

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



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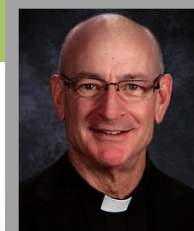
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~ MASS SCHEDULE ~

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



Messages of Hope from Fr. Dan

"The Lord is Kind and Merciful." *Psalm 19* This psalm transcends all the hatred and war that was being experienced by David when he wrote this Psalm. As an early Psalm, he may have written it when he was still tending sheep before he ever became King David. The yearning we desire for kindness and mercy is universal. Fr. Richard Rohr, a Catholic spiritual writer, speaks about **"a God who swims in an ocean of mercy."** As a recipient of God's abundant mercy let us be mindful to share that same mercy with those in our own families.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY This weekend we honor all those who impart the faith of Jesus Christ to others here at St. Agnes and throughout the United States. Specifically, at 9:00 am Mass this Sunday Sep 17, we Bless all of our school teachers and parish catechists. Let us keep them in our prayers as they begin a new year of learning and living out our faith in Jesus Christ.

PRIESTS AWAY AT CONVOCAATION SEP. 18-21 Next week all the priests of the Diocese will be meeting together with Bishop Paprocki in Collinsville, IL for our annual meeting. Due to this meeting there are no Masses Monday-Thursday, Sep 18-21. Yes, there will be Mass on Friday, Sep 19th.

ST. AGNES MENS GROUP MEETING CANCELED JUST on Sep 19th. Just a reminder, Due to the Priest Convocation the Tuesday Night Men's Group is canceled. See You Next Tuesday Sep 26.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Tuesday, Sep 26, 36 young people will receive the Sacraments of **Confirmation and First Communion** at the Cathedral with Bishop Paprocki as the Celebrant. Let's also keep them in our Prayers. On Wednesday Sep 27th the **Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention** will be held at Sacred Heart Convent with our own Cathy Becker as the Keynote Speaker. All women of the Parish are urged to attend. Call Tami at the parish office to sign up. The Mass for this event is being hosted here at St. Agnes at 11:00 am and all are invited.

May the Grace of God urges us forward!

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Tuesday, September 19

5:30 pm **NO MASS**

Wednesday, September 20

8:15 am **NO MASS**

Thursday, September 21

8:15 am **NO MASS**

Friday, September 22

8:15 am Marianne Hunt †
William Cavanagh †

Saturday, September 23

4:30 pm Bruce Bernardi †
Cliff Erwin †

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am Mike Mizeur †
11:00 am Regina Quinn †
Parishioners of St. Agnes



September is flying by and we are already halfway through our first quarter! Parents, please continue to check your emails, bulletins, newsletters for up to date school information. Some weeks we have will have a lot going on and changes to be made. Thank you for your understanding and patience. Blessings to all our Families.

Rachel Cunningham, Principal
St. Agnes School



IN SEARCH OF COACHES

Coaches needed for 5th grade boys basketball & 5th grade girls volleyball as well as the additional sports listed below. If interested please contact **Jesse Guzman**, our Athletic Director at: jguzman@stagnescatholicsschool.org.

Boys Basketball Girls Basketball
Volleyball Track
Chess Club Scholastic Bowl

**COACHES
NEEDED**



ATTENTION!

SCHOOL FAMILIES ATTENDING MASS AT ST AGNES CHURCH ON THE WEEKENDS AND STILL IN NEED OF ENVELOPES - PLEASE CHECK WITH TAMI IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. SHE CAN BE REACHED AT 217-793-1330 (M-F 8AM-4PM) OR EMAIL tdillon@stagnescatholicparish.org.



Veteran's Day Purple Heart Shirts

The Purple Heart medal is presented to service members who have been wounded or killed as a result of emery action while serving in the U.S. military. A Purple Heart is a solemn 6 distinction and means a service member has greatly sacrificed themselves, or paid the ultimate price, while in the line of duty. This year for Veteran's Day, St. Agnes School will donate all the proceeds to Military Order of the Purple Heart Shirt. It is our honor to honor those that serve. Students can wear these shirts on Veteran's Day and also school Spirit Days. Currently we are in need of sponsors for these shirts. Sponsor names/businesses will be added to the back of these shirts. Suggested donations are: Business Logos - \$250.00 Names of Veterans - \$100.00. If interested, please contact Kris Wellman at 217-793-1370 or email kwellman@stagnescatholicsschool.org.



