

St. Agnes & Sacred Heart Catholic Parishes



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St. Agnes

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Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Solemnity
of Mary,
Mother of God



Saturday (12/31) at 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart +Roman & Lillian Meuwissen

Saturday (12/31) at 5:45 pm at St. Agnes +All Parishioners

Sunday (1/1) at 8:30 am at Sacred Heart +Ed Mergens

Sunday (1/1) at 10:30 am at St. Agnes +Bray Mercil

Tuesday (1/3) at 8:00 am at St. Agnes +Michel Tiedeman

Wednesday (1/4) at 8:00 am at St. Agnes +Shirley Ziegler

Thursday (1/5) at 8:00 am at St. Agnes +John Zacher

Friday (1/6) at 8:00 am at Sacred Heart +Roman & Lillian Meuwissen

Saturday (1/7) at 4:00 pm at St. Agnes +Correen Mogck

Sunday (1/8) at 8:30 am at Sacred Heart +All Parishioners

Sunday (1/8) at 10:30 am at St. Agnes +George W. Ritter

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.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2012

PLEASE PRAY...

- ✠ That the Church may effectively proclaim to the world the divinity of Christ and the special role of our blessed Mother
- ✠ That Church leaders, especially Bishop Sirba and the priest of the diocese, may be strengthened by God's grace as they face the challenges of the New Year
- ✠ That the prayers of the Mother of God may strengthen all mothers to follow her example of welcoming new life despite fear, doubt, and uncertainty
- ✠ That Nicole and Justin, who were married at St. Agnes this weekend, will grow in love for each other and for the Lord
- ✠ That all who have died in faith may dwell in Christ's abundant love for eternity

THIS YEAR, SPEND MORE TIME WITH OUR LORD!

WHY A HOLY HOUR BEFORE JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?

Many ask that question...the answer is simple: **Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh, is present!**

St. Thomas taught that the Eucharist is the greatest of miracles ever worked by Christ, to perpetuate his Passion and Sacrifice with us and to be specially present to each individual. Christ is present there for us, to manifest his great love for us. St. Thomas says, "He cares for us and is there." If we care for him, we would also be there for a Holy Hour or some other form of Eucharistic adoration. Christ asked this of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque the same way he had asked the apostles in the Garden of Olives: "Can you not watch one hour with me?"



Vatican II insists that the Christian life is incomplete if it is not Eucharistic. In the Decree on Priests (No. 5) the Council wrote: "Every ministry of the Church and every work of the apostolate are linked with the Holy Eucharist and are directed to it." It is in the Eucharist that Christians will find unity in Christ: "In the Sacrament of the Eucharistic Bread, the unity of all believers, who form one body in Christ (1 Cor. 10,17) is both expressed and brought about." (Const. on the Church No. 3)

Spend a Holy Hour with our Eucharistic Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament! St. Agnes has Jesus exposed Body, Blood, Soul, & Divinity in our Adoration Chapel beginning at 8:30am every Tuesday through 3:00pm on Wednesday. Additional adores are always welcome!

Winter substitutes are needed; contact Sue Jaeger if you can help: 547-1702.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEE OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2012 FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS. DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY CALENDAR IS WEDNESDAY, 1/25.

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.

ST. AGNES SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



All parishioners and visitors are invited to join us in the Social Hall after Sunday Mass for coffee and rolls. Thanks to Don and Darryle Carlson for serving this weekend!

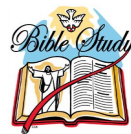
Ken and Sandy Randall are on the schedule for next weekend

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All men of the parish are invited to join the Men's Bible study as they continue a 12-week series on the Book of Genesis each Tuesday after 8am Mass at St. Agnes. Call Jim at 547-2110 for more info.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Women's Bible Study resumes this week. All women are welcome to join! This study takes place on Tuesdays at 1pm at Rosemary's; call 547-1509 for information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA Classes will continue on 1/4 and 1/11 at 7:00pm in the Narthex Meeting Room at St. Agnes. If you'd like more information, contact Fr. Francis through the Parish Office.



2012 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Parishioners may pick up their 2012 Envelopes in the narthex at either parish. If you did not receive envelopes but would like them, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity in contributing to our parish!

LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, & USHERS

The January and February schedules for both parishes now available in the Narthex; note that those who've volunteered at both parishes may be scheduled at both locations.

BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Our parishes have two sets of DVD's plus additional workbooks and study books for the Biblical Walk through the Mass study that was held this fall. If you were not able to be a part of the group but would like to check out the materials, contact the Parish Office to have your name added to the list.

MEN'S CONFERENCE: REGISTRATION OPEN!

A diocesan Catholic Men's Conference, *Men of Faith: Called to Greatness*, led by bestselling author Father Larry Richards, is scheduled for Feb. 18, 2012 at the College of St. Scholastica from 9am to 5pm. Cost is \$25 per person and includes breakfast and lunch. Men ages 18 and older are invited (men ages 16-17 need a chaperone). You can register online through www.dioceseduluth.org. Contact the parish office if you'd like to carpool with our men's group.

ST. AGNES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETS THIS WEEK

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (1/4) at 5:30pm in the Narthex Meeting Room.

MEN NEEDED!

On Monday, January 9th at 9am, Christmas decorations will be taken down at St. Agnes. Men are needed to help with this project.

ANGELS OF ST. AGNES

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

SACRED HEART CCW

The CCW group at Sacred Heart WILL NOT be meeting this month, however Craft Wednesday will be taking place each Wednesday this month at 10am.



FINANCE COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETINGS

St. Agnes's Finance Council will be meeting on Wednesday, January 11th at 10am at St. Agnes. Sacred Heart's Finance Council will meet on January 11th at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart.



TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE

	St. Agnes	Sacred Heart
Plate	\$3,605	\$1,498
Envelope	\$2,985	\$3,936
UCA	\$10,898 (40%) Goal: \$27,405	\$5,655 (25%) Goal: \$22,323

St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$56,249.12

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

It's not too late!! If you'd like to donate towards our 2011 UCA goals and claim it on this year's taxes, please bring your donation to the parish office by Tuesday, January 2nd. For the 2010 campaign, we ended 40% funded for Sacred Heart and 52% funded for St. Agnes; as you can see above, we are still a long way from even that amount. Thanks to all who have contributed thus far!

A NOTE FROM FR. FRANCIS ON STEWARDSHIP

Special thanks to all those who have given special gifts in the last week totaling \$28,000 towards the St. Agnes Building Debt Reduction plus other contributions directed to the parish's general budget as we say goodbye to 2011. It's indeed impressive and with thank God and all of you for your generosity as we come close to retiring the parish debt! Thank you all in both parishes for your enormous contributions towards this and many other parish responsibilities.

In addition to financial support, gifts of time and talent are very valuable! Many thanks goes to **Wendy Navratil**, for leading the planning process, and **Jerry Bialke** with his kitchen crew, for the tasty food for this year's Christmas dinner! It was a well-organized and served over 100 meals. Beautiful Christmas spirit! I am thankfully that I had a place to eat this Christmas and grateful that I was given a chance by our parish community to enjoy this Christmas meal away from home. I visited with lots of people at different tables and heard from many how appreciative they were that St. Agnes does this every year. Thanks to all for your support!

May we all welcome in hope the New Year of 2012 and trust in the grace of God that we can handle anything that comes along the way!

Peace!

Fr. Francis Kabiru, Pastor

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

7-12TH GRADERS

Youth Group will resume with *Session III: Nuts & Bolts* at 5:30pm on Wednesday, January 4th. See ya there! Reminder to parents that we wrap up at 7:30, not 7:15 like last year.

Confirmation Class meets for its next session on Sunday, January 15th at 6:00pm. Any student in 10th grade or older should attend if they want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2013.

The next HS Release Retreat will be Wednesday, January 25th. All 7-12th graders should plan to attend. Our theme will be *The 'R' Father* and we will be joined by Fr. Joesph Sirba from Longville/Remer.

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.

Beautiful You Girls Retreat, open to girls in grades 8-10, will be taking place on Friday, January 27th at 6:30pm to Saturday, January 28th at 6:30pm at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Cloquet. Cost is \$15. There will be fun and exciting speakers and activities for all girls. *Come and Lean about YOUR God-Given Beauty!* Register by Jan 22nd by contacting DRE Lori.

