February 19, 2023
Ordinary Time
Week 7

St. Agnes Parish

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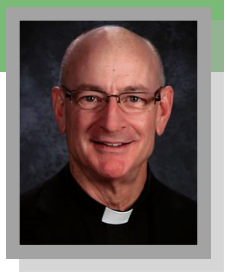

~ Mass Schedule ~

Weekday Mass **LIVE STREAMED** at
Facebook.com/stagnesparishspringfieldil
Rosary livestreamed 30 minutes before Daily Masses

Monday: ***No Mass***
Tuesday: 5:30 pm
Wed - Fri: 8:15 am
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

~ Eucharistic Adoration ~
Tuesday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Wednesday: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

~ Mass Intentions ~

Tuesday, February 21
5:30 pm Robert Coohey †

Ash Wednesday, February 22
8:15 am Roger Distlehorst †
Delores Prosperini †

5:30 pm Janice Kelly †

Thursday, February 23
8:15 am Deceased Members of the McMurray Family †

Friday, February 24
8:15 am Deceased Members of the Quinn Family †

Saturday, February 25
4:30 pm Alice Dempsey †

1st Sunday of Lent, February 26
9:00 am Tom Domagalski †

11:00 am Carolyn Gureski-Stinnett †
Parishioners of St. Agnes

Good News from Fr. Dan

HAPPY LENT? Yes! That happens by planning right now and chart your course. Many Items are available in the Gathering Space and also online and in our bulletin insert for a Successful and Happy Lent!

LENT BEGINS WEDNESAY Feb. 22nd Let us give prayerful consideration as to what we need to do as we enter this holy season. Please note the following information regarding Lenten regulations, special dates and times:

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:

LENTEN REGULATIONS: The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 22**. Lent is the principal penitential season in the church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of **Self-Denial**, **Serious Prayer**, and the performing of **Deeds of Charity/Almsgiving** in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow.

- **Abstinence** - Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- **Fast** - Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two meals should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

Thank you to the families that joined us for Open House Night this past Thursday. What a wonderful way to showcase our school to prospective students and their parents. Also, I would like to remind our current families that re-registration forms are due back by February 28 to guarantee your child's spot. We hope to see all of you back in the fall.

Rachel Cunningham
Principal, St. Agnes School

~ IN THE NEWS ~

For up to date information visit: https://stagnescatholicparish.org/school

Monday, February 20
- ***NO SCHOOL***

Tuesday, February 21
- Mardi Gras for the Missions
- Code Club, 3:15 pm
- Parents' Club Meeting, 5:30 pm Parish Center Rm A
- All Committees Meeting Night, 6:30 pm Parish Center

Wednesday, February 22
- Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:15 am
- Fr. Dan & Fr. Christopher visit classrooms
- Robotics Club, 3:15 pm

Thursday, February 23
- No All School Mass

Friday, February 24
- 8th Gr. Dance, 7:00 pm @ SHG

GIRLS ON THE RUN

The GOTR Spring Program at St. Agnes is offered to all girls in grades 3rd - 5th. Registration open through March 3. Cost is $150 per girl (financial assistance is available). The season runs for 10 weeks beginning March 5 and ending on May 15. Training sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. The 5k event celebration will take place on Saturday, May 20 at Lincoln Land Community College. If interested please register online at: https://www.gotrcentralillinois.org. If you have any questions please contact Beth LaFata at: bhlafata@gmail.com

Mardi Gras for Missions
February 21

St. Agnes students will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for our Mardi Gras festivities on Tuesday, February 21. Tickets can be used for carnival games, snacks, and chances to win gift cards and prizes. Students may also dress down for a $1 donation. All money raised is donated to the missions.

SCRIP TABLE SIGN UP

February 18/19:
4:30 pm Angela Troppa
9:00 am OPEN
11:00 am OPEN

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Volunteers still needed!

The Annual March Madness Basketball Event *Maroon vs. Gray* at St. Agnes School is Friday, March 3! Doors open at 5:15 pm.

HEADS UP ST. AGNES STUDENTS, PARENTS, and ALUMNI!

WE WANT YOU!

