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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

~ 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

~ Rosary ~

Tuesday - Friday
30 minutes before start of Mass

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Tuesday, May 23 5:30 pm Bill Becker †

Wednesday, May 24 8:15 am Cliff Erwin †

Thursday, May 25

8:15 am George & Barbara Doerfler †

Friday, May 26

8:15 am Mary & Frank Matheis †

Saturday, May 27

4:30 pm Mary Farmer †
George Bloome †

Sunday, May 28

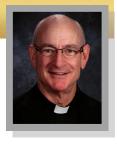
9:00 am Jim Skube †

Pureza Ortega †

11:00 am Don Ed †
Parishioners of St. Agnes

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE Our Military who have died in the service of Our Nation!





"I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Good News from Fr. Dan

In 1991 the US Bishops decided to permit different Ecclesiastical Provinces to make the decision to transfer the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord to the Seventh Sunday of Easter or to observe the feast on the customary Thursday. In the Diocese of Springfield in IL it was decided to make the Seventh Sunday of Easter as the normative Solemnity.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD This Solemnity marks the return of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, to the realms of the heavens and seated at the right hand of the Father. As Jesus' disciples watched, He ascended (meaning under His own power and auspices) to the be seated in the New and Heavenly Jerusalem. He had explained that He would not leave His Disciples, which include the Apostle alone. They were instructed to wait in the Holy City of Jerusalem for the Coming of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who would enliven this weak and fledgling group of believers into a Universal Church. This Solemnity of Pentecost is Celebrated fifty days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension of our Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ST. AGNES GRADUATES! This past Friday, St. Agnes School graduated seventeen Eighth Graders. Congratulations to Parents, Teachers and our excellent Faculty & Staff! Well done good and faithful servants of the LORD!

ALL ST. AGNES PARISHIONERS GRADUATING FROM Eighth Grade, High School, College and Post-Graduates Schools. Please contact Tami Dillon, our parish Secretary and let her know as we would like to honor your achievements in our bulletin on the second Sunday of June which is June 11, 2023. Please let us know no later that June 5th your Name, Graduation Level and any specifics according to your graduation degree.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG The *First Step Women's Center* is sponsoring it's annual Baby Bottle campaign. It begins on Mother's Day and is completed on Father's Day. This is an outstanding way to support life here in our local Springfield area. Pick up a baby bottle in the Gathering Space and fill it with change during this time. Or simply make a contribution by dropping an envelope in the laundry basket with the baby bottles. Thank You for Supporting Life.

Come Holy Spirit, fill our Hearts with Joy! Fr. Dan

CATCH OUR SPIRIT



The final week of school is upon us and we will say good-bye to another school year. However last week we already saw the end of two class years. Our Pre-School program and our 8th Grade Class. The Pre-K classes had their class parties on Thursday and celebrated

their la day on Friday with a End-of Year Program. Also on Friday, we celebrated our 2023 8th grade graduates with a special Mass and ceremony. Congratulations to those 17 individuals for their various accomplishments during their time at St. Agnes. God bless each of you and your families.

Rachel Cunningham Principal, St. Agnes School



CONGRATULATIONS!

Jake pride in how far you have come

Mave faith
in how far
you can go.

Blessings to the St. Agnes School Class of 2023

Our 2023 Graduates are:

Michael Albanese
Anna DeNoyer
Isabella Farley
Maxx Geist
Ruthie Harrison
Benjamin Johnson
Michael Johnson
Colton Kaufmann
Caden Kelly

Riley Nesch
McKenna Norris
Viviana Pilapil
Zane Shelton
Liam Thompson
Olivia Walcher
McKenzie Wieland
Spencer Wieneke



School Yearbooks

Be sure to order your 2022-2023 yearbook before the end of the school year. The year-

books are \$25 and will be distributed at the beginning of the new school year. Eighth graders may come to the school office in August to pick up their yearbook. https://interstate.com/YearbookEntry/72814Q

CLASS ROOM OPENINGS

Pre-K and Kindergarten classes currently have openings for the 2023-2024 school year. If you or someone you know may be interested in enrolling their child in any of these classes, please have them contact the school office 217-793-1370 or email Mrs. Cunningham at

rcunningham@stagnescatholicschool.org





Don't wait until school starts in August to start your SCRIP purchase requirement. SCRIP cards are available in the Church Office - M-F 8:30am-3:30pm - *ALL SUMMER LONG*.

~ IN THE NEWS ~

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

Monday, May 22

• End-of-Year Parties

Tuesday, May 23

- Fun Day / Cleaning Day
- 8th Gr. Class Trip

Wednesday, May 24

 Kdg - 7th Gr. Awards, 1:30 pm in Church

Thursday, May 25

- Kdg 7th Gr Mass, 12:30 pm
- 1:30 pm DISMISSAL
- NO LATE DAY
- LAST DAY of SCHOOL

School Summer Office Hours

With the summer months comes our summer office hours. The school office will be closed *Friday*, May 26 - Monday, May 29 for a much-needed break after the busy and hectic month of May. We will reopen for business *Tuesday*, May 30th - Friday, June 9th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Noon). If you have any business to conduct, please do so at this time.

