



“For God
so loved the world
that he gave
his only Son,
so that everyone
who believes in him
might not perish
but might have
eternal life.”

~ Jn 3:16

Church of Saint Agnes

548 Lafond Avenue | St. Paul, MN 55103

March 22, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Rev. John L. Ubel Pastor
Rev. John Paul Erickson Parochial Vicar (Part-time)
Rev. Christopher Beaudet Weekend Assistant
Deacons Rev. Mr. Harold Hughesdon, Rev. Mr. Bernard Pedersen
Rev. Mr. Nathan Allen

Phones

Parish Office 651-925-8800
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Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:15 p.m. (anticipated) Benediction at 5:00 p.m.
6:30, 8:30, 10:00 (Latin High Mass), 12:00 Noon
The 10:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month
will be offered in the Extraordinary Form (1962 Missale Romanum)

Holy Days of Obligation

Watch Bulletin for schedule

Weekday Masses

8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday (Saturday—Sung Latin Mass)
5:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
During the school year, additional Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30—5:00 p.m. and 7:30—9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays following Novena
Eves of Holy Days and Thursdays before First Fridays:
4:00—5:00 p.m. and 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Adoration

Fridays in the Chapel following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
until Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

Baptisms

Sundays immediately following the Noon Mass. Active parishioners
seeking baptism for their child are asked to make arrangements
prior to the desired date of baptism.

Marriages

Active registered parishioners are to make arrangements for
marriage preparation at least six months prior to the anticipated
wedding date.

Registration in Parish

Required for Baptism and Matrimony. Please call the rectory
for an appointment.

Devotions

Tuesday: Rosary at 7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Sunday: 3:00 p.m. Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed
Sacrament
Friday Adoration: Each Friday beginning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
until 5:00 p.m.

Web site.....www.stagnes.net

Laetare Jerusalem: Rejoice O Jerusalem, Let us go into the House of the Lord

I remember quite well the scene in the 1968 Hollywood film *The Shoes of the Fishermen*. The elderly Vatican Cardinal was recounting his dreams for a simpler life, one in which he would have been the pastor of a country parish, knowing just enough Latin to say Mass, happily spending his days visiting the farms of his people and his evenings walking outside praying his breviary and watching the crops grow. Were lives ever that simple? Perhaps not, but today, it seems little more than an idyllic and unrealistic dream.

The reality in many people's lives is that of hustle and bustle, and even with all the technological advances, our lives are not perceptibly any simpler. But the good Cardinal, even if in a fictional film, made a valid point. Somehow in the midst of our lives, our ideals are threatened with a strong enough dose of reality to force us to step back and ask ourselves, "What has happened to me? Will I ever be able to slow down enough to experience God's presence more deeply?"

A solid life of prayer, something for which many of us long, is our surest answer to the tangible disappointment that threatens our sense of peace and self-worth. We cannot judge our lives based on a scorecard of accomplishment, when worldly accomplishment cannot bring about true peace. And just as surely, we must acknowledge that our spiritual lives will not improve without making some tough choices about our use of time and our priorities. This Lent has been particularly instructive for me, as I sense that more and more people are keenly aware of their needs in the areas of self-sacrifice and the development of a regular habit of prayer.

Our annual observance of Forty Hours may be coming just at the right time, when so many are desiring a fresh start, a real and sustained attention to the state of their souls, and a desire for God's grace and forgiveness. If you count yourself amongst this number, please consider coming back to Church this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for the solemn closing of our Forty Hours. Spend some time in prayer and Adoration, rejoice ("Laetare") in the Lord, dispose yourself to receive the special grace of the Pauline Holy Year indulgence, and re-confirm your commitment to the Lenten ideals of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It would be wonderful to see a Church filled with adorers!

We have reached the turning point in Lent, and we are moving ever closer to the joy of the Resurrection. We welcome Rev. Lee Piche, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, who will preach the sermon for the occasion, helping to lead us on our pilgrimage of faith. May the Lord find us hopeful, prayerful and ever open to His love and grace.

- In a special ceremony during the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday March 25th parishioner Judy Berhow will enter into a form of consecrated life for women living in the world. The consecrated virgin living in the world embodies a definitive vocation in itself. According to Canon 604, Judy will be irrevocably "consecrated to God, mystically espoused to Christ and dedicated to the service of the Church, when the diocesan bishop consecrates [her] according to the approved liturgical rite." It is considered one of the oldest sacramentals in the Church, the ancient rite having been restored in 1970 after Vatican II. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nienstedt here in the upper Church. We offer Judy our promise of prayers and our heartfelt congratulations.
- Calling all workers! So many of you helped to clean the Church prior to Christmas, we are making a plea for a similar group to help next Saturday, March 28th for our spring cleaning. The work begins at 9:00 a.m. A clean and orderly Church is a reflection of our faith, as we care for our beautiful Church.
- Please say a prayer for Fr. Beaudet, our faithful weekend assistant from the seminary. He is fulfilling a dream of his by running in a marathon! In my humble opinion, he must be a glutton for punishment. He is running the race alongside some former parishioners of his from Our Lady of Grace while raising some funds for a worthwhile cause. The race is in Rome, Italy, so at least he has great taste in cities!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John L. Ubel
Pastor

Church Cleaning

As Holy Week approaches, we bring to your attention some important information. As in the past, we are sponsoring an Easter Church Cleaning project on Saturday March 28th beginning at 9:00 a.m. There is plenty of work to be done

by volunteers of all ages. Many hands make light work! Please bring gloves, buckets, and dusting cloths. We hope to attract up to forty volunteers. Donuts will be served.

