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Advent

FIRST WEEK

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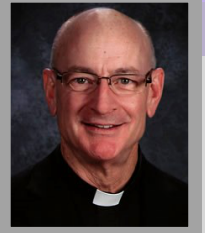
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~ MASS SCHEDULE ~

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

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Tuesday, December 5

5:30 pm Bill Becker †

Wednesday, December 6

8:15 am Jim Broccardo †
Hilda Kern †

Thursday, December 7

8:15 am Deceased Members of
the McMurray Family †

Friday, December 8

8:15 am Deceased Members of
the Quinn Family †

Saturday, December 9

4:30 pm Don & Iverne
Mucciante †
Raymond Brunner †

Sunday, December 10

9:00 am Cliff Erwin †
Michael Blean †
11:00 am Pam Crawford †
Parishioners of St. Agnes



If you want to be truly happy, live your life for others!

Welcome to a New Church Year and the First Sunday of Advent! Here is the symbolism of the Advent Wreath. The wreath is circular and has no end or beginning which symbolizes ETERNITY. The wreath has three purple and one rose colored candle. Each week another candle is lit to illustrate the coming Savior, the Light of The WORLD overcoming the darkness of sin and evil. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday called Gaudete Sunday. It means Joy in anticipation of the birth of the Christ. The Evergreen represents that even in the "dead of winter" life still exists and can even flourish. Do you have an Advent wreath in your home? Maybe now is a good time to add this deeply rooted tradition to your home.

PRAYER OF BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH: "Lord God your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANointing OF THE SICK This beautiful Sacrament of physical, emotional, relational and Spiritual Healing is available after any parish Mass. Just ask the priest after Mass.

RECONCILIATION Prepare the way of the Lord at Christmas by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Or ask the priest after any Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! December Mass Schedule.

- December 7: Anticipatory Holy Day Mass 5:30 pm
- December 8: Holy Day of Obligation, 8:15 am
- December 23: 4:30 pm Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
- December 24: 10:00 am only (4th Sunday of Advent)
- December 24: Christmas Eve Masses
4:30pm Family Mass / 8:30pm Choir Mass
- December 25: Christmas Day Mass, 10:00 am
- January 1: 10:00 am Mass (Not a Holy Day this Year)

Thank You Lord for your abundant blessings! Fr. Dan



We are just two and a half weeks from Christmas Vacation and beginning our first week of Advent. What a wonderful time of year this is. Before long we will be celebrating the birth of Christ. Let each of us take the time to be thankful for what we have and let those around us know how special they truly are. Christmas is a season of love and appreciation for our family and friends, who are our most beloved treasures.

Rachel Cunningham, Principal
St. Agnes School



**Look for the SCRIP table
in the Gathering Space after weekend Masses!**

From now until December 17 extra SCRIP cards are on hand to many of your favorite places. Take advantage of these extra stocking stuffers!

Reminder: Orders are filled once weekly. Cut off date to place an order in time for Christmas is Thursday December 14.

20 shopping days 'til Christmas. Are you ready?

**Please Vote for St.
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<https://bit.ly/46mWEfD>



Scheels is giving away \$25,000 to local non-profits.
and we need your help!

SHG PREVIEW NIGHT

WED. DEC. 6, 2023 • 6 PM - 7:30 PM

1200 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-8

TO REGISTER FOR PREVIEW NIGHT VISIT:
WEARESHG.ORG/PREVIEWNIGHTREGISTRATION
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

Questions? Contact Megan Cox, Director of Admissions at coxshg.org or call 207.787.9732 ext. 235

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SAVE THE DATE!

ST AGNES AUCTION

Saturday, March 23, 2024
St Agnes Gym!

Come one, come all!
Enjoy great food and even better company!
Registration opens January 2024!

