

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12th & 13th, 2011

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

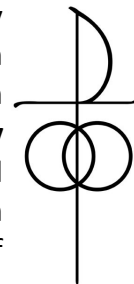
- ✠ All married couples, that they may be faithful to their vows and love each other as Christ loved the Church
- ✠ Those preparing for marriage, that may find strength and joy in the will of God for them and their families
- ✠ The sick, that they may experience the consolation of God's strength
- ✠ Our 2nd Graders who are in their final weeks of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

IT'S ALL ABOUT SACRAMENTS: MATRIMONY

All parishioners, catechists, youth, and community members are invited to attend the final installation of our "It's All About Sacraments" series on Matrimony at St. Agnes this **Wednesday, February 16th**. We will begin with Mass at 5:30pm, followed by a Pot Luck meal and presentation by Brian Pizzalato, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Duluth, will be speaking.

Learn the biblical basis and historical significance of the sacrament; celebrate Valentine's Day by bringing your sweetheart!

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THIS EVENT, THERE WILL BE NO 8AM MASS ON 2/16



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.

Schedule of Mass Intentions

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

- SH 4:00pm **2/12: Mass**—*Intention for Lawrence & Alma Gavin*
- SA 5:30 pm **2/12: Mass**—*Intention for Patricia Moore*
- SH 8:30 am **2/13: Mass**—*Intention for Buzz & Doc VanBlaricom*
- SA 10:00 am **2/13: Mass**—*Intention for All Parishioners*
- SA 8:00 am **2/15: Mass**—*Intention for Carla Ellis*
- SA 5:30 pm **2/16: Mass**—*Intention for Elizabeth Kolodge*
- SA 8:00 am **2/17: Mass**—*Intention for Jim Aletto*
- SH 8:00 am **2/18: Mass**—*Intention for Holly Johnson & Talena Chavez*

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

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

7TH-12TH GRADERS



THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR 2/9 RELEASE RETREAT! We continue to pray for all of our students and look forward to seeing you again on 3/23! **And THANKS to the Angels of St. Agnes for providing a wonderful meal!**

YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK: Students, please join us for Faith Formation; we'll begin with Mass at 5:30 followed by Pot Luck Supper and a talk on Marriage by Brian Pizzalato. **Next week, (2/23) we will return to our "normal" Youth Group routine.**

CONFIRMANDS: Our next class is February 20th at 6:00. If you are not able to attend the March Confirmation Retreat in Hibbing, you need to register for the Feb 25-26 Retreat in Duluth ASAP.



D-WEEK, STEUBENVILLE, VOCATIONS CAMP, TOTUS TUUS & MORE! Begin planning your summer now! **Parents, please plan to join us at 7:00pm on Feb. 23rd to go over summer schedule ideas.**

K-6TH GRADERS

1ST-6TH GRADERS HAVE RELEASE CLASSES THIS WEEK! We will be talking about praying the Mass :) See you 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.

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.

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.



ANGELS OF ST. AGNES

A meeting of the Angels of St. Agnes will take place this Monday, February 14th at 9:30am in the Social Hall.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The February Board of Ed meeting will be this Tuesday, the 15th, at 4:00pm in the office meeting room at St. Agnes.

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.

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.

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.

YEAR END STATEMENTS

This past week, you should have received your year end contribution report by mail. If there are corrections needed or you did not receive your statement, please contact Business Manager Pete Pederson or Fr. Francis via the office. Mistakes do happen, as you know and we are more than willing to correct them, if identified.

	Stewardship St. Agnes	Sacred Heart
Plate	\$596.00	\$435.00
Envelope	\$1,345.00	\$890.00
UCA	\$14,750 (60%) Goal: \$24,405	\$9,206(43%) Goal: \$21,565
St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$190,017.53		

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 Butch & Rita Roberts for serving coffee this weekend!

PARISH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ADORERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 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

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

WHY DO CATHOLICS REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS?

