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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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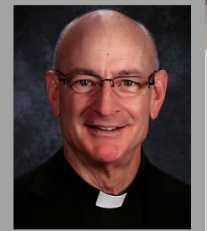
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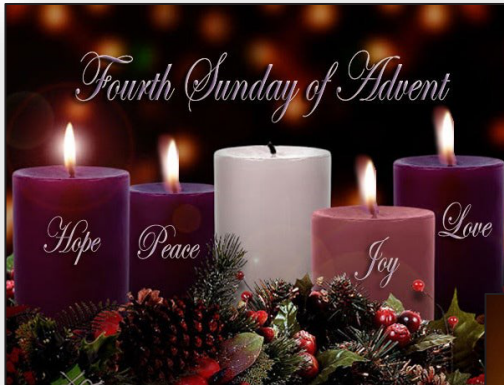
### ~ MASS SCHEDULE ~

Monday	10:00 am
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



*Joy to  
the World  
The Lord  
has Come!*



## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*Welcome to Christmas 2023!*

*We are so glad you are here!*

**This is the longed for moment!** Jesus Christ is now Incarnate! The Creator God is now united to His greatest creation which is each and every one of us!

**Our parish family is so glad** to welcome friends and visitors, relatives and neighbors, children who wiggle, squeak and even cry and travelers from differing nations! We are elated to pray and sing and worship Jesus Christ with you!

**Has it been a long time** since you have been at Mass? WELCOME! The Lord and this parish is thrilled to have you home again!

We open our hearts, minds and arms to our sisters and brothers from **differing faith traditions** and are overjoyed to worship together with you!

**Do you need a safe place** to pray and be accepted just as you are? How grateful we are that you are right here, right now!

**Jesus Christ came into this world to love His own!** That is each and everyone of us here today! Yes, even you! None of us are here are perfect but we try. Sometimes we fail but we keep trying and supporting each other through our joys and our brokenness! We try together, as a community of faith, to do our part to make this world a little bit better each day.

**YOU are most welcomed** here and we are overjoyed that you are here today on this great holy day of Christmas! Thank you for being a blessing right here and right now!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 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*

### ~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

#### **Monday, December 25**

10:00am Frank Owens †  
Delores Prosperini †

#### **Tuesday, December 26**

5:30 pm Martin Buedel †

#### **Wednesday, December 27**

8:15 am Michael Coady †  
Vince Blair †

#### **Thursday, December 28**

8:15 am James Henn †

#### **Friday, December 29**

8:15 am In Celebration of  
Sheila & Jerry's  
50th Anniversary

#### **Saturday, December 30**

4:30 pm Roger Distlehorst †  
Joan Blach †  
Mary Kulek †

#### **Sunday, December 31**

9:00 am Sharon Swartz †  
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Agnes





As we celebrate Christmas and the year 2023 draws to a close, the St. Agnes School Faculty would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who has prayed for and assisted with our successful first half of the school year. God has guided our footsteps and allowed us to remain on track.

Rachel Cunningham, Principal  
St. Agnes School

*Merry Christmas*

~ IN THE NEWS ~

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

**Winter Break Continues..**

**Classes Resume  
Monday, Jan. 8**

For up to date info be sure to  
check emails or visit us at  
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**DECEMBER 30:**

4:30 pm Readers: Holly Kesterson, Marilyn Okon  
 Euch. Ministers: Ralph & Roslyn Brookens  
 Conrad & Kathy Rubinkowski  
 Altar Servers: Amelia Knappmeyer  
 Addison Troppa, Lilly Murphy

**DECEMBER 31:**

9:00 am Readers: Denise Klemm, Patrick Wildman  
 Euch. Ministers: Carrie Becker, Pam Patton  
 Mike & Vicki Bauer  
 Altar Servers: Greg Huck, Drew Ward  
 Zane Shelton

11:00 am Readers: Pathy Ekal, Ed Cobau  
 Euch. Ministers: Rob Fafoglia, Tricia Hopkins-Price  
 Kelle Lee, Sr. Angelene Biderbost  
 Altar Servers: Ayilisungu Family, Ange Yontang



## What's Happening this week

<b>Tues</b> <b>Dec 26</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES</b> Men's Group	<b>AT NOON</b> 6:00 pm Parish Center Rm B
<b>Wed</b> <b>Dec 27</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES</b>	<b>AT NOON</b>
<b>Thu</b> <b>Dec 28</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES</b>	<b>AT NOON</b>
<b>Fri</b> <b>Dec 29</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES</b>	<b>AT NOON</b>
	Funeral Mass & Luncheon	Starting at 10:00am
	Teen Christmas Retreat	7pm - 8am Parish Center
<b>Sat</b> <b>Dec 30</b>	Choir Warm-up	3:45 pm Choir Room
<b>Sun</b> <b>Dec 31</b>	Choir Warm-up	8:30 am & 10:30 am Choir Room

