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November 19, 2023

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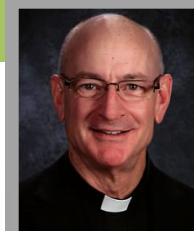
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~ MASS SCHEDULE ~

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

The word **EUCHARIST** comes from a Greek word meaning *Thanksgiving*. Every time we approach the Altar to receive the Body & Blood of Christ it is incumbent upon each of us to bring our thankful hearts to be united with Christ! Thus we take one more step toward eternal union with our God from whom **ALL OF OUR BLESSINGS FLOW!**

THANKSGIVING MASS THURSDAY, NOV. 23, 9:00 AM Being in the presence of the Lord at the **EUCHARIST** is an honor to be received with humility and gratitude. Take this day and begin it by acknowledging God's preeminent ability to love each and everyone of us just as we are!

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY It is with great gratitude for our faith filled and hardworking staff to take these days and enjoy. Thank you to all who serve the Lord here at St. Agnes in any and all manners! Happy Thanksgiving!

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH Please return your Annual Parish Commitment Card and your St. Agnes School pledge card. **THANK YOU** for your continued care of our parish ministries!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! for these special upcoming dates

- November 23: Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:00 am
- November 23-26: Church office closed
- November 26: African Mass, 11:00 am
- December 7: Anticipatory Holy Day Mass 5:30 pm
- December 8: Holy Day of Obligation, 8:15 am
- December 23: 4:30 pm / December 24: 10:00 am *only*
- December 24: Christmas Eve Masses
4:30pm Family Mass / 8:30pm Choir Mass
- December 25: Christmas Day Mass, 10:00 am

Thank You Lord for your abundant blessings! Fr. Dan

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Tuesday, November 21

5:30 pm Fran & Beaver
Schwartz †
Jill Schuele †

Wednesday, November 22

8:15 am Mike Mizeur †
Ron & Jeanette Owens †

Thursday, November 23

9:00 am Regina Tebrugge †
Bob Pary †

Friday, November 24

8:15 am **NO MASS**

Saturday, November 25

4:30 pm James Kulek †
Emily Vincent †

Sunday, November 26

9:00 am Bill Becker †
Tom Swoik †
11:00 am Bill Maloney †
Parishioners of St. Agnes



Many thanks to Kris Wellman and her helpers for the wonderful Veterans Day gathering that took place on Friday, November 10. It was great to have so many veterans in attendance enjoying the company of our students. What a nice experience for the students and adults.

The weather certainly has taken a turn on the cooler side this weekend and it looks like this is going to be a continued trend. Is your child dressed appropriately for chilly temperatures? Coats, hats and gloves are going to be a "must have" as students continue to go outside as much as possible. Students dressed appropriately for the weather, will enjoy their time outside much more.

Rachel Cunningham, Principal
St. Agnes School



8th Grade Poinsettia Sale

Available in red, white and pink & marble, the poinsettias come in 6 1/2" foiled containers for \$15 each. Please return your order form and payment by **Monday, November 20** (checks payable to **St. Agnes 8th Grade**) to the school or church offices. **Order forms are available in the Gathering Space.** Pick up available after all Masses the weekend of December 2-3. For additional information contact Sarah Albanese at sarahalba@sbcglobal.net or 217-899-0211.

St. Agnes Parents' Club

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Please make check payable to St Agnes Parents' Club.
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Family Name: _____

Number of bottles: _____



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CONGRATULATIONS

1ST PLACE
CATHOLIC CHARITIES
FOOD DRIVE

7,276 lbs of food donated
If you have not heard yet...
For the 6TH YEAR IN A ROW
St. Agnes WON the Food Challenge! For this accomplishment students will receive an extra recess and a coupon for a Chocolate Covered Oreo from Pease's. In addition, the school will receive a \$500 donation from Peerless Cleaners. Thank you to everyone who donated during this event!

~ IN THE NEWS ~

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

Monday, November 20

- 1:30 pm **DISMISSAL**
- Parent / Teacher Conferences
2:00 - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 21

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2:00 - 7:30 pm

FINAL CHANCE TO BID!!



