



## 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 5th & 6th, 2011

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- ✠ A spirit of generosity in our parishes as we prepare for next weekend's collection for Black and Indian Missions
- ✠ The intercession of Mother Mary for Bishop Sirba and the Strategic Planning Process in our Diocese, that we are open and receptive to the will of God in preparing for and implementing any necessary changes
- ✠ Our seminarians and all young men in our diocese who may be considering the priesthood, that God would stir their hearts to pursue their vocation with fortitude



### PARISH-WIDE MEETING & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the St. Agnes Town Hall meeting regarding the Diocesan Strategic Planning Process after Mass this Sunday

### LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Please consult your parish calendar for the month of March for a full listing of opportunities to aid you in keeping a holy Lent. Additional calendars are available in the Narthex.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 9TH**

Our Mass schedule is as follows: 8:30 am @ Sacred Heart, 12:10 pm @ St. Agnes, 7:00 pm @ St. Agnes  
*Elem. students will receive ashes during Release Classes*



### **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 **3/5 Mass**—*Intention for Cliff Blouin*
- SA 5:30 pm **3/5: Mass**—*Intention for Carla Ellis*
- SH 8:30 am **3/6: Mass**—*Intention for All Parishioners*
- SA 10:00 am **3/6: Mass**—*Intention for Mickey Jones*
- SA 8:00 am **3/8: Mass**—*Intention for Margaret Howard*
- SH 8:30 am **3/9: Mass**—*Intention for Ed Mergens*
- SA 12:10 pm **3/9: Mass**—*Intention for Gloria Canney*
- SA 7:00 pm **3/9: Mass**—*Intention for Suzanne R. Ruhne*
- SA 8:00 am **3/10: Mass**—*Intention for Carla Ellis*
- SH 8:00 am **3/11: Mass**—*Intention for Marie Spaulding*

**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**



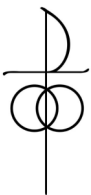
All parishioners and visitors are invited to join us in the Social Hall after Sunday Mass for a Pancake Breakfast served by our Youth Group. Donations will be applied towards Totus Tuus, Steubenville, Survive, and D-Week camps.

**NOTICE REGARDING CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

2011 Envelopes are available through the Parish Office. If you have not yet picked up your envelopes, please stop by 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.***

**IT'S ALL ABOUT SACRAMENTS: MATRIMONY**



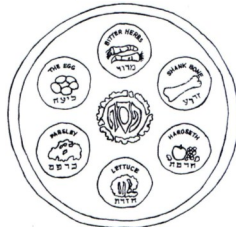
This event has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 16th. Mass will be at 5:30 followed by a pot luck meal and presentation on Matrimony. This talk is the final installment of our series on the Sacraments and will be presented by Brian Pizzalato, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Duluth.

*Please clip and turn in to the baskets in our Narthex by April 1st*

**SEDER MEAL RSVP**

**Thursday, April 14th, 2011**

following 5:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Walker, MN



Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults Attending \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children (10 & under) Attending \_\_\_\_\_

*Cost is \$12/plate. Children 10 & under free. No need to include payment with this RSVP, payments can be made the evening of the event.*

**For more info about the Seder Meal, consult the February 27 bulletin on our website or see the flyer in the Narthex.**

**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.



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The March Board of Ed meeting will be this Tuesday, the 8th, at 4:00pm in the office meeting room at St. Agnes.

**TRAVELLING FAMILY ROSARY**

In order to engage in prayer for the Diocesan Strategic Planning Process, Bishop Sirba has asked each parish to commit to praying the Rosary. We will have a travelling family rosary for each parish.



Families are invited to take a special Rosary home for the week, praying each day, then return it to church for the next family over the weekend. Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex for those who'd like to participate.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**

Plan to attend our Fish Fry on Friday, March 11th at 5:30 pm at St. Agnes. All parishioners and community members are welcome!



**ANGELS OF ST. AGNES**

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

**ST. AGNES PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The meeting for the month of March will be on Monday, March 14th at 5:30pm in the office meeting room at St. Agnes.