~ IN THE NEWS ~

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

Monday, December 4

- Advent Prayer Service, 8:15am Gym
- 1:30pm DISMISSAL**

Tuesday, December 5

- Class Adoration, 2:50pm (4th)

Thursday, December 7

- No School Mass

Friday, December 8

- Pre-K4 - 8th Mass, 8:15am

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

Daily recess will take place outside as much as possible and weather permitting. With the weather becoming much colder we would like everyone to be covered and warm while they are outside. Girls that wear uniform skirts to school may wear a pair of pants underneath their skirts to protect their legs while outside. When inside pants may be kept in the student's book-bag. All students should come to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves during this time of year.

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**EVE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - DECEMBER 7:**

4:30 pm Readers: Ellen Kuntzi, Kevin Klemm
 Euch. Ministers: Ellen Kuntzi, Linda Mueller
 Carrie Becker, Patrick Dennis
 Altar Servers: Mike Caveny

DECEMBER 9/10:

4:30 pm Readers: Patrick Wildman, Kevin Klemm
 Euch. Ministers: Brad & Diane Loscher
 Conrad & Kathy Rubinkowski
 Altar Servers: Willenborg Family

9:00 am Readers: Jamie Greenwald, Dan Punzak
 Euch. Ministers: Carrie Becker, Josh Becker
 Leah Becker, Rita King
 Altar Servers: Mike Bauer, Mike Reed

11:00 am Readers: Rich Koerper, Lilly Koerper
 Euch. Ministers: Rich & Meredith Koerper
 Adrian Koerper, Chad Robinson
 Altar Servers: Ayilisungu Family, Simran John

What's Happening this week

Tues Dec 5	Staff Meeting Afternoon Adoration Music Lessons Men's Group	1:00 pm Rectory Meeting Rm 2:30 - 3:30 pm 3:15 pm Choir Room 6:00 pm Parish Center Rm B
Wed Dec 6	Sanctuary Course on Mental Health & Spirituality	2:00 pm 6:30 pm Parish Center
Thu Dec 7	Executive/Business Staff Meeting Music Lessons	9:00 am Rectory Meeting Rm 3:15 pm Choir Room
Fri Dec 8	SHG-All School Mass	9:30 am Church
Sat Dec 9	Choir Warm-up	3:45 pm Choir Room
Sun Dec 10	Choir Warm-up Teen Gaming Group Flute Group Practice	8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Room 4:00 pm Parish Center 6:30 pm Choir Room

View this bulletin online at 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

First Sunday of Advent, December 3

IS 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 ~ 1 COR 1:3-9
 MK 13:33-37



"Be watchful! Be alert!
 Jesus tells his disciples,
 'You do not know
 when the time will
 come.'"
 - Matthew 13:33-37

Monday, December 4

IS 2:1-5 ~ MT 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5

IS 11:1-10 ~ LK 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6

IS 25:6-10a ~ MT 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7

IS 26:1-6 ~ MT 7:21, 24-27

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Friday, December 8

Mass Times

5:30 pm, Thursday 12/7
 8:15 am, Friday 12/8

**Immaculate Conception
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8**

GN 3:9-15, 20 ~ EPH 1:3-6, 11-12
 LK 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9

IS 30:19-21, 23-26 ~ MT 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10

IS 40:1-5, 9-11 ~ 2 PT 3:8-14 ~ MK 1:1-8

Have you checked out FORMED lately?

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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



Heading out for the winter?

If you would like to still receive Parish mailings while you're gone, please let us know your temporary address and all mailings will then reach your winter destination. Otherwise just let us know your away dates and we will hold any mailings (including envelopes) until you return.

Please return your Parish Commitment Card

ANNUAL COMMITMENT PLEDGE TO ST. AGNES PARISH

the attached pledge card when you return to St. Agnes Parish

As grateful givers in 2023-2024...

☐ Our family is increasing their gift.

☐ Our family is stepping up to fill in.

If you checked boxes 1 or 2, please fill in the following information:

Our new commitment is \$ _____

and will be given by the end of _____

Weekly Monthly Annually

☐ Our family is currently giving to the best of our ability.

Parish Family Name: _____

Main Contact: _____

Main Phone #: _____

Main Email: _____

Address (including apt): _____

Signature: _____

You can return by US Mail or drop in collection basket at any Mass. It only takes a few seconds to fill out and we would love to hear from each Parish Family.



