

March 19, 2023

The 40 Days OF LENT

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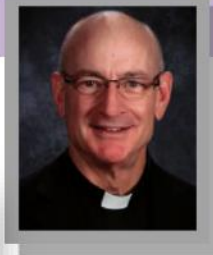
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~ MASS SCHEDULE ~

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
6:00 - 7:00 pm

~ **Rosary** ~
Tuesday - Friday
30 minutes before start of Mass

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Tuesday, March 21

5:30 pm Cliff Erwin †

Wednesday, March 22

8:15 am Deceased Members of
the McMurray Family †

Thursday, March 23

8:15 am William Bolin †

Friday, March 24

8:15 am Marie Scheidt †

Saturday, March 25

4:30 pm Mary Friedli †

5th Sunday of Lent, March 26

9:00 am Loretta & Elmer Till †

11:00 am Rob Brockamp †
Parishioners of St. Agnes

What is Laetare Sunday?	When? On the fourth Sunday of Lent	ALSO KNOWN AS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mothering Sunday • Refreshment Sunday • Mid-Lent Sunday • Mi-Carême • Mediana • Rose Sunday
	The day takes its name from the opening words of today's Mass: <i>"Laetare, Jerusalem"</i> <i>"Rejoice, O Jerusalem"</i> <small>ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON: ISAIAH 66:10-11</small>	
	Laetare MEANS <i>"to rejoice"</i>	What's different? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priests may wear rose or violet vestments at Mass • Flowers may adorn the altar • The organ may be played
	Why celebrate? It provides us encouragement as we progress toward the end of Lent. This day reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.	

Good News from Fr. Dan

LAETARE SUNDAY This Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. It simply means "REJOICE!" Why? Because we are over half way through Lent as we journey toward the Resurrection of Our Lord! It is one of only two times of the year the priest wears the ROSE colored Vestments!

WELCOME FR. DON WOLFORD Fr. Don is Pastor of Holy Angel's Parish in Wood River, IL. In November 2022 he broke his ankle. He has been recovering in his hometown of Decatur. We welcome him to St. Agnes as he continues his recovery. Please give him a warm St. Agnes Welcome! Welcome Fr. Don!

MEATLESS SPAGHETTI FAMILY DINNER Friday Evening, March 24th 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria. Just for fun and fellowship! **Free Will Offerings will be accepted. TICKETS NEEDED.** This is a FUN-Raiser! Sponsored by *St. Agnes Men's Group*. All School Families and All Parishioners invited! This is St. Agnes at it's best! Mark your calendars. Tickets coming soon!

NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS!
These beautiful **14 Stations of the Cross** have finally arrived! These will enhance the magnificence of our church and complement the ICON's in the Sanctuary! If you would like to donate one of these Stations they cost \$220 each. I, Fr. Dan, will donate one in memory of my Mother, Donna Bergbower, who passed away on March 25, 2020. 13 more to go.

May the Spirit of Joy fill our Hearts!
Fr. Dan





Music was in abundance last Thursday evening. Grades K - 4 presented their Spring Music Program to a nicely attended audience. Huge Thank You! for the selection of music prepared by our teachers, Ms. Fleck and Ms. McCain.

Below we have listed a few reminders for school families. Thank you for your support.

Kindergarten Screenings

Current Pre-K 4 students continuing on to attend kindergarten at St. Agnes will conduct a kindergarten screening this Thursday, March 23 with Mrs. Steinkruger. Students will be escorted to the kindergarten classroom by school staff for screening. *Parents need not be in attendance for this.*

Family Service Hours

School Policy states that all families need to complete 20 hours of service per school year (10hrs for Pre-K only families). When submitting Family Service Hours on our Google Docs form, an email response should come to you stating that those hours have been received. Use this link to open form:

<http://bit.ly/stagnesfamilyservice>

Rachel Cunningham
Principal, St. Agnes School



The Parents' Club SCRIP program ends April 30 for this school year. As a reminder, 40% of what is earned through rebates goes to you to be applied to school expenses. The other 60% is used by the Parents' Club for their activities. Parents who have not fulfilled commitments will be asked to pay the buyout. The 2023-2024 program begins on May 1.



Earn Cash for Our School!

Remember, you can earn a bonus for our school by referring your friends, family and other parents at St. Agnes School to sign up for Box Tops. You'll both earn a bonus when they scan their first receipt with the Box Tops app. Our goal is to earn \$500 through Box Tops this year. **We have earned \$219.50 so far.** Every Box Tops product counts towards our goal. It's easy! Here's how it works:

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Let's make a difference!
We can do this together!



