



Respect Life

October 1, 2023

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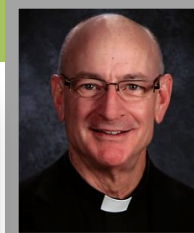
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~ MASS SCHEDULE ~

Monday	NO Mass
Tuesday	5:30 pm
Wed - Thurs - Fri	8:15 am
Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 am

~ Sacrament of Reconciliation ~

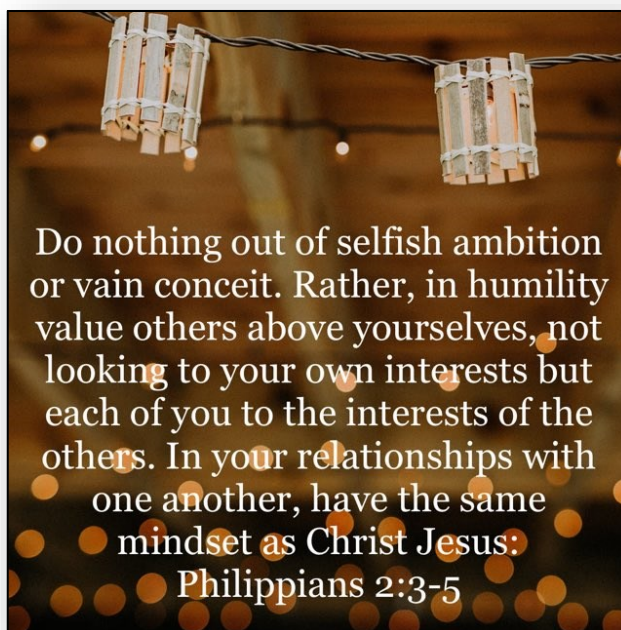
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm on Saturday
or anytime by appointment

~ Eucharistic Adoration ~

Tuesday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm

~ Rosary ~

Tuesday - Friday
30 minutes before start of Mass



Messages of Hope from Fr. Dan

KINDNESS BEGETS KINDNESS AND VICE VERSA St. Paul's letter to the Philippians bespeaks this age old piece of wisdom. If you want to be truly at peace with yourself and others then open your heart to the joy of giving to others. There are many ways to give such as: A prayer prayed for someone, a kind word or deed to a neighbor, a friendly visit to a senior citizen or senior center, a smile and thank you to the people at the grocery store check out, a simple card to a friend or even a "thinking of you" text. The list goes on and on. You see, living in a world that is just about you and what you can take from it is a recipient for unrelenting misery. Unfortunately, many in our current society have chosen this path. Yet, it is incumbent upon each of us as followers of Christ to through 'caution to the wind' and smile, give and forgive just as Christ does for us. Let Jesus compassion be powerfully witness in your daily life. It is then you will find the peace and solace that St. Paul refers to in his letter to the Philippians.

ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT This weekend, September 30 / October 1, we present a brief Financial report at each Mass. A targeted summary will be presented and a witness talk from a parish family will be given. In the following weeks a Copy of the Annual Parish Financial Report will be mailed to all parishioners along with the "yellow" Annual Steward Renewal Card. You are asked to look at your own level of support to our parish and adjust as needed. Thank you to our Finance Council for guiding us to Fiscal Responsibility.

BLESSING OF PETS Sunday, October 1 at 1:00 pm - See you on the lawn & under the big tree between the School and the Church. Food trucks will be there also. See this bulletin for more information.

A WEEK OF BLESSINGS This past week has been filled with blessings. Twenty-Six of our young people received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion this past Tuesday. Our Parish welcomed the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for Mass on Wednesday as they held their convention at SHG, West Campus! Blessings beget Blessings and we are most blessed here at St. Agnes!

May the Grace of God urges us forward!

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Tuesday, October 3

5:30 pm Tom Domagalski †

Wednesday, October 4

8:15 am Sandy Broccardo †

Thursday, October 5

8:15 am Mike Mizeur †

Friday, October 6

8:15 am *for the expedient
wellness and health of
Griffin Patrick McCormick*

Saturday, October 7

4:30 pm Raymond Brunner †
Robert Pary †

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am Bill Becker †
Michael Blean †

11:00 am Sr. Elene Hanrahan, OP †
Parishioners of St. Agnes



Happy October everyone! We have wonderful things in store for this month. One of those things is our Catholic Charities Food Drive and our traditional Trunk or Treat night. More information to come. Have a wonderful week!

