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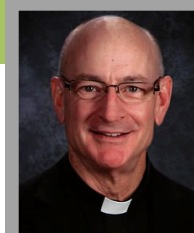
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~ MASS SCHEDULE ~

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

~ Rosary ~

Tuesday - Friday
30 minutes before start of Mass

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Tuesday, August 22

5:30 pm Jim Skube †
Craig Oswald †

Wednesday, August 23

8:15 am Rosella Brookens †
Mary Blair †

Thursday, August 24

8:15 am Regina Tebrugge †

Friday, August 25

8:15 am Robert Pary †

Saturday, August 26

4:30 pm Donna Bergbower †

Sunday, August 27

9:00 am Josephine Nimmo †
Bill Becker †

11:00 am Michael Coady †
Parishioners of St. Agnes

Matthew 15:28

**"O WOMAN,
GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!
LET IT BE DONE FOR YOU
AS YOU WISH."**

And her daughter was healed
from that hour.

Messages of Hope from Fr. Dan

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This quote is one of hope, not understanding. St. Augustine said: "If you understand it...then it is not God!" Today's scripture from the Gospel of St. Matthew is one of those scriptural conundrums. Though it seems harsh, biblical scholars maintain the type of "dog" Jesus speaks about is not a "junk yard dog" but a "lap dog." This is a friendly house hold pet worthy of care. Jesus speaks "tongue in cheek" with a "glimmer" in His eye. Jesus speaks in a playful way and not in a harsh manner as it may first appear. This allows the woman to "follow suit" and return a clever and faith filled reply! And of course, the woman is rewarded. This also, and even more importantly, means that NOW the Salvation He brings belongs not only to the Chosen Israelites but also to the Gentiles! This gives us all hope for the healing, not of just the few but of all Creation! Hope is springing eternal for all!

HOLY HOURS CONTINUE WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAYS AT 7:00 TO 8:00 AM. TUESDAYS 2:30 PM TO 3:30 PM Just a reminder to take these opportunities to allow the Holy Spirit to whisper to your heart!

WEEKEND MASS COVERAGE FOR PRIEST ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE. As was announced in the Aug. 6th edition of Catholic Times, Fr. Angel Sierra is currently on a leave of absence. For the next several weeks Fr. Christopher will be covering the 5 weekend Masses in Arcola, Tuscola and Villa Grove. Fr. Christopher will be here at St. Agnes during the week as always.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING OF BACKPACK'S THIS WEEK-END It is exciting to offer this opportunity to all of our parish students from any and all schools both public and private and St. Agnes school. So bring your backpacks, with our without books to Mass with you for a Special Blessing as we begin our 2023-24 School Year. And yes, congratulations to our Parents for navigating another summer of fun with their children!

The Grace of God urges us forward!



We are off to a great start! All grades are in full swing this week, including our Pre-K 3 & 4 classes! Please remember that school starts at 8:00 am. Take into consideration drive time, other traffic and the morning drop off time to ensure your are not arriving after the bell has rung. All children need to be in their classrooms and in their seats by 8:00am in order for teachers to get started with minimal delays. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

*Rachel Cunningham, Principal
St. Agnes School*

~ IN THE NEWS ~

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

Monday, August 21

- First Day for Pre-K
- Full Day Classes begin

Coming up...

Wednesday, August 30

- Back to School Night

Thursday, August 31

- School Mass, Kdg - 8th, 8:15am

Looking ahead...

Monday, September 4

- **NO SCHOOL**, Labor Day

Thursday, September 7

- Family Cookout, 6:00 pm

Friday, September 8

- **11:30 am DISMISSAL**
- **NO LATE DAY**
- Grandparents' Day
- All School Mass, 8:30 am

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



We are looking for a minimum of 12 Individuals or Teams to regularly sell SCRIP after weekend Masses from September through April. This would be a rotating schedule, essentially committing to selling SCRIP no less than after one Mass per month during the school year. All individuals interested received service hours and need to have completed the Diocese Safe Environment Class. If this is something that interests you, please email Tami Dillon at tdillon@stagnescatholicparish.org.

Please list your Mass time of choice: Saturday @ 4:30pm, Sunday @ 9:00 am or 11:00am - as well as which weekend of the month (1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th). We would also like you to list a second Mass time choice if possible.