~ IN THE NEWS ~

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

Tuesday, March 21

- Class Adoration, 2:50pm
- March for Life Mass, 8th Gr. @ UIS, 9:00am-Noon
- Code Club, 3:15pm
- Girls on the Run, 3:15pm
- Parents' Club Meeting, 5:30pm Parish Center Rm A
- All Committees Meeting Night, 6:30pm Parish Center

Wednesday, March 22

- Fr. Dan & Fr. Christopher visit classrooms
- Robotics Club, 3:15pm

Thursday, March 23

- All School Mass, 8:15 am
- Kindergarten Screenings
- History Fair (Grs 5th-8th), 1:00pm

Friday, March 24

- 3rd Graders in Faith @ SHG 12:45pm



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**MARCH 25/26:**

- 4:30 pm Reader: Tammie Klein
 Euch. Minister: Conrad & Kathy Rubinkowski
 Altar Servers: Willenborg Family
 Videography: Hugh Beeler
- 9:00 am Reader: Andy Ramage
 Euch. Minister: Bob & Kathy Sherman
 Altar Servers: Ramage Family
- 11:00 am Reader: Youth Reader
 Euch. Minister: Rich & Meredith Koerper
 Altar Servers: Maggie Dunham, Zane Shelton

What's Happening this week

Mon Mar 20	5th Grade Retreat Day	Parish Center
Tue Mar 21	Staff Meeting Eucharistic Adoration Music Lessons Parents' Club Meeting Men's Ministry Group Eucharistic Adoration All Committee Meeting Night	1:00 pm Parish Center Rm A 2:30 - 3:30 pm Church 3:15 pm Choir Room 5:30 pm Parish Center Rm A 6:00 pm Parish Center Rm B 6:00 - 7:00 pm Church 6:30 pm Parish Center
Wed Mar 22	Bible Study Group Music Lessons Stations of the Cross Choir Practice	2:00 pm Parish Center 2:30 & 5:30 pm Choir Room 5:30 pm 6:30 pm Choir Room
Thu Mar 23	Executive Staff Meeting Music Lessons	9:00 am Conference Rm 3:15 pm Choir Room
Fri Mar 24	Spaghetti Dinner	5:00 pm, School Cafeteria/Gym
Sat Mar 25	Choir Warm - up	3:45 pm Choir Room
Sun Mar 26	Choir Warm - up Donut & Coffee Sunday Choir Warm - up Music Lessons Flute Choir Rehearsal	8:30 am Choir Room After Masses, Parish Center 10:30 am Choir Room 12:00 pm Choir Room 6:30 pm Choir Room

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com**Parish Office Hours**

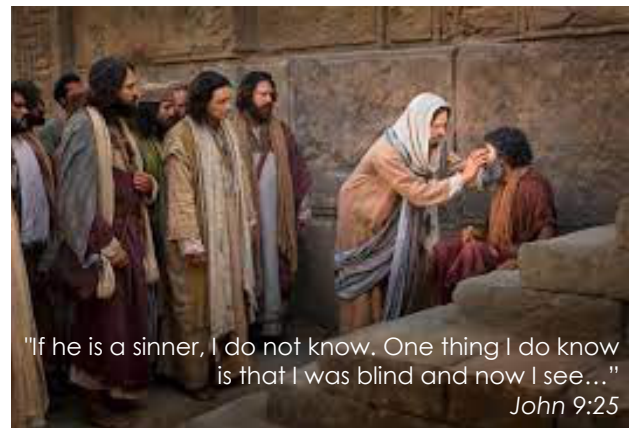
Monday - Friday
 8:00 am - Noon **AND** 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Staff takes a lunch break Noon-1:00pm

Bulletin Deadline

Monday, 3:00 pm
tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19

1 SM 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a ~ EPH 5:8-14
 JN 9:1-41

**Monday, March 20**

2 KGS 5:1-15ab ~ LK 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 21

DN 3:25, 34-43 ~ MT 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 22

DT 4:1, 5-9 ~ MT 5:17-19

Thursday, March 23

JER 7:23-28 ~ LK 11:14-23

Friday, March 24

HOS 14:2-10 ~ MT 12:28-34

Saturday, March 25

HOS 6:1-6 ~ LK 18:9-14

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 26

EZ 37:12-14 ~ ROM 8:8-11 ~ JN 11:1-45

FORMED

Have you checked out
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 Why not now?

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Choose ST. AGNES PARISH
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for 3 (possibly more) parishioner or school parent volunteers who might be interested in selling SCRIP cards after Masses on Saturday and Sunday. This would be a rotating monthly schedule during the school year. Please contact our Parish Secretary, Tami, anytime Mon - Fri 8am - 4pm for more information. 217-793-1330



WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

March 11/12	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Reg. Church Support	\$24,655	\$849,649
Budget Goal - wk 36	\$21,500	\$795,500
Difference	+\$3,155	\$54,149

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:

February 27 - March 5

-- Liturgical Ministries (Readers, Servers, Euch. Ministers, Rosary):	15 Hours
-- Hospitality (Videography, Greeters, Ushers, etc):	12 Hours
-- Choir/Musicians:	70 Hours
-- Faith Formation / RCIA:	20 Hours
-- Office Volunteers / Collection Counters:	18 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):	15 Hours
-- Athletic Coaches:	30 Hours

Total Volunteer hours: **277 Hours**

YTD (7/1/2022 - present) 5,223 Hours

~ THANK YOU ~

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



Our recent Catholic Times Collection helped with our annual assessment by providing \$940 towards our requirement. Thank you for your generosity.



CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

Thanks to the generosity of many, St. Agnes was able to provide \$2,103 to this collection since the last collection in 2022. Many - many thanks!

[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.



Words from Pope Francis....



"The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better."

- Pope Francis

MASS ATTENDANCE

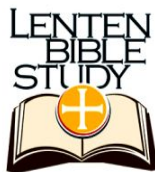
Normal Seating Capacity - 800

Date	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL
Mar 11/12	290	170	199	659
Mar 4/5	316	240	213	769
Feb 25/26	246	266	182	694
	8:15 am		5:30 pm	
Ash Wed.	360		213	573

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

We are looking for minimum of **20 volunteers for Saturday, March 25** to peacefully pray in front of Planned Parenthood (Bruns Lane). One hour prayer times start at 8:00am and end with the last prayer time at 5:00pm. To sign up, please use this link or QRcode: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4fa5af2faafb6-40days#/>



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Weekday Bible Study
-Wednesday afternoons-
through March 29 @ 2:00 pm

Salvation Part I: At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven for our salvation. But what does it all mean? Join us as we discuss this and more.



ST. AGNES MEN'S GROUP
NEXT MEETING: TUES, MARCH 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.

Sacramental Preparation

2nd Gr. Students (or older if needed)
and their Parents

Restored Order Sacrament Orientation

- ⇒ April 29, 2:00 – 5:30 pm, Sacrament Retreat #1 (includes Mass Attendance @ 4:30 pm)
- ⇒ April 30 Sponsor information due

Current 3rd Grade Reminder: if you celebrated Confirmation and First Communion in September, turn in your discipleship service project proposals. The final project report is due April 30.



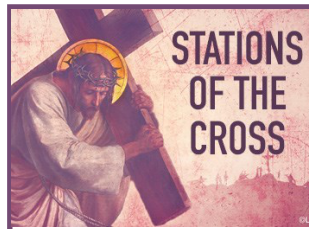
INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

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:

- ⇒ Mar 27:
- ⇒ Apr 24: 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

TEEN LED

Living Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, March 29, 5:30 pm

Teens in grades 6 and up are welcome to be part of the production. Join in as readers, cast, crew. Must come to practices.

Practices

Sundays, March 19 & 26 @ 3:00 pm

NCYC FULLY ALIVE

NOVEMBER 16-18, 2023 // INDIANAPOLIS, IN

National Catholic Youth Conference November 16-19, 2023

We are starting to plan for our bi-annual pilgrimage to Indianapolis for NCYC. This trip is for youth who will be in HS in the fall (current 8th & up). **Parent/Youth Info meeting will be held Sunday, April 2 at 4:00pm** in the Parish Center. Details, cost, fundraising etc will be covered. This is the best Catholic Youth Event you can go to! Come find out more!

MARCH & APRIL FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- **Sun., March 19, 10:00 am**
 - Family Formation Brunch
 - Teen Talk: TBD
- **Sun., April 2, 10:00 am**
 - Family Formation Session
 - Teen Talk: TBD
 - Parent Group
- **Sun., April 16, 10:00 am**
 - Family Formation Brunch
 - End of Season Celebration



FAMILY FORMATION

NEW! - Teen and Parent Survey
Take the survey! You get to help decide and lead future youth ministries! Let us know what you

want to be part of. Want to be a lector at Mass? Want to be on a leadership team? Want to go on trips? Do a Bible Study? Work with our littlest kids? Have more retreats? We need to know! **Go to:**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



The Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. 39th Annual Spring Luncheon

Monday, April 3 @ The Northfield Inn and Suites

Entertainment provided by the Rochester High School Madrigals. This year's raffle is for \$250 in restaurant gift cards. Raffle tickets are \$10. There will also be a bake sale and a silent auction. Doors will open at 10:30 am with lunch served at Noon. Make Reservations by March 27. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$240 for a table of eight. Reservations can be made by calling the office at (217) 525-5630.



Illinois March for Life in Springfield

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

SAVE THE DATE

- Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:
June 16-18, 2023, Villa Maria Retreat Center
- Respect Life Mass and Rosary Walk:
Saturday, October 7, 2023



Springfield Catholic Charities
2023 Annual Fundraiser

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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

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



2023



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

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
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