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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 Office: (217) 793-1330

Second Sunday of Advent – December 8, 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: 8:15 a.m.

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 9

5:30 p.m. - Joseph Dold †
Art Santini †

Tuesday, December 10

8:15 a.m. - Living & Deceased
Members of the Richiusa & Leo
Families †

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 a.m. - Victoria Drier †

Thursday, December 12

8:15 a.m. - Sandra Koebler †

Friday, December 13

8:15 a.m. - Jeff Nelson †

Saturday, December 14

4:30 p.m. - Earl & Bertha
Beckmann †

Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m. - Joseph McFadden †
Parishioners of St. Agnes
9:30 a.m. - Margaret O'Donnell †
11:30 a.m. - Matt Penning †

Parish Office Hours

Monday — Friday

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday, Noon

Phone: (217) 793-1330

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Matthew 3:1-12



A message from Fr. Dan

*The Sacred Scriptures of the first two weeks of Advent focus on the second coming of Jesus Christ at the end of time. The last two weeks focus on the historical arrival of the Child Jesus in Bethlehem. The first week spoke of **PEACE** and this week speaks of **HOPE** for the arrival of the long awaited Messiah. The banners in the sanctuary echo these themes. Next we will add **JOY** on Gaudete Sunday (Rose Vestments) and then the last Sunday of Advent heralds the **LOVE** of Jesus Christ born into time!*

NEW CALENDARS, Free! 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.

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 This past week we heard a proposal from our second bidder and next week we will meet with our third and final bidder. It is hopeful that we can chose a bidder and continue to move forward with this needed upgrade.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION This **Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.** at **Blessed Sacrament**, priests and parishioners will gather from St. Agnes, CTK and Blessed Sacrament to receive the forgiveness in preparation for Christmas. Also, **St. Agnes** will have both Fr. Pawel and Fr. Dan in both confessionals on **Saturday December 14 and 21 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

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)

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



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Honor God: Be Faithful in Little Things



“Angels We Have Heard”

Join us Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the season with our 1st and 2nd Grade Students plus the Singing Aces Choir Group, for their Christmas program “*Angels We Have Heard*”. Opening the festivities will be a performance by the Menard County Singers. Bring the whole family to this special performance night featuring beautiful musical numbers sure to put everyone in the spirit of Christmas.



Secret Santa Shop

Our Secret Santa Workshop, sponsored by the St. Agnes Parents Club, will be held in the Parish Hall Tuesday-Friday, December 10-13. This event is for our students to do some “secret” present shopping for family and friends.



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). Tickets can be purchased for \$30 on our school website. Casual Dress or a fun ski sweater encouraged.

Are you interested in donating? 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. For more information or a list of items needed, email Maggie Cunningham at stagnesannualauction@gmail.com.



Important Dates to Remember

Monday, December 9:

- 1:30 p.m. **Dismissal**, Faculty Meeting
- 5th Grade to the Motherhouse for Mass and Lunch, 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 10:

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

Thursday, December 12:

- All School Liturgy, 8:15 a.m.
- Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m. in School Gym

School Christmas Festivities

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!

Another Regional Win for St. Agnes Sports!



Our 7th Grade Lady Saints Basketball Team won their Regional Championship Game 32-21 over Decatur Robertson!

Great job ladies!!!



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

Tuesday, December 10:

Penance Service, 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament



Don't Forget!

Poinsettia Pick-up This Weekend

The 8th Grade Poinsettia orders may be picked up this weekend (**December 7-8**), before or after Masses in the School Cafeteria. Please use the school gym entrance. Thank you for your support!



COOKIES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Cookie Donations can be placed in the Parish Hall after Masses this weekend, **December 7-8**. All cookies will be delivered Monday morning, December 9. Thank you to all who have donated.



Catholic Charities "ANGEL TREE"

This is the last weekend to donate to our Angel Tree. Any donations of **unwrapped** toys and gifts may be placed by the tree in the gathering space. Consider gift bags or rolls of wrapping paper to add to your donation. Place any purchased Gift Cards in the gold wrapped gift box next to the tree. Thank you to everyone who has donated to help families in need.



