

A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Peace to all as we come to the end of the liturgical year with this weekend's celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. **Truly, Christ is our King**, as all we do in our human efforts serves his Kingdom. In this weekend's liturgies, we will be celebrating the Kingship of Jesus and renewing our allegiance of his reign over us in heart, soul, mind, and strength. So often, we pledge to him our allegiance through the expression of our faith. We pay homage to him who conquers, not by violent arms, but by overbearing love, extended to us so unworthily.

This past Wednesday, from 8:30am-3:00pm, our young people had yet another opportunity to deepen their understanding of who this Christ the King is in their lives during the **2nd High School Release Retreat of this academic year**. Sincerely, I can attest personally, we are so blessed with those young men and women who come to deepen their faith with the theme of "Knowing, Loving, and Serving God" guiding all of their lessons. They are such wonderful kids (just like the others in lower grades who have come at different time to learn in our Church)! Many thanks to all speakers and small group leaders who spend the day with these great kids, teaching and even feeding them. Special thanks to Lori, our DRE/Youth Coordinator, for taking her job so seriously. Lori has wonderful organizational skills, as some of you have already seen, and we are really blessed to have her in our parish. Please, when you see her, say thanks to her because she is doing such a good job.

Now, as Lori mentioned in last week's note from the office, you will notice **a few changes and additions** in the bulletin once in a while. What we are trying to do is to see how we can use the bulletin and the parish website to educate and communicate better and more effectively. We are working closely with Ken LaBore, who has been so helpful in maintaining and updating our computer systems in the office for free (**Thanks, Ken!**). Ken is also helping us improve our website's general look for easier accessibility especially for our 'snow-birds' and summer visitors whom we would really like to keep connected.

On another note, maybe you have noticed there has been some **digging around the walls behind the sanctuary** at St. Agnes. There has been a leak, as you may be aware, for some time now. The grounds committee has been on this project on and off and a lasting solution has finally been found. There has been also some complaints about the sound and lighting system in St. Agnes Church and we are definitely looking in to it too. **Many thanks to Kirk Lowe** who has been helping us whenever we have an issues with electric and heat. So please bear with us as we improve things here and there; our goal, as a team, is to change where we can to better meet the needs of our parishioners.

Lastly, note that there will be a **"Thanksgiving Mass"** this Thursday at St. Agnes at 10:00am and the annual "Thanksgiving Meal" at Sacred Heart (reservations required for the meal). You can bring anything you might want donated to the food shelves with you during that Mass. Please check for more details later in this bulletin. Also, you may have already received an envelope and letter from Bishop Sirba regarding the **Thanksgiving Seminarian Appeal**. Since we had our 2nd collection in July for that regard, we shall not have one this Sunday, but feel free to donate whatever you can using the envelopes provided as there is definitely great need for the support of our future priest, your future pastors. The following Sunday, we will be having a second collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** as our annual appeal to support those in need here in United State as you shall see in the insert.

May God bless all of you and your family especially as you gather during this Thanksgiving weekend. Those who are traveling, we wish you a safe journey through the intercession of St. Christopher, the Patron Saints of Travelers. Thank you all for making our parishes wonderful and faith filled communities.

Peace!

Fr. Francis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21ST, 2010:

Sunday—2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 122:1-5; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Monday—Revelation 14:1-5; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday—Revelation 14:14-19; Psalm 96:10-13; Luke 21:5-11

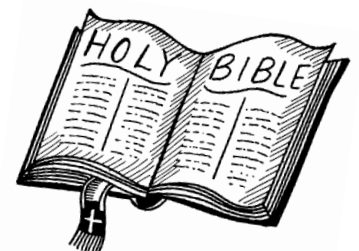
Wednesday—Revelation 15:1-4; Psalm 98:1-3, 7-9; Luke 21:12-19

Thursday—Sirach 50:22-24; Psalm 138:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19

