ST. AGNES PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Loved and chosen by God, we are the St. Agnes Parish family. Through Baptism we share responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus. We are called to be a community whose members enable and support the gifts given to each by the Spirit. We are sent to make Christ visible in our world through worship, proclamation of the Word, and service to all God’s people. We, the people of God, in the Catholic Christian community of St. Agnes, in northwest Springfield, Illinois, commit ourselves to seek first the Kingdom of God in our life together.

WELCOME!
If you’re new to our community and not yet registered, we invite you to call or stop by the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Call the Parish Office to schedule other times.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

INFANT BAPTISMS
Infant Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 p.m. Attendance at the Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class is required. Call the Parish Office to register for the class and to arrange for a Baptism.

RISE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open to the unbaptized who are interested in joining the Catholic faith, those baptized Christian who are considering becoming a Catholic, and baptized Catholics who are not fully initiated. Inquirers sessions for those interested in joining the Catholic faith are held periodically throughout the year. Please call the Parish Office for additional information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Parish Office.................................. 793-1330
Parish Fax.................................... 793-3212
Parish Email.............................. sac245@comcast.net
Parish Website............................. stagnescatholicparish.org

SCHOOL STAFF
Rachel Cunningham, School Principal
Karen White, School Administrative Assistant
Sharon Swehla, School Secretary
School Office.................................. 793-1370
School Fax.................................... 793-1238
School Website............................. stagnescatholicschool.org
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PARISH STAFF
Rev. Daniel Bergbower, Pastor
Rev. Pawel Augustyniak, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Roy A. Harley
Karen Ferguson, Music Director
Kathy Vorat, Parish Administrative Assistant
Tami Dillon, Parish Secretary
Nancy Wilderson, PSR Coordinator
Ryan Dillon, Maintenance
Matthew Fitzgerald, Maintenance

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACT PERSONS
Caregiving Ministry......................... Barb Kern
Choir & Song Leaders...................... Karen Ferguson
Communion Ministers..................... Elaine Arianman
Finance Council........................... Dave Seadler
Gift Bearers................................. Debra Mann
Greeters...................................... Barb Kern
Holy Name Society......................... Mike Noonan
Readers..................................... Deacon Roy A. Harley
Parents’ Club............................... Jen Graves
Parish Council.............................. Carrie Becker
Right to Life.................................. Cliff Emlen
School Board.............................. Carrie Harrison
St. Vincent de Paul Society............. Jim Kitcham
Young at Heart............................ Jane Snyder, Linda Hurley
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**PASTOR’S EMAIL ADDRESS** My email address is: dbergbower@stagnescatholicparish.org. This is the very best way to get in touch with me.

*May God’s Holy Spirit Bless and Lead Our Parish Family!*
Honor Roll

First Quarter Honor Roll

Eighth Grade
Grace Ayilisungu
Nate Cox
Chelsea Greenan
Nathan Kanoski
Kaitlyn Lansden
Mary McGrath
Ryan Taylor
Lillian White

Seventh Grade
Maria Bartletti
Brooke Lyons
Sophie Murphy
Molly Tucker
Reese Watson

Sixth Grade
Avery Arisman
Antonette Bartletti
Sophia Bommarito
Lauren Burk
Cannon Cox
Keagan Eck
Madelyn Field

Avery Arisman
Ashwin John
Emma Johnson
Stephanie Knauer
Dean Ludolph
Josephine Óke
Andrew Ward
Natalie Zak

First Quarter Merit Roll

Eighth Grade
Mya Green
Ella Harrison
Charlie Linderman
Ethan Rutter
Madison Springer
Brittany Taylor
Victoria Vizral
Atticus Young

Seventh Grade
Barron Bivens
Taylor Jo Boatman
Eastlyn Burns
Sindija Cousineau
Anna Pershing
David Reichensperger
Chad Robinson
Hunter Schukai

Sixth Grade
Gloria Ayilisungu
Lincoln Brady
Esme Eck
Patrick Florence
Kaden Gholson
Ashlynn Murphy

Elizabeth Poage
Aiden Ressler
Tyler Springer
Alec Stone
Peyton Wescott
Adam Wheeling

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding academic achievements during the first quarter of the school year.