During Parent / Teacher Conferences
November 20 & 21

Wednesday, November 22

- **NO SCHOOL**
- Begin Thanksgiving Break
Now - Sunday, Nov 26

Monday, November 27

- **School Resumes**

For up to date info be sure to
check emails or visit us at
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**THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 23:**

9:00 am Reader: Chris Young, Kevin Klemm
 Euch. Ministers:
 Altar Servers: Mike Caveny

NOVEMBER 25/26:

4:30 pm Readers: Bill Snyder, Lee Bloome
 Euch. Ministers: Jim Curtis, Rita Messinger
 Sr. Angelene Biderbost, Pam Patton
 Altar Servers: Emma Johnson, Michael Johnson
 Kaylee Johnson

9:00 am Readers: Bev Dillon, Rick Willderson
 Euch. Ministers: Josh Becker, Leah Becker
 Conrad & Kathy Rubinkowski
 Altar Servers: Greg Huck, Zane Shelton, Drew Ward

11:00 am Readers: Melissa Bland, Kayla Bland
 Euch. Ministers: Linda Mueller, Patrick Dennis
 Tricia Hopkins-Price, 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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov 19
 PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 ~ 1 THES 5:1-6
 MT 25:14-30

**Monday, November 20**

1 MC 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
 LK 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 21

2 MC 6:1, 18-31 ~ LK 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 22

2 MC 7:1, 20-21 ~ LK 19:11-28

Thursday, November 23

1 MC 2:15-29 ~ LK 19:41-44

Friday, November 24

1 MC 4:36-37, 52-59 ~ LK 19:45-48

Saturday, November 25

1 MC 6:1-13 ~ LK 20:27-40

Christ the King, Nov 26

EZ 34:11-12, 15-17 ~ 1 COR 15:20-26, 28
 MT 25:31-46

What's Happening this week

Tues Nov 21	Staff Meeting	1:00 pm Rectory Meeting Rm
	Afternoon Adoration	2:30 - 3:30 pm
	Music Lessons	3:15 pm Choir Room
	Men's Group	6:00 pm Parish Center Rm B
Wed Nov 22	Church Office Closes at Noon - MASS @ 8:15 am	
Thu Nov 23	Church Office Closed - MASS @ 9:00 am	
Fri Nov 24	Church Office Closed - NO MASS	
Sat Nov 25	Choir Warm-up	3:45 pm Choir Room
Sun Nov 26	Choir Warm-up	8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Room
	African Mass & Luncheon	11:00 am Church / Parish Cntr
	Emmaus Café	4:00 pm Parish Center
	Flute Group Practice	6:30 pm Choir Room

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24 MORNING MASS:

10:00 am ONLY

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

4:30 pm (FAMILY MASS)

8:30 pm (CHOIR MASS W/ 8:00PM PRELUDE)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:

10:00 am

Ask the Padre...

Question: I filled out the yellow commitment card last year. Do I need to do it again?

Answer: Great question! The short answer is YES! Yes, we are asked to do this annually. Due to the fluid nature of our economy, many of us have experienced "feast" events and/or "famine" events. Many of us find ourselves adjusting throughout the year. Your attentiveness to this allows your parish family to adjust appropriately. Your kindness and generosity and prayers are part and parcel of our parish vitality. Thank you for caring!

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

Nov 11/12	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Church Support	\$22,585	\$438,475
Weekly Goal - wk 20	\$23,000	\$460,000
Difference	(-\$415)	(-\$21,525)

TIME and TALENT of ST AGNES

Nov 6 -12

Liturgical Ministries (Readers, Servers, Euch. Ministers, Rosary):	30
Hospitality (Videography, Greeters, Ushers, etc):	14
Choir/Musicians:	22
Faith Formation / RCIA:	25
Office Volunteers / Collection Counters:	52
Heavenly Dusters (includes Altar Linens):	15
Parish Center	0
Parish Grounds	0
School Volunteers (Cafeteria, Recess, Classroom)	20
School Athletics	40
School Committees	30
Total Volunteer hours:	248
YTD (7/1/2023 - present)	4088



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MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL
Nov 11/12	257	297	188	742
Nov 4/5	203	315	221	739
Oct 28/29	-	264	234	498
Oct 21/22	295	249	219	763

FAMILY FORMATION

Coming up...

Sunday, December 3, 10:00am

- Family Session

Family Service Samplers

Ronald McDonald House
March 10

Dominican Mother House
January 17 & April 14

St. Martin DePorres Pantry
February 24



Earn Saint Badges!!
Wednesdays 3:15-4:45pm

- January 17:
St. Agnes
- April 24:
St. Kateri



Sign up here



COMING SOON STAY TUNED



"Wasn't it
like a fire
burning
within us
when he
talked to
us?"

