

July 23, 2023

# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ST. AGNES PARISH

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~ **MASS SCHEDULE** ~

Monday	<b>NO Mass</b>
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, July 25**

5:30 pm Jill Schuele †  
Jack Smith †

**Wednesday, July 26**

8:15 am Angeline Sherman †

**Thursday, July 27**

8:15 am Michael Coady †

**Friday, July 28**

8:15 am Deceased Members of  
the Quinn Family †

**Saturday, July 29**

4:30 pm Robert Cowles †

**Sunday, July 30**

9:00 am Cheryl Matzker †  
John Rigney †  
11:00 am Mary Blair †  
Parishioners of St. Agnes

*Challenges & Change with Father Christopher...**Human Justice vs. Divine Justice*

As human beings, we have a limited and biased view of things and people. Often, when we witness some injustice—or suffer injustice ourselves—we become very passionate and emotional. We feel certain about who is guilty and what should be done to remedy the situation. Above all, we want immediate and drastic solutions that will make our lives return to normal as soon as possible.

The problem is that we cannot read people's hearts, minds, or consciences. We can only act on the basis of what we see externally. This limitation of ours is illustrated by the weeds of Jesus' parable. The Greek word for these "weeds" is *zizania*. Apparently, this was not just any old weed but a type of dandelion that resembles wheat very closely. As a result, this "fake wheat" really was almost indistinguishable from the real wheat until harvest time when the grain appeared. This is a powerful analogy for our limited perspective on people. We sometimes like to think that we know very well who the "good people" and "bad people" are. Sadly, we sometimes even label people and write them off. We might imagine that life would be better off without them.

Jesus is warning us against this temptation. He isn't saying that it's wrong to distinguish between good and evil, or that criminals should not be punished. But he *is* saying that we are not God and that we can't know how God's grace is at work in other people. No doubt, everyone would have been quite confident in writing off that criminal who hung on the cross next to Jesus. In fact, everyone did. Everyone but Jesus, that is: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise" (Lk 23:43). It's not over until it's over. God doesn't give up on people - neither should we.

Of course, we all have a duty to help God's kingdom come and His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. But this doesn't mean we can expect perfect justice in this life. If we do, we will be sorely disappointed and our actions will only make things worse. One secret for greater peace is to focus on our own sphere of influence and control and renounce the desire to "fix" the state, country, or world by human power. "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Php 3:20).





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### Health Exam Information

Children entering Preschool, Kindergarten or 6th grade must have a **complete written Health Exam**, with up to date Immunizations, turned in to the school office before the first day of school. Children entering Kindergarten, 2nd or 6th grade, are required to have a **Dental Exam** completed. Entering Kindergarteners must also have an **Eye Exam** by an Optometrist. Please note, **new students transferring** to Illinois from another State or from outside the U.S. must have complete Health, Dental & Eye Exams and up to date Immunizations, regardless of entering grade. All forms should be turned in to the school office on Fee Day.

### Sports Physicals

Incoming 5th - 8th graders, participating in the St. Agnes Sports program, are required to have a physical in order to participate. Physicals for all incoming 6th graders are required by the school, however these school physical forms do not cover sports. The **IESA Physical Form** must be completed. A copy of the physical should be dated for the 2023-2024 school year and must be submitted before sports practices begin.

St. Agnes School in Springfield, IL is currently seeking qualified candidates for the following positions for the 2023-2024 school year:



### PART-TIME PRESCHOOL AIDES

Seeking part-time Preschool aide. The ideal candidate must have a high school diploma, take good direction from the lead classroom teacher, and love working with children. If interested, please contact Principal Rachel Cunningham at [rcunningham@stagnescatholicschool.org](mailto:rcunningham@stagnescatholicschool.org) or 217-793-1370.

*Employment is contingent upon successful completion of background check.*

### School Summer Office Hours

- **CLOSED** - All of July  
Phone messages will be checked periodically throughout the summer. A return call will be placed as soon as possible.
- **Re-OPEN** - Monday, August 7

## USED UNIFORM



### THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES

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**JULY 29-30:**

- 4:30 pm Readers: Sr. Joan Sorge, Holly Kesterson  
 Euch. Ministers: Rita Messinger, Mary Mucciante  
 Barb Kern, Judy Nordstrom  
 Altar Servers: Zak Family, Lilly Murphy  
 Videography:
- 9:00 am Readers: Patrick Wildman, Jamie Greenwald  
 Euch. Ministers: Nancy King, Pam Patton  
 Conrad & Kathy Rubinkowski  
 Altar Servers: Ludolph Family
- 11:00 am Readers: Rob Fafoglia, Pathy Ekal  
 Euch. Ministers: Patrick Dennis, Leigh Reed  
 Rich & Meredith Koerper  
 Altar Servers: Ayilisungu Family, Simran John