Important Dates to Remember

Monday, November 11:
- Veteran’s Day Assembly, 10:00 a.m., in the Gym
- 1:30 Dismissal, Faculty Meeting
- School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 14:
- All School Liturgy, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, November 15:
- 5th Grade Service Project at Little Flower, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 17
- Confirmation/1st Eucharist Retreat, 3rd and 8th grade students and families in Parish Hall, after 11:30 a.m. Mass

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE
Our School came in 1st place again this year, bringing in 6,224 items! A total of 14,294 items was donated to the Holy Family Food Pantry over the past four weeks by all Springfield Catholic Schools! Thank you to our staff, families and parishioners for your generosity.

School Office Hours
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(217) 793-1370

Rachel Cunningham
Principal
Pam Kink
Karen White
Secretaries

Congratulations to our ILMEA participants who performed in Macomb at WIU last weekend.

Tori & David

Patrick & Avery
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**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday, November 16, 4:30 p.m.**
**Readers:** Ruth Lewis, Holly Kesterson
**EM:** Karen Beckmann, Sharon Huck, Kathy Kraft, Debra Mann, Judy Nordstrom,

**Sunday, November 17, 8:00 a.m.**
**Readers:** Sharon Mast, Tammie Klein
**EM:** Mike & Vicki Bauer, Rita Messinger, Joan Reed, Sr. Joan Sorge

**Sunday, November 17, 9:30 a.m.**
**Readers:** Andy Ramage, Roslyn Brookens
**EM:** Carrie Becker, Donna Erwin, Jane Locascio, Keith & Marie Washburn

**Sunday, November 17, 11:30 a.m.**
**Readers:** Julie Davis, Rich Koerper
**EM:** Camille Arisman, Mara Arisman, Anna Curtis, Alison Sommer, Lisa Sommer

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday, November 16, 4:30 p.m.**
David Reischensperger, Jaiyn Rienbolt, Jack Willenborg

**Sunday, November 17, 8:00 a.m.**
Don Steinkamp

**Sunday, November 17, 9:30 a.m.**
Peyton Blackburn, Grant Blackburn, Jaycie Cole

**Sunday, November 17, 11:30 a.m.**
Emma White, Lilly White

**Share the Word**

**Sunday, November 17, 9:30 a.m.**
Courtney Norris, Mary Frances Squires, Becky Powell

**Prayer Line Requests**

**8:00 AM-5:00 PM:**
Sheila Noonan 546-0012 or Barb Kern 546-7729

**5:00 PM-10:00 PM:**
Maureen Brady 787-3423
Cinda Steinkamp 787-6439

**Mass Times for Thanksgiving & Christmas**

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28, 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24, 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25, 10:00 a.m.
GOOD DEEDS
AT ST. AGNES
—African Mass—
A Taste
of Africa

Sunday, November 24 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, our African Community will be cooking up a plethora of African Food representing over 10 African Nations. Can You Help Sponsor this Delicious Event? Just drop an envelope in the collection marked “A Taste of Africa.”

GOD BLESS YOU!
—Fr. Dan—

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

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Thank you to our Finance Council for renegotiating Contractual Services. The Prior Goal was $26,535. This goal will continue to be adjusted as new contracts take effect. Eventually these re-negotiated contracts will save the Parish over $45,000 annually. GREAT NEWS!
(This goal reflects the current best estimates and is subject to adjustment by the Finance Council.)

—INCREASED OFFERING UPDATE—

As of this writing over 411 parishioners have graciously returned the Yellow Pledge Cards. THANK YOU!

This net gain of $2,108 in weekly pledges will go a long way in closing the current estimate of $8,000+ shortfall in our weekly collections.

Pledge cards were mailed out to over 400 parishioners to invite everyone to consider a $5 or $10 or $20 weekly increase.

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

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(#) of Parish Families Contributing 135
(Average Pledge is $165.48)
Current as of Oct. 28, 2019
REST IN PEACE
Please keep in your prayers Marilyn Taylor and Theresa Dye of our parish who died recently. May they know the fullness of joy that the Risen Lord desires to share with us.

Bereavement Support Group
The Bereavement Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss, no matter how long ago that loss was. The next meeting of our support group will be on Thursday, November 21, 10:00 a.m. in the Church Meeting Room A, (please use church parking lot and enter through the south church doors).