Reminder: SCRIP Selling Places & Times

Now that school is back in session **remember** you can buy SCRIP in person all week long! Just go to the Church Gathering Space (the new Church Office Location - use the south facing main doors) anytime M-F 8:00am to 3:30pm for SCRIP purchases. It's the perfect time after morning drop-off or while waiting in line for dismissal. Many favorites kept on-hand like Walmart/ Sam's, Target, Amazon, Meijer, Shell, Walgreens, County Market, Visa, Starbucks and many more. *Mondays - turn in your pre-orders by Noon for Friday pick-up.* All orders must be accompanied by payment to fill. Look for weekend Mass sales to

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**AUGUST 26-27:**

4:30 pm Readers: Cyndi Callan, Kevin Klemm
 Euch. Ministers: Jim Curtis, Christina Wise
 Ellen Kuntzi, Mary Mucciante
 Altar Servers: Ludolph Family
 Videography:

9:00 am Readers: Bev Dillon, Jamie Greenwald
 Euch. Ministers: Tricia Hopkins-Price, Carrie Becker
 Josh Becker, Leah Becker
 Altar Servers: Mike Reed, Mark Gebhards

11:00 am Readers: Rich Koerper, Lilly Koerper
 Euch. Ministers: Rich & Meredith Koerper
 Adrian Koerper, Patrick Dennis
 Altar Servers: Zak Family

EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION

WEEKDAY MORNING ADORATION
Wednesday - Friday 7:00 - 8:00 am
 and continued afternoon Adoration
Tuesdays 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Just a reminder to take these opportunities to allow the Holy Spirit to whisper to your heart!

What's Happening this week

Mon Aug 21	Teen Leaders Mtg	6:00pm Parish Center
Tues Aug 22	Afternoon Adoration	2:30 - 3:30 pm
	Staff Meeting	1:00pm Parish Center Rm A
	Men's Ministry Group	6:00pm Parish Center Rm B
	Hospitality & Euch. Ministry to Homebound Mtg	6:30pm Parish Center Rm A
Thu Aug 24	Executive Staff Meeting	9:00am Conference Rm
Sat Aug 26	Mills Wedding	1:00pm Church/Parish Center
	Choir Warm - up	3:45 pm Choir Room
Sun Aug 27	Choir Warm - up	8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Room
	Music Lessons	12:00 pm Choir Room
	Companions YM Team Mtg	2:00pm Parish Center
	Youth Night	4:00pm Parish Center
	Flute Group Practice	6:30 pm Choir Room

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Parish Office Hours

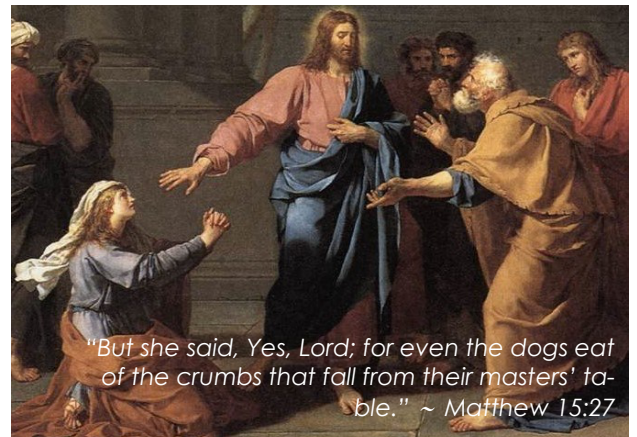
Monday - Friday
 8:00 am - Noon **AND** 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Staff takes a lunch break Noon-1:00pm

Bulletin Deadline

Monday, 3:00 pm
tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Aug. 20

IS 56:1, 6-7 ~ ROM 11:13-15, 29-32
 MT 15:21-28



"But she said, Yes, Lord; for even the dogs eat
 of the crumbs that fall from their masters' ta-
 ble." ~ Matthew 15:27

Monday, August 21

JGS 2:11-19 ~ MT 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 22

JGS 6:11-24a ~ MT 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 23

JGS 9:6-15 ~ MT 20:1-16

Thursday, August 24

RV 21:9b14 ~ JN 1:45-51

Friday, August 25

RU 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 ~ MT 22:34-40

Saturday, August 26

RU2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 ~ MT 23:1-12

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Aug. 27

IS 22:19-23 ~ ROM 11:33-36
 MT 16:13-20

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Ask the Padre...

Question: Where is our weekly collection goal?

Answer: With the untimely passing of Tom Swoik, our business manager, this has yet to be determined. One concern the Finance Council is addressing is **differentiating the Weekly Collection Goal** from the **Weekly Budget Goal**. These are two different but related goals. The total budget income includes: *School Tuition, Fund-raisers such as Scrip and the Auction, the Tuition Assistance Envelope* as well as the *Annual School Fund* AND the *Weekly Collections*. The past few years the **Weekly Collection Goal** has been based upon the past year's actual collection plus a 3% to 5% increase. **The Finance Council will continue to diligently monitor our Parish Finances and will begin a quarterly update in this bulletin.**

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.

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



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

[www.givecentral.org/
location/327/allevants](http://www.givecentral.org/location/327/allevants)



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WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

July 29/30	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Church Support	\$28,547	\$161,084
Weekly Goal - wk 7	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 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
Aug 12/13	236	242	233	711
Aug 5/6	291	213	181	685
Jul 29/30	250	235	191	676
Jul 22/23	267	193	252	712

FALL SESSIONS STARTING SOON...



