



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15th & 16th, 2011

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

✠ All parishioners of St. Agnes as we celebrate our Patroness this Friday, that we may remain true to our mission of using our time, talent and resources in worship, social justice, pastoral care and community life

✠ The soul of Carla Ellis whose funeral was at St. Agnes this past week

✠ Safe travels, rejuvenating rest, and blessings on Fr. Francis's Mission during his time at home in Kenya

WELCOME FR. DAN NGANGA who is in residence at St. Agnes while Fr. Francis is home in Kenya. Our Parish schedule will not change except for **Friday Mass being at St. Agnes rather than Sacred Heart** on 1/21, 1/28, and 2/4. Fr. Dan is available for sacramental needs (funerals, confession, anointing, etc) in Fr. Francis's absence. You may contact him via the Parish Office. **THANK YOU for being here to serve our parishes!**

WHY ARE CATHOLICS URGED TO PRAY FOR AND END TO ABORTION?

Often considered a hot-button moral or political issue, Venerable Pope John Paul II said that "It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop." Both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are consistent in reminding us that *we are fearfully and wonderfully made, knitted together in our mother's womb* (Psalm 139:13) and *called to defend the poor and needy* (Proverbs 31:8-9).

Who is more needy than an unborn child? In 2009 in Minnesota, 12,388 abortions were performed; nationally, that number was over 1.2 million, meaning that a baby is aborted in the US every 26 seconds. This statistic is not to judge or to point fingers, but to call upon each and every Catholic Christian with a plea to become active in the pro-life movement.

Educate yourself by reading the MN Abortion Report, prepared by the MN Department of Health which cites the mother's age, her educational level, fetal age, reasons women cite for abortions, and much more. Give of your time, talent, & treasure to support the life-saving work of pregnancy help centers or the forgiveness and redemption found through post-abortion healing counseling services. Pray for an end to abortion and do not be afraid to join the front lines by praying before of a Planned Parenthood or other abortion center. **Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Pro-Life movement, pray for us!**

Schedule of Mass Intentions

Key: SA = St. Agnes, Walker & SH = Sacred Heart, Hackensack
 SH 4:30pm **1/15: Mass—Intention for Lawrence & Alma Gavin**
 SA 5:00 pm **1/15: Mass—Intention for All Parishioners**
 SH 8:30 am **1/16: Mass—Intention for Dennis Eustice**
 SA 10:00 am **1/16: Mass—Intention for Mary Lou Campbell**
 SA 8:00 am **1/18: Mass—Intention for Jeanne Blouin**
 SA 8:00 am **1/19: Mass—Intention for Bernice Bucholz**
 SA 8:00 am **1/20: Mass—Intention for Jim & Margaret Schneider**
 SA 8:00 am **1/21: Mass—Intention for Roman & Lillian Meuwissen**

To request a Mass Intention, contact the Parish Office

SEE OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2011, AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX, FOR ALL UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS. THE FEBRUARY CALENDAR DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH.



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 FROM JEAN & DEACON HAP RAMSEY

Jean and Deacon Hap Ramsey would like to thank those offered their prayers and sympathies on the passing of Jean's father, John Leach, earlier this winter. Your kind words were much appreciated!



THANKS FROM THE FAMILY OF CARLA ELLIS

Rosemary would like to thank the families of St. Agnes and Sacred Heart for supporting her and her family with gifts of prayer, food, and encouragement after the death of her beloved daughter. She especially wishes to thank the Angels of St. Agnes for their loving service and to show her appreciation and love for our dear priests, Fr. Francis, Fr. Zeck, Fr. Method, and Fr. Dan for their spiritual consolation.



Please continue to hold these and all families who have recently lost a loved one in your prayers!

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next weekend, we will take up a second collection to support the church in Latin America. Please be generous!

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

We'd be happy to 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.



"4-SATURDAY MORNINGS" SERIES

The Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Leadership Program presents "The Teachings of Vatican II", a mini-series by Brian Pizzalato, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Duluth. This course will explore the major documents of VII with an emphasis on the historical developments that led to the Council and the relevance of the documents for the Church today.

The course is from 9:00 am-12 noon on January 8th, 22nd, 29th, and February 12th, 2011 and will be held at St. Peter's in Park Rapids. Cost is \$60. Registration forms are available on our bulletin boards.



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.

PARISH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

4TH GRADE CATECHIST: Due to the large number of students in our 4th grade class, we are in need of an additional Catechist. All materials will be provided, including planned-lessons, if needed. Please pray about your involvement with our youth!

PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS ARE NEEDED for meal prep and clean up for our Youth Group for the remainder of the school year; there are generally 15-20 students who eat around 5:30 on Wednesdays.

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



Unless otherwise noted, contact the Parish Office to help

2011 ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Narthex. If you cannot find your name but would like envelopes, 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.***

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS, AND SERVERS

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

Ushers/Greeters: Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to Mass to be present to greet parishioners.

Lectors: Please pick up at 2011 Sunday Missal in the Office at St. Agnes or in the Library at Sacred Heart.

