

St. Agnes & Sacred Heart Catholic Parishes



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*We welcome newcomers!
Please contact our Parish
Office to register.*

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St. Agnes

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Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

**Saturday (11/26) at 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart +All Parishioners **

Sunday (11/27) at 8:30 am at Sacred Heart +Mary Lou Haverkamp

Sunday (11/27) at 10:30 am at St. Agnes +Glen Gitchele

Tuesday (11/29) at 8:00 am at St. Agnes +Carla Ellis

Wednesday (11/30) at 8:00 am at St. Agnes +John & Verda Dricoll

Thursday (12/1) at 8:00 am at St. Agnes +Mickey Jones

Friday (12/2) at 8:00 am at Sacred Heart +Roman & Lillian Meuwissen

**Saturday (12/3) at 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart +All Parishioners **

Sunday (12/4) at 8:30 am at Sacred Heart +Ken Johnson

**Sunday (12/4) at 10:30 am at St. Agnes +Howard Dipple **

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.*

****New Mass
Schedule **
Check times &
locations!**

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.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2011

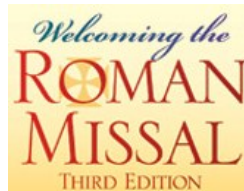
PLEASE PRAY...

- ✚ For the Church of God, as we implement the Revised Roman Missal, that all will be renewed in the celebration of the Mass
- ✚ That Church leaders may be blessed with wisdom and holiness to guide the Church in this season of Advent
- ✚ That Christians may follow the Gospel mandate to "Be on guard" against all forms of disrespect for the sanctity of human life
- ✚ For Penny Stewart who is being baptized at St. Agnes this weekend
- ✚ That our hearts will be filled with joy as we prepare for the birth of Jesus
- ✚ That those who have died may be granted the peace of God's kingdom

WELCOME ADVENT AND THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL!

It is with great excitement that we welcome the new translation of the Roman Missal this Sunday! Don't miss today's "Praying the Mass Anew" insert, entitled "The Day Has Arrived: We Pray the Mass Anew!" Today is indeed our first official opportunity to use the new translation. We have prepared well for today's Mass. Yet, we are still invited to be open to learning. Today's insert gives some brief suggestions of how we can continue to learn from the new translation, so that we might always "pray the Mass anew." **Please take time to read this important insert.**

In order to **prepare for Christmas during this Advent season**, we are offering several resources for you! Check out the tables in the Narthex at each parish for a variety of prayer booklets. Liturgical Press is offering a brand new monthly publication with the daily readings and prayers (in the book, you'll find subscription information so you can receive "Give Us This Day" all year round!). "Five Minutes with the Word" is another great resource offering short meditations for each day during the advent season. You'll also find "The Catholic Devotional". If you do not already own a copy of this booklet, please help yourself as it is full of traditional Catholic prayers including the Rosary; it would make a great stocking stuffer for your loved ones! Finally, in each week's bulletin, we will offer an **advent activity for your family** to partake in!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated in the US and throughout the world on December 8th. This important day honors Mary, who was conceived without sin. **Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart at 8:30am and at St. Agnes at 5:30pm.**

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.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!



All parishioners are invited to join us in the Social Hall at St. Agnes after Mass on November 27th for a Pancake Breakfast served by our Youth. Free will donations will be applied towards our Youth Programming, including trips, camps, and more! We'll be featuring a topping bar of fruit, flavored syrup, and chocolate! See you there!

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING THIS WEEK!

All men of the parish are invited to join the Men's Bible study group as they begin a 12-week series on the Book of Genesis, on November 29. The group meets on Tuesday mornings following 8am Mass. Call Jim at 547-2110 or e-mail jamesfdawson@hotmail.com for more info.



CRAFT WEDNESDAYS

Sacred Heart CCW is resuming Craft Wednesdays each week at 10am (except on weeks that there is a CCW meeting). We make rosaries, lap quilts, prayer shawls, hats, mittens & scarves. All are welcome!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA Classes will continue on 11/28 and 12/7 at 7:00pm in the Narthex Meeting Room at St. Agnes. No class on 12/14 due to the Christmas Program. If you'd like more information, contact Fr. Francis through the Parish Office.

FOOD COLLECTION AT ST. AGNES

The annual holiday food collection will start this weekend and continue through December 11. Nonperishable food items will be welcomed and can be left in the baskets in the narthex. All contributions will be distributed through the Food Shelf.

SACRED HEART ADVENT PARTY

Sacred Heart's Annual Advent Dinner will take place on Sunday, December 11th at 4pm. It is Pot Luck; vegetables, salads, and desserts are needed, meat and potatoes will be provided. Everyone is welcome!



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, AND LECTORS

The December Liturgists schedules are available in the narthex at each respective parish. Beginning in January, those who'd like to serve at both parishes will be added to a shared list, as communicated in the phone calls you've received this last month.

LECTORS: New Sunday Missals are available to pick up in the sacristy.

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. Encourage the men in your life to attend! Registration is available through www.dioceseduluth.org.

COOKIE WALK NEWS: CALLING ALL ANGELS


This year's Cookie Walk will take place on Saturday, December 10th from 12 noon to 2pm at St. Agnes. All women and families in the parish are needed to help make it a success!



Our greatest need this year is **homemade cookies, candies, bars, and breads** since we ran out in just 45 minutes last year. Please make 6 dozen (or more!) To make it more fun, plan a cookie baking day with another lady from the parish!

Because of the extra number of cookies baked this year (nearly 5,000 in total!), help is needed with **preliminary frosting and hot icing** on Wednesday, December 7th beginning at 8:30am.

