

# 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

Mk 1:30-31

February 7, 2021

## ST. AGNES PARISH

### St. Agnes Church

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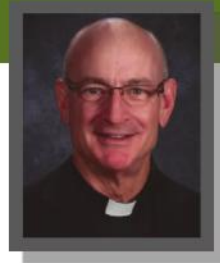
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## ~ Mass Schedule ~

Weekday Masses will continue  
to be streamed online at:  
[Facebook.com/StAgnesParishSpringfieldil](https://www.facebook.com/StAgnesParishSpringfieldil)

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

11:00 am

~ Sacrament of Reconciliation ~  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm on Saturday or  
Anytime by Appointment

*"Is not man's life on  
earth a drudgery?"*

*Job 7:1*

## A message from Fr. Dan

The Story of Job in the Old Testament speaks of a Man who had absolutely everything. He had faith, a loving family, overly sufficient wealth, health and the esteem of his community. Yet it is a tale of loss and tragedy after tragedy! This story may sound a bit too familiar for many during our current world wide crisis! The good news is that Job held fast to his faith when he had every reason not to. He was finally rewarded! This cautionary narrative invites us to **STAND FIRM IN FAITH** no matter what!

**SAD = SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER** (High Season!) These days of "cabin fever" are in full swing. The additional 11 months of PAN-DEMIC MAYHEM serves to intensify an already difficult time. Please be aware of this annual "difficult time" of enhanced anxieties and depressive leanings occurring in yourself and others. This Lenten season our parish will offer many prayer opportunities to "tame the beast" inside. Recognition followed by Care and Kindness for self and others is Step #1!

**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES COLLECTIONS** Our Parish Family so far has donated \$1,300+ to this worthy charity that cares for the poor right here in Springfield. St. Martin, opened in 1992 and was on the verge of shuttering forever. We joined other parishes and the Springfield Community in collecting over \$100,000 to rescue this "100% volunteer outreach" to the poor and needy right here in Springfield! Thank you so very much!

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE** Please visit our new and most user-friendly Parish Website. This features both Church and School as an integral and integrated "one stop shop" for all things ST. AGNES! Thank you to the untold numbers of parishioners and staff who brought this together in such a timely and most cost effective manner! God Bless Each of YOU!

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th** Mark your Calendar for the Beginning of Lent in just a couple of weeks. Ashes will be distributed at the 8:15 am and 6:30 pm Masses. Ashes will also be distributed at 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 2:30 pm.

**-May God's Grace guide us in this New Year dedicated to St. Joseph-**

## ~ Mass Intentions ~

**Tuesday, February 9**

5:30 pm Edward Wainman †

**Wednesday, February 10**

8:15 am Peter Bolt †

**Thursday, February 11**

8:15 am Nubia Fokum †

**Friday, February 12**

8:15 am Rick Murphy †

**Saturday, February 13**

4:30 pm Doreen Benoit †  
Parishioners of  
St. Agnes

**Sunday, February 14**

9:00 am Bill Becker †

11:00 am Edith Marie Huston †

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - Noon  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, 9:00 am  
[tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org](mailto:tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org)

To schedule a Mass Intention call  
Tami in the Church Office  
(217-793-1330)

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Worship Our God!



Our Primary Ministry:  
Our Catholic School!



**CHURCH + SCHOOL = St. Agnes Parish Family!**





We are almost midway through 3rd quarter. These remaining days will go by fast yet there is still so much to learn. Looking ahead this month, The Lenten Season begins February 17, on Ash Wednesday. Prayers for our Second Grade class, who will celebrate their First Reconciliation on February 24. Continue to be kind to one another. Blessings to all.



Rachel Cunningham, Principal  
St. Agnes School

A big **THANK YOU!** to all of our St. Agnes Parishioners who bought 8th grade iPad Raffle tickets. Congratulations to our winner - Hunter Schukai! We are pleased to announce the 8th grade class was able to raised over \$2800 from the raffle.



The St. Agnes School Parents' Club is selling **Luck O' the Irish Cash Raffle Tickets** throughout the month of February! The tickets are \$20 each and there are 17 cash prizes to be won!! Daily winners of \$100 will be drawn each day starting March 1 - March 16. Then, on March 17, there will be a grand prize winner of \$1000! Please note that you can win more than once. After the winning ticket is drawn, it goes back in for ALL future prizes. Only 1000 tickets will be sold. All winners will be contacted by phone and posted on the school website. Tickets will be sold starting February 6 through February 28 while they last. Contact Kate Watson at 217-303-1650 or [watsonkatet@gmail.com](mailto:watsonkatet@gmail.com) to purchase a ticket. Thank you in advance for supporting our school!

PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND PASTORS:  
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**SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE TO THE DIOCESE BY MARCH 5TH.**

## ST. AGNES SCHOOL NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

No student shall be denied admission to any Catholic school/parish program solely on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin or immigration status. Educational programs operate under the auspices of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois must admit students of any race, national or ethnic origin, immigration status, or with a disability that can be reasonably accommodated, to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally available to students in these programs. St. Agnes Catholic School does not discriminate against immigrant students lacking legal documentation/status.

## ~ Important Dates ~

February Lunch Calendar Link:  
<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/27962/documents/2021/1/February%20Lunch%20Menu.pdf>

**Monday, February 8**  
1:30 pm DISMISSAL

**Tuesday, February 9**  
School Board Meeting, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, February 10**  
4th & 5th Grade Mass 8:15 am

**Thursday, February 11**  
6th/7th/8th Grade Mass  
8:15 am

**Friday, February 12**  
2nd & 3rd Grade Mass  
8:15 am

Valentine's Day Parties  
for Pre-K thru 3rd Grade  
2:00 pm

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School Secretary



# WEEKEND MINISTRIES

## February 6-7 :

- 4:30 pm Reader: **Ellen Kuntzi**  
 Euch. Minister: **Barb Kern**  
**Mary Mucciante**  
 Altar Servers: **open**
- 9:00 am Reader: **Holly Kesterson**  
 Euch. Minister: **Nancy King**  
**Joan Reed**  
 Altar Servers: **Mike Reed**
- 11:00 am Reader: **Marilyn Okon**  
 Euch. Minister: **Meredith Koerper**  
**Rich Koerper**  
 Altar Servers: **open**

## February 13-14 :

- 4:30 pm Reader: **Ruth Lewis**  
 Euch. Minister: **Maribeth Farnham**  
**Judy Nordstrom**  
 Altar Servers: **Bartletti Family**
- 9:00 am Reader: **Denise Klemm**  
 Euch. Minister: **Kelle Lee**  
**Vicki Bauer**  
 Altar Servers: **Mark Gebhards**
- 11:00 am Reader: **Chris Young**  
 Euch. Minister: **Lisa Sommer**  
**Leigh Reed**  
 Altar Servers: **open**

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Pursuing Jesus.** After curing Simon's mother-in-law, Jesus, standing at the door, is teaching, healing, and casting out demons. Then, leaving at dawn, he goes off alone. Simon and the boys, pursuing him, find him praying and plead: "Everyone is looking for you."

- *Since I am looking, where will I find Jesus this week?*
- *What teaching of his do I need to hear? What healing?*
- *Where and when will I make time for praying?*

Sign up to attend Weekend Masses at  
[www.StAgnesCatholicParish.org](http://www.StAgnesCatholicParish.org)

**Continue watching our LIVE STREAM of  
 Weekday Masses**

Tue: 5:30 pm

Wed, Thu & Fri: 8:15 am

Rosary livestreamed 30 minutes before Daily Mass

[Facebook.com/stagnesprihsprihsprih](https://www.facebook.com/stagnesprihsprihsprih)

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**  
 (for use during online Masses)

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*

## Readings for the Week

May we find comfort in God's Word

### Monday, February 8

GN 1:1-19  
 MK 6:53-56

### Tuesday, February 9

GN 1:20—2:4a  
 MK 7:1-13

### Wednesday, February 10

GN 2:4b-9, 15-17  
 MK 7:14-23

### Thursday, February 11

GN 2:18-25  
 MK 7:24-30

### Friday, February 12

GN 3:1-8  
 MK 7:31-37

### Saturday, February 13

GN 3:9-24  
 MK 8:1-10

### Sunday, February 14

LV 13:1-2, 44-46  
 1 COR 10:31—11:1  
 MK 1:40-45

## 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





A "Brick and Mortar" and a "Virtual" Parish.  
Meeting You Where You ARE!



### Church in Eastern Europe Collection

On Ash Wednesday we will take up a Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this Collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Collection February 17. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

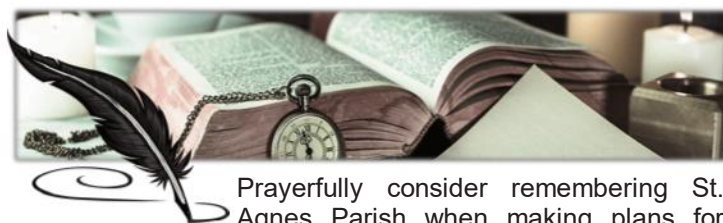
### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE FEBRUARY - MARCH

Rice Bowl  
Church in Eastern Europe  
Catholic Charities  
Catholic Relief Services



### WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

January 30/31	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Regular Church Support	\$21,245.50	\$620,135.49
*Budget Goal ~ week 31	\$25,100.00	\$778,100.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(-\$3,854.50)</b>	<b>(-\$157,964.51)</b>



Prayerfully consider remembering St. Agnes Parish when making plans for gifts during your lifetime, through your life insurance, or as part of your estate. For more information, contact Bill Hurley, our Parish Business Manager, by calling 217-793-1330 or email at [bhurley@stagnescatholicparish.org](mailto:bhurley@stagnescatholicparish.org)



Online Giving is a safe, secure and easy way to continue supporting you faith community. If you would like to sign up for online giving, please follow the link below.

