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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

~ 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 *zizánia*. Apparently, this was not just any old weed but a type of darnel 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.

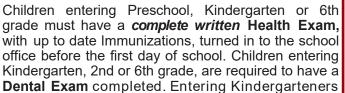
Of course, we all have a duty to help God's kingdom come and His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. But this doesn't mean we can expect perfect justice in this life. If we do, we will be sorely disappointed and our actions will only make things worse. One secret for greater peace is to focus 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).



TIME FOR A

For up to date info be sure to check emails or visit us at Facebook.com/StAgnesSpringfield

Health Exam Information



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

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CHILDREN

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 or 217-793-1370.



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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



THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES

The Used Uniform Shop is OPEN!! Enter through the south gym doors of the school.

St. Agnes Catholic School

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Rachel Cunningham

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Parish Ministry |



JULY 29-30:

4:30 pm Readers: Sr. Joan Sorge, Holly Kesterson

Euch. Ministers: Rita Messinger, Mary Mucciante

Barb Kern, Judy Nordstrom

Zak Family, Lilly Murphy Altar Servers:

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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

EUCHARISTIC ADOR ATION

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

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| Tues | Afternoon Adoration | 2:30 - 3:30 pm | | | | | |
| Jul 25 | Music Lessons | 2:30 pm Music Room | | | | | |
| Wed | Staff Lunch & Learn w/ Diocese | 11:00am Parish Center | | | | | |
| Jul 26 | Summer Book Study Group | 2:00 pm Parish Center, | | | | | |
| Thru Jul 27 | Music Lessons | 3:15 pm Music Room | | | | | |
| Sat Jul 29 | Choir Warm - up | 3:45 pm Choir Room | | | | | |
| Sun Jul 30 | Choir Warm - up | 8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Room | | | | | |
| | Music Lessons | 12:00 pm Choir Room | | | | | |
| | Flute Group Practice | 6:30 pm Choir Room | | | | | |

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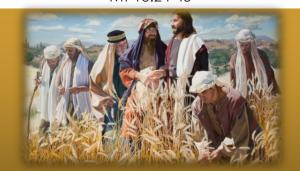
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - Noon **AND** 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Staff takes a lunch break Noon-1:00pm

Bulletin Deadline

Monday, 3:00 pm tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 23

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



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." Matthew 13:24, 37-38

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

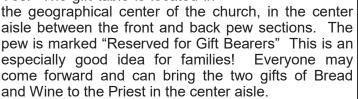
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formed.org/signup

Ask the Padre...

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

<u>Answer:</u> Yes! By all means! Yes! The gift table is located in





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
Melissa Bland Andy Lascody

Mike Caveny Kathy Robinson

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



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

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 T a m i D i I I o n b y e m a i I (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 | | | | |
| Jul 15/16 | 254 | 238 | 198 | 690 | | | | |
| Jul 8/9 | 257 | 263 | 229 | 749 | | | | |
| Jul 1/2 | 206 | 218 | 182 | 606 | | | | |
| Jun 24/25 | 169 | 240 | 193 | 602 | | | | |

Family Formation tering Kinder

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!

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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 (<u>cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org</u>) or one of our priests to get started. We can get you started or just answer your questions.

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





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#/

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



EUCHARISTIC 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 QRcode to the right:

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/9040A4FA5AF2FAAFB6diocesan

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/ 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/.



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.

you touched us all and GOD BLESS YOU!

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.



Request

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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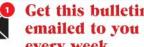
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