

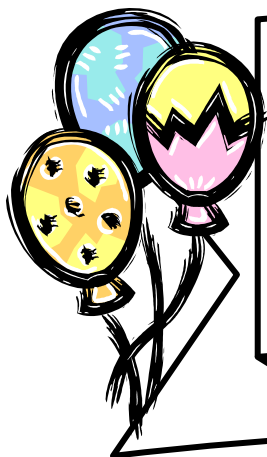


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5th & 6th, 2011

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- ✠ Our High School students and Catechists as they prepare for this Wednesday's Release Retreat
- ✠ Blessings upon Fr. Dan, as he returns to California, in thanksgiving for serving our parishes
- ✠ The courage to be salt and light to all people around us, especially the hungry, oppressed, and needy
- ✠ Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life as well as many holy marriages in our Diocese
- ✠ Our 2nd Graders who are in their final weeks of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation



**Welcome Home
Father Francis!**

****PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL RELEASE RETREAT, MASS AT ST. AGNES ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH WILL BE OFFERED AT 2:15PM RATHER THAN THE NORMAL 8:00AM****

Schedule of Mass Intentions

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

SH 4:00pm **2/5: Mass—Intention for Roman & Lillian Meuwissen**

SA 5:30 pm **2/5: Mass—Intention for Joan Salden**

SH 8:30 am **2/6: Mass—Intention for All Parishioners**

SA 10:00 am **2/6: Mass—Intention for Carla Ellis**

SA 8:00 am **2/8: Mass—Intention for Mickey Jones**

SA 2:15 pm **2/9: Mass—Intention for John I. Lindquist**

SA 8:00 am **2/10: Mass—Intention for Bill Bielloh**

SH 8:00 am **2/11: Mass—Intention for Roman & Lillian Meuwissen**

To request a Mass Intention, contact the Parish Office

SEE OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2011, AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX, FOR ALL UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

NOTICE REGARDING CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

2011 Envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex through the end of February. At the end of the month, all remaining envelopes will be returned to the Parish Office and available by request. If you cannot find your name but would like envelopes, contact the office. If you are a snowbird who would like envelopes mailed to you, please contact the office.

In order to ensure that we have the correct account number for your contributions, please write your name on your envelope when making a cash donation.

THANK YOU TO FR. DAN NGANGA!



We, the parishioners of St. Agnes and Sacred Heart, sincerely thank you for your service to our parishes during Fr. Francis's visit home. Know that you will continue to be in our hearts and prayers! Please come back soon!

PARISH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ADORERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: While so many parishioners are away during the winter months, we are in need of volunteers willing to commit to regular weekly adoration hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This is a beautiful opportunity to meet our Lord in the True Presence; please consider signing up for a regular hour, adding your name to the substitute list, or just visiting as you are able.



MUSICIANS: Music is an important part of the Mass! Singers and musicians are always needed. Contact Michelle Nistler at rmnis@arvig.net or call the parish office if you are able to help.

Unless otherwise noted, contact the Parish Office to help

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible Study began Tuesday, February 1; "Seven Last Words of Christ" is a study on Jesus' Passion. The group meets weekly at 5:00 pm at the home of Rosemary Ellis. Cost for materials is \$10. If you wish to join, call 547-1509.



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.



WEBSITE UPDATES

Go to www.stagnescatholic.com to see the latest website updates, including our February Parish Calendar, which includes daily Mass intentions, meetings, and parish events. The Liturgist's scheduled for both parishes is also available. **Please check it out!**

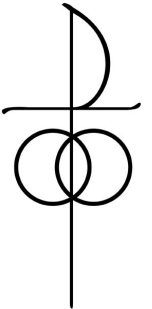


SACRED HEART CCW

A meeting of the Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will be held this Wednesday, February 9th @ 10:00 am at Sacred Heart in Hackensack. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend!

IT'S ALL ABOUT SACRAMENTS: MATRIMONY

Mark your calendar now for Wednesday, February 16th. Brian Pizzalato, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Duluth, will be joining us to talk about the Sacrament of Matrimony. Learn the biblical basis and historical significance of the sacrament; celebrate Valentine's Day by bringing your sweetheart! Mass will be offered at St. Agnes beginning at 5:30pm followed by a Pot Luck meal and presentation.



All who attended Brian's Feb. 2nd talk about the Eucharist would agree that he is a great speaker!

PARISH CALENDAR DEADLINE

Please submit events for the March Parish Calendar by the 16th of February. You may email information to stagnes@arvig.net or stop in the office if there is something you'd like to add.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS, AND SERVERS

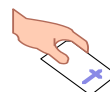
Please pick up a February Schedule from the info rack in the Narthex.

If you would like to be added to our Liturgist Schedule, please contact the office; we'd appreciate your help!

Eucharistic Ministers at St. Agnes: Please remember to **use the cross necklaces** found near the Usher's table so we know if more helpers are needed.