Cookie Decorating Night will be Thursday, Dec 8th from 5-8pm. All materials are provided. Join us in the Social Hall for this fun event!

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	St. Agnes	Sacred Heart	
 Plate	\$806	\$289	
Envelope	\$1,849	\$1,228	
UCA	\$8,278 (30%) Goal: \$27,405	\$5,088 (22%) Goal: \$22,323	
St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$88,554.30			

UCA ENVELOPE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

We are about to enter 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 remember to use the UCA envelope, found in your envelope box, for next weekend's collection. 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.

ENVELOPES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

If you did not receive contribution envelopes this year but you'd like to receive them for the next year, please contact the office to get your name added to the list. If you received contribution envelopes this past year but would prefer to place your contributions in the general plate rather than in an envelope, contact the office so we can re-assign your envelopes.

THANKSGIVING SEMINARIAN APPEAL

Bishop Sirba has announced the start of a second Thanksgiving Seminarian Appeal to help pay for the formation and education of the young men who will be future priests in the Diocese of Duluth. Through your generosity, last year's appeal raised \$256,000; thank you! You likely already received materials by mail; gifts to the appeal may be returned to your parish or mailed to the diocese. Bishop Sirba asks for your prayers for our seminarians as they discern a life of holy service to the Diocese.

Dear Parishioners,

It's my hope you all had a wonderful thanksgiving weekend with family and friends! Of course, there is much to be thankful for, especially the gift of faith which we all share, given to us freely by God.

I take this opportunity to once again thank everyone of you for your faithfulness in sharing your faith within our church and even beyond. By the grace of God, we have been able to accomplish many things due to each person's unique contribution of his or her own time, treasure and talent. For that, as your pastor, I say **THANK YOU and may God continue to bless and protect you!**

Now, with no intention of leaving anyone out and in no particular order (as all contributions are so important), many thanks to the following: *Our staff members, those in the office, those who make sure we have a nice clean Church, and that our Church buildings and grounds are well maintained; to our choirs, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharistic, lectors and ushers who enrich our liturgy; to those who help as sacristans, arranging for Mass every day; to the CCW in Hackensack and the Angels in Walker for your significant support in our churches and its members (this work is very important!); to those who volunteer at our parish councils to assist me with their expertise in matters of finances and pastoral care of the parish; to the Knights of Columbus for your many projects and willingness to help; to all those who volunteer to teach and feed our young people through various important ministries; to those who volunteer to take communion to the sick and elderly; to our money counters and those who help to fold bulletins every week; to all the groups who gather for prayers and bible studies within our parishes and even at individual homes and for their leaders; to those who decorate our churches and clean the vessels and altar clothes; to those who prepare coffee and donuts every Sunday; to the Auction committee and Flee Market committee for hosting great fundraising events for our parishes; to the new Moto Hope Mission Committee where great results have been accomplished so far in solidarity with the people of Moto area.*

The list is really unending and we definitely want to thank everyone involved in any bit of activity within and beyond our parishes in matters of faith. We are all offering ourselves as people of God as we say in our mission statement, "inspired by the Word of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist...striving to use our time, talents, and resources to become a real presence of Christ, with the mission to reach people for God, to welcome them into His Holy Church, and to lovingly strengthen and support them as we journey towards our eternal home." That is a wonderful mission statement and I thank all of you for your efforts to live it out.

God bless all of you!
Fr. Francis Kabiru, Pastor

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

7-12TH GRADERS

Sacrament of Confirmation Prep: The next class is December 11th at 6:00pm in the St. Agnes Narthex meeting room.

A Diocese of Duluth **Confirmation Retreat** will be held December 2nd & 3rd in Brainerd. Any confirmation students who would like to attend should contact Lori to be registered. Cost is \$40.

Youth Group this week—we'll continue *Session II: Get the WORD Out* on Wednesday, November 30th at 5:30 at St. Agnes.

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

Diving Deeper this week on 11/30. We are beginning practice for our Christmas program! All K-6th Graders are invited to attend this fun after-school session! See the Youth Bulletin Board for permission forms and more information. See you on 11/30!

NO Church Release Classes this week for elementary students in 1st-6th grade. Permission forms can be requested from the WHA Elementary office. **See you at our next session on 12/7.**

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

WEEK 36: "SO STAY AWAKE, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW THE DAY WHEN YOUR MASTER IS COMING." Mt. 24:42

 Lucy weighs about 5 and half pounds now; she is really putting on baby fat which will help keep her warm after birth. You may be able to see Lucy' body parts as the uterine wall gets thinner – feet, head, and hands. Mom is busy getting ready; although a typical pregnancy is 40 weeks, Lucy could be ready any time!

ADVENT IDEAS: WEEK 1

If you do not already have an Advent Wreath, find simple directions online to make one; this can be a fun family project. Before your evening meal each day, light the first candle and pray the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gifts for Jesus: Have each family member make a manger (an empty box covered with bright paper will do). With each kind deed performed in honor of Baby Jesus, place a piece of "straw" (strip of yellow paper with the kind deed written on it) into the manger. On Christmas morning, place a small gift into each manger as a special gift of love from the Christ child.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that this Sacrament of Love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all of the manifestations of worship due it, Christ shall be given back 'love for love' and truly become the life of our souls" - Redemptor Hominis



Spend a Holy Hour with our Eucharistic Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament! Sacred Heart has a **Holy Hour each Tuesday** from 4-5 pm. 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!



SACRED HEART HOLY HOUR SPECIAL EVENT

All parishioners are invited to participate in Adoration with Benediction followed by a Pot Luck meal with discussion at Sacred Heart from 4-6pm on Tuesday, November 29th. Please plan to attend!

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