Rachel Cunningham, Principal
St. Agnes School



Give because you "CAN"



Please help by placing food in the shopping cart in the Gathering Space.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
FOOD DRIVE**

Catholic Charities Food Drive

It's that time of year again... Catholic Charities will be sponsoring a food drive challenge during the month of October and St. Agnes School will once again partici-

pate. We have been the reigning champions of this competition for five years running and we would like to get a 6th. Our school will be competing against the other Springfield Catholic schools for treats from Pease's at Bunn Gourmet and a \$500.00 cash prize. The challenge officially kicked-off Monday, September 25. **We are collecting food through Tuesday, October 31** and donations will be used for Thanksgiving food baskets provided by the Holy Family Food Pantry. *The following is a list of suggested items that may be needed: boxed stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, gravy packets, boxed macaroni and cheese, boxed cake mix, toilet paper and bars of soap.* Many, many thanks to Mrs. Wellman for coordinating this challenge for our school!

SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY School Maintenance Assistance

To all of our St Agnes School Parents wanting to earn family service hours, we are looking for volunteers to help keep our Church and School beautiful. We are looking for parents to work 1-2 hours at your convenience (after work, during the day, or weekends). Areas needing help are listed in the school newsletter. If you specialize in any of these areas, please let me know. If you would like to help but do not have any experience, no worries - no experience needed for some of our projects. Come volunteer and pick up a new work trade.

PLAYGROUND MONITOR

We are in need of a playground monitor on Mondays from 12:35-12:55 pm. Volunteers must have completed the Safe Environment Training and required background check. To volunteer, please contact Mrs. Pam Kink (217-793-1370 or pkink@stagnescatholicsschool.org).



Student Council Elections will take place **Friday, October 6**. Those running for offices or commissions will be giving their election speeches in the Gym with grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 present. Following the speeches, students in those grades will cast their votes for the following: *President - Vice-President - Secretary - Treasurer - Christian Action Commissioners/Peace Builder Commissioners - Service Commissioners - and Spirit Commissioners.* Those elected to offices and commissions will also serve as representatives for each grade.

~ IN THE NEWS ~

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

Monday, October 2

- 1:30 pm **DISMISSAL**

Tuesday, October 3

- Adoration, 2:50 pm (2nd Gr)

Wednesday, October 4

- Mission Mass, 11:00am @ Cathedral (4th Gr)

Thursday, October 5

- Kdg—8th Mass, 8:15am

Friday, October 6

- Student Council Elections Assembly, 9:00 am

Coming up...

Monday, October 9

- **NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day**

Tuesday, October 10

- Vision & Hearing Screening
- Adoration, 2:50 pm
- School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm Parish Center Rm A

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

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**OCTOBER 7/8:**

- 4:30 pm Readers: Ellen Kuntzi, Patrick Wildman
 Euch. Ministers: Mary Mucciante, Rita Messinger
 Conrad & Kathy Rubinkowski
 Altar Servers: Isabelle Robinson, Addison Troppa
 Lilly Murphy
- 9:00 am Readers: Rick Wilderson, Julie Davis
 Euch. Ministers: Nancy King, Jane Locascio
 Mike & Vicki Bauer
 Altar Servers: Becker Family
- 11:00 am Readers: Cyndi Callan, Sr. Angelene Biderbost
 Euch. Ministers: Rich & Meredith Koerper
 Adrian Koerper, Chad Robinson
 Altar Servers: Simran John, Maggie Dunham

**ST. AGNES MEN'S GROUP**

NEXT MEETING: TUES, OCTOBER 3, 6:00PM

Meetings are Tuesday evenings starting with Mass at 5:30 pm. Meetings are weekly unless otherwise noted.

Feel free to come as your schedule allows.