K-6TH GRADERS

NO Diving Deeper this week. All K-6th Graders are invited to attend this fun after-school session! **See you as we continue our Great Adventure through the Bible on 1/11!**

Our next Church Release date is January 4th; we look forward to seeing all 1st-6th graders this week

PARENTS & PARISHIONERS

Help is still needed with several of our Youth Programs. Please contact Lori if you are able to be a classroom helper, small group leader, or provide a meal for Youth Group or snacks for Diving Deeper. Please pray for the youth of our parish!

ATTENTION Parents of 7-12th Graders: we will have a parent/student meeting on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00pm to look at our spring calendar, talk about summer events, and make some plans for fundraising. **All parents of 7-12th graders should plan to attend this 30-minute session.**

Dedication to Mary, Mother of God

O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, we offer ourselves to your loving care. Today we choose you as our mother, guide and friend. May we always be faithful to you, and desire, say and do only what is pleasing to you. O most tender and loving mother, we beg you through the goodness of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Divine Son, to keep us especially dear to you and to obtain for us the strength to lead a holy life, a life of goodness, purity and love, offered to God in thanksgiving and praise.

Be present with us at all times, O Blessed Virgin Mary, and especially at the hour of our death. Then Mary protect us from the Evil One, the enemy of our souls. Guide us safely into the presence of Jesus, the Risen Lord, so that we may, with you and all the saints, share His life, happiness and love, forever. Amen.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA FEATURE CD

[Catechism of the Catholic Church: A Sure Guide for the Modern World](#)

Francis Cardinal Arinze energetically draws from his experience to help us see the practical value of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) today, which was given as a guide to living our daily lives in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Sacred Traditions that have been passed down to the Church through the Apostles. The CCC is intended for use by all Christian faithful, and Pope John Paul II declared it to be "...a sure norm for teaching the faith" - Fidei Depositum. Features a bonus segment: Why Do We Have a Pope? by Dr. Scott Hahn.

This and many other titles from Lighthouse Catholic Media are available in the Narthex at St. Agnes for a donation of just \$3!

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

ROE VS. WADE MEMORIAL EVENTS

BEMIDJI: Mark your calendar for a March for Life on Saturday, January 21st at 12noon at the Beltrami County Courthouse. More info to come.

DULUTH: Prayer Rally and Jericho March to the Building for Women on Sunday, January 22nd beginning at 4pm; more info available at www.prolife4duluth.com. Also, Together for Life Banquet & Memorial sponsored by Guiding Star Duluth on January 22nd at 5:30pm; more info available at www.guidingstarduluth.org

TWIN CITIES: MCCL's Annual March for Life will be taking place in front of the State Capitol on Sunday, January 22nd at 2pm. Join thousands of Minnesotans at this inspiring event!

UNDERSTANDING & REVERENCING GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARITAL LOVE

Natural Family Planning, Lakes Area Fertility Care Center now offers distance learning in addition to the free introductory sessions (offered by appointment) at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd. Register by calling (218) 829-2861 Ext. 6217 or visit www.brainerdnfp.org.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE NUTRITION AND WEIGHT LOSS CLASSES

Join us at Walker Fusion, Thursday January 5th, 2012 at 5:30pm for our weight loss challenge. It is a 6-week course challenging the Walker community to get your New Years resolution started. We also offer nutritional information to continue your New Years resolution quest!

BLOOD DRIVE COMING UP

God's love has produced many miracles, large and small. One of these is the life sustaining power of blood. We have the ability to share this miracle of life; to pass it along to others. The opportunity to share your healthy blood with those less fortunate will be on Monday, January 9th from 11am to 6pm at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker. To schedule an appointment, call Kelly or Jeanne Nelson 547-2222. **On behalf of the patients who will benefit, thank you.**



MOTO HOPE MISSION—WE REACH OUT. WE EMPOWER.

Please pray for the Moto Hope Mission! If you would like more information, see the recent pictures or grab a pamphlet from the Narthex and check out the website.

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