Friday—Revelation 20:1-4, 11 -- 21:2; Psalm 84:3-6, 8; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday—Revelation 22:1-7; Psalm 95:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

Next Sunday—Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44



Schedule of Parish Events

Key: SA = St. Agnes, Walker & SH = Sacred Heart, Hackensack

Sat	VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	11/20
SH 4:00 pm	Mass— <i>Intention for Roman Meuwissen</i>	
SA 5:30 pm	Mass— <i>Intention for Willard Jueneman</i>	
SA 7:30 pm	YOUTH Group Christ the King-Eve Party	
Sun	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	11/21
SH 8:30 am	Mass— <i>Intention for Mike Nelson</i>	
SH 9:30 am	Blood Pressure Clinic	
SA 10:00 am	Mass— <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
SA 11:00 am	Coffee in the Social Hall	
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Mon	MEMORIAL OF ST. CECELIA	11/22
SH 9:00 am	Outdoor Christmas Light Decorating	
SH 2:00 pm	S.H. Rosary Prayer Group	
Tues	MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO	11/23
SA 7:30 am	Liturgy of the Hours Lesson & Prayer	
SA 8:00 am	Mass— <i>Intention for Anthony Busch</i>	
SA 8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration to 3 pm.m. Wednesday	
SH 4:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour	
SA 5:00 pm	Women's Bible Study @ Rosemary's	
Wed	MEMORIAL OF ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS	11/24
SA 8:00 am	Mass— <i>Intention for Margaret Howard</i>	
	NO Craft Wednesday	
	NO Youth Group	
Thur	THANKSGIVING DAY	11/25
SA 10:00 am	Mass— <i>Intention for Irme & Sonja Cszaszar</i>	
SH 12:00 n	Thanksgiving Meal (reservation required)	
Fri	MEMORIAL OF ST. LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE	11/26
	NO MASS	
Sat	MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS ANTHONY FASANI	11/27
SA 11:00 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
SH 3:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
SH 4:00 pm	Mass— <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
SA 5:30 pm	Mass— <i>Intention for Glen Gitchel</i>	
Sun	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11/28
SH 8:30 am	Mass— <i>Intention for Heather Kerfeld</i>	
SA 10:00 am	YOUTH Mass—Intention for Jim & Margaret Schneider	
SA 11:00 am	Coffee in the Social Hall	

To request a Mass Intention, contact the Parish Office

For UPCOMING EVENTS see our Parish Calendar for December 2010 in this bulletin. Additional copies are available in the Narthex at both parishes.

****EARLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE****

Due to Thanksgiving, the Bulletin deadline is early this week. Please submit announcements **by 8am this TUESDAY** to stagnes@avig.net or call the parish office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

- ✚ The soul of Jay Schruers who died this past week.
- ✚ The soul of Jeanne Ramsey's father who died last week. (Jeanne is the wife of Deacon Hap).
- ✚ Parish members who are having surgery or are going through cancer treatments and all other illnesses.
- ✚ Those who will be hungry this Thanksgiving.
- ✚ Those who are away from their family this holiday season.

Do you have a prayer intention that you would like our prayer chains to know about?

For St. Agnes: Call Betty Meeks at 547-1347 or (alternate) Zola Bleth at 547-2239. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain, sign up in the Narthex.

For Sacred Heart: Call Joan Rueter at 682-2324 or (alternate) Lucille Abbott at 675-6102.

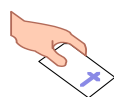
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is the process by which one is introduced to the Catholic faith. Fall is the time of year to start in order to be received fully into the Church at Easter. Fr. Francis is looking forward to working with those interested in learning about our faith! Please contact him via the Parish Office.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS, AND SERVERS
Please pick up a November Liturgy Schedule in the Narthex and *note the Liturgists schedule on the December Parish Calendar.*

Ushers/Greeters: Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to Mass to be present to greet parishioners.

Lectors: Please pick up at 2011 Sunday Missal in the Office at St. Agnes or in the Library at Sacred Heart.