This event is for all St Agnes Students (Pre-K - 8th grade), St. Agnes Parents, ***and*** St. Agnes ALUMNI Come out to play on a team or just cheer on the players. Find the sign up form in the School Newsletter, or call the school office - 217-793-1370

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Ash Wednesday, February 22:

5:30 pm Reader: *Marilyn Okon*
Euch. Minister: *Jim Curtis, Leigh Reed*
Altar Servers: *Willenborg Family*

February 25/26:

4:30 pm Reader: *Cindy Callan*
Euch. Minister: *Ralph & Roslyn Brookens*
Altar Servers: *Willenborg Family*
Videography: Stephanie Knauer

9:00 am Reader: *Kevin Klemm*
Euch. Minister: *Mike & Vicki Bauer*
Altar Servers: Ludolph Family

11:00 am Reader: *Pathy Ekal*
Euch. Minister: *Pat Dennis, Sr. Joan Sorge*
Altar Servers: *Florence Family*

What's Happening this week

Tue Feb 21	Deanery Meeting	10:30 am Parish Center
	Eucharistic Adoration	2:30 - 3:30 pm Church
	Music Lessons	3:15 pm Choir Room
	Parents' Club Meeting	5:30 pm Parish Center Rm A
	Men's Ministry Group	6:00 pm Parish Center Rm B
	All Committees Meeting Night	6:30 pm Parish Center
Wed Feb 22	Parish Staff Meeting	1:00 pm Parish Center Rm A
	Music Lessons	2:30 pm Choir Room
	Choir Practice	6:30 pm Choir Room
	Formation Study Hall	6:30 pm Parish Center
	Evening Adoration	6:30-7:30 pm Church
Thu Feb 23	Music Lessons	3:15 pm Choir Room
	The Chosen Season 3	6:30 pm Parish Center
Sat Feb 25	Choir Warm - up	3:45 pm Choir Room
Sun Feb 26	Choir Warm - up	8:30 am Choir Room
	Donut & Coffee Sunday	10:00 am Parish Center
	Choir Warm - up	10:30 am Choir Room
	Music Lessons	12:00 pm Choir Room
	Flute Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm Choir Room

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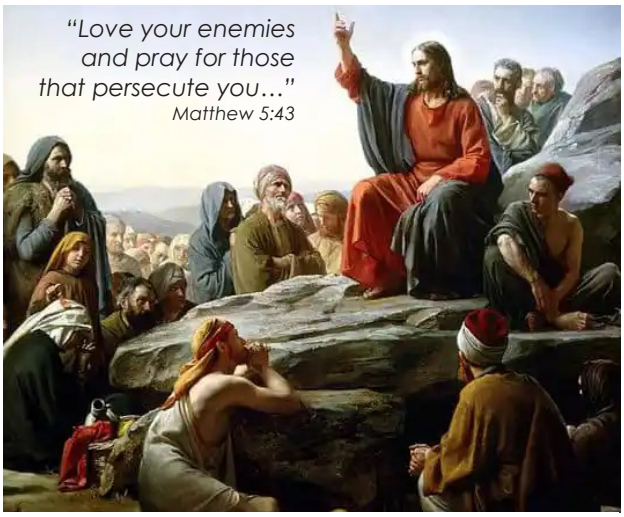
Parish Office Hours

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

Bulletin Deadline

Monday, 3:00 pm
tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19
LV 19:1-2, 17-18 ~ 1 COR 3:16-23
MT 5:38-48



Monday, February 20
SIR 1:1-10 ~ MK 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 21
SIR 2:1-11 ~ MK 9:30-37

Ash Wednesday, February 22
JL 2:12-18 ~ 2 COR 5:20—6:2
MT 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 23
DT 30:15-20 ~ LK 9:22-25

Friday, February 24
IS 58:1-9a ~ MT 9:14-15

Saturday, February 25
IS 58:9b-14 ~ LK 5:27-32

First Sunday of Lent, February 26
GN 2:7-9, 3:1-7 ~ ROM 5:12-19 ~ MT 4:1-11

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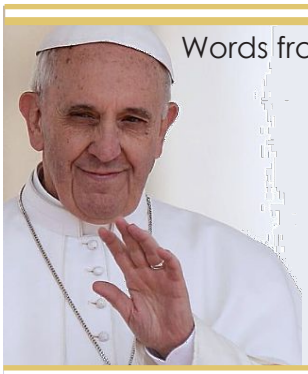
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although Soviet communism ended in the early 1990s, its destructive effects linger in the societies where it once ruled. Under the communist system, cultural values of charity and volunteerism disappeared. Rapid, sometimes harsh transitions to market economies led to ongoing attitudes of materialism that have left poor and dependent people - such as children, seniors, and people with disabilities - particularly vulnerable. This is especially true in the former Soviet Republic of Moldova, which, despite its political independence, is one of the poorest countries in Europe.