Ask the Padre...

Question: I noticed the calendars in the Gathering Space. *How much do the Calendars cost?*

Answer: The short answer is "FREE!" Generous Benefactors have purchased the Parish Calendars and also the Springfield Right to Life Calendars. All the art work in the *Right to Life Calendars* are from St. Agnes School Students. How proud we are of our children as they use their God given talents to support life!



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WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

Nov 25/26	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Church Support	\$21,793	\$476,980
Weekly Goal - wk 22	\$23,000	\$506,000
Difference	(-\$1,207)	(-\$29,020)

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

Nov 18/19	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Church Support	\$16,712	\$455,187
Weekly Goal - wk 21	\$23,000	\$483,000
Difference	(-\$6,288)	(-\$27,813)

TIME and TALENT of ST AGNES

Full list will return next weekend!

Total Volunteer hours (Nov 20-26): 305

YTD (7/1/2023 - present) 4393

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

MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL
Nov 25/26	252	228	431	911
Nov 18/19	212	270	238	720
Nov 10/11	257	297	188	742
Nov 4/5	203	315	221	739

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FAMILY FORMATION

Coming up...

- Sunday, Dec 3, 10:00am
 - Family Session
- Sunday, Dec 17, 10:00am
 - Family Brunch / Breakfast w/ Santa
- Sunday, Jan 7, 10:00am
 - Coaching & Parent Session
- Sunday, Jan 21, 10:00am
 - Family Brunch



Earn Saint Badges!!

Wednesdays 3:15-4:45pm

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



Family Service Samplers

Ronald McDonald House
March 10

Dominican Mother House
January 17 & April 14

St. Martin DePorres Pantry
February 24

Sign up here



Volunteer Sign up
Breakfast w/ Santa



Or use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4FA5AF2FAAFB6-breakfast1#/>

Emmaus Teens

- Sunday, Dec. 3
 - Morning Drop, 10:00 am
 - Emmaus Café, 4:00 pm
- Sunday, Dec. 10, 4:00 pm
 - Role Play Game Group
- Sunday, Dec. 17
 - 4:00-7:00pm
 - Christmas Party & Gift Exchange



RCIA SESSIONS

Dec. 11: Prayer and Meditation

...Sessions will resume in January

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics

Wednesdays
2:30pm &
6:30pm
Nov 29 - Dec 20



St. Agnes
Parish Center

Prayer - Video
Conversation

On Mental Health and Faith

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

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!

To sign up, use this QRcode or link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/756056223517?aff=oddtcreator>



PLAYLIST for Christmas

Christmas Music, Movies and fun to
focus our gaze on God with Us!

ST AGNES EMMAUS TEENS

**CHRISTMAS
LOCK-IN RETREAT**

**DECEMBER 29-30
7PM TO 8AM**

GROUPS FOR 6-8 GRADERS AND
HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTER HERE:





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.

Catholic Charities Christmas Donations

Donations can be made through **December 10**



Simbang Gabi 2023
A Filipino Christmas Mass Novena
December 9-17, 2023
St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1345 N 6th St, Springfield, IL

Sat 12/9 at 4:30PM	Thurs 12/14 at 6:00PM
Sun 12/10 at 6:00PM	Fri 12/15 at 6:00PM
Mon 12/11 at 6:00PM	Sat 12/16 at 8:00AM*
Tues 12/12 at 6:00PM	Sun 12/17 at 6:00PM
Wed 12/13 at 5:30PM	

Potluck to follow each Mass
*12/16 coffee + donuts provided by CIPAS
12/17 is Bishop Paprocki's Mass
For any questions, contact
Mila: 646-258-8381 / Elvie: 217-257-7643

Simbang Gabi (literally "Night Mass") is a 9-day series of Masses that lead up to Christmas Day and celebrated in the Philippines since the late 17th century. **All are invited** to this Advent devotion.



DIocese of Springfield in Illinois OFFICE of the BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to tell you about the upcoming 2023 collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older woman or man religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the *Retirement Fund for Religious* provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial contribution, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



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
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