



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19th & 20th, 2011

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- ✠ The Priests, Seminarians and Bishop of the Diocese of Duluth, especially during the Strategic Planning process
- ✠ All who put themselves in danger for our safety and freedom, especially those in the military and law enforcement
- ✠ The sick, that they may be healed, and the deceased, that they may be received into the arms of God's mercy
- ✠ Our 2nd Graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend

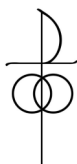
YEAR END STATEMENTS

In the past week or two, 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, once they are identified.



IT'S ALL ABOUT SACRAMENTS: MATRIMONY

Due to illness, this event will be rescheduled! Please check next weekend's bulletin for information regarding the final installment of our series on the Sacraments. This session will be presented by Brian Pizzalato, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Duluth.



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.

Schedule of Mass Intentions

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

SH 4:00pm	2/19 Mass — <i>Intention for Roman & Lillian Meuwissen</i>
SA 5:30 pm	2/19: Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>
SH 8:30 am	2/20: Mass — <i>Intention for Mike Nelson</i>
SA 10:00 am	2/20: Mass — <i>Intention for Michel Tiedeman</i>
SA 8:00 am	2/22: Mass — <i>Intention for Sadie Elsenpeter</i>
SA 8:00 am	2/23: Mass — <i>Intention for Roman & Lillian Meuwissen</i>
SA 8:00 am	2/24: Mass — <i>Intention for Sadie Elsenpeter</i>
SH 8:00 am	2/25: Mass — <i>Intention for Derek Henning</i>

To request a Mass Intention, contact the Parish Office

SEE OUR PARISH CALENDARS FOR FEBRUARY OR MARCH 2011, AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX, FOR ALL UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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 & Harriet Nerad for serving coffee this weekend!

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.

LOCAL FAMILY LOSES HOME AND POSSESSIONS IN FIRE

Many items are needed to replace what was lost. Below is a list of items being collecting at Hope Lutheran for this local family:

Dishes, Cooking utensils, Pots & pans, Food storage containers, Linens, towels, blankets, Rugs for kitchen & bathroom, Hangers, Laundry soap & baskets, Blow Dryer and hair straightener, Brushes & combs, Hairties & bobby pins, Clothing for teenage girls [(Pants (5/6)(10/12), Shirts (small & large), Sweatshirts & pants (small & large), Tennis shoes (8 ½ & 9 ½)]. Some furniture is needed, but please call Sally at 547-1850 before dropping off any furniture.

All items can be dropped off at Hope Lutheran.

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 timers) 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

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.



SPRING CAMPAIGN ABOUT TO BEGIN!



Wednesday, March 9th (Ash Wednesday) marks the beginning of the 40 Days for Life spring campaign. 243 cities across the US and around the world are asking Christians to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Although Walker is not hosting a vigil at this time, we invite you to pray for the efforts of these cities and watch our bulletin for information on local events.

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

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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS, AND SERVERS

March schedules are now available in the info rack in the Narthex

****NEW:** *St. Agnes Liturgists, please check in before each Mass using the schedule at the Usher's table in the back of church. If you are substituting, please cross off that person's name and write your own name so we know the position is covered. Thanks!***

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. Server Training will be held on Wednesday, March 30th at 5:30pm at St. Agnes; supper will be provided. All St. Agnes & Sacred Heart youth in 2nd grade or older should plan to attend.



	Stewardship	
	St. Agnes	Sacred Heart
Plate	\$3,209.00	\$255.00
Envelope	\$1,375.00	\$929.00
UCA	\$14,750 (60%) Goal: \$24,405	\$9,206(43%) Goal: \$21,565
St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$190,017.53		

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL YOUTH



SERVER TRAINING will be held on Wednesday, March 30th at 5:30pm at St. Agnes; supper will be provided. All St. Agnes & Sacred Heart youth in 2nd grade or older should plan to attend.

7TH-12TH GRADERS

YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK: see you at 5:30 on 2/23!

CONFIRMANDS: We have class this weekend, Sunday, 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

K-6TH GRADERS HAVE DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK! All K-6th Graders are invited, just meet in the WHA Elementary school office after school. See you on Wednesday!



