



# 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee,  
and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets.  
Then he called them.

Mt 1:19-20

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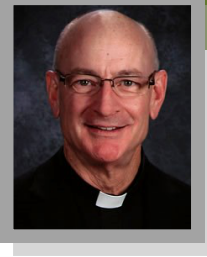
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## JANUARY 21, 2024



### ~ MASS SCHEDULE ~

Monday	<b>No Mass</b>
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, January 23

5:30 pm Kay Flattery †  
Bill Becker †

#### Wednesday, January 24

8:15 am Bob Pary †

#### Thursday, January 25

8:15 am Richard Eck †

#### Friday, January 26

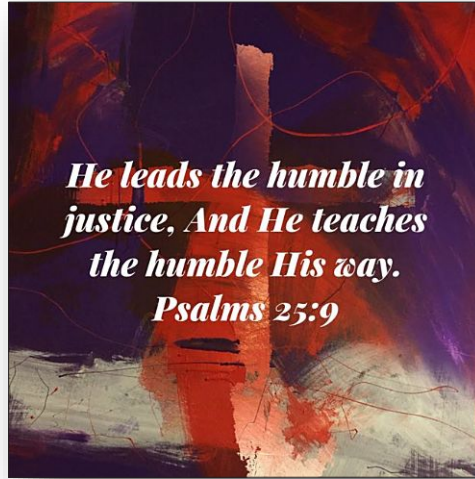
8:15 am John Burdzilaukas †

#### Saturday, January 27

4:30 pm Joan Blach †  
Springfield Sisters of  
Ursuline Academy  
& James Henn †

#### Sunday, January 28

9:00 am Claudio & Peruza  
Ortega †  
Parishioners of St. Agnes  
11:00 am For all souls who have no  
one to pray for them †



*Be magnanimous to everyone and live the virtue of humility!*

### A message from Fr. Dan

*The Sacred Scriptures this Third Sunday of Ordinary Time sounds much more like lent, complete with the "repent and believe in the Gospel." And sure enough, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, less than a month away which is also "Valentines Day."*

**ST. AGNES MEN'S GROUP** This past Tuesday our Men's Group listened to a 12 minute Catholic Men's Leadership Video. As always these weekly videos spur excellent discussions. The theme was, be magnanimous to every one and temper that with the virtue of humility! To be magnanimous means to be other centered servant leaders. Instead of taking care of ourselves in a myopic, if not even selfish way, we are challenged to other centered. Why would we want to do that? Well, it is because we are THE sons and daughters of GOD! Thus we are emboldened by Christ's example to serve the least of his people. And, lest we become pumped up with pride, we are also to exercise this benevolent charity with the virtue of humility. So aim high and be the magnanimous and humble servant leader you are created to be!

### FEAST OF ST. AGNES, OUR PARISH NAMESAKE JAN 21, 2024

A great deal of legend surrounds this early Roman martyr. She was a beautiful young girl who lived around the year 300 AD. She refused to submit to the desires of Roman libertines and was tortured to death. She represents the vast number of Christians in any age who remain fiercely loyal to their baptismal promises at enormous personal cost. As we sadly learn about her today on her feast, martyrdom is not the prerogative of just adults. This is also the day when lambs are blessed by the Pope. Their wool is later used to make the Pallia worn by the popes. Happy Feast Day!

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS MAILED** Your annual parish contribution statements are in the mail. Thank you for a year of supreme generosity! If your statement has an error please contact me immediately and this will be corrected. God bless you for your enduring generosity. Thank you for being St. Agnes at it's best!

*Thank You Lord for your abundant blessings!*



The bitterly cold temperatures this past week shortened our school days, but hopefully everyone stayed nice and warm and enjoyed the extra days off. This week we will start gearing up preparations for Catholic Schools Week which begin next weekend at our 4:30pm Saturday Mass.

The Alumni of the Year Award will be presented at this Mass, followed by an Alumni Reception in the school gym. We hope to see as many alumni as possible join us.

Rachel Cunningham  
Principal, St. Agnes School

## St. Agnes School Catholic Schools Week

January 27 – February 2, 2024  
Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.

Saturday, Jan. 27: Celebrating Our Parish

- ♦ Alumni of the Year Award  
4:30 pm Mass
- ♦ Alumni Event  
5:30-7:30 pm School Gym



## FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Tuesday, January 30, 2024  
5:30pm – 7:30pm



Please join us for a night of family fun with prizes.  
Bring your own dinner and enjoy playing BINGO.