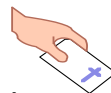
Eucharistic Ministers at St. Agnes: Please remember to **use the cross necklaces** found near the Usher's table so we know if more helpers are needed.

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.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Thanks to those of you who have contributed to this year's UCA! Your donations support the many ministries of our Diocese, including providing for our Priests and Seminarians.

As you can see below, we are still a long way from meeting our goals for this year. These funds are mandated by the Diocese and each church has to reach it's goal in full, even if that means taking money from the budget to meet stewardship shortfalls. It is not too late to contribute towards our 2010 Goal!



	Stewardship	
	St. Agnes	Sacred Heart
Plate	\$1,494.00	\$636.00
Envelope	\$1,699.00	\$1,141.00
UCA	\$12,790 (52%) Goal: \$24,405	\$9,093(42%) Goal: \$21,565

St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$195,056.53

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL PARISH YOUTH

There are several new items listed on our Youth Bulletin Board... check it out! And mark your calendar now for great events like Totus Tuus, Camp Survive, D-Week, & the Junior High Youth Rally!

7TH-12TH GRADERS

YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK: See you January 19th @ 5:30!

CONFIRMANDS: No class this week, but be ready for Jan 30th. Please review topics 6-17 on your "Immediate Preparation for Confirmation" standards hand-out and look up the necessary citations in your Catechism.

PARENTS OF CONFIRMANDS: Please check with your child regarding the schedule they received at last Sunday's class. Confirmation Mass will be Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30pm at St. Agnes.

TOBIT RETREAT...LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP! Retreat will be held Feb. 2-6th @ Big Sandy near McGregor, MN. Cost is \$90. This is going to be an AMAZING weekend for 9-12th graders! See the poster on the Youth Board and register with Lori ASAP, spots are going fast!

K-6TH GRADERS

RELEASE CLASSES THIS WEEK: see you then! Don't forget your take-home folders!

2ND GRADERS & PARENTS: If you haven't already, you will soon be receiving a packet of information regarding 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion; please review the info carefully as there are several important dates to remember! If you have a 2nd grader (or older child who has not yet received these sacraments) please contact Lori as soon as you are able to get your child registered.

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

Know God. Love God. Serve God.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Go to www.stagnescatholic.com to see the latest website updates, including a link to Fr. Francis's Moto Hope Mission website! We also have meeting minutes and links to Catholic websites. **Please check it out!**

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

The Bulletin deadline for the weekend of January 29-30 is 9am on Monday, January 24th. Lori will be on retreat that week and needs to prepare the bulletin before leaving. THANKS!

Sanctity of Human Life
Sunday
January 23, 2011



NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS

Natural Family Planning of the Brainerd Lakes Area free introductory sessions are on Tuesday, January 18th at 6 PM at St Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd and on Thursday, January 21st at 6 PM at the Cashen Enrichment Center in Crosby. Free introductory classes are also offered at St Alice Church in Pequot Lakes by appointment. Registration is required. Individual sessions may also be scheduled. For more information or to register please contact the NFP Office at 218-829-2861 Ext 6217 or www.brainerdnfp.org



BENEFIT MEAL AND SILENT AUCTION

A Benefit for Steve Thaler will be held January 22nd from 4-8pm at the Backus Legion. Steve had back surgery and is now paralyzed from the waist down. Support is needed for medical and care expenses. Thanks for your generosity!

CHASE AWAY THE WINTER BLUES WITH A DISCOUNTED COMMUNITY CENTER MEMBERSHIP!

The Walker Area Community Center would like to remind you that all parishioners are entitled to a discounted memberships at the WACC.

Six Month Membership = \$25.00 a month

One Year Membership = \$22.50 a month

We invite you to stop in or call 218-547-1853 to see what the WACC has to offer for you!

AREA FOOD SHELF AT CARE-N-SHARE IN HACKENSACK

Serving people from the Hackensack, Backus, and surrounding areas, the food shelf is open the 2nd & 4th Monday evenings of each month from 5 pm to 7 pm. Monetary donations can be sent to PO Box 55 Hackensack, MN, 56452, and food donations can come in the front door Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9 am to 4 pm. For questions, call Lynette Emery at 218-675-5862, or email sharencare@tds.net.

VISIT OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At all times and in all situations, Jesus is drawing us unto Himself, calling us to deepen our relationship with Him. Prayerfully consider spending time in His True Presence in Adoration, offered weekly at our parishes. 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 until Wednesday afternoons (except for 1:00-5:00 am). Additional adores are always welcome and needed! See the sign up info in the Chapel.



JOIN US TO PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

In preparation for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and recognizing the tragic 38th Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade court decision, St. Agnes will be hosting a Holy Hour of Prayer for the Unborn on Saturday, January 22nd beginning at 7:00pm. Join us to pray Liturgy of the Hours and a Rachel's Rosary (offered for women suffering from Post Abortion Stress Syndrome) before the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Lori if you would like to help lead prayers or music.