The office will be closed the rest of June through all of July and will reopen on Monday, August 7th to begin the 2023-2024 school year. Phone messages will be checked periodically throughout the summer. A return call will be placed as soon as possible.

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| Parish Ministry | ministry a call to serve

MAY 27-28:

4:30 pm Readers: Tammie Klein, Marilyn Okon

Euch. Ministers: Judy Nordstrom, Lee Bloome

Ralph & Roslyn Brookens

Ludolph Family Altar Servers: Videography: Hugh Beeler

9:00 am Readers: Linda Distlehorst, Patrick Wildman

Euch. Ministers: Julie Davis, Tom Frost

Pam Patton, Rita King

Altar Servers: **Becker Family**

11:00 am Readers: Sr. Joan Sorge, Chris Young

Euch. Ministers: Patrick Dennis, Tricia Hopkins-Price

Rich & Meredith Koerper

Altar Servers: Zak Family, Zane Shelton



St. Agnes Men's Group

NEXT MEETING: TUES. MAY 23 6:00-7:30 PM

Starting with Mass at 5:30pm followed by our fellowship meeting at 6:00pm.

pening this week

Tue May 23	Staff Meeting	1:00 pm Parish Center Rm A	
	Eucharistic Adoration	2:30 - 3:30 pm Church	
	Music Lessons	2:30 pm Choir Room	
	Men's Ministry Group	6:00 pm Parish Center Rm B	
Wed May 24	Bible Study	2:00 pm Parish Center	
	Music Lessons	5:30 pm Choir Room	
	Choir Practice	6:30 pm Choir Room	
Thu May 25	Music Lessons	3:15 pm Choir Room	
Sat May 27	Choir Warm - up	3:45 pm Choir Room	
Sun May 28	Choir Warm - up	8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Room	
	Coffee & Donut Sunday	After 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses	
	Music Lessons	12:00 pm Choir Room	
	Flute Group Practice	6:30 pm Choir Room	

Parish Office Hours

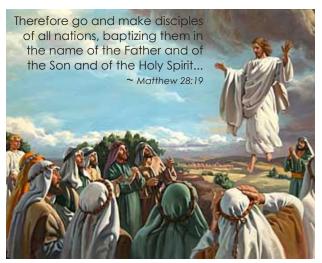
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - Noon AND 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Staff takes a lunch break Noon-1:00pm

Bulletin Deadline

Monday, 3:00 pm tdillon@StAanesCatholicParish.org

The Ascension of the Lord, May 21

ACTS 1:1-11 ~ EPH 1:17-23 ~ MT 28:16-20



Monday, May 22 ACTS 19:1-8 ~ JN 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 23

ACTS 20:17-27 ~ JN 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 24

ACTS 20:28-38 ~ JN 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 25

ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11 ~ JN 17:20-26

Friday, May 26

ACTS 25:13b-21 ~ JN 21:15-19

Saturday, May 27

ACTS 28:16-20. 30-31 ~ JN 16:23b-28

Pentecost Sunday, May 28

ACTS 2:1-11 ~ 1 COR 12:3b-7, 12-3 JN 20:19-23

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Ask the Padre...

Question: When is the Pentecost Picnic?

Answer: Sunday, June 4th at 4:30 pm at Southwind Park. Meet at the Big Park Shelter-north end of park. Bring chairs, blankets, kites, lawn games, Side dishes or Dessert to share. Area has many picnic tables also! We will provide Burgers, Hot Dogs and drinks, paper goods, etc. Donations are accepted.

Question: Will we pray the Rosary during the Month of May?

Answer: YES! Actually we have already been praying the Rosary, Tue - Saturday, 30 minutes before Mass since Covid-19 begun. We will continue to do so through May and beyond.

Is the Capital Campaign Extension Question: over now?

Answer: Due to the spike in Covid-19 and the Economic downturn of January 2022, the 1-Year Extension was put on hold. To date we have already collected over \$330,000 in pledges. We have received permission from Bishop Paprocki to re-engage this extension from Now (April 2023) until December 2023. The 1-Year Extension Goal Range is \$660,000 to \$1 million. Ideally we need about \$450,000 in addition to the \$330,000 already pledged.

The St. Agnes Finance Council Members are:

Mark Kuchar - Chair, Tom Arisman, Melissa Bland, Mike Caveny, Kathe Kraft, Andy Lascody, Scott Norris. Andy Ramage and Kathy Robinson. (ad hoc members: Tom Swoik, Part Time Business Manager; Rachel Cunningham, Principal; Fr. Bergbower, Pastor)

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St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Says....





WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS				
April 13/14	Weekly Total	<u>Total to Date</u>		
Church Support	+\$22,252	+\$1,063,048		
Weekly Goal - wk 46	\$21,500	\$989,000		
Difference	+\$752	+\$74,048		

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:

May 8-14

-- Liturgical Ministries

(Readers, Servers, Euch. Ministers, Rosary): 25 Hours

-- Hospitality

(Videography, Greeters, Ushers, etc): 12 Hours -- Choir/Musicians: 70 Hours -- Faith Formation / RCIA: 18 Hours -- Parish Center Volunteers 20 Hours Office Volunteers / Collection Counters: 15 Hours -- Heavenly Dusters (includes Altar Linens): 15 Hours Grounds Upkeep (Butterfly Garden) 6 Hours Classroom / School Event Volunteers: 15 Hours -- Cafeteria Volunteers: 18 Hours -- School Committees

(includes Fundraising/SCRIP): 30 Hours -- Athletic Coaches: 10 Hours

Total Volunteer hours: 254 Hours

YTD (7/1/2022 - present) **7380 Hours**

~ THANK YOU ~

MASS ATTENDANCE Normal Seating Capacity - 800 Date 4:30 pm 9:00 am 11:00 am TOTAL May 13/14 224 334 294 852 May 6/7 207 219 177 603 April 29/30 237 220 230 687 April 22/23 257 230 266 753

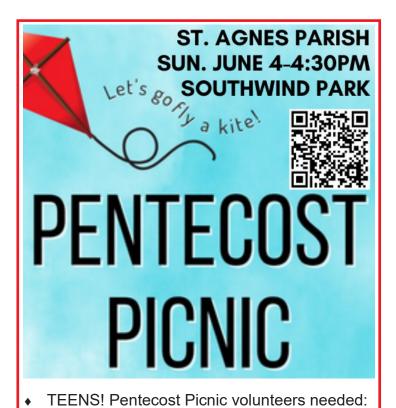
Eucharistic Revival: YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through

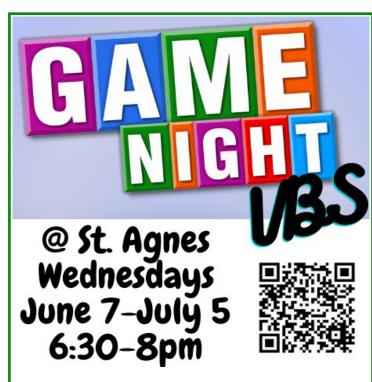
faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit. At St. Agnes, we have planned a few ways to celebrate, renew our understanding and practice and grow into the Body of Christ:

- Kick off June 4, 2023 Pentecost Picnic (see info to the right) and Corpus Christi Masses on June 10-11
- New prayer after Mass to focus on the Eucharist and renewal
- Eucharistic Adoration continues on Tuesdays 2:30-3:30pm (a perfect time to get out of the summer heat!)
- Prayer of Thanksgiving and quiet at every Mass after Communion continues
- Monthly Encounter Nights with Adoration and opportunities to continue our Synodal Process The Body of Christ
- Fall Bible Study Wednesdays @ 2pm and 6:30pm Lectio: The Eucharist: Discovering Mass in the Bible on Formed.org





Sunday, June 4



Wednesdays, June 7- July 5, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

TEENS! VBS team needed:



Interested in the Catholic Faith?

Have you been away for a while? Do you have a family member or friend who is curious or wants to return? We would love to talk! Inquiry is available all year long. Reach out to Cathy Becker - our DRE, or one of

our priests and/or deacon. They are here to meet with you. No judgement, no pressure. Just ask your questions and let us get to know you. For more information, reach out to Cathy Becker by email at cbeck-er@stagnescatholicparish.org or call the Church Office at 217-793-1330.



2001 N. 1st St. Springfield, IL 62702 May 29th at 9:00 AM



Join the Springfield Diocese and Bishop Paprocki for a traditional field Mass at Father Howard Altar in celebration of Memorial Day. This accessible worship event is open to the public and includes music, parking, seating, and golf cart transportation to and from the service location as needed. *Participants may bring lawn chairs if preferred.

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.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year on the feast of Pentecost we rejoice that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church in every age. As we celebrate this feast, I ask you to consider a generous response in the *Retired Diocesan Priests Collection* to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests.

Please pray for our priests who serve so generously in various apostolates throughout our diocese. Please thank God for all that we have received from our priests who are now retired, many of whom continue to offer generous service in every way that they are able throughout our diocese.

If you are unable to make an in-church contribution, please make your donation online at <u>parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections</u>. You can also mail your donation to your parish office.

Thank you in advance for your support this year. May the Holy Spirit give us every gift we need to build up the Body of Christ in our time and place. With every best wish and prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Papiocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



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 Hear 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.



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