps you would consider donating an additional \$100 at Christmas Time? May God bless each of you as we journey toward the Birth of our Savior.

—The Finance Council

## —INCREASED OFFERING UPDATE—

As of this writing **over 426 parishioners** have graciously returned the Yellow Pledge Cards. THANK YOU!

This net gain of **\$2,273 in weekly pledges** will go a long way in closing the current estimate of \$8,000+ shortfall in our weekly collections.

Pledge cards were mailed out to over 400 parishioners to invite everyone to consider a \$5 or \$10 or \$20 weekly increase.

**Please note:** Due to a change in Bulletin submission times during the week of Thanksgiving, the Weekly Offering Totals will be updated the weekend of December 7-8.



**Campaign Victory Goal: \$ 1,940,000**  
**Total Amount Pledged: \$ 1,921,157**

**Total collected as of 11/1/19: \$852,098.40**

Priorities, Reimbursed Expenditures as of 11/1/19:

Celebration Goal of \$1.36 Million (Priorities)

\*Re-Roof Church, Rectory Offices: \$300,000 est.  
School Heating and Cooling: \$303,000 est.  
\*\*Past Due Pension, Health Care: \$756,656

Challenge Goal of \$1.75 Million (Priorities)

Sound System Upgrade: \$75,000 est.  
Bell Tower Repair, Clean: \$25,000 est.  
ACSA Past Due: \$295,390

Victory Goal of \$1.94 Million (Priorities)

Parish Office and Phone System: \$14,000  
Re-Carpet Church: \$147,000  
Parish Center Repaint & Repairs: \$27,000

Disbursements as of 11/1/19

**\$233,964.44** has been paid to re-roof the church and rectory offices.

**\$325,189.45** has been applied to pension and health care.

**\$86,675.00** has been paid for a chiller for the school along with an air conditioner for Pre-K

(Residual of \$206,269.51 is on account locally)

## Annual Catholic Services Appeal



**2019-20 GOAL: \$120,554**  
**Pledged: \$22,340**  
**Difference: \$98,214**

(# of Parish Families Contributing 135)  
(Average Pledge is \$165.48)  
Current as of Oct. 28, 2019



## COOKIES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

This Altar Society sponsored event features cookies made by our parishioners and packaged up and delivered to parishioners who are homebound and those in nursing homes. Volunteers are needed to meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday, December 9 to package and deliver the donated cookies. If you would like volunteer, please call Kay Closter at 441-3601. **Cookie Donations can be brought to the Parish Hall after Masses the Weekend of December 7-8.** If you know of someone who is homebound or in a nursing home that would appreciate cookies, please call Tami in the Parish Office, 793-1330.



## Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Our communal penance service with Blessed Sacrament and Christ the King parishes in preparation for Christmas will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.** at Blessed Sacrament Church.



## M & M's (Music & Ministries)

What does it mean to be a cantor? A cantor is a leadership role for inspiring and encouraging others to join in prayer and praise through song. If you have the gift of singing but a weekly schedule doesn't work, this may be the music role for you. Cantors can work individually with the Music Director to prepare for a designated Mass of their choice. Every few months, sign-ups are available for cantors to choose Masses based on their schedule. We always have a need for cantors, especially for Saturday Masses. Please prayerfully consider this role. For more information or if interested, contact Karen Ferguson, Music Director at 217-502-4078 or [kferguson@stagnescatholicparish.org](mailto:kferguson@stagnescatholicparish.org).



## Breakfast with Santa

Bring the kids to the Parish Hall after all Masses on Sunday, December 22 for Breakfast with Santa. Remember to bring your cameras to take pictures of the kids (and their families) with Santa. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society.



## Catholic Charities "ANGEL TREE"

Our St. Agnes "Angel Tree" will continue to be in the Gathering Space through Sunday, December 8. Catholic Charities collects the items, sets them up in a "Holiday Store" and then eligible parents are able to "shop" for several gifts for each child. Please help a family in need this year by taking a card from the tree, purchasing one or more items from that category, and bringing your **unwrapped** gifts back to the gathering space (you can also put the gifts in a gift bag if you would like, or provide a roll of wrapping paper). Any gift cards purchased can be placed in the gold wrapped gift box next to the tree. This will prevent the gift 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 8.** Catholic Charities is in need of Volunteers for store set-up on Thursday, December 12 and working in the store on Friday, December 13. Contact Robyn at [more\\_spfld@cc.dio.org](mailto:more_spfld@cc.dio.org) if interested.

## #StAgnesFaithFormation

### Upcoming Events:

**Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:** An open gathering for adults and children interested in learning more about Catholicism and/or becoming Catholic. Tuesday, December 17 (after the parish meeting)

Advent! Not just a time of waiting but a time of preparation. We all do the usual preparation: decorating, trees, gifts, food, parties. But those are exterior preparations. What about our spiritual preparation? Can we just sit and wait? Can we bring Christ into the world in a quieter, more meaningful way? Busted Halo is a Catholic social media resource that can help. Go to <https://advent.bustedhalo.com/> to find an interactive video ADVENT CALENDAR, Catholic Gift Suggestion List and even sign up for daily text notifications with prayers, reflections and inspiration. This website has so much to play with!

~ Catherine Becker, MAPS, CLEM

To get in touch with me, please e-mail me at [cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org](mailto:cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org) or leave a message at the Parish Office.





### Remembrance Service

Join the Staab Family for "Light A Candle of Love, A Service of Remembrance at Holiday Time" this Sunday, December 1, at 2:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Atrium. This annual service provides a message of hope, as well as encouragement on how to cope with grief during the holidays. You are encouraged to bring a small framed photo of your loved one for display on our Memory Table. For more information, call 528-6461.

### Novena in Honor of the Immaculate Conception

December 1 - 9, at 7:00 p.m., the Cathedral will host the Annual Diocesan Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States, our diocese, and the Cathedral Parish. Each night a different preacher will offer a homily on a different aspect of Marian theology and devotion. The Novena is moved one day this year because December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent resulting in the transfer of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception to December 9. **Please Note: the closing Mass (December 9) starts at 5:15 p.m.**



### Franciscan Nativity Festival

Visit the Franciscan Nativity Festival at the Chiara Center, 4875 LaVerna Road, in Springfield, Friday, December 6, 2:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8, Noon - 4:00 p.m. This free event, features more than 100 Nativity Sets, each with unique history and significance. The Festival includes a tour of St. Francis of Assisi Church.

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### Butler Funeral Home Open Door Session

Join us Wednesday, December 4, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for 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 Bella Milano for 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 Monday, December 2.



### SHG Preview Night

Thursday, December 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m., come and see what life is like at SHG. Meet teachers, students, and check out our beautiful school in a self-guided or personal tour! This event is free and open to 5th-8th grade students, transfer students, and their parents or guardians who are interested in learning more about what makes Sacred Heart-Griffin a great school. For more information or to set up a Shadow Day, contact Amanda Mandeville, Director of Enrollment Management and Communications, at [mandeville@shg.org](mailto:mandeville@shg.org) or 217-787-9732.

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