**[www.givecentral.org/location/327/allevants](http://www.givecentral.org/location/327/allevants)**  
**or call Tami in the parish office at 793-1330**



### MASS ATTENDANCE

Church seating capacity = 180 (6' Distancing)  
Virtual Parish Capacity = Unlimited

Date	Church	Facebook	TOTALS
Jan 30/31	399	478	<b>877</b>
Jan 23/24	368	655	<b>1023</b>
Jan 16/17	337	695	<b>1032</b>
Jan 9/10	377	503	<b>880</b>

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### St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Says....

"A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, and must empty ourselves. Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His LOVE than in your weakness."

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta





Say hello to and pray for our RCIA inquirers and candidates!

**Maggie Cunningham, Amy Eddington, Neveah Ezzo, Sophia Ezzo, Brandon Foster, Nathan Grider, Brandon Potthoff, Billie Swift**

*RCIA Schedule (all are welcome to join us)*

**Tuesday, February 9:**

via Zoom, 6 pm - Sacraments of Healing

**Tuesday, February 16:**

via Zoom, 6 pm - Sacraments of Vocation

## FORMED®

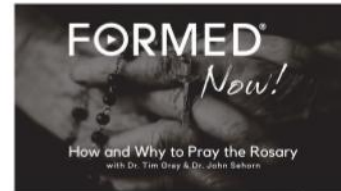
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

### BERNADETTE

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



### FORMED NOW! HOW AND WHY TO PRAY THE ROSARY

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!

LEARN

LISTEN

### TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

This inspiring story depicts St. Bernadette and her encounters with the Blessed Mother. Learn more about the saint who Mary appeared to eighteen times!

### St. Bernadette of Lourdes



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To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

## February & March Family Formation Calendar

Feb 24	First Reconciliation Celebration, 6:30 pm
Mar 7	All Family Formation Session - LENT
Mar 21	Restored Order Sacrament Orientation 10:00 am and Noon

#StAgnesFaithFormation



### WHY ARE WE HERE? WHAT'S LIFE ALL ABOUT?

Sometimes we get so caught up in the depth of our faith that we forget what it was like to first wrestle with the big questions - *Who am I? What am I searching for? What's our shared story? Who is Jesus? Why do we need a Church? Is there a God?* We all need to get back to the basics to make sure the foundation is strong. We are excited to introduce *The Search*, a new seven part series on Formed.org. We will be forming small groups to participate in a parish wide mission.

To register and find a group: Go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4FA5AF2FAAFB6-theseach>

- Existing parish organizations (pastoral council, bible studies, book club, finance council, social groups, etc) can form groups with their current participants and meet as they like.
- Other types of cohorts like parents in a particular grade level, neighborhoods, friends groups, all men or all women, teens or young adults. These groups can gather their own participants and meet as they like.
- Don't have one of the above groups? We can create groups for you.

### Meeting:

- Name a group co-ordinator who can access the videos and we will send this person the discussion guides. The co-ordinator is simply gathering the group and making sure all have the information they need. No need to be an expert at anything.
- Meet in person at the Parish (with Covid precautions in place). Just schedule a date and time with the Formation Office.
- Or, meet via Zoom - we have access to several rooms. Let the Formation Office know what you need to get the links.
- Or, do a hybrid with some people in person and some on Zoom.
- Or, create a facebook chat/group, google group, or other method to converse virtually after watching the videos on your own. Like an asynchronous class.



### Sweeten your Marriage this Valentine's Day

Sign up to receive a FREE daily online marriage retreat in your inbox during National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) by going to [dio.org/familylife](http://dio.org/familylife). Each day includes a short video, reflection questions for you and your spouse, and a prayer for the two of you to say together. When you sign up you will also be automatically registered in a drawing to win a date night package.



### 40 Days for Life

Your presence on the side walk matters. Now more than ever your prayers are needed. For more information and to sign up, contact Springfield Right to Life: 217-523-2700. **Kick Off Rally, Thursday, February 18, 9:00 am, at Springfield Right to Life, 519 N. Bruns Lane.** Bishop Paprocki will be blessing Springfield Right to Life's ultrasound machine.



### Welcome to Saint Joseph's Home



Providing loving care to Springfield's elderly since 1903, Saint Joseph's Home is overjoyed to announce that we are now **accepting applications for new admissions**. To be part of a tradition of caring and quality care, call (217) 529-5596 for information. *All admissions are done under the IDPH COVID-19 Guidelines.*

### Reporting Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel -- even if it is in the past -- individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at 217-321-1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE.



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