The Diocese of Chișinău, founded in 2000, covers all of Moldova and the unrecognized breakaway state of "Transnistria," currently occupied by Russian forces. Today the diocese contains 20 parishes and seven charity foundations that work to meet the spiritual and material needs of the people. This spirit of love for the most poor and needy us evident in Moldova's generous response not only to the needs of its own people but also to refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. Working in cooperation with Caritas Moldova, the diocese has expanded its outreach and ability to reveal Christ's mercy to Moldova's vulnerable children and youth by establishing a network of care and support centers, where children and youth benefit from informal education programs in a safe, caring environment. The centers also help strengthen the parenting skills of mothers and fathers. With funding from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the diocese and its local partners have established the centers according to standards for quality and child protection to make them safe and caring environments.

Yours support and promotion of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus. Please be generous to the collection, because your support helps the Church bring Christ's mercy to the Ukranian refugees, Moldovan children, and families most in need. For more information about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

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



Words from Pope Francis....

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

- Pope Francis

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WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

February 11/12	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Reg. Church Support	***$18,889***	***$750,454***
Budget Goal - wk 32	$21,500	$709,500
Difference	***(-$2,611)***	***+$40,954***

TIME and TALENT of ST AGNES PARISH

Many individuals in our parish give their time & talent. Each week we acknowledge the groups and hours given below:

January 6-12

--Liturgical Ministries (Readers, Servers, Euch. Ministers, Rosary):	15 *Hours*
--Hospitality (Videography, Greeters, Ushers, etc):	10 *Hours*
--Choir/Musicians:	70 *Hours*
--Faith Formation / RCIA:	20 *Hours*
-- Office Volunteers / Collection Counters:	15 *Hours*
--Heavenly Dusters (includes Altar Linens):	12 *Hours*
--Parish Center Activities	20 *Hours*
-- *Grounds Upkeep (Butterfly Garden)*	0 *Hours*
--Classroom / School Event Volunteers:	25 *Hours*
--Cafeteria Volunteers:	30 *Hours*
--School Committees (includes Fundraising/SCRIP):	20 *Hours*
-- Athletic Coaches:	30 *Hours*
Total Volunteer hours:	**267 Hours**
YTD (7/1/2022 - present)	***4,120 Hours***

~ THANK YOU ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

Normal Seating Capacity - 800

Date	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL
Feb 11/12	***227***	***252***	***188***	***667***
Feb 4/5	244	212	173	629
Jan 28/29	335	216	207	**758**
Jan 21/22	251	193	183	**627**

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FAMILY FORMATION

FEB / MAR FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

Upcoming Dates:

- ***Sun., February 19, 10:00 am***
  - Family Brunch
  - Teen Talk: How Do you Know? Wisdom
- ***Weds., February 22, 6:30 pm***
  - Family Formation Study Hall
- ***Weds., March 1, 6:30 pm***
  - Family Formation Study Hall
- ***Sun., March 5, 10:00 am***
  - Family Brunch
  - Teen Talk: TBD

Please Note:
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm we offer an Adoration hour for Faith Formation families who can not come on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30pm. This additional Adoration Hour is also open to all.

RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Catholic Inquiry is for adults who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith. All are always welcome on the following Mondays at 5:00 pm listed below.

Next dates and topics:

⇒ Feb. 27: Sacraments of Service
⇒ Mar. 13: Morality & Catholic Social Teaching
⇒ Mar. 27: Death & Resurrection

For more information, reach out to Cathy Becker by email at cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org or call the Church Office at 217-793-1330.

Sacramental Preparation

The following are important dates for *2nd Gr. Students and Parents*:

First Reconciliation Celebration of Sacrament
⇒ March 1, 6:30pm
⇒ Open to all Formation & School Families

Restored Order Sacrament Orientation
⇒ March 12, 10:00am Parish Center
⇒ For Gr. 2 Students (and older, if needed) ***AND*** Parents

A quick reminder to the current 3rd graders who celebrated Confirmation and First Communion in September: Please turn in your discipleship service project proposals as soon as possible. The final project report is due April 30.

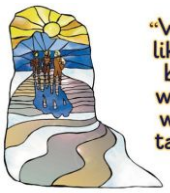
Stations of the Cross

All are welcome to attend Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm, Wednesdays during Lent. Soup Supper follows.