Alter Servers are needed at all Masses: Any youth can volunteer to serve. Contact the Parish Office for training information.



	Stewardship	
	St. Agnes	Sacred Heart
Plate	\$783.00	\$512.00
Envelope	\$1225.00	\$1,170.00
UCA	\$11,090 (45%) Goal: \$24,405	\$8,445(39%) Goal: \$21,565

St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$229,399

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL YOUTH IN OUR PARISHES

Next Sunday, November 28th, at 10:00 am at St. Agnes is our **Youth Mass!** Those of you helping during Mass, arrive at least 15 minutes early to prepare and *please* dress neatly. All young people and their families are invited to stay for coffee, juice, and donuts in the Social Hall following Mass.

7TH-12TH GRADERS

Our 2nd Release Retreat was on 11/17: THANKS to the students, speakers, and small group leaders who made this day so GREAT! We made **10 small fleece blankets** which Father Francis blessed during our Mass. These blankets will be sent to children at Our Lady Queen of Angels Orphanage in Aqua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. The **Blessed Nuno Society**, which was founded in our Diocese in 1985, runs this orphanage. Visit www.blessednuno.org to learn more and see pictures of the orphans we are helping.

Our **next Release Retreat is on 2/9/11**; our topic will be *Living in Christ: Christian Morality*. Students will be learning about JP II's Theology of the Body, which he called "**the most revolutionary teaching of our time!**"

Also, Mark Your Calendars for 2/4-2/6/2011 and prepare to be transformed! The Diocese of Duluth **TOBIT (Theology of the Body Immersion for Teens) Retreat** will be taking place that weekend at Big Sandy camp near McGregor, MN. The retreat is open to 9th-12th graders but mature 8th graders may inquire about attending. The cost is \$90 and scholarships are available; contact Lori.

PARENTS ARE NEEDED to provide meals for Youth Group for the remainder of the school year. Email Lori with the Wednesday nights you are able to help.

K-6TH GRADERS

No Release Classes or Diving Deeper this week :
But our Christmas Party & Program is scheduled for December 15th at 5:30 pm. All parish youth are invited to participate or just attend. We could use more shepherds, angels, stars, and wisemen! **See you at practice during Diving Deeper on 12/8!**

HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUTH ACTIVITIES?
PLEASE CONTACT LORI AT DRE@STAGNESCATHOLIC.COM

Know God. Love God. Serve God.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Don't spend Thanksgiving alone! Join parishioners and community members at Sacred Heart this Thursday, November 25th, beginning at 12 noon for a wonderful meal provided by the Hackensack Lions Club. Reservations are required: contact 675-7724 or 675-6137; only a few spots remain.

INFANT CARE, PLEASE SHARE!

Angels of St. Agnes are collecting supplies for the Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center in the bassinets in our entryways. Thanks for your generosity!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION: IT'S ALL ABOUT SACRAMENTS

Continues next Wednesday, December 1st with Mass at 5:30 pm followed by the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for any parishioners over 60, and/or those who are sick or preparing for surgery. Pot Luck supper and fellowship to follow.

FALL FOOD SHELF DRIVE

November 1st - December 15th the Angels of St. Agnes are collecting nonperishable food items in the Narthex to be donated to the Walker Area Food Shelf. Cash donations can be brought to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket at Mass.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Courageous Love" began on November 2nd and will continue each Tuesday at 5:00 pm at Rosemary Ellis's home. If you wish to join, call Rosemary at 547-1509.



THANKSGIVING SEMINARIAN APPEAL

Gifts to the Thanksgiving Seminarian Appeal will be used to pay for current education expenses for our nineteen seminarians. Bishop asks for your continued prayers and support for our seminarians as they discern a life of service to God in the Parishes of the Diocese of Duluth. Your gift may be mailed directly to the diocesan office in Duluth or brought to the parish. Please use the designated envelope you received in the mail or the envelopes available in the Narthex of either parish marked with the Bishop's seal. **Thanks for your generosity towards these wonderful young men!**



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you are homebound, or you know someone who needs to be visited, let us know.