What's Happening this week

Mon Oct 2	Holy Name Society Meeting RCIA Session	6:00 pm Parish Center 6:30 pm Parish Center
Tues Oct 3	Staff Meeting Afternoon Adoration Music Lessons Men's Group	1:00 pm Parish Center Rm A 2:30 - 3:30 pm 3:15 pm Choir Room 6:00 pm Parish Center Rm B
Wed Oct 4	Bible Study - afternoon Diocese Deacon Meeting	2:00 pm Parish Center 1:00 pm Parish Center
Thu Oct 5	Music Lessons	3:15 pm Choir Room
Sat Oct 7	Sloppy Joe Drop-Off Choir Warm - up	7:30 - 8:30 am Parish Center 3:45 pm Choir Room
Sun Oct 8	Choir Warm - up Flute Group Practice	8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Room 6:30 pm Choir Room

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

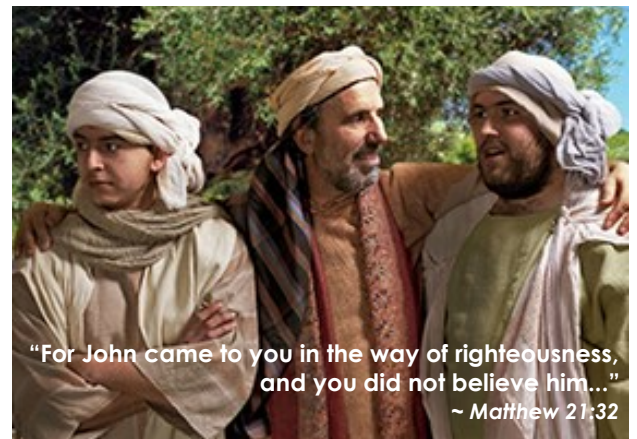
Monday, 3:00 pm

tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct 1

EZ 18:25-28 ~ PHIL 2:1-11

MT 21:28-32

**Monday, October 2**

ZEC 8:1-8 ~ MT 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday, October 3

ZEC 8:20-23 ~ LK 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 4

NEH 2:1-8 ~ LK 9:57-62

Thursday, October 5

NEH 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 ~ LK 10:1-12

Friday, October 6

BAR 1:15-22 ~ LK 10:13-16

Saturday, October 7

BAR 4:5-12, 27-29 ~ LK 10:17-24

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct 8

EZ 18:25-28 ~ PHIL 2:1-11

MT 21:28-32

Have you checked out FORMED lately?

FORMEDTHE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.formed.org/signup

Ask the Padre...

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



Question: How did the Finance Council reach our weekly collection goal total?

Answer: The Finance Council has addressed **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.

Conclusion: Wednesday, September 6, our Finance Council met to answer this as well as many other questions. The simple answer is \$23,000 is our Weekly Goal for this fiscal year. Remember, our Weekly Collection Goal is only one of many sources of income for our total parish Operating Budget.

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

Sep 23/24	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Church Support	\$21,836	\$281,619
Weekly Goal - wk 13	\$23,000	\$299,000
Difference	(-\$1,164)	(-\$17,381)

TIME and TALENT of ST AGNES

Sept 18-24

Liturgical Ministries (Readers, Servers, Euch. Ministers, Rosary):	30
Hospitality (Videography, Greeters, Ushers, etc):	14
Choir/Musicians:	22
Faith Formation / RCIA:	28
Office Volunteers / Collection Counters:	50
Heavenly Dusters (includes Altar Linens):	12
Parish Center	12
Grounds Upkeep	0
School Volunteers (Cafeteria, Recess, Classroom)	20
School Athletics	60
School Committees	42
Total Volunteer hours:	290
YTD (7/1/2023 - present)	1828



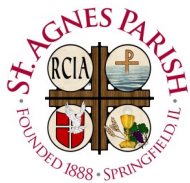
[www.givecentral.org/
location/327/allevants](http://www.givecentral.org/location/327/allevants)



Online Giving is a safe, secure and easy way to continue supporting your faith community. If you would like to sign up for online giving, follow the link or QR code above.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL
Sep 23/24	219	269	232	720
Sep 16/17	217	268	252	737
Sep 9/10	201	282	219	702
Sep 2/3	264	262	240	766



RCIA SESSIONS

Mondays @ 6:30 pm in the Parish Center on these dates:

October 9: Scripture

October 23: What does "Catholic" mean?

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

For more information, reach out to Cathy Becker by email at cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org or call the Church Office at 217-793-1330.

Conversation in the Spirit
A dynamic of discernment in the synodal Church
Synod 2021-2024

PERSONAL PREPARATION
By entrusting oneself to the Father, conversing in prayer with the Lord Jesus and listening to the Holy Spirit, each one prepares his or her own contribution to the question about which he or she is called to discern.

