



# ST. AGNES PARISH

## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:15 a.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	8:15 a.m.
<b>First Friday</b>	8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:15 Mass until noon.

(No daily Mass on Fridays except for First Fridays)

**Holydays** Consult the bulletin prior to the Holyday

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

## 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 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.

## RITE 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. Inquiry 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 STAFF

- Rev. Robert J. Jallas, Pastor
- Rev. Pawel Augustyniak, Parochial Vicar
- Deacon Roy A. Harley
- Karen Ferguson, Music Director
- Kathy Vizral, Parish Administrative Assistant
- Tami Dillon, Parish Secretary
- Nancy Wilderson, PSR Coordinator
- Ryan Dillon, Maintenance
- Mathew Fitzgerald, Maintenance

## 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..... stagnescatholicsschool.org
- School Email..... info@stagnescatholicsschool.org

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACT PERSONS

- Caregiving Ministry..... Barb Kern
- Choir & Song Leaders..... Karen Ferguson
- Communion Ministers..... Elaine Arisman
- 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 Erwin
- School Board..... Carrie Harrison
- St. Vincent de Paul Society..... Jim Ketchum
- Young at Heart..... Jane Snyder, Linda Hurley



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31**

5:30 p.m. Helen Knoedler (Family & Friends)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1**

10:00 a.m. DOMS (Jim Schwalbach)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2**

6:30 a.m. Steve Hall & Stephanie (Hall)  
McGlasson (Hall Family)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3**

8:15 a.m. Lynda Evinsky-Krueger (Family)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 4**

8:15 a.m. Henry & Helen Heitzig (Family)  
12:10 p.m. Jeff Nelson (Nancy & Carl  
Saladino)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 5**

4:30 p.m. Helen Kolis (Kathy Harth &  
Michelle Eades)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6**

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes  
9:30 a.m. Leo Povse & Donald Farley (Mike  
& Karen Beckmann)  
11:30 a.m. Don Squires (Mary Frances  
Squires)  
And Byrniece Kircher (Karen Penning)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18  
**Tuesday:** Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**JANUARY 3, 4:**

8:15 a.m. Kaitlyn Lansden, Maddie Springer  
8:15 a.m. John Ramage, Grant Blackburn

**JANUARY 5-6:**

4:30 p.m. Emily Rapacz, Wyatt Rapacz,  
Reese Watson  
8:00 a.m. Louis Kink, Don Steinkamp  
9:30 a.m. Charlie Dunham, McKinley  
Dunham  
11:30 a.m. Julie Curry, Michael Enlow

**READERS, DEC. 31-JAN. 1**

5:30 p.m. Shirley Cowles, Jan Mulrooney-  
Kuhn  
10:00 a.m. Vicki Bauer, Mark Jarmer

**JANUARY 5-6**

4:30 p.m. Harry Mitchell, Tammie Klein  
8:00 a.m. Shirley Cowles, Jamie Greenwald  
9:30 a.m. Andy Ramage, Rick Wilderson  
11:30 a.m. Kari Kelley, Sr. Angelene  
Biderbost

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

**JANUARY 5-6**

**4:30 p.m. Team D,** Judi Bloome, Susan  
Dodson, Dan Dollison, Sharon Huck, Mary  
Mucciante, Kathy Smith  
**8:00 a.m. Team I,** Mary Ann Gatten, Robert  
& Nancy Gorman, Steve & Julie Johnson, Louis  
Kink  
**9:30 a.m. Team O,** Bill & Cindy Callan,  
Becky Powell, Rick & Nancy Wilderson  
**11:30 a.m. Team V,** Jeff Enlow, Adrian  
Gandhi, Kari Ann Kelley, Sandy Kelley, Annette  
Nelson

**SHARE THE WORD MINISTERS**

**JANUARY 6**


Pre K4 & K Kelle Lee  
1st & 2nd Roxanne Ramage  
3rd Gina Swehla



Preparatory work continues for our St. Agnes capital campaign which officially kicks off the weekend of January 19/20. Please keep in prayer this important endeavor as we enter the new year of 2019!

Campaign Prayer

Gracious God, Father of all, we thank you for the abundant love and grace that you pour upon our family of faith that is St. Agnes. Fill us your servants and stewards, with your goodness, generosity and love as we embark on our campaign to address the needs of our parish family. May your Holy Spirit keep our minds and hearts united in faith as we live and share the Good News of new life that is ours in your Risen Son, Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



**Solemnity of Mary  
Mass Schedule:**

**Monday, December 31,** New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God): 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 1,** New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY—JANUARY**

First Friday this month will be on January 4. Masses will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. and at 12:10 p.m. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:15 Mass, with reposition at noon prior to 12:10 Mass.

