

February 26, 2023

# The 40 Days OF LENT

## ST. AGNES PARISH

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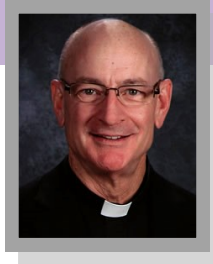
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### ~ MASS SCHEDULE ~

Weekday Mass **LIVE STREAMED** at  
[Facebook.com/stagnesparishspringfieldil](https://www.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



### Good News from Fr. Dan

**LENT 2023** This Lenten Season we have bountiful resources to support your Lenten Journey of the next 40 days. Please avail yourself of these age appropriate resources.

**PLAN FOR SUCCESS** Now is the time to plan. As the saying goes:

"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." Let's take the initiative and make this the best Lent ever by spending time with our Lord Daily. Let's chart our course to the Cross and Beyond! Plan to complete Lent and be able to say to yourself: "This was the best LENT Ever!" Plan, Pray, Give, Fast and Repeat! That is what our Lord asks of us!

God Bless, Fr. Dan

### ~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

#### Tuesday, February 28

5:30 pm Vicki Alewelt †

#### Wednesday, March 1

8:15 am Mary Blair †  
 Jean Berg-Simhauser †

#### Thursday, March 2

8:15 am Roger Distlehorst †  
 Dr. Joanne Maurer †

#### Friday, March 3

8:15 am Michael Coady †

#### Saturday, March 4

4:30 pm George & Barbara  
 Doerfler †  
 Living & Deceased  
 Members of the  
 Ramirez Family

#### 2nd Sunday of Lent, March 5

9:00 am Thomas Carter †  
 Cheryl Matzker †

11:00 am James Henn †  
 Parishioners of St. Agnes

**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.

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.

- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.





Such an exciting week! On Tuesday, students, parents, staff & volunteers celebrated Mardi Gras throughout the day in our School Gym. Carnival Games and Concessions were back to the delight of everyone!

Thank you to the many volunteers that helped set-up the gym, donated snacks/prizes, and most importantly their time & talent, allowing our students to once again enjoy the festival of Mardi Gras. Wednesday, the season of Lent began with an All-School Mass for our students and staff to receive their ashes and thus began their time of reflection, fasting and forgiveness. This coming week our 2nd graders and their families will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation of

their journey to Confirmation & First Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

Rachel Cunningham  
Principal, St. Agnes School



## GIRLS ON THE RUN

Girls grades 3rd - 5th

**Registration closes**

**March 3.** Cost is \$150

per girl (financial assistance is available). Training sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school March 5 - May 15. 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](mailto:bhlaFata@gmail.com)

The Annual March Madness Basketball Event *Maroon vs. Gray* at St. Agnes School is Friday, March 3 @ 5:30 pm! 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. For more information call the school office - 217-793-1370



## SCRIP TABLE SIGN UP

for Weekend Masses

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

Use QR code to sign up



February 25/26:

4:30 pm **OPEN**

9:00 am **OPEN**

11:00 am **OPEN**

March 4/5:

4:30 pm Angela Troppa

9:00 am **OPEN**

11:00 am **OPEN**

## ~ IN THE NEWS ~

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

### Monday, February 27

- Student Council Meeting, 12:00 pm, Meeting Room

### Tuesday, February 28

- Re-Registration Forms Due**
- Class Adoration, 2:50pm (5th Gr)

### Wednesday, March 1

- Fr. Dan & Fr. Christopher visit classrooms
- First Reconciliation, 6:30pm in the Church (2nd Gr & their Families)**

### Thursday, March 2

- All School Mass, 8:15 am

### Friday, March 3

- Last day to register for Girls on the Run (3rd-5th Gr)
- March Madness, 5:30pm in the Gym - doors open 5:15 pm**



## SAVE THE DATE ST AGNES ANNUAL AUCTION

DINNER | LIVE & VIRTUAL AUCTION | MUSIC

**MAY 6, 2023 • 3:30-8PM**  
**THE INN AT 835**

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**MARCH 4/5:**

- 4:30 pm Reader: Linda Distlehorst  
 Euch. Minister: Mary Mucciante, Barb Kern  
 Altar Servers: Al Mast, Addison Troppa  
 Videography:
- 9:00 am Reader: Harry Mitchell  
 Euch. Minister: Carrie Becker, Rita King  
 Altar Servers: Zane Shelton, Abigail Holtrop
- 11:00 am Reader: Tricia Hopkins-Price  
 Euch. Minister: Rich & Meredith Koerper  
 Altar Servers: Zak Family, Maggie Dunham