Silence and prayer listening to the Word of God

"Taking the word and listening"
Each person takes turns speaking from his or her own experience and prayer, and listens carefully to the contribution of others.

At St. Agnes we will continue to pray for and participate in the Synod. Join us **Thursday, October 12 at 6:30pm** and then each second Thursday for Prayer and Conversations in Communion.

All are welcome!



Emmaus Teens in 8th grade and up will be honoring Life in October by participating in the *Springfield Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention*. Anyone can support

our team by donating using the link below to our team page. Those (adults or teens) wanting to participate in the walk can also use the link to sign up.

<https://supporting.afsp.org/participant/stagnesemmausteens>

ST. AGNES EMMAUS TEENS
FALL 2023

OCT 8&22 NEW! GAME GROUP!
4-6PM ROLE PLAYING GAMES (GR 6 & UP)

OCT 14 OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK
[AT] SIU CAMPUS 1-3:30 (GR 8 & UP)

OCT 15 EMMAUS CAFE 4-6PM

NOV 4 BONFIRE NIGHT
6PM LOCATION TBD (GR 7 AND UP)

JOIN THE BAND TO GET MORE INFO:
[HTTPS://BAND.US/N/AEA29EA8GC5DI](https://band.us/N/AEA29EA8GC5DI)

FAMILY FORMATION



Coming up...

Wednesday, October 11 -

Saint Club (grades 3rd-6th) 3:15-4:30 pm

Sunday, October 15 -

Family Brunch: Begin with the End - sent from Mass 10:00 am

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

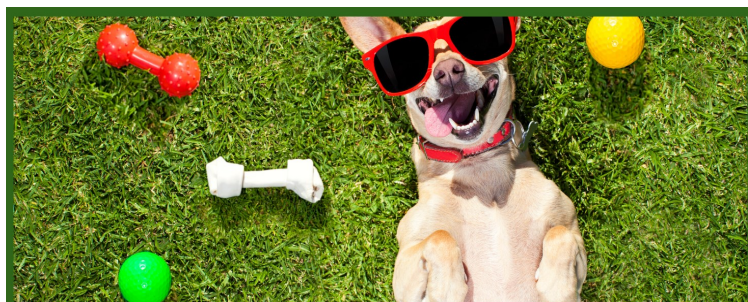
10am on the 3rd Sunday of each month

October 15, November 19, December 17

January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21

RSVP HERE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4FA5AF2FAAFB6-family4>





OCTOBER 1, 2023 11-2 **ST. AGNES PARISH** **OCTOBER 1, 2023 11-2**

ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Celebrate Mass with us 11:00 Blessing of the Animals 1:00

KEEN ON PET CARE **LAKETOWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL** **LEO'S PIZZA ON WHEELS** **WILD CANINE RESCUE**

Photo Station Contests Paw Print Art

PET OWNERS ATTENDING THIS EVENT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE AND INJURY TO OTHERS CAUSED BY ANIMALS IN THEIR CARE.



Plans for this year's auction are underway. If you are interested in being on this year's auction committee, please contact Kris Wellman at the school. 217-793-1330



HAPPENING AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mission Mass - This year's Mission Mass is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 11:00 am**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

White Mass for healthcare workers – Bishop Paprocki will celebrate a White Mass for those who work in healthcare to pray for their safety and continued diligence in their work and to thank them for their selfless commitment to taking care of people in our communities. **Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 5 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church** on the grounds of Corpus Christi Priory in Springfield (4875 LaVerna Rd.)

NATIVITY FESTIVAL 2023

Display your set... Tell your story... Begin a tradition!

To register call: 217-522-8555



St. Cabrini Church - 1020 N. Milton Ave. - All are welcome!

Annual Respect Life Mass, Rosary Walk & Life Chain Events



Life Chain **Sunday October 1, 2:00 - 3:30 pm** Pro-Life Warriors will gather for a Life Chain in various location in Springfield to stand in quiet prayer as a public witness to the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. **Locations are: SRTL office @ 519 N. Bruns Lane - Stevenson Drive near Little Flower Church - Sangamon Avenue near St. Aloysius Church, and MacArthur Blvd between S. Grand & Laurel St.**

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.



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