FIRST SESSION FOR FAMILIES

Monday, September 11
6:00 pm in the Parish Center

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) or one of our priests to get started. We can get you started or just answer your questions.



ADULT STUDY FALL MENU

- "Bible Study: the Eucharist Discovering the Mass in the Bible" Wednesdays, Sept 6 - October 4, 2:00 pm or 6:30 pm times available
- "Conversations in Communion: Synod Listening Sessions" and Prayer Time: Thursdays at 6:30 pm on October 12, November 9, and December 14
- Book Study or video course TBD: Wednesdays, 2:00 pm or 6:30 pm from November 8 - 29
- Busy Person's Retreat Week during Advent - TBA

WORDLWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS



WWME presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. There are only TWO more weekend experiences left in 2023! Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to www.wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

9/29/2023 - 10/1/2023 - St. Peters, MO

12/1/2023 - 12/3/2023 - St. Peters, MO



FAMILY FORMATION

FAMILY FORMATION (PSR)

Registration is open!

FIRST SESSION FOR FAMILIES

Sunday, September 17
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. To register use this link: <https://forms.gle/B7tzKxtSfiowzkz4A> or QRcode:



NEW! Kids in grades 3, 4 and 5! Get a taste of youth ministry! Details, dates and registration coming soon!

1. Saint Badge Days - earn a badge and learn about some of our favorite saints
2. Family Service Sampler Days. Especially for Post Confirmation Service Projects. These days will offer a sample of what community service can look like.
3. Family Brunch 3rd Sundays of each month 10:00 am beginning in October 10:00 am

For Emmaus Teens Upcoming Opportunities:

- *Morning Drop In at 10:00 am* Oct. 1 & Nov. 5 plus every first Sunday. Stop in before or after Mass to grab a bite and chill. Short videos, games and time to get your day started.
- *Emmaus Café* Oct. 15 and Nov. 19 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Dinner, conversation on IRL topics, prayer and friends.
- *Out of the Darkness Walk* - Oct. 14, TBD
- *Bonfire* - Nov 4



Grades 6-12 Kayaking Trip & Luncheon on Lake Springfield

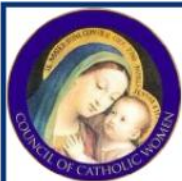
Saturday, September 23
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Get in the boat! Just a fun day on the water. Life-guards and water front safety personnel will be available. Life jackets must be worn and will be supplied. Parishioners who wish to chaperone are welcome but must have safe environment compliance. Contact Cathy Becker for more information. No cost but register here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4fa5af2faafb6-emmaus4#/>



COFFEE & DONUT SUNDAYS RETURN! August 27th

Join fellow parishioners for Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Center after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses.



Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 94th Annual Convention

Join us **Wednesday, September 27**, at Sacred Heart Griffin West Campus with Mass at nearby St. Agnes Church, Springfield. This year's convention is hosted by the Springfield Deanery and the theme is "Christus Vivit" - "Christ is Alive." The S.D.C.C.W. 2023 Convention gives participants opportunities for renewed hope, prayer, finding new & renewing friendships, visiting exhibits and participating in the Silent Auction, Quilt and Dinnerware Raffles and 50/50 Drawing, etc. *Keynote speaker will be Cathy Becker.*



Lectio: The Case for Jesus

Thursdays - 10:00am or 1:00pm
Starting September 7
Cathedral School Library

Cathedral Women's Bible Study presents a 9-part video/discussion series with Dr. Brant Pitre. *Can we trust the Gospels? Do we really know who wrote them? Do the Gospels communicate truth – or fabricated fables? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus claim to be?* Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ's divinity. Order your study guide by calling 217-522-3342 or emailing vcompton@cathedral.dio.org



You now have until **September 15, 2023** to sign-up for reserved seating at the Eucharistic Congress with fellow St. Agnes Parishioners. For tickets in this section (*roughly 45 tickets left*) please use this link to sign up:

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



Beginning September 1st via the diocese general admission process more tickets may become available.

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The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, contact our parish office.

For more details, speakers and schedule - visit dio.org/revival-bos



Come&See Vocation Weekend September 16-17

Catholic women 20-45 are invited to "Come & See"- and experience - the daily lives of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, IL. Whether you are discerning a vocation to vowed religious life or are just curious, you can join the sisters for a weekend immersed in the rhythms of their lives. The free event begins Friday, September 15 in the evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. Visit <https://springfieldop.org/comesee> to register or call Sister Denise Glazik at (217)787-0481 ext. 6021.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Says....



"One filled with the joy preaches without preaching."

- Mother Teresa

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

5:00 - 10:00 pm

Maureen Brady 217-787-3423
Cinda Steinkamp 217-787-6439

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