Bingo cards will be supplied. Please bring your own dabbers or color markers.



## ~ IN THE NEWS ~

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

### Monday, January 22

- Student Council Meeting, Noon

### Tuesday, January 23

- Class Adoration, 2:50 pm (8th)
- Parents' Club Meeting, 5:30 pm  
Parish Center Rm A
- Committee Meeting Night, 6:30 pm  
Parish Center

### Wednesday, January 24

- Pre-K Vision & Hearing Screening

### Thursday, January 25

- All School Mass (Pre-K 4 - 8th)  
8:15 am
- 6th Gr. Choice Assembly,  
1:00pm @ BSS

### Friday, January 26

- 11:30 am **DISMISSAL**

### Saturday, January 27

- Catholic Week Kick-Off:  
Alumni Award Presentation  
@ 4:30pm Mass  
Alumni Reception, 5:30 pm  
School Gym

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**JANUARY 27:**

4:30 pm Readers: Tammie Klein, Andy Ramage  
 Euch. Ministers: Kathe Kraft, Rita Messinger  
 Ralph & Roslyn Brookens  
 Altar Servers: Ramage Family, Paityn Brady

**JANUARY 28:**

9:00 am Readers: Marilyn Okon, Linda Distlehorst  
 Euch. Ministers: Carrie Becker, Josh Becker  
 Leah Becker, Kelle Lee  
 Altar Servers: Greg Huck, Drew Ward  
 Zane Shelton

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

## What's Happening this week

Mon Jan 22	RCIA Session	6:30 pm Parish Center
Tue Jan 23	Staff Meeting	1:00 pm Rectory Meeting Rm
	<b>Adoration</b>	<b>2:30-3:30 pm</b>
	Music Lessons	3:15 pm Choir Room
	Parents' Club Meeting	5:30 pm Parish Center Rm A
	Men's Group	6:00 pm Parish Center Rm B
Wed Jan 24	All Committee Night	6:30 pm Parish Center
Wed Jan 24	Sanctuary MH Course Part 2	2:00 pm Parish Center
Thu Jan 25	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 27	Choir Warm-up	3:45 pm Choir Room
Sun Jan 28	<b>Alumni Reception</b>	<b>5:30 pm School Gym</b>
	Choir Warm-up	8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Room
	<b>Donut Sunday</b>	<b>After Masses</b>
	NCYC Donor Dinner	6:00 pm Parish Center
	Flute Group Practice	6:30 pm Choir Room

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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](mailto:tdillon@StAgnesCatholicParish.org)

**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 21**

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

MK 1:14-20

**Monday, January 15**

2 SM 5:1-7, 10~ MK 3:22-30

**Tuesday, January 16**

2 SM 6:12b-15:17-19 ~ MK 3:31-35

**Wednesday, January 17**

2 SM 7:4-17 ~ MK 4:1-20

**Thursday, January 18**

ACTS 22:3-16 ~ MK 16:15-18

**Friday, January 19**

2 TM 1:1-8 ~ MK 4:26-34

**Saturday, January 20**

2 SM 12:1-7a, 10-17 ~ MK 4:35-41

**4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 21**

DT 18:15-20 ~ 1 COR 7:32-35

MK 1:21-28

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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](mailto:tdillon@stagnescatholicparish.org) to be added to the mailing. Parishioners should be receiving their statements through the mail soon.



## Ask the Padre...

**Question:** Is our Capital Campaign Part 2 completed?

**Answer:** Our Campaign officially concludes March 31, 2024.

We currently have \$202,000 pledged toward our parish debt of \$300,000. We are 2/3rd the way to our goal. In a couple of weeks the final "Ask Letters" will be mailed. We are at the precipice and becoming debt free! Donations can be singular or instalments. THANK you to those who have already donated to bring us so close to our final goal! God Bless You!



### BEQUESTS

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](http://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.*



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Online Giving is a safe, secure and easy way to continue supporting your faith community. Use the link today!

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## WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

Jan 13/14	Weekly Total	Total to Date
Church Support	<b>\$12,105</b>	<b>\$670,295</b>
Weekly Goal - wk 29	\$23,000	\$667,000
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(-\$10,895)</b>	<b>+\$3,295</b>

## TIME and TALENT of ST AGNES

### Jan 8-14

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 13/14	211	145	97	453
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

## FAMILY FORMATION

Coming up...