~ IN THE NEWS ~

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

Monday, September 18

- 1:30pm **DISMISSAL**

Tuesday, September 19

- Class Adoration, 2:50pm (4th Gr)
- Parents' Club Meeting, 5:30pm Parish Center Rm A

Wednesday, September 20

- Coaches Meeting, 6:00pm Cafeteria

Thursday, September 21

- NO School Mass
- St. Agnes Night @ KofC Meadowbrook

Coming up...

Tuesday, September 26

- Confirmation / First Eucharist, 6:30pm at Cathedral (3rd Gr)

Wednesday, September 27

- Sacramental Day off (St. Agnes School 3rd Gr. students only)

Friday, September 29

- **NO SCHOOL**

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

**Blessing of
the Animals**



2nd Annual Blessing of the Animals Festival

Save the date:
Sunday, October 1
Noon-2:00 pm
Look for Food trucks, contests and prizes, pet paw prints, Police k-9 demo and more!

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**SEPTEMBER 23/24:**

- 4:30 pm Readers: Holly Kesterson, Marilyn Okon
 Euch. Ministers: Brad & Diane Loscher
 Christina Wise, Pam Patton
 Altar Servers: Ludolph Family
- 9:00 am Readers: Denise Klemm, Dan Punzak
 Euch. Ministers: Nancy King, Rick Wilderson
 Bob & Nancy Gorman
 Altar Servers: Zak Family
- 11:00 am Readers: Melissa Bland, Kayla Bland
 Euch. Ministers: Leigh Reed, Patrick Dennis
 Kelle Lee, Chad Robinson
 Altar Servers: Willenborg Family

Parish Office Hours

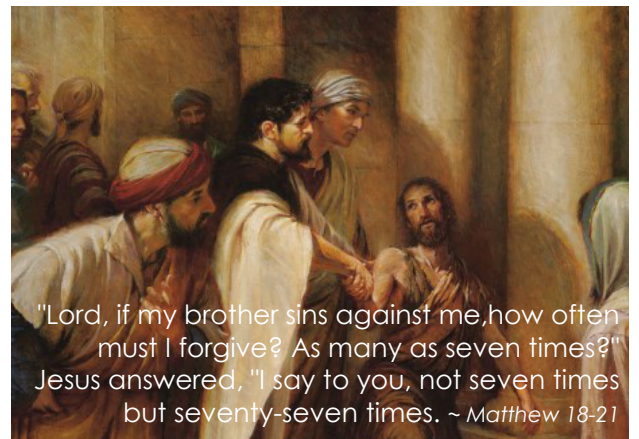
Monday - Friday
 8:00 am - Noon **AND** 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Staff takes a lunch break Noon-1:00pm

Bulletin Deadline

Monday, 3:00 pm
 tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 17

SIR 27:30—28:7 ~ ROM 14:7-9
 MT 18:21-35



"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"
 Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. ~ Matthew 18:21

What's Happening this week

Mon Sep 18	RCIA Session	6:30 pm Parish Center
Tues Sep 19	Afternoon Adoration Music Lessons Parents' Club Meeting	2:30 - 3:30 pm 3:15pm Choir Room 5:30 pm Parish Center Rm A
Wed Sep 20	Bible Study - afternoon Bible Study - evening	2:00 pm Parish Center 6:30 pm
Thu Sep 21	Music Lessons St. Agnes KofC Night	3:15pm Choir Room @ Knights of Columbus Hall - Meadowbrook
Fri Sep 22	ELCA Bishop Installation	Friday & Saturday Event Church / Parish Center
Sat Sep 23	Kayaking - Youth Event Choir Warm - up	Lake Springfield 3:45 pm Choir Room
Sun Sep 24	Choir Warm - up Music Lessons Restored Order Retreat #2 Flute Group Practice	8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Room 12:00 pm Choir Room 2:00 pm Parish Center 6:30 pm Choir Room

