

December 20, 2009 and December 25, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Advent



St. Agnes/Sacred Heart Happenings...

2010 Contribution Envelopes boxes are available in the church entrance for you to pick up. If you do not see a box with your name on it and would like us to prepare one for you, please call the parish office at 547-1054.

Please make note! We have a new website address for the parishes: www.stagnescatholic.com.

Parish Outreach—Please contact the parish office if you are in need or know someone in need of any of the following:

- Homebound Communion Distribution for those who are unable to get to mass due to a recent surgery, cancer treatments, or elderly who cannot get to mass anymore.
- Need transportation to be able to get to mass.
- Parish nurse visits for sick, homebound, bereavement, or dying.
- Prayer shawl ministry.
- Anointing of the sick, a priest visit will be arranged.
- The Prayer Chain ministry includes a calling tree of parishioners who will pray for your needs; contact Betty Meeks at 547-1347 or (alternate) Zola Bleth at 547-2239.

Eucharistic Adoration—Because people are traveling to visit relatives and it is difficult to find substitutions the Saint Agnes Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will not be in session until the first week of January. The church will be open for anyone who wishes to maintain their prayer time near the tabernacle. The Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart will continue at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays during Christmas time.

There is not weekly Mass at St. Agnes until further notice. There are Masses to attend at St. Edward's in Longville on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 a.m. or St. Paul's Church in Remer on Thursday night at 6:15 p.m. For more information or directions call the St. Edward & St. Paul's parish office at 218.363.2799.



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve at Sacred Heart

Carols at 3:30 p.m.

Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve at St. Agnes

Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day at St. Agnes

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Free Dinner at 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Dinner at Saint Agnes

A delicious meal will be served on **Christmas Day beginning at 11:30 a.m.** There is no charge, so all will have the opportunity for a feast on Christmas. Those who find it difficult to afford a family meal and those who would otherwise be eating alone on Christmas are most welcome. If you are able, please bring a salad or dessert to share. We will serve until 1:00 p.m.



This Week's Schedule of Events

Saturday ADVENT WEEKDAY		12/19
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Intention for Ed Mergens	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for Jean Bellamy	
Sunday 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		12/20
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Intention for Laura Mohr	
Hackensack	9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Mary E. Smith	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall—All are welcome!	
Monday ADVENT WEEKDAY		12/21
Hackensack	2:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Rosary Prayer Group	
Tuesday ADVENT WEEKDAY		12/22
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration	
Wednesday ADVENT WEEKDAY		12/23
Hackensack	10:00 a.m. Craft Wednesday & Christmas Decorating the church	
Thursday CHRISTMAS EVE		12/24
Walker	7:30 a.m. Men's Cursillo Meeting	
Hackensack	3:30 p.m. Carols	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Christmas Flower Memorial	
Walker	6:00 p.m. Mass—Intention for Mickey Jones	
Friday CHRISTMAS DAY		12/25
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Gary Smith	
Walker	11:30 a.m. Free Christmas Dinner	
Saturday SAINT STEVEN		12/26
Walker	2:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Intention for Philip Casey	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for Barb Johnson	
Sunday HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH		12/27
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Intention for Shirley Sizer	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Amanda Leininger	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall—All are welcome!	

ATTENTION!
The Bulletin Announcement Deadline for this week is Monday, December 21st at 9 a.m.

Anyone who would like to join the Sacred Heart choir in singing on Christmas Eve is most welcome to do so. If interested contact either Ken at 675-6876 or Paula at 675-6402.

Upcoming Events

Key: S.A. = St. Agnes & S.H. = Sacred Heart

- January 2010**
- 04 Rosary Prayer Group at 2 p.m. at S.H.
 - 04 St. Agnes Pastoral Council at 5:30 p.m.
 - 04 Women's Prayer Group at 6:30 p.m. at S.A.
 - 06 Release Time (Grades 1st-3rd) at 8:30 a.m. at S.A.