Weekend Mass Attendance

(Church seating capacity = 745)

	4:30 pm	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30 am	TOTALS
Nov 30/ Dec 1	268	300	268	238	1074
Nov 23/24	264	167	247	351	1029
Nov 16/17	305	162	265	294	1026
Nov 9/10	389	168	278	220	1055

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, December 14, 4:30 p.m.

Readers: Denise Klemm, Sharon Huck

EM: Karen Beckmann, Sharon Huck, Kathy Kraft, Debra Mann, Judy Nordstrom

Sunday, December 15, 8:00 a.m.

Readers: Mary Ann Gatten, Jamie Greenwald

EM: Mike & Vicki Bauer, Rita Messinger, Joan Reed, Sr. Joan Sorge

Sunday, December 15, 9:30 a.m.

Readers: Andy Ramage, Sr. Joan Sorge

EM: Carrie Becker, Donna Erwin, Jane Locascio, Keith & Marie Washburn

Sunday, December 15, 11:30 a.m.

Readers: Melissa Bland, Rich Koerper

EM: Camille Arisman, Mara Arisman, Anna Curtis, Alison Sommer, Lisa Sommer

Altar Servers

Saturday, December 14, 4:30 p.m.

Sophie Billingsley, Emma Markwell

Sunday, December 15, 8:00 a.m.

Lou Matsko, Mark Gebhards

Sunday, December 15, 9:30 a.m.

Beth VonBehren, Tucker VonBehren

Sunday, December 15, 11:30 a.m.

Emma White, Lilly White

Share the Word, December 15, 9:30 a.m.

Courtney Norris, Mary Ludolph, Sophie Ludolph

Prayer Line Requests

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sheila Noonan, 546-0012
Barb Kern, 546-7729

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Maureen Brady, 787-3423
Cinda Steinkamp, 787-6439



Pastoral Care

If you or a family member will be a patient at any Hospital or one of the local nursing homes and would like Fr. Dan or Fr. Paul to visit or would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please call Tami or Kathy at the Parish Office at 793-1330. Fr. Dan and Fr. Paul are also available for the Anointing of the Sick after all Masses...Just ask!

Generosity Report



WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS		
November 23/24	<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Regular Church Support	\$19,792.75	\$402,977.14
*Budget Goal ~ week 21	\$26,114.00	\$522,280.00
Difference	(-\$6,321.25)	(-\$119,302.86)

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS		
Nov. 30 / Dec. 1	<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Regular Church Support	\$19,088.55	\$422,065.69
*Budget Goal ~ week 22	\$26,114.00	\$548,394.00
Difference	(-\$7,025.45)	(-\$126,328.31)

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



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)

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 428 parishioners** have graciously returned the Yellow Pledge Cards. THANK YOU!

This net gain of **\$2,278 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.

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

A Letter from the Bishop

(Retirement Fund for the Religious)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our parishes will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits some 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As Christians, we are called to “serve the Lord with gladness” (Ps 100:2). Our elderly religious offer a shining example of what it means to answer this call. During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice, and embrace the neediest among us. In retirement, many continue in volunteer ministry, and all pray for the needs of our Church and world. Inspired by love, their service – past and present is marked by joy and a deep desire to do the will of God.

As you may know, many religious communities find it increasingly difficult to provide for aging members. Most older religious worked for little or no pay. Today, their communities do not have enough retirement savings. At the same time, health-care costs continue to rise and fewer members are able to serve in compensated ministry.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations plan for future retirement needs, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God’s continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured, they are praying for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Bulletin Submission Date Changes

- **Dec. 22 Bulletin Articles** - submit by *Noon on Monday, Dec. 16.*
- **Dec. 29 Bulletin Articles** - submit by *Noon on Wednesday, Dec. 18.*
- **Jan. 5 Bulletin Articles** - submit by *Noon on Friday, Dec. 20.*
- **Jan. 12 Bulletin Articles** - submit by *Noon on Friday, Jan. 3.*

Articles can be submitted as early as needed by indicating which bulletin to place it in. Email all submissions to tdillon@stagnescatholicparish.org.



REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers **Evelyn Hine** and **Dorothy Hakman** of our parish who died recently. May they know the fullness of joy that the Risen Lord desires to share with us.



NEW PARISHIONERS

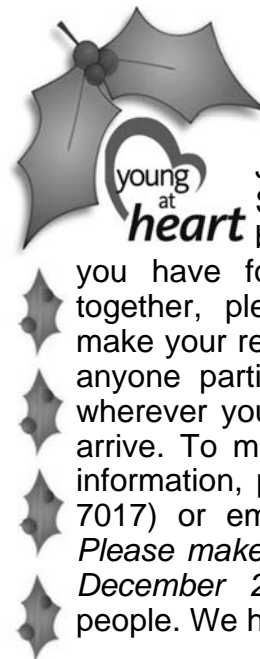
We welcome the following families who recently registered at St. Agnes Parish:

Date & Fidel Houedakor
Scott & Erin Lanthrip
Dale & Maggie Smith



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.



8th Annual “After the Holidays” Dinner

Join us at Bella Milano, Sunday, January 5. Tables will be set up for groups of four. If you have four people who want to sit together, please indicate that when you make your reservations. If you do not have anyone particular to sit with, you can sit wherever you find an open seat when you arrive. To make a reservation or for more information, please call Donna Erwin (787-7017) or email at cderwin11@gmail.com. *Please make your reservations by Sunday, December 29.* We have space for 55 people. We hope to see you there.



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)

#StAgnesFaithFormation

Upcoming Events:

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

Advent! Not just a time of waiting but a time of preparation. What about our spiritual preparation? Busted Halo is a Catholic social media resource that can help. Go to <https://advent.bustedhalo.com/> to find an interactive video ADVENT CALENDAR or 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 or leave a message at the Parish Office.

Area Christmas Cookie Walks

St. John Vianney: The St. John Vianney Women's Society will hold their *20th Annual Cookie Walk* Saturday, Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m. in the Activity Center, 902 St. John Drive, Sherman. Dozens of varieties of Christmas cookies, candies, and breads available. Cookies are \$6.50/lb. The event also includes vendors, refreshments, entertainment and Santa.

Cathedral: The CCCW will be hosting a *Cookie Walk* Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral, 524 E. Lawrence, Springfield. A wide variety of delicious cookies and candies will be available. Cookies are \$6.50/lb. and candies are \$8.00/lb. All are welcome to attend and enjoy a festive treat!

Rorate Coeli Mass

Join us Saturday, December 14, 7:00 a.m. for Cathedral's first *Rorate Coeli Candlelit Mass* in honor of Our Lady during Advent. The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the light of the world who is soon to be born and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illuminated by the sun as our Faith is illuminated by Christ. All are welcome to join us for this special Mass! 524 E. Lawrence, Springfield.

Springfield Choral Society Presents: "Messiah"

The Cathedral is thrilled to once again host the Springfield Choral Society's presentation of Handel's "Messiah." Saturday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral, 524 E. Lawrence, Springfield. Tickets can be purchased at the door the evening of the performance or at <https://www.springfieldchoralsociety.org/>



Open House and Dedication:

The Fall Catholic Build – Habitat #111 located at 2240 East Enterprise in Grandview, is almost finished. Due to the volume of supporters and donors, we are offering a "soft" Open House, Sunday, Dec. 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Parking will be along Wolf Street only. Please RSVP by Dec. 11 to attend. Call 217-523-2710 or email development@habitatsangamon.com.

Dedication Day: Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 4:00 p.m., join us for the official dedication with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A "welcome home shower" will be immediately following dedication.

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