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25:**  
CLOSED

**TUESDAY DEC. 26-FRIDAY DEC. 29:**  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM EACH DAY

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1:**  
CLOSED

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24**

2 SM 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 ~ ROM 16:25-27  
 LK 1:26-38

**The Nativity of the Lord, December 25**

IS 52:7-10 ~ HEB 1:1-6 ~ JN 1:1-18

**Tuesday, December 26**

ACTS 6:8-10, 7:54-59 ~ MT 10:17-22

**Wednesday, December 27**

1 JN 1:1-4 ~ JN 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday, December 28**

1 JN 1:5—2:2 ~ MT 2:13-18

**Friday, December 29**

1 JN 2:3-11 ~ LK 2:22-35

**Saturday, December 30**

1 JN 2:12-17 ~ LK 2:36-40

**The Holy Family, Sunday, December 31**

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 ~ COL 3:12-21  
 LK 2:22-40

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Merry Christmas from,  
The St. Agnes Parish Staff



## Ask the Padre...

**Question:** Father Dan, I need to make an **end of the year donation**. Do you have any areas of concern?

**Answer:** The short answer is YES! We currently have \$152,000 pledged toward our parish debt of \$300,000. This would be an outstanding opportunity! We are over halfway to our goal. This Capital Campaign Extension official concludes March 30, 2024.

### There's still time to turn in your **YEARLY COMMITMENT CARD**

Did you know that by turning in the yearly issued yellow commitment cards, that it helps us keep our Parish Membership up to date? It also helps us to prepare for the needs of the Parish in the coming year. Some parishioners may be able to tithe 10% (Option 2) and some might want to give a little more (Option 1) starting in 2024. Those are both great. Some parishioners are currently giving to the best of their ability (Option 3 on the card), but no matter what option your family chooses, we still need to hear from you. When returning your commitment card, you can drop it off at the church office M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, leave in the collection basket at any Mass or send back by mail.

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## WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

Dec 16/17	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Church Support	updated next bulletin	
Weekly Goal - wk 25	\$23,000	\$575,000
Difference		

## TIME and TALENT of ST AGNES

### Dec 11-17

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:	55
Heavenly Dusters (includes Altar Linens):	15
Parish Center	50
Parish Grounds	4
School Volunteers (Cafeteria, Recess, Classroom)	20
School Athletics	17
School Committees	34
Total Volunteer hours:	289
<b>YTD (7/1/2023 - present)</b>	<b>4873</b>

## MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL
Dec 16/17	updated next bulletin			
Dec 9/10	255	265	261	781
Dec 2/3	263	288	226	777
Nov 25/26	252	228	431	911



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**PLAYLIST**  
for Christmas

ST AGNES EMMAUS TEENS  
**CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN RETREAT**  
DECEMBER 29-30  
7PM TO 8AM

GROUPS FOR 6-8 GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOL

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


REGISTER HERE: 

 **RCIA SESSIONS WILL RESUME IN JANUARY**

Jan 8: "Catch Up" Session Review  
Jan 22: Sacraments and Grace

*Announcing...*

**Naomi and Ruth**  
WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
@ ST. AGNES




"I Will Never Leave You"  
Commissioned by Paul Clevor  
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>





**FAMILY FORMATION**



**Coming up...**

Sunday, Jan 7, 10:00am

- Coaching & Parent Session

Sunday, Jan 14, 10:00am

- First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

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](#)



**DID YOU KNOW?**

There is a parish email each week that provides a lot of up-to-date information & resources. The email blast goes out every Friday and includes a copy of the bulletin, a reflection on the Sunday Gospel, reminders, announcements and the week at-a-glance. We also use Sign up Genius, Facebook and our website to manage registrations and information. To get the email blast simply call or email the parish office to be added. Many parishioners do not have their email on file so we need you to contact us to update.

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AS 2023 DRAWS TO A CLOSE, PLEASE WELCOME, PRAY FOR, AND CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING:



Welcome

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome the following who have registered at St. Agnes Parish this fall.

Hernon & Christian Cortes  
Michelle Dirksen  
Barbara Gasparin  
Bruk & Erica Habti  
Brent & Sheila Hamilton  
Israel Isquierdo / Delia Schreiter  
Karen Kelter

David Medina and  
Erika Gonzalez Osorio  
Dolores Novak  
Ashley & Josh Patterson  
Andrew Sagalov / Neidy Trejo  
April Smith  
Larry & Flo Wort



Please keep in your prayers Beverly Bauer, Paula Denny, James Jones, Joseph Kolis, Christine Rigney, Donald Steinkamp, and Dave Willenborg of our parish who passed away recently. May they know the fullness of joy that the Risen Lord desires to share with us.

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Church, the following children who were Baptized at St. Agnes this fall. May the Light of Christ shine brightly in and through them!



Hollis Smith  
Kelby Ryan  
Cecilia Krug  
Matilda Lewis  
Sophie Corlas  
Adela Smith  
Charlotte Smith  
Patrick Foley

Peyton Bunchman  
Ikeoluwa Salami  
Temiloluwa Salami  
Bernadette Konopka  
Ysle Ayala Barajas  
Adriel Ayala Barajas  
Bo Blakey  
Torrence Davis



Looking for **NEW Homebound Communion Ministers!** These ministers bring communion to our homebound or ill parishioners on a weekly basis. Schedule can be flexible based on availability and who is in need. Training is provided. Contact Cathy Becker (cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org or 217-793-1330) if you are interested or have questions.



### 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.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

4:30 pm (FAMILY MASS)

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

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:

10:00 am



**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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