You are invited to join us at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, December 24th for Carols at 3:30 p.m. and Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Decorating Volunteers Needed!
 We are seeking volunteers to join us on Monday, December 21st to help decorate the inside of St. Agnes for Christmas. If you can help please meet us at St. Agnes at 9 a.m.

- Please keep in your prayers....**
- ✚ Kathy Ihrke who is in hospice at home and thankfully receiving good care.
 - ✚ Kathy Green who is in St. Benedicts Center in St. Cloud to recover from a recent medical condition. For information on calling, visiting, or writing her please see the bulletin board in the St. Agnes Narthex.

2009 UCA Update	
St. Agnes.....	Goal—\$26,470
.....	YTD—\$10,574..39%
Sacred Heart..	Goal—\$21,361
.....	YTD—\$8,420..39%

Last Week's Collections

December 12th & 13th

	Walker	Hackensack
Plate:	\$636	\$282
Envelope:	\$1,847	\$1,023
St. Agnes Building		
Balance Remaining: \$314,345.64		
Building Fund: \$1,335		
Retired Religious: \$168..... \$528		

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diving Deeper—We want to send a BIG Thank You to all the children who helped our church community prepare our hearts with the Christmas Pageant! It was a huge success. The children did wonderful. Thank you to our two Confirmation students Alina Burks and Brian Munson for narrating the pageant. To all volunteers and families who supported our youth we want to say thank you. The Diving Deeper children wish everyone a safe and blest Christmas!

YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

December 30, 2009—5:30-7:15 p.m.

All Grades 7-12 Welcome

We will be having a Youth Ministry Night full of games and music all while building a strong catholic community. We will have a light supper available from 5:30-6:00 p.m. We will start the Ministry activities at 6:00 p.m. What a great way to end the physical year with fellowship. We would love to see you there! For questions contact Anna.

THINKING AHEAD...We know life can seem disordered, but God will help us sort it out!

CHAOS is the Diocese of Duluth's gathering of teenagers, speakers, musicians, priests and youth ministers. **CHAOS** gives you time to bring your life and your faith together.

CHAOS is time to join with your Catholic peers for a night of refuge from the outside world and a place to strengthen your will to live as a Christian. **CHAOS** stands for the four marks of the Catholic Church, put together chaotically! We grow in faith through the **Spirit** in the **One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic** Church.

CHAOS is a huge rally of energetic Catholic teenagers in grades 9-12 gathering together for Mass, talks, dramas, games, prayer and snacks. Bring a friend!!!

Anna is looking for a group of youth (grades 9-12) from our parish to attend the next **CHAOS** in Duluth on January 23, 2010: Topic: *Prophet* and March 6, 2010: Topic: *King*
Doors open at 6:15 p.m. each night and we will end each evening at 9:30 p.m..

CHAOS will be held at St. Lawrence Church, 2410 Morris Thomas Road, Duluth, MN.

Altar Servers Needed—Thank you for the quick responses to fill our calendar. We are still looking for

altar servers to fill this liturgical role starting in the month of December. Please call, email or stop by the office to let Jennifer know your child is available for Saturday or Sunday Mass. Thank you for your support!

Please pray for our entire parish as we go through this time of transition. So many people have come to us with GREAT ideas, questions, and support. THANK-YOU and please keep it coming. Our door is always open.

For questions, ideas, or comments on activities for our youth, contact Anna Frost or Jennifer Arnold at the parish office 218-547-1054, or e-mail us at:

anna@walkercatholic.org or

jennifer@walkercatholic.org

2010 Liturgical Calendars

The First National Bank of Walker has again provided us with Liturgical Calendars for our homes. You will find the calendars in the church entrance for you to take home this month.



"Breaking Free:

Making Liberty in Christ a Reality in Life"

You are invited to take part in this 11 Week Bible study by Beth Moore. We will be utilizing scriptures to discover the transforming power of Christian Freedom based on Isaiah 61:1-4. This in-depth study draws parallels between the captive Israelites and today's believers, the benefits of our relationship with God, and shows you how to remove obstacles that hinder that relationship.