Monday, September 18

1 TM 2:1-8 ~ LK 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19

1 TM 3:1-13 ~ LK 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 20

1 TM 3:14-16 ~ LK 7:31-35

Thursday, September 21

EPH 4:1-7, 11-13 ~ MT 9:9-13

Friday, September 22

1 TM 6:2c-12 ~ LK 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23

1 TM 6:13-16 ~ LK 8:4-15

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 24

IS 55:6-9 ~ PHIL 1:20c-24, 27a
 MT 20:1-16a

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Ask the Padre...

Question: Where is our weekly collection goal?

Answer #1: On Wednesday, September 6, our Finance Council met to answer this as well as many other questions. The simple answer is \$23,000. Remember, our Weekly Collection Goal is only one of many sources of income for our total parish Operating Budget. See answer #2 for more information.

Our Annual Parish Financial Report will be the weekend of Sep 30 / Oct 1 at each Mass. A full report will then be mailed to each registered member of the parish.

Answer #2: The Finance Council is addressing differentiating the **Weekly Collection Goal** from the **Weekly Budget Goal**. These are two different but related goals. The total budget income includes: *School Tuition, Fundraisers such as Scrip and the Auction, the Tuition Assistance Envelope as well as the Annual School Fund, Empowering IL 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.

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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WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

Sept 9/10	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Church Support	\$19,706	\$237,031
Weekly Goal - wk 11	\$23,000	\$253,000
Difference	(-\$3,294)	(-\$15,969)

TIME and TALENT of ST AGNES

Sept 3 - 11

Liturgical Ministries (Readers, Servers, Euch. Ministers, Rosary):	30
Hospitality (Videography, Greeters, Ushers, etc):	14
Choir/Musicians:	22
Faith Formation / RCIA:	0
Office Volunteers / Collection Counters:	50
Heavenly Dusters (includes Altar Linens):	10
Parish Center	0
Grounds Upkeep	0
School Volunteers (Cafeteria, Recess, Classroom)	20
School Athletics	60
School Committees	0
Total Volunteer hours:	206
YTD (7/1/2023 - present)	1330

MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL
Sep 9/10	201	282	219	702
Sep 2/3	264	262	240	766
Aug 26/27	274	275	253	802
Aug 19/20	230	281	235	746



RCIA FIRST SESSION
Monday, September 18
6:00 pm in the Parish Center
This is a reschedule from last week



FAMILY FORMATION

FIRST SESSION FOR FAMILIES
THIS 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:



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. Lifeguards

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. Register here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4fa5af2faafb6-emmaus4#/>



Annual Respect Life and Rosary Walk

This year's annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass and prayer procession is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 at Holy Family Parish in Granite City. Bishop Paprocki will celebrate Mass at 9:00 am, followed by a prayer procession around the abortion facility in Granite City. Lunch and speaker will follow the procession.



Looking for a Christmas Angel

This year we are looking for a volunteer to help with the set-up and organization of our Angel Tree. If you are interested in helping out this year, please call Tami in the Parish Office for more information. One or two volunteers needed.

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**ST AGNES
 FORMATION:
 GRADES 3 TO 6**

FAMILY SERVICE SAMPLERS

Try out those newly strengthened Gifts of the Spirit!
 Ronald McDonald House Dinner: Oct 29, Jan 28
 Dominican Mother House Visiting: Dec 27, April 4
 Martin DePorres Pantry Sorting: Nov 11, Feb. 24

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



EARN A SAINT BADGE

Explore a Saint's life-earn a badge!

