



St. Agnes & Sacred Heart Catholic Communities

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St. Agnes

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Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (5/7) at 5:45 pm
+ Joan Salden

Sunday (5/8) at 10:00 am
+ Harry Winter

No Mass at St. Agnes on Tuesday (5/10)

Mass at Sacred Heart at 11:00 am

Wednesday (5/11) at 8:00 am
+ Gary & Carrie Kemp

Thursday (5/12) at 8:00 am
+ Bernice Bucholz

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 11:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues at 8:30 am to Weds at 3:00 pm



Sacred Heart

300 First Street North, Hackensack

Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (5/7) at 4:00 pm
+ All Parishioners

Sunday (5/8) at 8:00 am
+ Carolyn Smith

Tuesday (5/10) at 11:00 am
+ Gary Reiten

Friday at (5/13) 8:00 am
+ Mike Nelson

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays at 4:00 to 5:00 pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We, the parishioners of St. Agnes and Sacred Heart, are inspired by the Word of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist. We strive to use our time, talents and resources to become a real presence of Christ. Our mission is to reach people for God, to welcome them into His Holy Church and to lovingly strengthen and support them as we journey toward our eternal home.

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7th & 8th, 2011

PLEASE PRAY...

✠ For our students who will be receiving 1st Holy Communion on May 22nd: Austyn, Clay, Gretchen, Jeremy, Lizzie, Maggie, and Taylor

✠ For our 11th Graders who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 24th: Brenna, Brittany, Cole, Dylan, Hannah, Jordan, and Mariah

✠ For the soul of Judge Michael Haas who died on April 12th and whose funeral was this weekend at St. Agnes.

✠ For all in the Church who are preparing for ordination as deacons and priests this Spring, especially in our Diocese, that they be given the gift of fidelity to their sacred duties

EUCARIST ADORATION

MORE THAN A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS, THE EUCHARIST IS TRUE INTIMACY



"As I read the sad statistics... that only 30% believe what the church teaches on the Real Presence of Christ, my mind went back to an earlier heresy—the Protestant Revolt. It was not the so called "selling of indulgences" that caused the painful break in our family. It was those who no longer believed in the Real Presence...When Catholics are asked, "Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?" they should answer a resounding YES! There is no closer union with Jesus than when you receive Him in the Eucharist. You too can say with St. Paul, "...and the life I now live is not my own CHRIST IS LIVING IN ME." (Gal 2:20)" - Rev. Msgr. Richard L. Carroll, V.F.

Catholics not only have a personal relationship with Jesus, but in the Eucharist, we have true intimacy with our Lord and Savior. Receive Him often and sit before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. 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 through 3:00 Wednesday afternoons.

If you are waiting for a sign that our Lord wants to spend more time with you, this is it! Jesus is thirsting for you, His beloved child—come to Him!

A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

Dear Parishioners,

Today's "Praying the Mass Anew" insert is entitled "To Sing at Mass or to Sing the Mass?" The Church's patrimony of sacred music is truly a great treasure. This insert discusses why the liturgy is truly meant to be sung and how liturgical music is drawn from the words of prayer themselves. Learn why "Gregorian Chant" holds a special place in the Church's life and worship. **Please take time to read this important article.**



This month, we kick off the **2011 United Catholic Appeal**. Being Roman Catholic involves more than membership in and support of St. Agnes and Sacred Heart, without a formal relationship to a diocese, a parish isn't Catholic. Our Bishop, Paul Sirba, is our common pastor and we benefit greatly from our membership in the regional church which is the Diocese of Duluth. The diocese recruits and provides for the formation of our growing (thank God) number of seminarians – a major expense beyond the capability of any one parish. The diocese offers education and support for youth and adults, providing many diocese-wide opportunities for growth in the faith. The diocese encourages and offers ongoing training for our Priests. For example, beginning next week, I will start a program at the University of St. Mary, Mundelein, Chicago, which the Bishop asked me to do, for the next three years for Spiritual Direction and Counseling Certification; the diocese covers the tuition. The diocese creates and distributes The Northern Cross to notify and connect members on events throughout the northland. All of this is only possible through your generous support of the annual United Catholic Appeal!