Currently, we have a parishioner who lives 11 miles east of Walker near Rogers Point Road and is in need of a ride to Mass on the weekend. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help with this ministry opportunity.

ST. AGNES CHRISTMAS DINNER COMMITTEE will be having a planning meeting on Sunday, December 5th, following the 10:00 am Mass.

THE WOMEN'S LAMB OF GOD PRAYER GROUP will meet on Monday, **December 6th**, at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall at St. Agnes. Please bring your Bible and join us. For questions call Rosemary at 547-1509.

17th ANNUAL COOKIE WALK



The Angels of St. Agnes will have their **Cookie Decorating Night** on Thursday, December 9th from 5pm to 8pm. Everything is provided—please join us in the Social Hall for this fun event!

The Cookie Walk on **Saturday, December 11, from Noon to 2 pm**; you don't want to miss it!

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

We'd like to answer it! Just email your question to stagnes@arvig.net or drop it off in the parish office and it will be featured in our NEW "What Does the Church Say About _____?" section of the bulletin.



NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS

Are you a young couple looking to improve your marriage? Learn more about this effective and natural method of fertility awareness! Natural Family Planning of the Brainerd Lakes Area offers free introduction sessions; contact them, 218-829-2861 ext. 6217 or www.brainerdnfp.org



WALKER AREA FOOD SHELF NEEDS YOUR PAPER AND PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS! You can drop the bags off there from 11 a.m. to 3 pm.m. on the first 3 Tuesdays of each month. For questions call Kim at 547-4972.

**AREA FOOD SHELF—AT CARE-N-SHARE
209 STATE 371 S ~ HACKENSACK, MN**

We serve people from the Hackensack, Backus, and surrounding areas. We are open the 2nd & 4th Monday evenings of each month from 5 pm to 7 pm. Monetary donations can be sent to PO Box 55 Hackensack, MN, 56452, and food donations can come in the front door Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9 am to 4 pm. For questions, call Lynette Emery at 218-675-5862, or email sharencare@tds.net.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE ST. AGNES/SACRED HEART WEBSITE—Please go to www.StAgnesCatholic.com if you would like to review them. If you do not have access to the web, you can contact the parish office for a copy.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES ARE DUE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST! Drop them off in the designated area in the entry of either parish; we need to bring these boxes for collection on Monday, 11/22.

Stay Here and Keep Watch with Me (Gospel of St. Matthew 26:38)

As Jesus prepared to undergo His Passion and Death for our sins, He asked his Disciples to "remain with me" as He prayed in the garden at Gethsemane; this plea is just as valid now as it was then.

As Catholics, we believe **the Eucharist is the "source and summit of our Christian life"** (CCC 1324). In all places, at all times, God is calling us to Himself, especially in the True Presence. Encounter our Lord, hear Him calling you, receive His peace, thank Him for your many blessings as you sit before Him!

Please consider visiting our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which is offered weekly at our parishes. Sacred Heart has a **Holy Hour each Tuesday** from 4:00 to 5:00 pm and St. Agnes has Jesus exposed Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in our **Adoration Chapel** beginning at 8:30 Tuesday mornings until 3:00 Wednesday afternoons (except for 1:00-5:00 am).



Pulpit Announcements for this weekend

Bishop Paul Sirba has announced that there will be a special Thanksgiving Seminarian Appeal to help pay for the education and formation of the young men who will be our future priests for the Diocese of Duluth. Today, we have nineteen seminarians studying for the priesthood—a very respectable number for a diocese of our size! Most of our seminarians are at the theology level, which roughly corresponds to graduate school. The education they are receiving is spiritually rigorous and thorough, but it is also lengthy and expensive. So please watch your mail for Bishop Sirba's invitation, consider a gift to the appeal and remember our seminarians in your prayers. Thanks you!