



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4th & 5th, 2010

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

- ✠ The homeless and all who suffer as a result of cold winter weather.
- ✠ All families as we prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus's coming at Christmas.
- ✠ The men and women who received the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick this past week at St. Agnes

WHY DO CATHOLICS OBSERVE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION?

This Wednesday, December 8th, Catholics around the world will gather to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. According to Canon Law 1247, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are **obliged to participate in the Mass**. Moreover they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body." The Catholic Holy Days of Obligation are our most important feast days. They are the principal liturgical feasts that honor the mysteries of the Lord, the Virgin Mary, and the saints.

The Roman Catholic Church in the U.S. observes six Holy Days of Obligation: Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1), Ascension (Thursday of the 6th week of Easter), Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8/15), All Saints (11/1), Immaculate Conception (12/8), and the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (12/25).

These are not Holy Days of "Recommendation" or Holy Days of "Come-if-You-Are-Able", but days of Obligation, meaning that they are required as part of the minimum level of commitment to the Catholic faith (CCC2042). A Vigil Mass will be offered this Tuesday evening at 5:30 at Sacred Heart as well as a daytime Mass on Wednesday at 12:15 at St. Agnes in order that all parishioners are able to observe this important feast.

Schedule of Mass Intentions

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

SH 4:00 pm	12/4: Mass—Intention for the Sick of the Parish
SA 5:30 pm	12/4: Mass—Intention for Bill Bieloh
SH 8:30 am	12/5: Mass—Intention for Ester Mink
SA 10:00 am	12/5: Mass—Intention for All Parishioners
SH 5:30 pm	12/7: Mass—Intention for Roman Meuwissen
SA 12:15 pm	12/8: Mass—Intention for All Priests
SA 8:00 am	12/9: Mass—Intention for Willard Jueneman
SH 8:00 am	12/10: Mass—Intention for Jeanette Kerfiled

To request a Mass Intention, contact the Parish Office

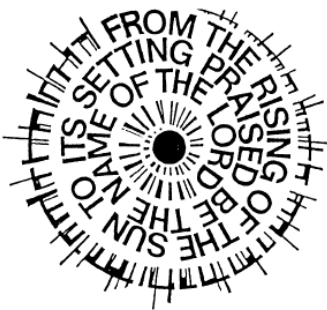
SEE OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2010 FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS. ADDITIONAL COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX AT BOTH PARISHES.

BULLETIN COLLATORS NEEDED

We are in need of a 2-4 volunteers to collate our Bulletins each week. These volunteers would need to be available for 1-2 hours on Fridays mornings. All materials are prepared, you just need to fold the covers and stuff any inserts. This would be a wonderful service project for retired couples! Contact the office for more info.

PRAY THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Liturgy of the Hours, also called Divine Office or Breviary is the official prayer of the church. Parishioners are invited to pray this wonderful prayer during the Advent Season by joining us before daily Mass Tuesdays through Fridays at 7:40 am. Print-outs of the prayers are provided.



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

WOMEN'S LAMB OF GOD PRAYER GROUP



All women of the parish are invited to join us on Monday, **December 6th**, at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall at St. Agnes for the Lamb of God prayer group; please bring your Bible. With questions call Rosemary at 547-1509.

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.

ST. AGNES SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



All attendees are invited to join us in the Social Hall after Sunday Masses for coffee and rolls; we would like to meet you!



Volunteers are needed to serve coffee: please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For questions contact Rick & Gerri Majcin at 224-2655.

THANKSGIVING SEMINARIAN APPEAL



Thank you for your gifts to the Thanksgiving Seminarian Appeal! Our



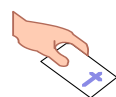
diocese is blessed to have such a large group of seminarians who will, through God's grace, soon minister to the parishes of the Diocese of Duluth. Your heartfelt prayers and generous gifts help make this possible.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS, AND SERVERS
Please 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	\$771.00	\$488.00
Envelope	\$1,817.00	\$1,080.00
UCA	\$11,190 (45%) Goal: \$24,405	\$8,465 (39%) Goal: \$21,565

St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$225,048.43

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

7TH-12TH GRADERS

YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK!

It is a Holy Day of Obligation this Wednesday: Immaculate Conception. To honor our Mama Mary and her Holy and Immaculate Conception, the Youth Group will be **praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary by candlelight** beginning at 6:00pm (we will be eating dinner at the normal time, 5:30). This will be a beautiful event to participate in and all parishioners are invited to join us.