*thank you!* **Bulletin Cover Thanks!** A special word of gratitude to three students from our St. Agnes School who created the bulletin covers for the Christmas season:

- Nate Cox (December 23)
- Mary McGrath (December 30)
- Mya Green (January 6)

Thanks so much for sharing your artistic talent!



**Signature Ads:** We will have sign-ups for the annual Springfield Right to Life Signature ad in the Gathering Space after all Masses on the weekends of January 12-13 and January 19-20. This is a great opportunity to show your support for life on the anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion on demand at any stage of pregnancy. Cost of one line is \$5.00 and can consist of a single name, several names, an organization or a family name. Your participation will be appreciated.

**St. Agnes Auction  
Saturday, January 26, 2019  
In the School Gymnasium  
5:30-10:00 p.m.**

**Come help us kick off Catholic Schools Week!**

Italian Extravaganza catered by **Dublin Pub**  
Drinks donated by the **Holy Name Society**  
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**GREETERS - JANUARY**

4:30 - Nathan & Krista Zak  
8:00 - Chris & Monica Wieneke

If you are interested in being a greeter, please call the Church Office, 793-1330. Thank you!



**ST. AGNES SCHOOL**  
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**St. Agnes School Staff wishes you a Happy and Holy New Year!** May 2019 hold for you and your families a deep awareness of God's love and presence in your life. Wishing you and your family a wonderful year ahead.

**Thursday, January 3**

– Classes Resume for St. Agnes School students.

**Friday, January 5**

– All-School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.

**Monday, January 7**

– Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. for the monthly Faculty meeting.



**SHG Placement Test** will be offered on Saturday, January 12, 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Becky Jones, Tuition Manager, and Sr. Katherine O'Connor, President, will be available to answer parents' questions at 8:30 a.m. in the Choral Room. Please contact our Registrar at 787-1595, ext. 126 if you are unable to take the test. Students will need to bring #2 Pencils and \$10 testing fee. No calculators allowed. Pre-registration online is required by Friday, January 11. Use the following link to register: <http://bit.ly/SHGPlacementTest2019>.

**Studies in Catholic Faith and Culture**

will be hosted at the Cathedral beginning in February. The 10 week course, led by 20 different professors from the University of Dallas will be piloted in our diocese starting February 7. This compelling and high-caliber program will be offered during the pilot phase at a discounted rate of \$150 per person. To learn more about being part of this initial cohort, contact Vicki Compton at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or 522-3342 or Mike Christie at 698-8500 or [mchristie@dio.org](mailto:mchristie@dio.org)

**The Gospel According to St. Luke:**

The beginning of a new liturgical year brings a new cycle of readings with this year's focus on the Gospel of St. Luke. Join Father Friedel in exploring this Gospel's teachings, structure, and themes. Join us at the Cathedral Atrium, Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 7:00 p.m.



**Courses for all Catholics – University of Dayton Online Learning**

– Sign up for the online courses through the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), a program of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton. These adult faith formation courses support the Church's catechetical ministry and are for all Catholics. Registration for 2019 Cycle 1 is now open and closes January 16. The courses run January 20 through February 23, 2019 at a cost of \$50 per course/\$40 per seminar. The course calendar can be found at: [https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/#cycle\\_1\\_2019\\_English](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/#cycle_1_2019_English) For more information, visit our website at [dio.org/catechesis/vlcff.html](http://dio.org/catechesis/vlcff.html) or the VLCFF web site at [vlcff.udayton.edu](http://vlcff.udayton.edu)



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:**

Resolve to make your marriage even better in 2019! Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and your good marriage will become **even better**. Just ask a couple who has attended the weekend. Apply for the weekend you deserve either on Jan. 19-20, 2019 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, IL (no hotel provided); or Feb. 8-10 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 314-649-7317.



**CONTRIBUTIONS, DECEMBER 22-23:**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE POSTED IN A LATER BULLETIN DUE TO THE ACCELERATED HOLIDAY BULLETIN SCHEDULE.**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!**

*Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.  
 – 1 Peter 4:10*



**PARISH OFFICE NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE:**  
 For New Year's, the Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1.



**Catholic Children's Home** collection was taken up on Christmas, December 25. The Catholic Children's

Home in Alton has served as a "beacon of hope" for thousands of children who have needed the love and compassion of God's mercy in their lives. The holidays are a particularly difficult time of year for these youth. If you haven't already done so, please consider making a donation. An envelope was included in your December packet or donations can be made online through the parish website. In the words of Pope Francis, "We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished and protected."