## What's Happening this week

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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



<b>Tue Feb 28</b>	Eucharistic Adoration Music Lessons Men's Ministry Group	2:30 - 3:30 pm Church 3:15 pm Choir Room 6:00 pm Parish Center Rm B
<b>Wed Mar 1</b>	Parish Staff Meeting Bible Study Group Music Lessons Stations of the Cross Choir Practice	1:00 pm Parish Center Rm A 2:00 pm Parish Center 2:30 pm Choir Room 5:30 pm 6:30 pm Choir Room
<b>Thu Mar 2</b>	Executive Staff Meeting Music Lessons The Chosen Season 3	9:00 am 3:15 pm Choir Room 6:30 pm Parish Center
<b>Sat Mar 4</b>	Sloppy Joe Saturday Choir Warm - up	7:45-8:45 am for Drop-Off 3:45 pm Choir Room
<b>Sun Mar 5</b>	Choir Warm - up Family Formation Session Choir Warm - up Music Lessons Flute Choir Rehearsal	8:30 am Choir Room 10:00 am Parish Center 10:30 am Choir Room 12:00 pm Choir Room 6:30 pm Choir Room

**Parish Office Hours**

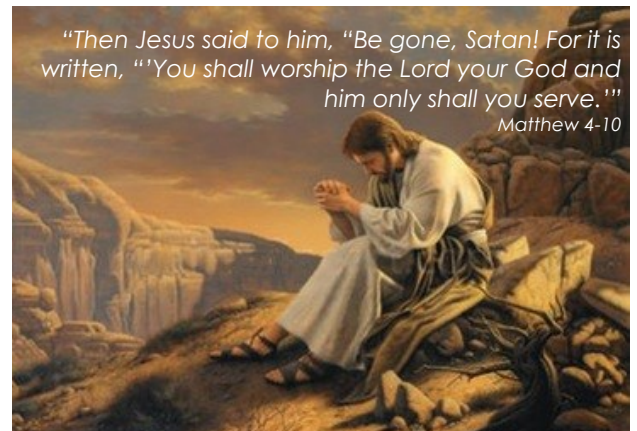
Monday - Friday  
 8:00 am - Noon **AND** 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Bulletin Deadline**

Monday, 3:00 pm  
 tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org

**First Sunday of Lent, February 26**

GN 2:7-9, 3:1-7 ~ ROM 5:12-19 ~ MT 4:1-11

**Monday, February 27**

LV 19:1-2, 11-13 ~ MT 25:31-46

**Tuesday, February 28**

IS 55:10-11 ~ MT 6:7-15

**Wednesday, March 1**

JON 3:1-10 ~ LK 11:29-32

**Thursday, March 2**

EST C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 ~ MT 7:7-12

**Friday, March 3**

EZ 18:21-28 ~ MT 5:20-26

**Saturday, March 4**

DT 26:16-19 ~ MT 5:43-48

**Second Sunday of Lent, March 5**

GN 12:1-4a ~ 2 TM 1:8b-10 ~ MT 17:1-9

**FORMED**

Have you checked out  
 FORMED lately?  
 Why not now?

**[formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)**

Choose ST. AGNES PARISH  
 245 N Amos Springfield





**DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

*Catholic Charities* in our diocese has a rich history of providing vital services and hope to God's people in need. Throughout its long 97-year history, *Catholic Charities* has remained open as staff and volunteers serve on the front lines to bring relief and advocate for the poor, sick, hungry, and weary every day.

Because of your continued prayers and generosity, thousands of people every year receive help with basic needs such as food, clothing, medicine, rent, utilities and dental care as well as professional services in social work, counseling, guardianship and legal assistance. They are treated with dignity and respect and provided a path to hope and healing.

*Catholic Charities* is able to continue these services through the ongoing generosity of people like you - donors, staff, volunteers, board members, and organizations coming together to support the mission.

Thank you for your continued support of *Catholic Charities* to ensure God's love and mercy is extended to all of his children.

During the weekend of March 4-5, 2023, the annual collection for *Catholic Charities* will again be held in our deaneries. This year, I challenge you to continue to support *Catholic Charities* as they continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Thomas John Paprocki*

**Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki**  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

[www.givecentral.org/  
location/327/allevants](http://www.givecentral.org/location/327/allevants)



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, follow the link above or use this QR code.