UPCOMING EVENT

Mark your calendars now for **Winter Activity Day** on Wednesday, December 29th beginning at 3:30pm.

CONFIRMANDS

Attention **11th and 12th Graders who have not yet been confirmed:** we will be starting Confirmation Classes in January. If you have not yet met with Lori, it is important that you do so ASAP. Contact dre@stagnescatholic.com to set up a time.

K-6TH GRADERS

DIVING DEEPER WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK!

We will be practicing for our Christmas Program and we could use more shepherds, angels, stars, and wisemen! Please meet in the Elementary School office after school; we will walk down together, eat snack, and begin practicing. **Students need to attend practice this week and next week** in order to be prepared for our Nativity Story program. We will be done at 5:00.

CHRISTMAS PARTY & PROGRAM

Please join us on December 15th beginning at 5:30 pm at St. Agnes for our Christmas Party & Program! All parish youth are invited to attend.

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

Know God. Love God. Serve God.

FALL FOOD SHELF DRIVE

This is the final week of the Angels of St. Agnes Food Drive. Nonperishable food items to be donated to the Walker Area Food Shelf can be placed in the boxes in the Narthex. Cash donations can be brought to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket at Mass up until December 15th.

Thanks for your generosity!



THANKS!

Father Francis would like to thank the many parishioners who attended our second "It's All About Sacraments" Adult Faith Formation event this past week! We learned about the Sacraments of Healing (Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation); it was wonderful to see so many people receive the Anointing! The next event will be in February featuring Brian Pizzalato, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Duluth, continuing our Sacramental theme. Watch the February Parish Calendar for dates.

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.



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!

DISCOUNTED COMMUNITY CENTER MEMBERSHIP

The Walker Area Community Center would like to remind you that everyone who's a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church is also a Walker Chamber Member and therefore entitled to the Chamber discount for memberships at the WACC.

Six Month Membership = \$25.00 a month

One Year Membership = \$22.50 a month

The WACC also has agreements with various health plans that offer incentives to their insured. Your membership could cost as little as \$2.25 a month if you qualify!

We invite you to stop in or call 218-547-1853 to see what the WACC has to offer for you!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity is sincerely thankful for all the volunteer time that was donated to the construction of Annie McMurrin's home in Walker. Your gifts of time, talent and donations of food for the workers are greatly appreciated. Annie and LAHFH invite you to the dedication of the home at 305 8th Street South, Walker on Monday, December 6 at 5:30 pm.

Parish Calendar Deadline

Please submit events for the January Parish Calendar to the office by the 16th of December. You may email information to stagnes@arvig.net or stop in the office.

ST. AGNES CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers, you may use the envelope provided with your envelope box or stop by the office in the upcoming week. Thanks to the many generous donors who contributed last weekend!



17th ANNUAL COOKIE WALK NEWS

Please sign up at the Cookie Walk display in the Narthex if you are contributing goodies.

ICING FOR COOKIE WALK

The preliminary icing of several varieties of cut-out cookies will be on Wednesday morning, December 8th, at 9:00 in the Social Hall. Anyone interested in participating will be most welcome and appreciated!



Cookie Decorating Night is Thursday, December 10th at 5:00 pm, see the front of this insert for more information

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

2011 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Registered members of both parishes can pick up their 2011 Contribution Envelopes in the Narthex beginning this weekend. If you would like to receive envelopes, please contact the office and let us know. If you are a snowbird who needs your envelopes mailed to you, email or call Lori in the office.

SACRED HEART ADVENT PARTY

Sacred Heart's Annual Advent Dinner will take place on Sunday December 12th at 4pm. It is Pot Luck; vegetables, salads, and desserts are needed, meat and potatoes will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

St. Agnes church will be decorated (inside and outside) for Christmas on Tuesday, December, 21st after the 8:00 am Mass. All parishioners are invited to help!



PREPARE YOUR HEART THIS ADVENT SEASON BY VISITING OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During Advent, we prepare to meet Jesus in three ways: in His Nativity at Christmas, through His True Presence in the Eucharist, and in anticipation of His 2nd Coming at the End of Time.



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).

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.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER FOR THE 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT

Pray this prayer as a family before your evening meal during the 2nd week of Advent.

Father/Head of the Household: *O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Then the eldest child lights not only the first but a second purple candle. Both candles burn during the evening meal. For more family Advent ideas, visit www.catholicculture.org