**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!\*\**

**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.



**TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE**

	St. Agnes	Sacred Heart
Plate	\$628.00	\$427.00
Envelope	\$1,374.00	1,111.00
UCA	\$14,850 (61%) Goal: \$24,405	\$9,232(43%) Goal: \$21,565
<b>St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$184,966.08</b>		

## 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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Youth (and parents), we are in charge of Stations on Thursday, March 17th. We need as many youth as possible to help lead the prayers. Stations begin at 5:30 and a soup supper will follow.



### *7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS*

**YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK:** see you at 5:30 on 3/9! **Please plan to stay for Mass at 7:00pm.**

**CONFIRMANTS:** Please turn in your registration (with payment) for the March 25-26 Retreat in Hibbing ASAP. See you at class on 3/13!

### *K-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS*

**K-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS HAVE RELEASE CLASSES AND DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK!** See you on Wednesday!

**PARENTS OF 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION STUDENTS:** Please remember that classes begin on 3/23. Since we have so few classes to prepare, it is necessary that your 2nd grader is present for each after school session!

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

*Know God. Love God. Serve God.*



### **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 public vigil at this time, we invite you to pray for the efforts of these cities. Our adoration chapel will be open additional hours (8:30am on Tuesdays through the night until 8:30pm on Wednesday evenings) and will have addition pro-life prayer resources available. Contact Beth Bohannon with questions: 547-0481 or (cell) 218-770-7621.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



This ancient prayer meditation follows our Lord through his Passion and Death and is a powerful way to prepare for Jesus's Resurrection at Easter.

**At St. Agnes:** Please plan to join us on Thursdays at 5:30pm throughout Lent for Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Our different ministries will take turns leading the Stations with Fr. Francis and will provide a simple soup and sandwich meal following Stations.

**At Sacred Heart:** Throughout Lent, parishioners will have the opportunity to pray Stations of the Cross following 8:00 Mass each Friday morning. Please plan to join us in this wonderful devotion!

### **WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?**

As early as the 4th century, Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land would walk the route that Our Lord walked as He made His way to Golgotha for our salvation. When Muslims captured Jerusalem and it became too dangerous to make this pilgrimage, Christians replicated the sites back home in Europe, and there developed the Stations of the Cross devotion (also known as Way of the Cross, Via Dolorosa, or Via Crucis).

The devotion consists of meditating on 14 events -- that number being fixed in 1731 by Pope Clement XII -- which took place during Christ's Passion, from His being condemned to death to His burial. Franciscans popularized the devotion, which was originally made outside, often along roads to shrines or churches. The Way of the Cross can still be made outside, of course, but is usually made inside nowadays, especially during the Season of Lent and most especially on Good Friday.

*The 14 stations are: Jesus is Condemned to Die, Jesus is Made to Bear His Cross, Jesus Falls the First Time, Jesus Meets His Mother, Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross, Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face, Jesus Falls the Second Time, Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem, Jesus Falls the Third Time, Jesus is Stripped, Jesus is Nailed to the Cross, Jesus Dies on the Cross, Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross, Jesus is Laid in the Tomb.*

Making the Way of the Cross carries with it a partial indulgence under the usual conditions and is a wonderful way for us to join Christ in his Passion, reminding us of Jesus's human suffering and obedience to God the Father.

## **A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS**

Dear Parishioners,

First of all, **thank you** to the many **Sacred Heart parishioners** who joined us last Sunday for the Diocesan Strategic Planning Town-Hall meeting. We had 37 people in attendance and were able to hear from many diverse opinions on how we can move forward with this process. I would also like to thank our representatives, Dean Garoutte and Jennie Rudolph, and moderator, Clarence Reuter, for being on hand to lead and listen to our views. We are currently formulating a report which will be brought to the upcoming Deanery meeting.

**St. Agnes parishioners, please remember that your meeting is THIS 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. Mike Bergmann will serve as moderator asking questions recommended from the Diocese.**

Also, a reminder that the Volunteers' Meeting for our April 14th Seder meal will be held this Monday, March 7th at 5:30pm in the St. Agnes Social Hall. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing and serving the meal; all are welcome to help!

May God bless you all,  
Fr. Francis

P.S. Again, 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](http://www.dioceseduluth.org) and keep watching The Northern Cross for more info.