Wednesdays, 3:15-4:45pm

Oct. 11 St. Pope John XXIII

Jan. 17 St. Agnes

April 24 St. Kateri Tekawitha

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



SUNDAY BRUNCH

Grab a bite and join us for some fun family activities

10am on the 3rd Sunday of each month

October 15, November 19, December 17

January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21

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EMMAUS TEENS

**KAYAKING
 TRIP**



**SEPT
 23**

**SEPT
 17**

**EMMAUS
 CAFE**

4-6PM

**SACRAMENT RETREAT
 HELP NEEDED**

2-5PM

**SEPT
 24**

**OCT
 1**

**MORNING
 DROP IN**

10AM

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REMINDER!
There will be **NO** Masses

Tuesday, Sept 19
Wednesday, Sept 20
Thursday, Sept 21

8:15 am Mass
returns Friday
September 22

Tootsie Roll Drive
Saturday, Sept 16
Sunday, Sept 17

The Knights of Columbus, Council #364 will be conducting our annual *Intellectually Disabled Program* (better known as the *Tootsie Roll Drive*) in September. The money we collect assists people of all ages who are intellectually disabled. Contributions are shared with five local organizations in the Springfield area with some going to our state organization in support of programs such as the annual Illinois Special Olympics for the Intellectually Disabled. This year, our council is making an extra effort to involve the churches our council supports - St. Agnes, Blessed Sacrament and Christ the King. The Knights will be handing out Tootsie Rolls after each Mass this weekend in hopes of receiving donations to support their program.



St. Agnes Night at KofC Hall Meadowbrook!

Thursday, September 21 will be St. Agnes Night at the KC Raffle on Meadowbrook. Our very own dad band "Jet Trio" will be performing. Come out and enjoy a family meal and enjoy great music on their patio. You could also try your luck with 50/50 and their famous raffle.



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

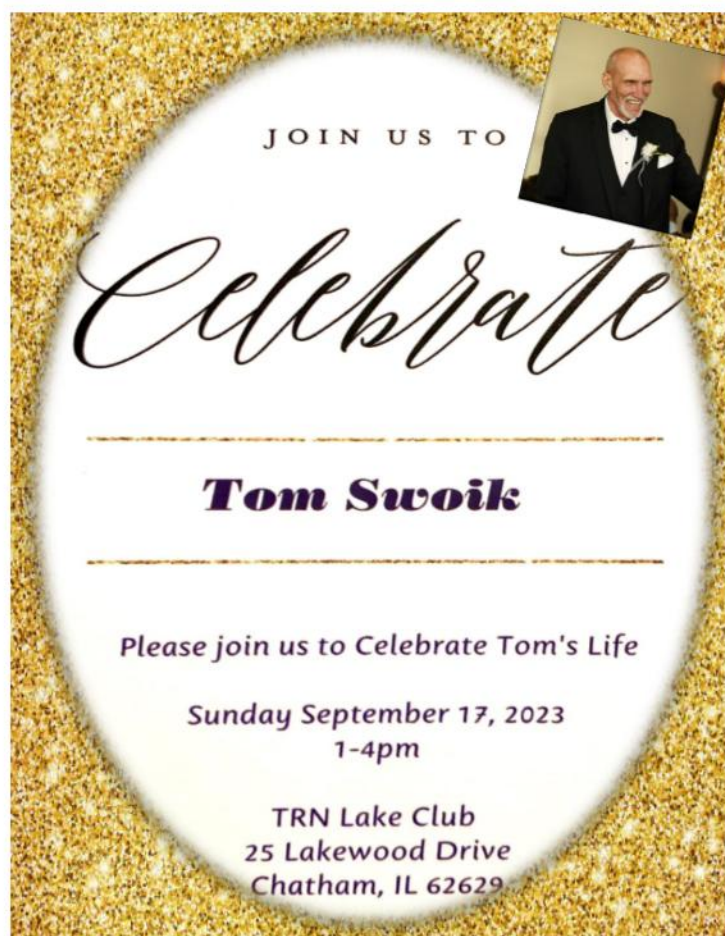
Sheila Noonan 217-546-0012
Barb Kern 217-546-7729

5:00 - 10:00 pm

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



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CHRIST IS ALIVE! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. (par. 1) I am also addressing this message to the entire People of God. (par. 3)

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Sacred Heart Griffin High School
West Campus
1601 W. Washington, Springfield, IL
Mass with Bishop Paprocki
at St. Agnes Church (11:00 am)
Hosted by the Springfield Deanery
Council of Catholic Women



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