



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John;
you will be called Cephas" – which is translated Peter.

Jn 1:42

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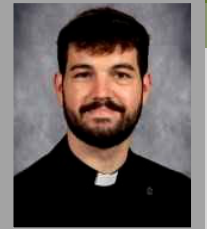
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JANUARY 14, 2024



~ 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



"Who may go up the
mountain of the
Lord?"
Psalm 24

Reflection with Fr. Christopher

Friends, after the excitement and solemnity of Christmas and the New Year, we begin a short period of Ordinary Time. Lent is only a month away(!), with Ash Wednesday falling on February 14th (Sorry, St. Valentine!). Whatever your thoughts may be on New Year's resolutions, it's not too early for us to begin thinking about our Lenten resolutions.

On New Year's Eve, I had the joy of gathering in South Bend, Indiana with a large group of friends from around the Midwest. We rang in the New Year in a different way: we celebrated Mass and had an extended time of praise and intercessory prayer. Several of my friends who are very Spirit-filled people have been sensing in prayer that the Lord is calling the Church in 2024 to purity of heart. Fittingly, they see Psalm 24 as a kind of "theme Psalm" for 2024. This Psalm highlights purity of heart as a condition for us to encounter the Lord and receive His blessings:

Who may go up the mountain of the Lord?

Who can stand in his holy place?

*"The clean of hand and pure of heart,
who has not given his soul to useless things, what is vain.*

*He will receive blessings from the Lord,
and justice from his saving God.*

*Such is the generation that seeks him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob" (Ps 24:3-6)*

Purity of heart is all about putting God in the first place in our lives so that everything else can be a blessing but not a distraction. Of course, it's always a good time to pray for this purity and to pursue it, but I for one am making this my primary resolution for 2024 (and Lent in a particular way). Whatever your own resolutions may be, we can all benefit from asking God, "Lord, what useless or vain things are distracting me from you and what is most important in my life?" We want to be the "generation that seeks Him," so that He can bless us and make us a blessing to others.

Blessings in the New Year,

~ Fr. Christopher

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Tuesday, January 16

5:30 pm Cliff Erwin †

Wednesday, January 17

8:15 am James M. Bramlet †

Thursday, January 18

8:15 am Anna Eck †

Friday, January 19

8:15 am Deceased Members of
the McMurray Family †

Saturday, January 20

4:30 pm Brenda Rath sack †
Anna Sitki †

Sunday, January 21

9:00 am Michael Blean †
Fran & Beaver
Schwartz †

11:00 am Jill Schuele †
Parishioners of St. Agnes



We are in the full swing of a New Year and a new semester! Quarter 2 Report Cards will be emailed this Friday. Hard to believe that half of the school year is over. Our 2nd Grade Class is preparing for their First Reconciliation along with other 2nd grade students in our Parish. The 8th Grade Class will start their preparations for graduation soon as well. However first up is Catholic Schools Week. In two weeks, we will kick off Catholic Schools Week at the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass. Please join us as we present the Alumni of the Year Award and have our 2nd Alumni Reception (details below). We look forward to all the coming activities that will showcase our love of Catholic Education.

Rachel Cunningham
Principal, St. Agnes School



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

In just 2 short weeks, St. Agnes School will be participating in Catholic Schools Week, January 29 - February 2, a nationwide annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Schools typically hold Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people. St. Agnes students will celebrate this week with many activities all showcasing why we love St. Agnes School and Catholic Education.

~ IN THE NEWS ~

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

Monday, January 15

- **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday, January 16

- Class Adoration, 2:50pm (Kdg)
- School Board Meeting, 6:30pm Parish Center

Wednesday, January 17

- **NO SCHOOL FOR PRE-K**
- Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences, all day
- Camp Ondessonk Presentation 8:30am in the Gym (Gr. 2nd-8th)

Thursday, January 18

- All School Mass (Pre-K 4 - 8th) 8:15 am
- Dress Down Day for January & July Birthdays

Friday, January 19

- Report Cards e-mailed to parents

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

Save the Date St. Agnes School Alumni Reception

STAND UP COMEDY

Must be 21 or older



St. Agnes School Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH

5:30-7:30PM

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**JANUARY 20:**

4:30 pm Readers: Cyndi Callan, Patrick Wildman
 Euch. Ministers: Ralph & Roslyn Brookens
 Lee Bloome, Sr. Angelene Biderbost
 Altar Servers: Amelia Knappmeyer, Caleb Eck
 Addison Troppa

JANUARY 21:

9:00 am Readers: Holly Kesterson, Bev Dillon
 Euch. Ministers: Mike & Vicki Bauer
 Conrad & Kathy Rubinkowski
 Altar Servers: Isabelle Robinson, Abigail Holtrop

11:00 am Readers: Simran John, Sr. Joan Sorge
 Euch. Ministers: Rob Fafoglia, Sr. Joan Sorge
 Tricia Hopkins-Price, Patrick Dennis
 Altar Servers: Ayilisungu Family, Maggie Dunham

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

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 14

1 SM 3:3b-10, 19 ~ 1 COR 6:13c-15a, 17-20
 JN 1:35-42

**Monday, January 15**

1 SM 15:16-23 ~ MK 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16

1 SM 16:1-13 ~ MK 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17

1 SM 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 ~ MK 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18

1 SM 18:6-9, 19:1-7 ~ MK 3:7-12

Friday, January 19

1 SM 24:3-21 ~ MK 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20

2 SM 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 ~ MK 3:20-21

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 21

JON 3:1-5, 10 ~ 1 COR 7:29-31
 MK 1:14-20

What's Happening this week

Tue Jan 16	Staff Meeting	1:00 pm Rectory Mtg Rm
	Adoration	2:30-3:30 pm
	Music Lessons	3:15 pm Choir Room
	Men's Group	6:00 pm Parish Center Rm B
	School Board Meeting	6:30 pm Parish Center Rm A
Wed Jan 17	Saint Badge Session	3:00 pm Parish Center
	Sanctuary MH Course Part 2	2:00 pm Parish Center
Thu Jan 18	Executive Staff Meeting	9:00 am Rectory Mtg Rm
	Music Lessons	3:15 pm Choir Room
	Sanctuary MH Course Part 2	6:30 pm Parish Center
Sat Jan 20	Athletic Retreat	1:00pm Parish Center
	Choir Warm-up	3:45 pm Choir Room
Sun Jan 21	Choir Warm-up	8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Room
	Family Formation Brunch	10:00 am Parish Center
	Flute Group Practice	6:30 pm Choir Room

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End of Year GIVING Statements

2023 GIVING STATEMENTS

We are currently in the process of printing 2023 Giving Statements for tax purposes. If you normally do not receive a statement and would like to, please email Tami, our parish secretary at tdillon@stagnescatholicparish.org to be added to the mailing. Statements will begin mailing out at the end of this week.



BEQUESTS

FREEWILL

Have you documented your final wishes? Creating your estate plan is an act of care that can help you protect your loved ones, communicate healthcare and financial decisions about the future, and establish a legacy that honors your Catholic faith. The estate planning tool at www.freewill.com/dioceseofspringfield can help you write your legal will for free and makes it easy to make a sustaining gift to your parish home, ensuring the ministry of St. Agnes Parish continues for generations to come.

For specific questions about how estate planning may impact your personal situation, consult a tax advisor or lawyer.

Update Family Membership Information

NEW YEAR NEW YOU

Changes to consider:

- Number of Household Members: Names & Birthdates
- New Address
- New phone numbers / removal of landline
- Email address
- Marriage / Divorce
- Sacrament Dates & Places
- Birth of a child
- Death of a spouse, child or other Household Member
- Sign up for Contribution Envelopes
- Opt-in or out of mailings including Contribution Statements, Catholic Times, Bulletin

Call Tami in the Church Office at 217-793-1330 or email tdillon@stagnescatholicparish.org with any changes.

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WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

Jan 6/7	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Church Support	\$33,788	\$658,190
Weekly Goal - wk 28	\$23,000	\$644,000
Difference	+\$10,788	+\$14,190

TIME and TALENT of ST AGNES

Jan 1-7

Liturgical Ministries (Readers, Servers, Euch. Ministers, Rosary):	30
Hospitality (Videography, Greeters, Ushers, etc):	14
Choir/Musicians:	32
Faith Formation / RCIA:	25
Office Volunteers / Collection Counters:	55
Heavenly Dusters (includes Altar Linens):	12
Parish Center	20
Parish Grounds	0
School Volunteers (Cafeteria, Recess, Classroom)	0
School Athletics	12
School Committees	0

Total Volunteer hours: 200

YTD (7/1/2023 - present) 5714

MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	4:30 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL
Jan 6/7	227	253	207	680
Dec 30/31	235	247	212	694
Dec 23/24	285	10:00 am 192	4:30 & 8:30 pm 567 380	1424
Dec 16/17	230	318	178	726

FAMILY FORMATION

Coming up...