The study includes both personal "homework" assignments and weekly group video sessions. Sessions will be held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. beginning January 5th and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning January 6th at Hope Lutheran church. With the week of Ash Wednesday off. You can attend either Tuesdays or Wednesdays, depending on what works better for you.

If you are interested in signing up, please contact Stacy Christianson at the church (218-547-1850) or email her at stacyathope@yahoo.com. Workbooks are \$14.95 plus shipping and handling and will be ordered on December 23rd.

**The St. Agnes Christmas Dinner
needs a new organizing leader for this year.**

It is already organized, just follow the directions. It is very fun, rewarding, and NOT difficult.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the dinner.

If you can help with these needs, please call Katie or Kirk Lowe at 547-2574.

The Angels of St. Agnes Cookie Walk brought in \$3,775.60 this year. This is \$214.60 more from last year. Thank you to all who helped with the production set up, and day of the walk. It's quite a job, but it was a great community effort.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend
February 13-14, 2010**

This Weekend is an experience designed to help married couples communicate more intimately with one another in a comfortable environment. A couple is guided in the discovery of effective ways of communicating and sharing with one another. It's about love and will enrich your life and your marriage. It is not a retreat, but a process which gives couple the opportunity to look at themselves privately in a loving encounter. Couples DO NOT share any aspect of their marriages with the group. It is held at the St. Francis Center in Little Falls, MN. It begins on Saturday morning and ends on Sunday afternoon. Please call 320-252-3220 to register or for more information, our website is: <http://home.att.net/~stcloudme>.

**Winter Solstice Songs of Peace
Monday, December 21st at
Union Community Church (Hackensack)**

Everyone is invited! There will be a potluck at 6 p.m. and the concert starts at 7 p.m. Some of the talents will include Tim & Jan Marr, Jo & Ryan Pels, and Kiki and Greg Webb and more. Come & join us as we celebrate joy & peace on the longest night of the year for an evening of music, food, and friendship. A Free Will donation will be taken.

Please help us to know who needs prayer—To include someone in our bulletin prayer list please call the parish office by phone 547-1054 or e-mail (stagnes@arvig.net) with enough basic information to know what to pray for. It can be anything from an anniversary to a health problem. Please confirm with the person if their name can be published in the bulletin.

Walker Area Food Shelf




Volunteers will be needed to work at the food shelf for Tuesdays in January. Hours for the 5th, 12th, and 19th are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Later times are from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 26th only. Please sign up for one Tuesday or more by calling Viv Palmer at 675-5082. Merry Christmas and thank you for remembering those less fortunate with donations and food. We are also in need of new or used blankets. **Please consider recycling your paper and plastic grocery bags by giving them to the Walker Area Food Shelf.** You can drop the bags off at the food shelf from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on the first three Tuesdays of each month. Thank you.

We pray for God's blessings for you and your loved ones during this extra special time of the year. We pray for good health and safe travel. May the season be filled with God's abundant Peace, Joy, & Hope for the year to come.

*Merry Christmas to you as we celebrate Jesus'—
The Reason for the Season!*

The Saint Agnes & Sacred Heart Office Staff





*2009 Saint Agnes Catholic Church
Walker, MN*

2009 Christmas Flowers & Memorials

*Albino and Clara Nerad
Andy & Liz Bednarczyk and Emanuel & Freida Hoepfer Families
Ann Poncelet
August Renowski
Bradley Johnson Family
Butch and Rita Roberts Family
Dean and Flynn Families
Deceased Family and Friends of Gordon & Mary Tiedeman
Emeline Skoog and Verlie Clark Families
Frank Kolodji Family
Florence Pierce
Frank Orton
Gary Doschadis Family
George & Luella Renowski
Glen Gitchel
Glen Sr. & Elvera Gitchel
Harold Powell
Earl E. Maus Family
Keith Arnold
Kotula Family
Majcin and Myse Families
Margaret Lester
Newell Ellis and Nick Pulczynski Families
Nick & Mabel Eischens
Olivia and Carol Clipper
Albin and Clara Nerad
Richard & Ann Shannon
Roberts Family
Robert Stein, Sr.
Ruth Kowalke*