Sunday, Jan 21, 10:00 am

- Family Brunch

Sunday, Feb 4, 10:00 am

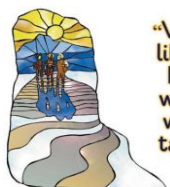
- Formation Session

Sunday, Feb 18, 10:00 am

- Family Brunch

Sunday, Feb 28, 6:30 pm

- First Reconciliation Celebration



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

## EMMAUS TEENS

Morning Drop In! (6th-12th Gr)

Sundays, 10:00-11:00am

Jan 21 @ St. Agnes w/ brunch

Feb 4 @ Starbucks

Feb 18 @ St. Agnes w/ brunch



## Role Play Game Group

4:00-6:00 pm

Jan 28, Feb 11, Feb 25, Mar 10,

Mar 24, Apr 14, Apr 28

## MARDI GRAS PARTY

Games, Fun Food, Karaoke, Prizes

Sunday, February 11 1:00-3:00 pm



3rd grade ministry and Emmaus Teens and Families are invited - Come celebrate before our Lenten observances begins!

RSVP Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4FA5AF2FAAFB6-mardi#/>



## ANNOUNCING

EMMAUS TEENS COOKING GROUP!

Meet to learn skills, new recipes and have time for conversation and prayer. Options include Saturdays at 2:30 pm or Sundays at 4:00 pm.

Register here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

What is bring your own book club? A time for all of our friends to share the best of what they have been reading and share how they see God in their lives? What books to you recommend? Why did you like it? What did it tell you about yourself, your life, your relationships? Your spirituality? Or was it just a great fun read?! All ladies are invited to join us, grab a warm drink (or not) and chat! Plan to meet once a month on the first Sunday.



## RCIA SESSIONS

Mondays @ 6:30pm

Coming up...

January 22: Prayer & Devotions

February 12: Sacraments Introduction and Lent

February 13: Sacraments Continued

March 11: Morality and Discernment

March 25: Holy Week, Death, Resurrection

April 8: Mystery

## SHROVE TUESDAY

What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Day) is the last day before the period that Christians call Lent. It is traditional on this day to eat pancakes.



**Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake and Sausage Dinner**  
Tuesday, February 13 6-8pm

A traditional pancake dinner for the last meal before lent! Our Ruth and Naomi women will host

a meal of pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice. No cost! Everyone can come eat!

RSVP to the parish office (217-793-1330) if possible so we can get an estimate or just drop on in!

## 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

**Ruth and Naomi Women's Ministry  
Bring your Own Book Book Club**

Sunday, February 4 2:00 pm

Location: TBA

(maybe Starbucks in Fairhills if they ever open)





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Dear Brother & Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the *Collection for the Church in Latin America*. For more than 50 years, this collection has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean through supporting diocesan pastoral, catechetical, and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers. The collection even helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford, which would leave them unable to minister effectively to the faithful.

At the far eastern end of the island of Cuba, the priests in the Diocese of Guantanamo-Baracoa traverse bad roads over rough terrain to bring the sacraments and the Word of God to the faithful living there. The mountainous territory that makes up 75% of the diocese's total land area makes travel not only difficult but also more expensive for priests due to higher fuel consumption, vehicle maintenance, and repair costs compared to other regions.

Catholics like you who generously contribute to the *Collection for the Church in Latin America* help Guantanamo-Baracoa's priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Cuba, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of January 27/28. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. The #iGiveCatholicTogether website ([uscgb.org/givecatholictogether](https://uscgb.org/givecatholictogether)) also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit: [www.usccb.org/latin-america](https://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

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.

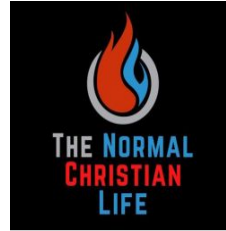
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**8:00 am - 5:00 pm** Sheila Noonan 217-546-0012  
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**5:00 - 10:00 pm**

Maureen Brady 217-787-3423  
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**Men's Ministry**

Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm  
(Rosary at 5:00 pm / Mass at 5:30 pm)

Plan for a meal and great discussion. Currently we are working on INTO THE BREACH on Formed.org. Into the Breach is a groundbreaking 12-episode video series from the Knights of Columbus that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation to Catholic men, Into the Breach tells men they are made for greatness and challenges them to achieve it by founding their lives on God and pursuing heroic virtue. All men ages 18 and up are always welcome. Look for some other events soon!



**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.





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