Sunday, Jan 14, 10:00am

- First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Sunday, Jan 21, 10:00am

- Family Brunch



Family Service Samplers

These projects are part of your post sacrament mystogogy (living in the mystery of grace) but can also be counted for service hours for school, scouts, honor society, sports etc. A parent or sponsor must transport and attend with each child.



Dominican Mother House - January 17

- Share a meal and visit

St. Martin DePorres Pantry - February 24

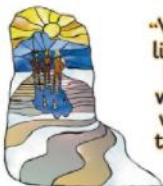
- Sort & hang clothing, any additional donations, prep boxes of food if needed

Ronald McDonald House - March 10

- Prepare a meal for families staying there

Dominican Mother House - April 14

- Share a meal and visit



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

EMMAUS TEENS

Morning Drop In!
Sundays, 10:00-11:00am
January 21 @ Starbucks

Role Play Game Group

New campaigns begin Sunday, Jan 28, 4:00-6:00 pm
high school group - current campaign ends Jan 14

New Game Masters are needed!

Do you like to play RPG's? Have you led games before? Contact Cathy Becker to find out more about it!

MARDI GRAS PARTY: February 11 2:00-4:00 pm

Earn Saint Badges!!

Wednesdays 3:15-4:45pm Parish Center
An afternoon of fun learning about our saints and heroes and earn a badge. (the patch can be put on scouting uniforms or any jacket, backpack, keepsake frame or scrapbook!) Kids can come straight from School but will be returned to Late Day if not picked up @ 4:45pm. Snack will be served.



- January 17:
St. Agnes

- April 24:
St. Kateri

RCIA SESSIONS

Jan 22: Prayer & Devotions



ADULT FORMATION

Coming up...

February / March

- THE CHOSEN Season 4

LENTEN SEASON

- Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

April 18/19

- Parish Mission Mass: Mass Confusion!



Wednesday Bible Study is Back!

Feb. 14 - Mar. 20
2:00 - 3:15 pm

ATHLETE'S ST. SEBASTIAN RETREAT

JANUARY 20, 2024
1-4:30PM

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For Athletes in grades 7 to 12,
Coaches and Parents

Scheduled speakers include:
 Coach Derek Leonard - Rochester Football & Coach of the Year
 Coach John Marsaglia - LLCC Softball
 Coach Al Yoho
 SAS Athletic Director Jesse Guzman

Sign up here:



Culture of Life Essay Contest

National Right to Life is having an essay contest for **middle and high school students**. For essay prompts and information to submit essays go to: <https://www.nrlc.org/wp-content/uploads/nrlc-essay-contest-2024-updated.pdf>.

Essays must be postmarked by January 21, 2024



Pray to Protect Human Life

Join others from across the country in praying the 9 Days for Life annual novena, January 16-24. The novena is for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up at: www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup.



SAVE THE DATE!

2024 Illinois March for Life and Mass
Wednesday, April 17

Mass will be held at 10:00 am at UIS/ Sangamon Auditorium, on the UIS Campus located (1 University Plaza, Springfield). Rally begins at Noon in front of the State Capitol, followed by a march around the State Capitol complex. *The Mass, Rally and March are intended for 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults.*

...More details coming.



NCYC INVESTORS

Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, January 28 6:00 pm

For all who invested in our young church!
Invitations have been sent!



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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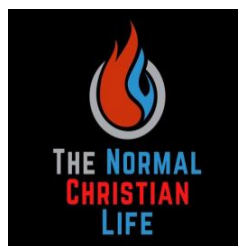
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WEDNESDAYS AT 2:00 PM, JANUARY 10 - 31
OR THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM, JANUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 1

THE SANCTUARY COURSE® PART 2 FOR CATHOLICS

This course is proving to be a wonderful conversation opportunity about how we can open our parish doors and hearts to those who experience mental illness or challenges to mental health.

Adults are welcome to join Part 2 even if they did not attend Part 1 in December. Parents, caregivers, educators and really all of us, will find this course affirming and helpful.



Like Podcasts?

What does "ordinary Christianity" look like exactly? Using Scripture, Church history and personal testimony, two Catholic priests (Frs. Michael and Chris Trummer) and a layman (Joe Herring) show that the normal Christian life is far beyond what we consider "ordinary": a new life empowered by the Holy Spirit, drawing upon a divine inheritance, manifesting supernatural power, and bearing a promise of staggering glory.

Spotify link: <https://open.spotify.com/show/1zdTLJArLX1L4b64iHhRLE?si=791bdd9f45d64ce6>

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