

St. Agnes & Sacred Heart Catholic Parishes



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St. Agnes

210 Division Street, Walker



Sacred Heart

300 First Street North, Hackensack

Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (12/17) at 4:00 pm at **St. Agnes** +All Parishioners

Sunday (12/18) at 8:30 am at **Sacred Heart** +Diane Kienlen

Sunday (12/18) at 10:30 am at **St. Agnes** +Howard Dipple

Tuesday (12/20) at 8:00 am at **St. Agnes** +Holger Kilander

Wednesday (12/21) at 8:00 am at **St. Agnes** +George W. Ritter

Thursday (12/22) at 8:00 am at **St. Agnes** +Mike Hallet

Friday (12/23) at 8:00 am at **Sacred Heart** +Miles Rychman

Saturday (12/24) at 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart +Roman & Lillian Meuwissen

Saturday (12/24) at 5:45 pm at St. Agnes +All Parishioners

Sunday (12/25) at 8:30 am at Sacred Heart +Ed Mergens

Sunday (12/25) at 10:30 am at St. Agnes +Bray Mercil

Christmas
Mass Schedule



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 11:00 am at **St. Agnes** and

1/2 hour before Saturday Masses at **Sacred Heart**

*For the Sacrament of Baptism or Sacrament of Marriage,
contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.*

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.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2011

PLEASE PRAY...

- ✠ That all who are busy making preparations to celebrate Christmas will take time to reflect on God's love for them
- ✠ For those who are lonely, sick, or homebound this holiday season, that they would be comforted by the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
- ✠ That the poor, the lonely, and the neglected will experience God's love during this joyful season through the kindness of others
- ✠ For those who have died, that as they shared our Christmas joy on earth, they may come to enjoy eternal glory in God's kingdom

Note Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule above

PENANCE SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS—TONIGHT

Sunday, December 18th, Sacred Heart will be hosting a Communal Penance Service beginning at 6:30pm. There will be several priests available for individual confession. In preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, here is a traditional prayer:

Prayer Before Confession

*Come Holy Spirit into my soul, enlighten my mind that I may know
the sins I ought to confess and grant me Your grace to confess them fully,
humbly and with contrite heart. Help me to firmly resolve not to commit them again.*

*O Blessed Virgin, Mother of my Redeemer, mirror of innocence and sanctity,
and refuge of penitent sinners, intercede for me through the Passion of Your Son,
that I may obtain the grace to make a good confession.*

*All you blessed Angels and Saints of God, pray for me, a most miserable sinner,
that I may repent from my evil ways, that my heart may henceforth
be forever united with yours in eternal love.*

Amen.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—Vigil (12/31)

4:00pm at Sacred Heart; 5:45pm at St. Agnes

Sunday (1/1)

8:30am at Sacred Heart; 10:30am at St. Agnes

SEE OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2011 FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS. DEADLINE FOR JANUARY CALENDAR IS WEDNESDAY, 12/21. WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAYS AT NOON.



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. Thanks to Andy and Pat Bednarczyk for serving this weekend!



Christmas Dinner next week so no Coffee & Rolls

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All men of the parish are invited to join the Men's Bible study group as they continue a 12-week series on the Book of Genesis. The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 27th following 8am Mass. Call Jim at 547-2110 or e-mail jamesfdawson@hotmail.com for more info.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study that takes place at Rosemary's on Tuesday afternoons will not be meeting on 12/20 or 12/27. Sessions will resume in the new year. See you on January 3rd!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA Classes will continue on 12/21 and 12/28 at 7:00pm in the Narthex Meeting Room at St. Agnes. If you'd like more information, contact Fr. Francis through the Parish Office.



ROSARY PRAYER GROUP—TIME CHANGE

The Sacred Heart Rosary prayer group has changed its meeting time to Mondays at 12 noon (rather than 2pm). All parishioners are welcome to join this group!