Alter Servers are needed at all Masses: Any youth can volunteer to serve. A training session/activity day will be held in February; watch the bulletin for more info.



Stewardship

| | St. Agnes | Sacred Heart |
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| Plate | \$607.00 | \$406.00 |
| Envelope | \$2,288.00 | \$979.00 |
| UCA | \$13,750 (56%) Goal: \$24,405 | \$9,206(43%) Goal: \$21,565 |
| St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$169,929.53 | | |

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

7TH-12TH GRADERS

****NO YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK DUE TO YOUR RELEASE RETREAT****

RELEASE RETREAT THIS WEEK: We are going to spend our time this Wednesday learning about Blessed Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body with a guest presenter, Meg Crain, Youth Minister at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Duluth. TOB is "the most revolutionary teaching of our time", so prepare to learn a lot and have your heart transformed! Please bring your journals. **See you at 8:30am on the 9th!**



CONFIRMANTS: Your next class is February 20th at 6:00; but you are REQUIRED to attend this Wednesday's Release Retreat. You may bring your Confirmation Retreat registration with you on Weds or turn it in to the office ASAP.



D-WEEK, STEUBENVILLE, VOCATIONS CAMP, TOTUS TUUS & MORE!: Begin planning your summer now; check out the dates for these activities on our Youth Board in the St. Agnes Narthex.

K-6TH GRADERS

DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK: All K-6th graders are invited to attend, just meet in the WHA Elementary School Office after school on Wednesday.



2ND GRADERS & PARENTS: Please remember 1st Reconciliation will be Saturday, February 19th at 10am. At least one parent or guardian is required to attend per student but both parents are welcome. Please be praying extra for your child as they prepare to meet Jesus in mercy and love.

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

Know God. Love God. Serve God.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

Let us 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 bulletin column each weekend.



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!

A GIFT SPOUSES GIVE ONE ANOTHER

Natural Family Planning of the Brainerd Lakes Area now offers distance learning in addition to free introductory sessions! Join us on Tuesday, February 22nd at 6 PM at St Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd, schedule a free introductory class at St Alice Church in Pequot Lake or schedule an individual session. Contact the NFP Office at 218-829-2861 Ext 6217 or www.brainerdnfp.org



AREA FOOD SHELF AT CARE-N-SHARE IN HACKENSACK



Our clientele has increased and so have our needs! Any food or monetary contributions would be greatly appreciated; consider including Share-N-Care's food shelf in your monthly budget. Donations may be mailed to PO Box 55, Hackensack, MN, 56452

ATTENTION AREA KNITTERS

Laporte Area Knitters invite you to join them at Trinity Lutheran Church in the social hall on the first and third Mondays of the month from 1:30 to 3pm to knit items to be donated to charitable organizations. All are welcome to come and spend time knitting for others. Some yarn and needles are available but it's best to bring your own supplies. Come and join the fun! Coffee/tea available to those attending.



DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE

ARE YOU 55+? This course will save you 10% on your Auto Insurance for 3 years! There are no written or behind the wheel tests. All courses are offered at Sacred Heart Church in Hackensack.



- Mar 1st: 8 HR FULL COURSE (for 1st time students) 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
- Mar 2: 4 Hour Refresher (for repeat students) 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Apr 27: 4 Hour Refresher (for repeat students) 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Register by calling (toll free) 1-888-234-1294

WHY DO CATHOLICS OBSERVE SACRED SILENCE?

Answered by Father Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy at the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Athenaeum

Silence has a very important role to play in the celebration [of the Mass] as indicated by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, No. 45: *Sacred silence, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its purpose, however, depends on the time it occurs in each part of the celebration. Thus within the Act of Penitence and again after the invitation to pray, all recollect themselves; but at the conclusion of a reading or the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise and pray to God in their hearts. Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence [to] be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner.* To this we would add that silence should also be observed after Mass until one is outside the Church, both for respect toward the Blessed Sacrament, and toward those members of the faithful who wish to prolong their thanksgiving after Mass.

The specific periods of silence recommended in the GIRM encourage a general atmosphere of interior and exterior silence for all the participants at Mass. This silence should be sought while listening to the readings, the homily, or the proclamation of the Eucharistic and other priestly prayers. This helps quiet our imagination, our worries and our toils so as to join our hearts to the prayers and be fully attentive to whatever the Holy Spirit should inspire in us. Thus silence at Mass is an active, not a passive disposition. This form of interior silence does not impede, and indeed favors, full and active participation in those parts of the celebration where the community is united in acclamation and song, for each person is more fully aware of what he or she is doing.

Our modern world is starved of silence and Holy Mass should be a privileged moment to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life and, through worship and participation in Christ's eternal sacrifice, become capable of giving an eternal value to these same daily and transitory activities. To help achieve this, we should foment by all available means the spirit of attentive and active silence in our celebrations and refrain from importing the world's clamor and clatter into their midst.