Look for these events and more in our Lenten Events 2023 flyer in this bulletin

- **Eternal Rest - Our Catholic Understanding about Death, Heaven and Grief** (4 sessions), February 23 - March 16 @ 2:00pm (afternoon session) OR @ 6:30 pm (evening session)
- **Wednesday Afternoon BIBLE STUDY - Salvation Part I** (5 weeks) March 1 - 29 @ 2:00 pm
- **CRS Meatless Meal Friday - featuring a surprise Guest Chef!** Cost TBD. March 10 @ 6:00 pm - RSVP for this event using this QRcode:

Look for these Lenten books in the Gathering Space starting Ash Wednesday, while supplies last: Little Black Book, Little Purple Book (children), daily reading/reflection book and a teen booklet.



Companions for Teens

Teens in grade 8 and up who would like to grow on their faith journey can now find spiritual companioning, mentoring and accompaniment with one of our 15 trained adults. They are ready to help, listen to and guide any teen who would like to participate. If you are a parent of teen, or know a teen who might be interested, contact Cathy Becker to get more information. Application and Registration can be found at: https://forms.gle/Y5BbCH5UbNdvYe249

Funny Stories: Children and Faith

Catholic Times is asking parents across the diocese to see if they have ever had a cute/funny interaction with their child about the faith. Kind of like, "Kids say the funniest things!" Or, if there is a picture or drawing the child did that included our faith that made you laugh. We are compiling a list for a future Catholic Times article. Send it to: Andrew Hansen at ahansen@dio.org

Women's Day of Recollection

Thursday, February 23 12:45 - 2:45 pm
Sacred Heart Church - 730 S. 12th Street

This is the first Women's Day of Recollection of 2023. There will be two meditations given by a priest and a 30-minute period for silent Adoration between the meditations. Ladies in attendance may take advantage of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spiritual direction during this time, as well as following the Recollection. *All women throughout the diocese are invited to attend.* The spiritual guidance at the Recollection is entrusted to a priest of the Prelature *Opus Dei*.

The Blarney Bash is back!!!

St. Patrick Catholic School is hosting the Blarney Bash! - party and live auction - Friday, March 10. The "best pre-party for St. Patrick's Day in town" will be held at the LRS Hangar at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport from 5:30-8:00 pm. Tickets are $35/person, $55/couple and $350 for a reserved table of 8. Reservations can be made online at www.st-patrick.org or by calling (217) 523-7670.

Looking for a Friday Fish Fry?

Knights of Columbus have several:

Fr Ernest A. Burtle Council 4175
2801 West St., Springfield, IL
4:30 - 7:00 pm

St. John Vianney Council 14024
902 St. John Drive, Sherman, IL
4:30 - 7:00 pm

Marian Council 3914
335 S. 4th St., Riverton, IL
4:30—6:30 pm

St. Jude Council 9640
633 S. Walnut St, Rochester, IL
5:00 - 7:30 pm

St. Agnes Men's Group

Next Meeting: Tues, February 21
6:00-7:30 pm

Join in on Tuesdays evening with Mass at 5:30 pm group ministry from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Meetings are weekly unless otherwise noted. Feel free to come as your schedule allows.

Join us for our viewing and discussion group - The Chosen Season 3. Continuing every Thursday ***at 6:30 pm*** in the Parish Center through March 2. All (Grade school - Adult) are welcome! Join in as your schedule allows, you can always catch up at home if you miss!

Holy Week 2023

Mass Times

Palm Sunday, Saturday April 1 & Sunday 2
4:30 pm; 9:00 am; 11:00 am

Holy Thursday, April 6
Mass at 5:30 pm
Adoration 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Good Friday, April 7 - Mass at 5:30 pm

Easter Vigil, April 8 - Mass at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 9 - Mass at 9:00 & 11:00 am

Mass Intentions: During the celebration of Mass, those wishing to honor a loved one who has passed or celebrating a special milestone may offer a "special intention". These special intentions are offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. Intentions can be offered for anyone. They do not need to be parishioners or even catholic. A Mass stipend of $10 per intention is suggested, specific dates may not be available. To schedule a Mass Intention, stop in the Church Office and speak to Tami or call 217- 793-1330 for more information.

Prayer Request

When calling one of our Prayer Line Leaders, please leave your name and contact number along with your requested prayer line message.

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sheila Noonan *217-546-0012*
Barb Kern *217-546-7729*

5:00 - 10:00 pm
Maureen Brady *217-787-3423*
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