**Christ the King Winter Bible Study:**

Please join us, as we study *Lectio: Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles*. This is a 10 week study, authored by Dr. Mary Healy, combining Bible study with Church teaching and practical wisdom to show you how modern Catholics can effectively lead people to Jesus Christ. Meetings are on Thursday mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Christ the King Parish Center, beginning on Thursday, February 7. Childcare is available for a small donation. All are welcome! Participants will receive a workbook and have light reading with homework. The cost of the materials will be around \$25. Each week we will view a 50 minute DVD lecture with discussion following. For more information or to register, contact Kristin Luker at 546-4959 or [KLuker@LukerDentalCare.com](mailto:KLuker@LukerDentalCare.com).



**Surviving Divorce:** Christ the King Parish is pleased to announce a new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced

the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. *Surviving Divorce* features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. The cost of the program for participants is \$15, which includes all program materials. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The program begins on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7 p.m., at Christ The King Parish Library. Please call the Parish Office at 217-546-3527 to register.



**Memorial Bricks:** When considering your Christmas gifts, don't forget the Peacebuilder Playground memorial bricks in honor of or memory of loved ones.

The bricks are available in three different sizes. The cost is \$100.00 for a 4x8 brick (3 lines); \$250.00 for an 8x8 brick (6 lines); or \$500.00 for a 12x12 brick (8 lines). 17 Characters are allowed per line. This includes spaces, commas and periods. Bricks may be purchased by calling the School or Parish Office, 793-1330.



**Young at Heart (YAH) Activities**

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

**YAH Planning Meeting:** Officers and other interested parishioners will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to discuss future events and plans. All adults in the parish are welcome to come and share their ideas. We hope to see you then. Contact any of the officers below if you have questions.

**Recommitment to Life Rally** will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the Capitol building. Look for more information to come in future bulletins.

**Rosary Program for Our Lady of Persecuted Christians** All parishioners are invited to a Prayer Program for Our Lady of Persecuted Christians at Knights of Columbus Council 364 at 2200 S. Meadowbrook on Wednesday, January 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to pray for those Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith. A traveling icon is going from Council to Council and will be present. Light refreshments will be provided for those who are interested. For more information, please contact Cliff Erwin at (217)787-7017.

Please contact any of the following officers if you would like to get involved in any YAH projects or if you have suggestions for future activities:

- \* Co-chairs: Jane Snyder (546-7084) and Linda Hurley (708/218-3741)
- \* Secretary: Jane Locascio (306-3037)
- \* Treasurer: Bill Snyder (546-7084)
- \* PR Coordinator: Cliff Erwin (787-7017)
- \* Potluck Coordinator: Barb Kern (546-7729)

**Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, January 6 at the Riverton K of C Hall from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Adults \$8, children under 12 \$4 and under age 3 are free. There will be NO fish fry in January. Our fish fries will return February 1.

**St. Valentine’s @ the Villa** – February 10, 2019, 5:30 p.m. – Why not celebrate the joy and humor of Christian married love with your sweetheart this St. Valentine’s Day? Cocktails, dinner, dessert, photo booth and a comedy show featuring Steve Bruner. Cost is \$50 couple (Dating, Engaged or Married) <https://www.dio.org/familylife/events.html>

**New Year, New Name, New Mission** – January 6, 2019 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Location: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception – What’s Your Mission from God? Come with your spouse for an afternoon of learning, prayer, and discussion about how to determine the unique mission God has given your family. No cost to attend, but space is limited so please RSVP. <https://www.dio.org/familylife/events.html>

**ALPHA at Cathedral:** Come experience warm hospitality and explore the basics of Christianity in an informal and welcoming community. Alpha is for everyone – practicing Catholics and those who are unchurched or have been away from the Church for a while. No cost, no obligation. Monday, January 21, 6:30 p.m. In the Cathedral School Hall. Please RSVP to Vicki Compton at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or 522-3342 so we can prepare to receive all our guests.



**RIGHT TO LIFE CORNER**

“Blessed Joseph, You took Mary and Jesus into your home. You followed the precepts of the Law, presented Jesus in the Temple, taught him skills at the plane and the lathe, and, daily, you shared traditions which were built on the covenants he came to fulfill. Hear the prayers of the siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and entire families of children who have been adopted. May they be a source of loving welcome and a fount of faith. Through Christ our Lord. St. Joseph, descendant of David, pray for us.”

**Holy persons, holy family.** It is, perhaps, easy to see the holiness in **the** Holy Family and not in our own. But holy we are, too. We are holy because of God's loving-kindness and God living among us. Pope Francis says this clearly in *Gaudete et Exsultate* on the call to holiness in today's world. Let us look to the saint next door. Let us also be the saint next door. God, in creation, makes us holy. We are called to remain in holiness. Though we need help from God and from others, it is possible for each one of us.

- . Who can I name as a saint next door? What do they do and say, not do and say, to make this so?
- . What one holy and mercy work will I do in this Christmas season?
- . What will I do and say to bring holiness to this sometimes-messy world?



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