MEN'S CONFERENCE: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The first annual Diocese of Duluth Men's Conference will be taking place on Saturday, February 18th, 2012 in Duluth with Fr. Larry Richards presenting; the cost is \$25 which includes breakfast and lunch. Encourage the men in your life to attend! Registration is available through www.dioceseduluth.org. Contact the parish office if you'd like to carpool with our men's group.

2012 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Parishioners may pick up their 2012 Envelopes in the narthex at either parish. If you did not receive envelopes but would like them, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity in contributing to our parish!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The St. Agnes & Sacred Heart Council of KC's will meet on Thursday, December 22nd at Sacred Heart. If you have questions about the Knights or would like to join this fraternal organization, contact Grand Knight Al Fikse at afikse@myway.com

LECTORS, READERS, & USHERS

The January and February schedules for both parishes are being prepared. If you are a snowbird or will otherwise not be available, let us know as soon as possible. Also, if you'd like to be trained and added to this schedule, let us know. For Sacred Heart, contact Jean Beaver at 682-3554 (home) or 507-269-7038 (cell). For St. Agnes, contact the Parish Office.

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY RENEWAL—UPDATE

Just a reminder that our Parish Directory will not be available until Christmas time, at the earliest. From the last photography date, it generally takes 6 months for the directory to be finished (in our case, that would mean early January). Please be patient with this process!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! FROM THE ANGELS OF ST. AGNES

What an awesome response the Angels had to the Cookie Walk last Saturday! We made \$4,745.00 this year and in 2010 we made \$2,812.00. All of your efforts in baking more cookies, setting things up and taking things down really paid off. We are thankful to all of who helped in any way. And we had fun! It was a lot of work but well worth it and we are already planning for next year!



BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Our parishes have two sets of DVD's plus additional workbooks and study books for the Biblical Walk through the Mass study that was held this fall. If you were not able to be a part of the group but would like to check out the materials, contact the Parish Office to have your name added to the list.

A recent participant said this: *Sri explains the Biblical beauty behind everything we say and do during the Mass...helped me see Mass as a journey from the Old Testament practices and prophecies to their New Testament fulfillment.*

Stewardship		TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE	
away of life	Plate	St. Agnes	Sacred Heart
	\$3,856	\$3,856	\$651
Envelope	\$1,354	\$1,354	\$1,383
UCA	\$9,048 (33%) Goal: \$27,405	\$5,268 (23%) Goal: \$22,323	
St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$88,554.30			

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are into the last month of the year, and, as you can see, there is still a long way to go to meet our UCA goals. Please be generous in support the UCA as it helps fund the needs of our diocese. Thanks to all who have contributed or pledged thus far towards our UCA goals! If you made a pledge but have not yet sent your donation, please do so soon.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

7-12TH GRADERS

Youth Group this week—CHRISTMAS PARTY! Movie, party games, prizes & gifts! See you this Wednesday (12/21) at 5:30!

TOBIT (Theology of the Body Immersion for Teens) registration is now open. This retreat, sponsored by the Diocese of Duluth, takes place January 20-22nd, 2012 at Big Sandy Camp near McGregor. Registration is \$115 but scholarships are available for those who need one. Register by clicking on the TOBIT link under Youth Ministry at www.dioceseduluth.org.

K-6TH GRADERS

THANKS to all of the kids who participated in the Christmas Program this past week! You did a WONDERFUL job!!! Thanks also to the parents, grandparents, and siblings who attended! Finally, thanks to Hannah Smith for playing carols, John & MJ Warren for organizing the party, and Guy LaFontaine for providing the meal!

Diving Deeper is on break until after Christmas. All K-6th Graders are invited to attend this fun after-school session! **See you as we continue our Great Adventure through the Bible on 1/11!**

Our next Church Release date is January 4th; enjoy your Christmas break!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"How to find Christmas peace in a world of unrest? You cannot find peace on the outside but you can find peace on the inside, by letting God do to your soul what Mary let Him do to her body, namely, let Christ be formed in you. Mary was a living Ciborium, a monstrance of the Divine Eucharist, a Gate of Heaven through which a Creator would peer upon creation, a Tower of Ivory up whose chaste body He was to climb "to kiss upon her lips a mystical rose."