CONGRATUATIONS TO OUR 2ND GRADERS who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend! We continue to pray for you and your families as you meet Jesus in mercy and love and prepare for 1st Communion!

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

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE MASS?

From the very start, the Mass is a collaboration between the priest and the congregation; a prayer we pray as one Body of Christ. This is evidenced in the many responses from the people, songs of the choir and congregation, and the altar servers, liturgists, and Deacons assisting the Priest with the celebration. There are two main parts of the mass, the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist, explained in more detail below.

Following the Introductory Rite, which includes the Penitential Rite (I Confess...), the Gloria (Praising God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), and the Opening Prayer, we begin **the Liturgy of the Word**. During this portion of the Mass, we sit attentively during the readings showing reverence to the Word of God declared through a Lector, Deacon, or Priest. We stand at attention during the Gospel and Creed.

The major parts of the **Liturgy of the Word** are the Readings (from the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament, and Gospel), the Homily, the Nicene Creed (our profession of faith), and the General Intercessions

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the second portion of Mass, characterized by intense prayer and coming to a summit during the Consecration and reception of Holy Communion. We kneel, begging for God's grace and assistance and process towards the altar to receive Christ in the Eucharist. **In order to "count" for your Sunday obligation, you must attend at least this portion of the Mass, beginning with the Offertory until the Priest receives communion. It should be noted, if you purposely arrive late and/or leave early, you are not fully participating and therefore not fulfilling the obligation.**

The major parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist are the Offertory (Presentation of the Gifts), Preparation of the Altar, the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy), the Eucharistic Prayer, the Mystery of Faith (Jesus' dying, rising, and coming again), the Consecration (the Priest calls on the Holy Spirit, a miracle is performed, and heaven kisses earth transforming ordinary bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ), the Great Amen, the Lord's Prayer, the Rite of Peace (as a sign of forgiveness and unity among all celebrating the mass), the Breaking of the Bread, Reception of Holy Communion, Reflection and Praise, then the Prayer after Communion.

As part of the Concluding Rite, the priest gives a final blessing and dismisses the congregation to "Go in the Peace", bring the Gospel out into the world.

If you want to learn more about the mass, delve into "The Spirit Of The Liturgy", by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI

A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

Dear Parishioners,

This past Thursday, we held a joint meeting of the Pastoral Councils from St. Agnes and Sacred Heart in order to prepare for events pertaining to the Diocese of Duluth Strategic Planning process. At the request of Bishop Sirba, we will be hosting Town Hall-style meetings at both parishes in order that all members can share any concerns and ideas with representatives chosen from each parish. Bishop asks that we have active participation and encourage all voices to be heard at these meetings; I, too, urge all to attend. Information from these sessions will be brought to a Deanery meeting in Brainerd for further discussion.

The meeting for Sacred Heart will be next Sunday, February 27th, at 3:00pm in the Sacred Heart Social Hall. Parish Representatives, Dean Garoutte and Jennie Rudolph will be on hand to collect all information. Clarence Reuter will moderate with questions recommended from the Diocese.

The meeting for St. Agnes will be on Sunday, March 6th, at 11:30 am in the St. Agnes Social Hall; breakfast will be served by the Youth Group. Parish Representatives, Jamie Richter and Skip Duchesneau will be on hand to collect all information. We will have a moderator asking questions recommended from the Diocese.

Currently, in our Diocese, we have 94 parishes and only 45 priests who are under retirement age (70 years of age). Although there are a healthy number of seminarians, their education is extensive and, due to many retiring priests, we will not be back to our current priest-to-parish ratio until 2017. Please pray for the efforts of Bishop Sirba and the Strategic Planning Committee as they will be facing many difficult choices. Pray also for our Seminarians and for more vocations to the priesthood. We are invited to pray through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Patroness of our Diocese.

May God bless you all,
Fr. Francis

P.S. Please note, details of the Diocesan Strategic Planning process were included in the bulletin during the weekend of January 29th & 30th. If you did not receive a copy at that time, you may pick one up in the Narthex. Also, visit www.dioceseduluth.org and keep watching The Northern Cross for more info.