# stewardship

*a way of life*

## WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

February 18/19	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Reg. Church Support	<b>\$20,788</b>	<b>\$771,242</b>
Budget Goal - wk 33	\$21,500	\$731,000
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(-\$712)</b>	<b>\$40,242</b>

## 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 13-19

-- 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:	25 Hours
-- Heavenly Dusters (includes Altar Linens):	12 Hours
-- Parish Center Activities	30 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: **287 Hours**

**YTD (7/1/2022 - present) 4,407 Hours**

~ THANK YOU ~

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Says....



"God speaks in the silence  
of the heart."

- Mother Teresa

## MASS ATTENDANCE

Normal Seating Capacity - 800

Date	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL
<b>Feb 25/26</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>674</b>
Feb 11/12	227	252	188	667
Feb 4/5	244	212	173	629
Jan 28/29	335	216	207	758



FAMILY FORMATION

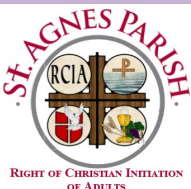
MARCH  
FAITH FORMATION  
SESSIONS

**Upcoming Dates:**

- **Weds., March 1, 6:30 pm**  
1st RECONCILIATION NIGHT
- **Sun., March 5, 10:00 am**
  - Family Formation Session
  - Teen Talk: TBD
- **Weds., March 8 & 15, 6:30 pm**
  - Family Formation Study Hall
- **Sun., March 19, 10:00 am**
  - Family Formation 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**CRS Meatless Meal**  
Friday, March 10 @ 6:00 pm  
in the Parish Center

Join us for an evening of delicious food from around the world prepared with recipes from the CRS Rice Bowl Recipe Book. Watch a cooking demo from our **GUEST CHEF - Fr. Christopher Trummer!** Pray and learn about the Catholic Social Teaching Issues which CRS works towards around the world and hear stories from the people and countries from which our food comes.

**Cost per Person: TBD** - Send check or cash to the parish office. Money will go towards St. Agnes' Rice Bowl Collection. *Children's option of mac n' cheese w/ fish sticks available (\$5 per child under 12 years)*

For more information or to volunteer for set-up / clean up, contact Cathy Becker at 217-793-1330 or at [cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org](mailto:cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org)



RSVP for this event using this QRcode:

FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 16

**ETERNAL REST™**  
THE ART OF DYING WELL

**Our Catholic Understanding about Death, Heaven and Grief (4 sessions)** - The art of dying well is also the art of living well. By understanding who we are and what we are made for, we can order our lives and values according to God's design for our true fulfillment. Each of Eternal Rest's four 30-minute episodes addresses large-scale questions about death from a Catholic perspective. The series takes viewers on a journey from death's origin to Christ's final victory at the Cross and Resurrection. Thursdays at 2:00 pm (afternoon session) **OR** 6:30 pm (evening session) in the Parish Center.

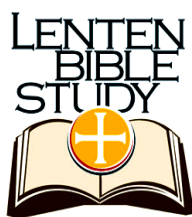


Last episode of The Chosen Season 3 viewing and discussion will be **Thursday, March 9, at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Center.

**ST. AGNES MEN'S GROUP**

NEXT MEETING: TUES, FEBRUARY 28  
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.



### Weekday Bible Study

March 1 - 29 @ 2:00 pm

-Wednesday afternoons-

**Salvation Part I:** At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven for our salvation. But what does it mean? Find out.



### 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](http://www.st-patrick.org) or by calling (217) 523-7670.



### Illinois March for Life in Springfield

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois invites you to join us for the Illinois March for Life - Tuesday, March 21. Beginning with 10:00 am Mass @ Sangamon Auditorium on the UIS Campus (1 University Plaza, Springfield) followed by the Illinois March for Life Rally at Noon in front of the State Capitol (on 2nd St at the Lincoln Statue). After the rally, we will march around the State Capitol complex. The Mass, rally and march are intended for 7-12th graders, college students, and adults. To register to attend the Mass and March go to: [illinoismarchforlife.org](http://illinoismarchforlife.org)



SPRING 2023 | FEB 22 - APR 2

A soup dinner at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception (524 E. Lawrence Ave, Springfield) and speaker Ramona Trevino, 40 Days for Life headquarters Outreach Director, and former Planned Parenthood Manager. Please join us for this event that is ALL ABOUT LIFE!

**MIDPOINT  
SOUP DINNER**  
Wednesday, March 1  
6:00 pm



### 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

**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.

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  
Cinda Steinkamp 217-787-6439



**Holy Week  
2023**  
Mass Times

**Palm Sunday, Saturday April 2 & Sunday 3**  
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**