Each year, the Diocese assesses each parish and mandates a certain amount of funding. If a parish is not able to cover the mandated amount through contributions from parishioners, it is necessary to take money from our general fund. There are many parishes which, through dedicated supporters, reach their UCA goals!

In 2010, St. Agnes parishioners contributed \$16,175 toward the goal of \$29,405; St. Agnes's UCA was 55% funded through contributions and 45% supplemented from the general fund. **The goal for 2011 is \$27,708.36.**

In 2010, Sacred Heart parishioners contributed \$10,049 toward the goal of \$21,565; Sacred Heart's UCA was 47% funded through contributions and 53% supplemented from the general fund. **The goal for 2011 is \$22,322.56.**

For each month of the year, you will find a UCA envelope in your parish contribution envelope box. We understand that finances are always tight – it is not easy to call on your generosity once again – but please, use these monthly envelopes or make a one-time donation for the year to help us meet our UCA goals. This week, you will be receiving additional information by mail regarding the 2011 UCA campaign. Please do not hesitate to contact the office with additional questions.

Finally, as I mentioned above, I am beginning classes towards a Certification in Spiritual Direction and Counseling and will be **out of the office** May 16th through the 20th. Pete, Lori, or Joanne will be able to direct you as needed while I am in Chicago.

Happy Mother's Day!
Fr. Francis

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEE OUR PARISH CALENDARS FOR MAY 2011, AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX, FOR UPCOMING EVENTS. DEADLINE FOR JUNE CALENDAR IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH.

DO YOU HAVE AN INTENTION FOR OUR PRAYER CHAINS?

For St. Agnes: Call Betty Meeks at 547-1347 or (alternate) Zola Bleth at 547-2239.
For Sacred Heart: Call Joan Rueter at 682-2324 or (alternate) Lucille Abbott at 675-6102.



ST. AGNES SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



All parishioners and visitors are invited to join us in the Social Hall after Sunday Mass for coffee and rolls; we would like to get to know you!

Thanks to Ken & Sandy Randall for serving coffee this weekend!

ANGELS OF ST. AGNES

A meeting of the Angels of St. Agnes will take place Monday, May 9th at 9:30am in the Social Hall.

ST. AGNES PASTORAL COUNCIL

A meeting of the St. Agnes Parish Pastoral Council will be Monday, May 9th at 5:30pm in the new Narthex Meeting Room.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN SPRING CONVENTION

The Brainerd Deanery CCW's spring convention is May 10 at Sacred Heart in Hackensack. The day begins at 9am with coffee and registration followed by a guest speaker, Mass, lunch and a short business meeting. Cost for registration and lunch is \$10. Call your parish President to make your reservation.



BOARD OF EDUCATION

The May Board of Ed. meeting will be Tuesday, the 10th, at 4:00pm in the new Narthex Meeting Room at St. Agnes.

SACRED HEART PASTORAL COUNCIL

A meeting of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR FOR WOMEN

Our Lady of the Lakes Walker Area Chapter of Magnificat is presenting a one-day "Life in the Spirit" seminar for women on Saturday, May 21 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at Saint Agnes in Walker. A free will offering will be accepted. Please bring a sack lunch. For more information and registration call Betty (218) 675-6180 or email garoutte@tds.net



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Plate	\$588.00	\$751.00
Envelope	\$2,239.00	\$1,157.00
UCA	\$100 (0%) Goal: \$27,405	\$0 (0%) Goal: \$22,323

St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$174,825.11

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL YOUTH

SERVERS: The date for the Twins game has been set! Thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, any servers who are signed up for at least 6 Masses before July 31st are eligible to attend the KC's Twins Day at Target Field on **June 12, 2011**. All who attended Server Training will be receiving information in the mail. Any youth who would like to sign up to serve should contact Lori to check for available dates. THANKS to the Knights for covering tickets, transportation, and meals to and from the game!



7TH-12TH GRADERS

YOUTH GROUP is on for this week! See you for supper at 5:30 and 5/11. Also, mark your calendars for 5/24 (Confirmation); we'll need your help!



CONFIRMANDS: If you have not already, make your interview appointment with Fr. Francis ASAP! He will be out of town next week, so you need to meet with him before the 15th. Your letters to Bishop should be mailed by May 13th. Finally, your service hour log is due! Drop it off in the office this week.