Spend a Holy Hour with our Eucharistic Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament! St. Agnes has Jesus exposed Body, Blood, Soul, & Divinity in our **Adoration Chapel** beginning at 8:30am on Tuesday through 3:00pm on Wednesday. Additional adores are always welcome and needed!

Note that the Adoration Chapel will be closed on December 27th & 28th as many adorers are gone for Christmas. The church is always open if you'd like to visit Jesus in the Tabernacle.

SACRED HEART HOLY HOUR—SCHEDULE CHANGE



The Tuesday Holy Hour at Sacred Heart will be taking a break through the winter months to resume later in the Spring. Please join us at the Adoration Chapel at St. Agnes; subs are needed for the Winter months! Contact Sue Jaeger at 547-1702 for more information on subbing.

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

WEEK 39: "GOD HAD SPECIALLY CHOSEN ME WHILE I WAS STILL IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB..." GAL. 1:15

Lucy now weighs between 5 and 9 pounds; the average size baby is 7 pounds. It's really crowded in here and it's very hard to move! The umbilical cord doesn't have any nerve endings (this means that neither mom nor Lucy will feel any pain when it is cut!) and is about 20 inches long and about 1/2 inch thick. The good news for mom is it's easier to breathe because the baby is moving down.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

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 before 12/21. Thanks to the many generous donors who've contributed!



ST. AGNES CHRISTMAS DINNER

Volunteers are needed for the annual Christmas Dinner which will be held from 12 noon to 1:30pm on 12/25. Donations of salads and desserts are also needed. If you can help, contact Wendy Navratil at 218-836-2452 (home) or 218-368-2176 (cell).

CHRISTMAS EVE AT SACRED HEART

Christmas Carols will be sung before Mass at Sacred Heart on Christmas Eve. All are welcome to come early; singing will begin at 20 minutes before Mass (3:40pm).

Children have a special place in this liturgy also! All children are invited to attend and participate in a procession with the Baby Jesus to the crèche. Bring your children and grandchildren!

ADVENT IDEAS: WEEK 4

Special Days of Preparation: Traditionally, the days from December 17 to the day before Christmas have as their focus the titles of Jesus. On these days, a special Scripture passage may be read to recall these titles. Three candles are used until the Fourth Sunday of Advent, when all four candles are lit.

December 17: Jesus, the Wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:26-31)
Prayer: Come, O Wisdom of God Most High, and fill our hearts with your word of truth. Come Lord Jesus!

December 18: Jesus, the new Lawgiver (Mt 17:1-8)
Prayer: Come, O Giver of the Law, that we may be strengthened by your mighty power. Come Lord Jesus!

December 19: Jesus, the Flower of Jesse (Rom 15:7-13)
Prayer: Come, O Flower of Jesse's Root, that we may be made fruitful witnesses of your love. Come Lord Jesus!

December 20: Jesus, the Key of David (Rev 3:7-8)
Prayer: Come, O Key of David, to unlock the darkness of sin and free us by your grace. Come Lord Jesus!

December 21: Jesus, the Radiant Dawn (Is 9:1-6)
Prayer: Come, O Radiant Dawn, sun of justice, and fill us with Your saving light. Come Lord Jesus!

December 22: Jesus, the King of the Nations (Rev 19:11-16)
Prayer: Come, O King of the Nations, and bind us all together in the unity and peace we seek. Come Lord Jesus!

December 23: Jesus, Emmanuel (Mt 1:18-23)
Prayer: Come, O Emmanuel, presence of God among us, and fill our hearts with every good gift. Come Lord Jesus!

December 24—On Christmas Eve, the wreath can be renewed with new greenery and the candles replaced with new white tapers for use during the Christmas season.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we approach that holy moment when Your coming as man is renewed in our hearts. Give us peace and allow us to celebrate Your presence with joy, that we may someday share Your glory. We ask this of You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, as One God, now and forever. Amen.

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