M & M’s (Music & Ministries)
Do you like to sing, play an instrument, or even file music? Then maybe the Music Ministry is for you. We have three choirs available for singing opportunities:
- Funeral Choir (rehearsal, 1/2 hr. prior to Funeral)
- 9:30 a.m. Mass Choir (rehearsal, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.)
- 11:30 a.m. Mass Choir (rehearsal, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.)
On occasion we have combined 9:30 and 11:30 choir rehearsals, and this year are singing once a month at a designated Mass as a Combined Choir. We are also in need of cantors, so if interested in any of the above opportunities, please contact me at kferguson@stagnescatholicparish.org. Thanks for your consideration. After all, who doesn’t like M & M’s! ~ Karen Ferguson, Music Director

Formation Ministry
We will be forming an advisory board for faith formation. Any adult or teen who has an interest in helping craft our vision is welcome. We also need adult and teen mentors to assist at the restored order retreats and on a RCIA team. All you need is to be in compliance with the Safe Environment Policies of the diocese. All other training and preparation will be provided. Email Cathy Becker at cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org to find out more.

Holy Family Food Pantry:
Thank you to those who donate to the Holy Family Food Pantry. Food Collections are every 2nd weekend of each month. Donations can be brought to the back of the gathering space and placed in the wooden box by the windows. Monetary donations are always welcome. Make checks payable to “Holy Family Food Pantry.”

NEW PARISHIONERS
We welcome the following parishioners who recently registered at St. Agnes Parish:
Josh & Kate Blankenship
Mike & Ashley Walz

#StAgnesFaithFormation
Upcoming Events:
- Retreat I – Confirmation / First Eucharist: Restored Order Candidates Sunday, November 17, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. (candidate and sponsor or parent).
- Inquiry into the Catholic Faith: An open gathering for adults and children interested in learning more about Catholicism and/or becoming Catholic. Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 p.m. (after the parish meeting). This will be a regular session each month.

Do you like to listen to podcasts while driving, praying, cleaning, or during down time? Try RENOVO, a podcast created by Doug Tooke from the Diocese of Helena, MT and ODB Catholic Films. The library and weekly podcasts cover all sort of Catholic trivia, scripture, saints, doctrine and popular practices. It’s easy to listen to, humorous and usually about 20 minutes. I give it 4 stars! You can find RENOVO on Apple or Android podcast apps.
To get in touch with me, please e-mail me at cbecker@stagnescatholicparish.org or leave a message at the Parish Office.

~ Catherine Becker, MAPS, CLEM

Bulletin Notice: Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the December 1 bulletin will go to the printers on November 22. Please have article submissions in by Noon on Wednesday, November 20 to info@stagnescatholicparish.org
Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. 6:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.
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Archdiocese for The Military Service
Supporting Our Sisters and Brothers in the US Armed Forces

Once every three years we are asked to take up a collection to support our families in the Military living all over the world. As a retired Air National Guard Chaplain I have seen first hand the desperate need of support for our Catholic Service people and their families. I have personally celebrated Masses with them in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Italy, etc., supporting our deployed, many in harm’s way and their families far, far from home. This collection is one way to reach out and say I CARE and THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! Please take an envelope home and prayerfully help those who keep us safe.
– Fr. Dan

Catholic War Veterans
Our organization is a Veterans Service Organization dedicated to God and Country. Our mission is to take care of veterans, service members and their families through our Catholic faith while promoting traditional values, civic responsibility, patriotism, and community action. For more information or to join, contact Commander Pat Noel at 217-487-7470 or go to http://post1916.cvv.org.

8th Grade Poinsettia Sale
The St. Agnes 8th Grade Class is selling beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas Season after Masses this weekend thru November 17, to help with graduation expenses and class trip. These gorgeous potted plants come in 6½” foil wrapped containers and are available in red, white, or pink for $15 each. Please keep the 8th grade class in mind when purchasing plants for your home, business, family, as gifts, OR to have delivered to a homebound St. Agnes Parishioner. Please return your order form and payment (checks payable to St. Agnes 8th Grade) to the school or church office by Wednesday, November 20. Poinsettias may be picked up in the school cafeteria (gym door entrance) after all Masses December 7-8. Please email Michelle Blackburn at blackburn5555@hotmail.com with questions.

Planning Study Update
Bishop Thomas John Paprocki wants to hear your feedback. You can read about the proposed Diocesan plans to support the education of our seminarians at www.dio.org/semianriancampaign. Enter the password study to complete the online survey or attend one of these Focus Group meetings to learn more and share your thoughts: Monday, November 11, 7:00 p.m., St. Boniface Church, 110 N. Buchanan St., Edwardsville, 62025 – Monday, November 18, 7:00 p.m., Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield 62704 – Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m., Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield 62704.

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