

July 30, 2023

# 17th 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, August 1

5:30 pm Deceased Members  
of the Quinn Family †

#### Wednesday, August 2

8:15 am Martin Buedel †

#### Thursday, August 3

8:15 am Joseph Brockamp †

#### Friday, August 4

8:15 am Deceased Members  
of the Richiusa & Leo  
Families †

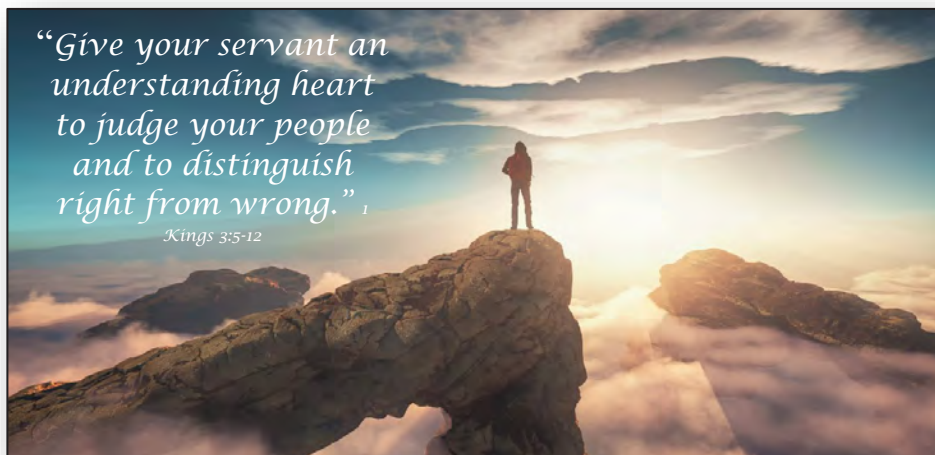
#### Saturday, August 5

4:30 pm George Doerfler †

#### Sunday, August 6

9:00 am Loretta Till †  
Miguel Daba †

11:00 am Vicki Alewelt †  
Parishioners of St. Agnes



### Messages of Hope from Fr. Dan

In the First Book of Kings we hear that Solomon is visited by God in his dreams and is given the opportunity to ask for ANYTHING HE WANTS! Famously, the new King Solomon asked for understanding and wisdom to guide his people. God was so please He gave Solomon: *"a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."* 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

What would you ask for if God approached you in a dream? What would your spouse ask for or your children or grandchildren. In giving your heart to others you give your heart to GOD and then DREAMS DO COME TRUE!

**MR. TOM SWOIK, RESTING IN THE LOVING ARMS OF GOD!** It is with mixed emotions that many of us say goodbye to our friend Tom. Most recently Tom, who is a man of great faith, was called home to the Lord by a very aggressive type of cancer. Most recently Tom served as our Business Manager here at St. Agnes. A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated this past Friday, July 28, 2023 here at St. Agnes. We offer our sympathy, prayers and condolences to his wife Gayle, daughter Jaime, son TJ, grandchildren Madalyn & Charlie and brother Jeffrey.

**Rest in Peace good and faithful servant of the Lord!**

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** Our Finance Council met this past Tuesday, July 25, 2023 to discuss the way forward due to the untimely passing of Tom. Working together with both the School and Church Staff and volunteers we will keep moving forward with diligent oversight of our parish finances. Thank you to the Finance Council and our Staff and volunteers for meeting the challenge left by the void of our Friend and Business Manager Tom!

**SEMINARIAN DENNIS TRICKEY COMPLETES SUMMER INTERNSHIP** Seminarian Dennis will be taking a week or so off as he prepares to enter the Major Seminary. He will begin his studies as a first year Seminarian at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Please keep him and all of our aspiring priests in your prayers.

*The Grace of God urges us forward!*



For up to date info be sure to check emails or visit us at [Facebook.com/StAgnesSpringfield](https://www.facebook.com/StAgnesSpringfield)



### 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.

## ~ IN THE NEWS ~

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



**See you soon!!**

The school office will reopen **Monday, August 7** to start the 2023-2024 school year.



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The following website (developed by 2 St. Agnes School parents) contains information to assist parents by providing articles for educational productiveness to everyday challenges. For resources and more information visit: [www.involvedk12.org](http://www.involvedk12.org) and enjoy this little tidbit from a back-to-school article...

*Once again, it's that wonderful time of the year when students head back to school! While this time can be very exciting for some, it certainly can produce some negative feelings as well. Going back to school can bring up big worries for kids, but talking about concerns — and feeling supported — can help.*

*Here are some tips to make your back-to-school conversations more productive and less stressful for everyone...*

Find the rest of the article @ <https://www.involvedk12.org/resource-blog/helping-with-back-to-school-worries>

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**AUGUST 5-6:**

- 4:30 pm Readers: Patrick Wildman, Tammie Klein  
 Euch. Ministers: Kathe Kraft, Lee Bloome  
 Ralph & Roslyn Brookens  
 Altar Servers: Paityn Brady, Caleb Eck, Lilly Murphy  
 Videography:
- 9:00 am Readers: Vicki Bauer, Susan Hartl  
 Euch. Ministers: Julie Davis, Tom Frost  
 Bob & Kathy Sherman  
 Altar Servers: Mike Bauer, Mark Gebhards
- 11:00 am Readers: Chris Young, Rob Fafoglia  
 Euch. Ministers: Kelle Lee, Sr. Angelene Biderbost  
 Linda Mueller, Tricia Hopkins-Price  
 Altar Servers: Willenborg Family