FR. E. MCNAMARA, PROF. OF LITURGY AT THE REGINA APOSTOLORUM PONTIFICAL UNIV.

Any Catholic may offer up the Mass in which he or she participates for any good intention. Certainly, graces will accrue in accordance with the intensity of that person's participation and sincerity. This is a genuine exercise of the royal or common priesthood of the faithful and can be of such benefit to the faithful themselves and to so many other souls.

However, the custom of requesting a priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be physically present at the Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church. This is because the Church considers the Mass as the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection. Because of the particular role of the priest as mediator between God and man, acting "in persona Christi" when offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass, it is usually considered that special graces may be obtained when he applies the Mass to a particular intention.

The faithful generally make an offering, called a stipend, to the priest in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention. By making this offering, the faithful, by parting with something that is their own, associate themselves more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Sacred Host, and obtain thereby more abundant fruits (See Pope Paul VI's "Firma in Traditione" of June 13, 1974).

The priest's intention is essentially a spiritual and internal act through which he commends the intention to God in a particular way. He does not necessarily have to know the person for whom he is offering up the Mass, it is enough for him to know that an intention was requested and he celebrates the Mass according to the intention of the donor. This aspect should throw light on the rather dicey subject of the public proclamation of the intentions. Because the intention is essentially a spiritual act, its publication neither adds nor subtracts from its efficacy; publicly announcing the intention is done for the comfort of the living and not for the benefit of the dead.

If you would like to request a Mass Intention for Fr. Francis at St. Agnes or Sacred Heart, you may do so by contacting the Parish Office.

A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

Dear Parishioners,

Peace to all of you wherever you may be. It's my hope that God continues to be faithful to each and every one of us in whichever situation we find ourselves. I'm back after a 21-day home visit which was really rejuvenating for me, apart from losing my dear 95-year-old grandma and the bad ear infection that I'm dealing with now. It's good to be back though, as I try to adjust to almost 100 degrees difference in temperature. What an amazing wonder of Creation! My time in Kenya, my home country, was very enriching, I must say. I did almost 80% of what I intended to do especially in my mission and I'm grateful to all those who have helped and supported me both in deeds and prayers towards my outreach program. May God, who is never outdone in generosity, continue to bless each one of you so abundantly. I also thank, Fr. Dan, for covering me and all those who welcomed him so warmly here especially my office team, Pete and Lori. He did a lot while here, I understand. It seems he tried almost everything you can think to do during winter-time including ice fishing, 'snow-shoe' walking and even dog sledding. You can tell he is bolder than me and I don't 'envy' him a second! Fr. Dan is a good, good friend of mine and I'm grateful he enjoyed himself during that cold month. He is now back in San Diego and he said I should convey his many thanks for all your warm welcomes.

I'm also grateful to all of you for your continuous support of our parish mission. Looking at our treasure, so far, we have seen how each one of you remains committed to sharing in the many gifts and needs of our Church, especially in our various ministries. We are not that badly off, but certainly not yet 'off the hook'. We are grateful and we still need your support and commitment.

Now, I have called a special Pastoral Council meeting to be held here this week due to what is ahead of us. Two weekends ago, you might have received a handout from the Bishop highlighting the time frame of the Diocese Strategic Planning process. The Bishop is asking each parish to take this process seriously, especially through active participation in dialogue and, more so, in prayers. I just received a letter from him (Bishop) highlighting some of the things I need to do as a pastor in collaboration with the lay leadership, hence the reason I'm calling for this special joint pastoral council meeting. In due course, will communicate with everyone regarding the next meeting which will be like a "Town Hall" set-up meeting where everyone will be welcome to contribute before we send our report back to the Strategic Planning Committee in Duluth. This is a very important process for the future of our Diocese and in particular our parishes. We are grateful for the leadership of our bishop in helping us face the realities that are ahead of this Diocese. So keep checking on this column for more information as I urge everyone to feel part and parcel of this process.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Francis.