SUMMER EVENTS: D-Week (10-12th graders), Camp Survive (6-8th graders), and Steubenville (9-12th graders) are just around the corner! Check out the Youth Board for dates and info; registration is due soon!

K-6TH GRADERS

K-6TH GRADERS: DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK, MAY 11TH: Following our regular Diving Deeper session, we will be having a picnic! Parents and siblings of Diving Deeper students are welcome to attend beginning at 5pm. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

PARENTS OF 1ST COMMUNION STUDENTS: We have class this Wednesday, May 11th. Read above for details on our Picnic that day.



ATTENTION MOMS (AND GRANDMAS) OF BABIES—4TH GRADERS

We are exploring the possibility of offering a Mom's Group during the summer months for women with young children. This would be a fun, informal playgroup for kids with time to share and support each other as moms through a book or bible study. We hope to offer at least one 6-week session (meeting weekly or bi-monthly during June-August). Your input is needed! If you would like to participate, please contact Lori using the email address below to choose a day and time to meet. Child-care helpers will also be needed!

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

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AREA CHURCH EVENT

WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN TOUR

Internationally Renowned Christian Musician John Michael Talbot will offer prayer, music and Christian mediation on May 23, 24, 25 at St Christopher's Catholic Church in Nisswa starting at 7:00 each evening. John Michael's ministry has blessed millions over the past 35 years and thousand of lives have been transformed in a deeper personal relationship with Jesus. See flyer in the Narthex for details.

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

40 DAYS FOR LIFE THANKS YOU!

Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of 40 Days for Life we would like to thank all churches, clergy, and faith filled people that supported the "Day to Pray" for life during this spring's campaign. If participation was scarce please don't become discouraged as we are growing and little fires are igniting allowing the pro-life message to spread. Reports of **714 babies saved from abortion** give us great hope!

We are grateful for your help in this campaign and we pray that during our own local campaign next fall you will join us. Prayer is so powerful and the unborn threatened by abortions need our help. Thank you and if you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Lori (40daysduluth@live.com) & Beth (218-770-7621)

WEEK 7: "MY SOUL PROCLAIMS THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD!"

This weekly pro-life education tool will follow the development of a child in the womb from now till Christmas.

Lucy's brain waves can now be detected. Did you know that over the remaining months in utero, Lucy's brain will develop over 100 billion neurons? Her brain begins to control movement of muscles and organs. Lucy's nose is developing and the eyes darken as pigment is produced. The mother has likely confirmed that she is pregnant. **Happy Mother's Day!**



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR WAPSC

Beginning on Mother's Day, May 8th, the Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center is asking for your help by collecting your "loose change". Baby Bottles for collecting change are available for pick-up in the Narthex. Last year, with your help, the center raised nearly \$5,800! Please return your baby bottle to the Narthex during Father's Day weekend, June 19th. Thanks for your support!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAREGIVER DISCUSSION GROUP

If you are caring for a friend or relative who is chronically ill, frail or elderly, join us for coffee, cookies, and conversation. Our next meeting will be 10:00 am, Tuesday, May 17th at the Warehouse at 301 Norway in Pine River. Topic is, "The Family Meeting". The group provides education and support for caregivers, and opportunities to share with other caregivers in a confidential setting. There is no charge, no membership responsibilities, and no one will make you talk. For more information, call Theresa at 218-675-5435. The group is sponsored by Lutheran Social Service-Caregiver Support and Respite Program, Faith in Action for Cass County and funding is provided by the Central Minnesota Council on Aging. Caregivers Need Care Too!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT WALKER AREA FOOD SHELF

Volunteers are needed to work on Tuesdays in May at the Walker Area Food Shelf. Workers will be restocking shelves, checking out clients and/or repackaging. Please call Viv Palmer (675-5082) if you are able to work for 3 hours on any or all of the first 4 Tues. in May.

SUMMER STYLE SHOW

The Women's Fellowship of Union Church and Studio 5 in Longville invite you to "Spring into Summer" Style Show on May 12th at 1pm at Union Church. Models will be from Hackensack churches. There will be door prizes and musical entertainment.

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