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ADORATION
**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>Aug 1</b>	<b>Afternoon Adoration</b>	<b>2:30 - 3:30 pm</b>
	Music Lessons	2:30 pm Music Room
<b>Thru</b> <b>Aug 3</b>	Music Lessons	3:15 pm Music Room
<b>Sat</b> <b>Aug 4</b>	<b>Sloppy Joe Saturday Drop Off</b>	<b>7:30-8:30am Parish Center</b>
	Choir Warm - up	3:45 pm Choir Room
<b>Sun</b> <b>Aug 5</b>	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

View this bulletin online at [www.DiscoverMass.com](http://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](mailto:tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org)

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

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

**Monday, July 31**

EX 32:15-24, 30-34 ~ MT 13:31-35

**Tuesday, August 1**

EX 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 ~ MT 13:36-43

**Wednesday, August 2**

EX 34:29-35 ~ MT 13:44-46

**Thursday, August 3**

EX 40:16-21, 34-38 ~ MT 13:47-53

**Friday, August 4**

LV 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37  
 MT 13:54-58

**Saturday, August 5**

LV 25:1, 8-17 ~ MT 14:1-12

**Transfiguration of the Lord, Aug. 6**

DN 7:9-10, 13-14 ~ 2 PT 1:16-19  
 MT 17:1-9

Have you checked out FORMED lately?

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ON DEMAND.[formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)

## 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.

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### WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

July 22/23	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Church Support	<b>\$19,380</b>	\$88,136
Weekly Goal - wk 4	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.**

### 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: Rachel Cunningham - School Principal; Fr. Dan Bergbower - Pastor



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### MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL
<b>Jul 22/23</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>712</b>
Jul 15/16	254	238	198	690
Jul 8/9	257	263	229	749
Jul 1/2	206	218	182	606



## 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 hold doors open & assist those with mobility issues.
- **Make sure both doors are monitored** - the front main doors & 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

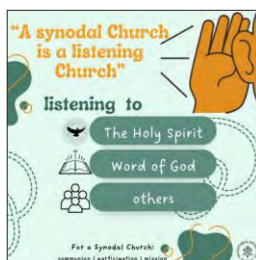
## Emmaus Teens - END OF SUMMER SPLASH!

**NEW DATE!!! - Monday, August 7**

**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 by August 4:

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



You may have heard that the *International Synod* is moving into it's next phase! Remember when we met in groups last year for good conversation and listening? Well, we sent our report to the United States Synod team. They compiled all the reports from other teams as well and sent them on to the Vatican. The Vatican in turn, who received reports from across the globe, took those reports and compiled one document. The new "*Instrumentum Laboris*" (working guide). This will be the guiding document for the Synod assembly for this fall (2023) and fall of 2024. AND - we are asked to continue being a synodal church too! Look for gatherings in the fall so we may continue to listen and pray together. If interested - to read the parish report, the North American report and the new Synod guide check out our parish website under the new Synod page! <https://stagnescatholicparish.org/synod-st-agnes>





### Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 94th Annual Convention

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 94th Annual Convention will be held on Wednesday, September 27, at Sacred Heart Griffin West Campus with Mass at nearby St. Agnes Church, Springfield. This year the convention is being hosted by the Springfield Deanery. The convention theme is "Christus Vivit" - "Christ is Alive." The S.D.C.C.W. 2023 Convention will give participants opportunities for renewed hope, prayer (especially the Mass), new/renewed friendships, visiting exhibits and participating in the Silent Auction, Quilt and Dinnerware Raffles and 50/50 Drawing, etc. Keynote speaker will be Cathy Becker.



The Diocese Eucharistic Congress Committee decided to move the sign-up date back. Parishes now have until **September 15, 2023** to gather sign-ups for their reserved seating or until all allotted seats are filled. This gives you an extra month and a half to gather sign-ups. For tickets in our section please use the link or QRcode:

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



Beginning September 1st via the diocese general admission process more tickets may become available but may not be near the St. Agnes section. For more information on the Diocese Eucharistic Congress go to: <https://dio.org/revival-bos/>



Tom F. Swoik  
1948-2023

Friday, July 21 St. Agnes Parish unexpectedly lost a member of our staff. For those not familiar with Tom and the Swoik family, here is just a small sample of his involvement with St. Agnes...

Tom was a life long resident of Springfield and a graduate of Springfield High. He married Gayle Davis in 1972 & together they have 2 children - Jaime & T.J.; and 2 grandchildren - Madalyn & Charlie. While Tom had a colorful resume' in his years of work, his most recent endeavor brought him out of retirement. In January, he took on the role as Parish Business Manager here at St. Agnes Parish. Over the years, Tom had also served on the St. Agnes School Board, the Building/Grounds Committee, as well as the Roofing Committee. Sundays, Tom liked to volunteer as usher at the 9:00am Mass, which he attended regularly. He and his family also believed in supporting catholic education and helping the students & teachers of St. Agnes by actively donating to our school's M.A.G.I.C. Match Fund and other various school needs. One could easily find Tom and his grandson Charlie working on many handy-man projects throughout the parish. Most recently they installed the carpet in the visiting rooms & side offices, added the doorway to the revamped coatroom, as well as many odds and ends type jobs in the rectory. Yes, Tom wore many hats during his lifetime - business manager, handy-man, accounting manager, executive director, and more. However, his greatest achievement will always be his family. Please keep Gayle and all members of the Swoik family in your thoughts and prayers.

*...for the mountains may depart and the hills may be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you... ~ Isaiah 54:10*

**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

Sheila Noonan 217-546-0012  
Barb Kern 217-546-7729

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