Annual Emmaus Teens
CHRISTMAS LOCK IN RETREAT!

December 29-30

Two tracks: 6-8th grade and High School

Next Morning Drop In 10-11AM

Sunday December 3

Next Emmaus Cafe 4-6pm

Sunday, December 17-Christmas Party!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 9am-1pm

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics

Wednesdays
2pm or
6:30pm
November 29
to January 2



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Parish
Center

Prayer,
Video Content
and
Conversation

On Mental Health and Faith

In person or via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8821510860>



RCIA SESSIONS

Nov. 27 The Saints and Mary
Dec. 11 TBD

BUSY PERSON'S Retreat

EACH DAY:
20 MIN: PERSONAL
PRAYER
30 MIN: CHAT W/ A
SPIRITUAL
DIRECTOR
Dec. 1-Dec. 4
St. Agnes Parish



Spend some special time with God this Advent!

Once again we are partnering with the Springfield Dominicans to offer a *Busy Person's Retreat*. Take some intentional time with God during your regular or even your busiest days. Beginning on Friday, December 1 at 6:00 pm everyone will meet for a meal, prayer, to begin retreat time, and meet your spiritual companion for the week. Then, Saturday - Monday, you will spend some extra time in prayer, spiritual reading, etc. Just 30 minutes and MEET WITH YOUR SPIRITUAL COMPANION for at least 30 minutes.

Conversations with your companion can be in person, at St. Agnes, via Zoom or even phone if needed. You and your companion will make your own schedule. There is a guide for the retreat time but you can go in any direction you & your companion wish! Companions will be assigned by the team to each retreatant. Use this QRcode to sign up.



Announcing...

Naomi and Ruth WOMEN'S MINISTRY @ ST. AGNES



"I Will Never Leave You"
Commissioned by Paul Clever
Kelly Latimore Icons

Naomi and Ruth were mother-in-law and daughter-in-law who stayed together even when their son/husband died and Ruth re-married. They journeyed together and we will too; older, younger, married, single, mothers, grandmothers, all of us!

Our first event will be a **PAINT AND SIP NIGHT**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Look for registration soon!



COOKIES FOR OUR SENIORS

We are happy to bring back this wonderful Cookie Event to St. Agnes. Cookies made by members of our Parish are packaged up and delivered to senior parishioners and area nursing homes. Volunteers will meet at 8:30 am to package and deliver the cookies on Monday, December 11. **Cookie Donations can be brought to the Parish Center after masses the Weekend of December 9th or 10th.** If you know of someone who is homebound or in a nursing home that would appreciate cookies or for volunteer sign up to help with deliveries, please call Rita Gill at 217-638-7618.



Breakfast with Santa

Bring the kids to the Parish Hall after both Masses on **Sunday, December 17** for our Annual Breakfast with Santa Event. Remember to bring your camera for those must have photos.

St. Monica Ministry

Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Are you heartbroken because your loved ones have left the Church? You are invited to the inaugural gathering of Springfield-area St. Monica Ministry. This ministry is a dedicated prayer network offering hope and support to families and friends of Catholics who have walked away from the practice of the Faith. Please join us for prayer, conversation and solidarity. Animated by hope and grounded in faith, we rest secure in the knowledge that, in the words of St. Monica, "Nothing is far from God."



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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Upcoming: African Mass



AFRICAN ENSEMBLE OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS
SUNDAY, November 26, 2023
St. Agnes Church Springfield, IL
245 N Amos Ave, Springfield IL 62702
Prelude African Music: 10:45 AM
Mass: 11:00 AM

Taste of Africa



Very Rev. Dan Bergbower, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Christopher Trummer, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Roy A. Harley
St Agnes Catholic Church, Springfield, Illinois



Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, UIS

Patty Ekol: 309-750-1676

Coordinators Agnes Church Social Concerns Committee & African Catholics in Central Illinois (Pelagie: 217-816-6731)
Friday 217-816-8268; Lisa 217-899-4187; Julie 217-899-7338; Linda 217-899-0514; Carol 847-274-8115; Bozile 217-202-2648

A light lunch follows in the Parish Center

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