**ST. AGNES MEN'S GROUP**  
**CURRENTLY ON SUMMER HIATUS**

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 1**

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



**New!! WEEKDAY MORNING ADORATION**  
**Wednesday - Friday 7:00 - 8:00 am**

Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Rosary at 7:45 am

Benediction, complete *incense* before 8:15 am Mass time

## What's Happening this week

<b>Tues</b> <b>Jul 25</b>	<b>Afternoon Adoration</b> Music Lessons	<b>2:30 - 3:30 pm</b> 2:30 pm Music Room
<b>Wed</b> <b>Jul 26</b>	Staff Lunch & Learn w/ Diocese <b>Summer Book Study Group</b>	11:00am Parish Center <b>2:00 pm Parish Center,</b>
<b>Thru</b> <b>Jul 27</b>	Music Lessons	3:15 pm Music Room
<b>Sat</b> <b>Jul 29</b>	Choir Warm - up	3:45 pm Choir Room
<b>Sun</b> <b>Jul 30</b>	Choir Warm - up Music Lessons Flute Group Practice	8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Room 12:00 pm Choir Room 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  
 Staff takes a lunch break Noon-1:00pm

### Bulletin Deadline

Monday, 3:00 pm  
[tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org](mailto:tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org)

### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 23

WIS 12:13, 16-19 ~ ROM 8:26-27  
 MT 13:24-43



### Monday, July 24

EX 14:5-18 ~ MT 12:38-42

### Tuesday, July 25

2 COR 4:7-15 ~ MT 20:20-28

### Wednesday, July 26

EX 16:1-5, 9-15 ~ MT 13:1-9

### Thursday, July 27

EX 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b ~ MT 13:10-17

### Friday, July 28

EX 20:1-17 ~ MT 13:18-23

### Saturday, July 29

EX 24:3-8 ~ JN 11:19-27

### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30

1 KGS 3:5, 7-12 ~ ROM 8:28-30  
 MT 13:44-52

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## Ask the Padre...

**Question:** Can anyone bring up the gifts of Bread and Wine at Mass?

**Answer:** Yes! By all means! Yes! The gift table is located in the geographical center of the church, in the center aisle between the front and back pew sections. The pew is marked "Reserved for Gift Bearers" This is an especially good idea for families! Everyone may come forward and can bring the two gifts of Bread and Wine to the Priest in the center aisle.

**Question:** Is Fr. Dan and Fr. Christopher meeting with St. Agnes School Families this summer?

**Answer:** Yes! We have already met with 18 of our families. It is so delightful to see families together and to get to know one another even better. Many of our families have commented on seeing more young families in church these days. What a blessing our young and enthusiastic families are to our larger parish family. We are looking forward to many more visits before school begins.

### The St. Agnes Finance Council Members are:

Mark Kuchar - chair

Tom Arisman

Kathe Kraft

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Mike Caveny

Kathy Robinson

*ad hoc members:* Tom Swaik - Parish Business Manager; Rachel Cunningham - School Principal; Fr. Dan Bergbower - Pastor



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## WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

July 15/16	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Church Support	<b>\$25,600</b>	\$68,756
Weekly Goal - wk 3	To Be Determined	
<b>Difference</b>		

## TIME and TALENT of ST AGNES

We are updating our Time and Talent section for '23 - '24. If you are currently leading a volunteer group at St. Agnes Parish (church or school) please contact Tami Dillon by email (tdillon@stagnescatholicparish.org) and let us know how your group serves. Examples we have are: Hospitality Groups, Parish Center Volunteers (Funeral Luncheon, Donut/Coffee Sundays, Sloppy Joe Saturdays, etc), Heavenly Dusters, Grounds Upkeep, School / Parish Committee Members, etc. If you have any questions, please let Tami know.

~ THANK YOU ~

**New volunteer listing will begin in the September 3 bulletin. Please have your group's volunteer hours & information turned in to Tami by August 23. Your listing should include your group's total hours and indicate if the hours are done weekly, monthly or if they vary. If your groups' hours vary, leaders will need to contact the church office on the Monday after with the total hours served for the group by 3:00pm to be included in the bulletin. Accumulative totals from July 1 - Aug. 30 will also be incorporated into the beginning totals listed.**

## MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL
<b>Jul 15/16</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>690</b>
Jul 8/9	257	263	229	749
Jul 1/2	206	218	182	606
Jun 24/25	169	240	193	602



FAMILY FORMATION

## FAMILY FORMATION (PSR)

Registration begins August 1

### FIRST SESSION FOR FAMILIES

Sunday, September 20  
10:00 am in the Parish Center

Family Formation is for families with children entering Kindergarten up to 12th grade who attend a non-catholic school. It is also for all families with kids in Catholic School who want to spend some family time exploring their faith and in prayer. Sessions are the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 10:00 am. More details soon!



## HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you a "Catholic by Association" and wondering if you can become a member of the Church (someone married to a Catholic and attending Mass but never inquired)? Do you know someone who has been seeking? Are you Baptized in a different Christian tradition, or not Baptized at all? No matter where you see yourself, you are welcome here! Our group is forming now and we'd love to welcome you, too. Sessions will begin in late summer.

Reach out to Cathy Becker, Director of Formation ([cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org](mailto:cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org)) or one of our priests to get started. We can get you started or just answer your questions.



## WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO GREET PARISHIONERS BEFORE MASSES ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY!

Duties mainly include:

- Arrive about 15-20 minutes before Mass begins.
- Greeters will hold doors open and assist those with mobility issues.

- **Make sure both doors are monitored** - the front main doors and the covered entrance near the handicapped parking.
- Be friendly and say hello to as many people as you can! (don't stand talking to each other or to just one person for a long time)
- Please **DO NOT PROP DOORS OPEN**.
- All adults serving in this ministry must be in compliance with Safe Environment. The PGC class and background checks must be current.

Sign up your family using the link or QRcode (families of all ages are welcome!)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4fa5af2faafb6-hospitality#/>

## COMING UP FOR OUR

### ADULT PARISHIONERS...

- Fall Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 6 @ 2:00 pm & 6:30 pm - *Lectio: The Eucharist: Discovering Mass in the Bible* on Formed.org

## Emmaus Teens - END OF SUMMER SPLASH!

Monday, July 31

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - \$25ea

Let's celebrate summer together at the Decatur Parks SPLASH COVE and Overlook ADVENTURE Park. Open to youth going into grades 6th - 12th. We will do some team building and challenge ourselves on the ropes course in the morning. Then cool off at the water park in the afternoon! Chaperone Drivers are needed. Price includes: ropes course, water park admission and lunch. REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4FA5AF2FAAFB6-emmaus3>



## Prayer for the Year of Eucharistic Revival

Father of love and source of all life, throughout this Year of the Eucharist we pray that you strengthen the faith of all your people.

Grant us a renewed sense of your Son's presence in the consecrated bread and wine, and through this Holy Communion, may we become what we receive.

May we be Jesus' hands and feet through which you bless the world.  
Amen

Adapted from

<https://www.bostoncatholic.org/yearoftheeucharist>







## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

A historic event that will feed your soul and inspire your faith in a radical way

Oct. 28 - BOS Center in Springfield

The Diocese will be holding a Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Convention Center. St. Agnes has 116 tickets available for seat reservation. As of this writing, about half were filled. **Last day to sign up with us will be July 31st.** Beginning September 1st via the diocese general admission process more tickets may become available but may not be near the St. Agnes section. For tickets in our section please use the link below or

QRcode to the right:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4FA5AF2FAAFB6-diocesan>



For more information on the Diocese Eucharistic Congress go to: <https://dio.org/revival-bos/>



**Celebrate with the Dominican Sisters**  
**Saturday, August 19 at 10:30 am**  
 at the Sacred Heart Convent Chapel  
 1237 W. Monroe Street in Springfield

The Springfield Dominican Sisters are pleased to welcome you to Sacred Heart Convent for a celebratory Mass in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of their community. Call 217-787-0481 or go to [springfieldop.org/150years/](http://springfieldop.org/150years/) to RSVP by August 1. Building is accessible to everyone and there is plenty of off-street parking. For those unable to be present a livestream is offered at [springfieldop.org/livestream/](http://springfieldop.org/livestream/).

**Mass Intentions:** During the celebration of Mass, those wishing to honor a loved one who has passed or celebrate a special milestone may offer a "special intention". These 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 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

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5:00 - 10:00 pm

Maureen Brady 217-787-3423  
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## CONGRATULATIONS SISTER MARY ALBERTA ON YOUR 75TH JUBILEE

Congratulations on your 75th Anniversary in the Springfield Dominican Order! The St. Cabrini Kindergarten Class of 1956 (8th grade class of 1964) would like to extend these words of gratitude and reflection to you...



"Sister Alberta, you took a room full of perfect strangers and turned us into perfect friends!" ~ Diane Denk

"Sister Alberta was the best teacher I ever had!" ~ Joseph Petrilli

"Sister Alberta, I gave you a hassle, but your patience and kindness got me a tassel." ~ Ken Murphy

"Sister Mary Alberta was my first Dominican and the most memorable!" ~ Darlene VanDerWal

"Sister Alberta, I have fond memories of music and fun times." ~ Michael Sturgis

"All my memories of you, my classmates, our activities, and our classroom are all very happy times. Thank you for your dedication to our Lord and to us." ~ Kathleen Kruger-White



...Sister Alberta,  
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