Lenten Series on the Sacraments

Join Fr. John Paul Erickson for the fifth installment of his six-week series on the Sacraments of the Church. The talks are offered each Friday night in Schuler Hall during the Season of Lent, following Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. The lecture will begin at approximately 7:40 p.m. and end promptly by 8:40 p.m.

Lenten Retreat for Men – April 4th

Please Note New Date

All men of the parish are invited to a Lenten Retreat Morning on Saturday, April 4th. The retreat begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by conferences, prayers and confessions and ends at noon. This year's retreat entitled "Meditating on the Crucified Christ with Saint Paul" will be led by Fr. John Paul Erickson and is sponsored by the Men's Club. All men (16+ years of age) of the parish are welcome to join us. Reservations are preferred. Please call the Parish Office at 651-925-8800. There is no cost.

Showing of "Bella"

An award-winning movie dealing with a single woman who finds herself with child, will be shown by the Saint Agnes Men's Club at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26th, in Schuler Hall. There is no charge, and all parishioners are invited to attend. Because of its subject, it is suggested those in attendance be 14+ years of age.

Fellowship Sunday

This Sunday, March 22, representatives from the Catholic Aid Association will be passing out informational materials and gifts after the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. Please plan to stop down, enjoy donuts and beverages served by our high school Quiz Bowl Team, visit with Mary Fitzpatrick and Nick Jaeger, representatives from Catholic Aid, register for the drawings and patronize the Religious Articles Sale. Please help our wonderful Saint Agnes School.

Parish Picture Directory

We have scheduled some additional days for pictures to be taken for the Parish Directory in honor of the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Church. Photographers from Olan Mills will be available in Schuler Hall on April 17, 18, 20 and 21. Signup sheets will be available on the weekends of March 28-29 and April 4-5 after each of the Masses in the back of Church or in Schuler Hall. It is our hope that as many parishioners as

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction

As has been our longstanding practice, on the Sundays of Lent, Vespers will be preceded by the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary. Please come and join us at 4:00 p.m. today for this beautiful afternoon devotion. *(Please note special time due to 40 Hours.)*



Chorale Notes

Franz Schubert's *Mass III in B-flat*

Born in Vienna on January 31, 1791, Franz Peter Schubert is the most Viennese of all the classical composers of church music. He wrote six Masses: F, G, B-flat, C, A-flat and E-flat. No nicknames were given them; perhaps the Austrians had used up all their nicknames on Haydn's Masses.

Schubert's church music compositions are small in number compared to his output of songs, symphonies and keyboard and operatic music. He was just 24 when on November 11, 1815, he began this Mass in B-flat. Earlier that year he had written the popular Mass in G, simple but a real pearl. In these early works, his use of melodious themes, lyric in quality, reminds one of the Austrian folksongs with which he was familiar.

Schubert's treatment of the liturgical texts has come in for some criticism. He has omitted some passages from the Gloria and Credo, causing purists to censor his music and others to attempt to edit in the missing phrases. Others try to find deep reasons for his skipping words. But Franz Schubert was a Viennese Catholic of the turn of the 19th Century when romanticism was beginning. He forms the link between the classicism of the 18th Century and the romanticism of the 19th. We will be omitting the *Gloria* from the Mass this morning because of the season.

Easter Lily Sale

Celebrate the Easter season with a gorgeous Easter lily or tulips in your home! St. Agnes School is selling lilies and tulips to raise money to support the ongoing needs of our band program. Flowers will be sold after all Masses this weekend, March 21-22, or a prepaid order can be made any time before this weekend through Caroline Becker at 651.925.8800 or email at cbecker@saintagnesschool.org. The lilies will be double potted (two plants per pot) and are \$25. The tulips will be assorted colors and are \$15. The plants will be ready for pick-up after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses of Palm Sunday weekend.

Religious Article Sale

The annual Religious Articles Sale is being held this weekend and next weekend after all Masses. The proceeds of the sale will be matched by the Catholic Aid Association up to \$1,000 and is for the Religion Program in the school. Leaflet Missal will provide all of the merchandise for the sale. The fundraiser is sponsored by the St. Anthony-Maria Hilf Catholic Aid Council.

Duplex for Rent

Attractive, three-bedroom duplex for rent on beautiful Midway Parkway--a few steps from Como Zoo--10 minutes from St. Agnes. Saint Agnes parishioner next door! Call Kathy at 651-323-8212 for more information.

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Sunday, March 22**

Solemn Closing of 40 Hours.....4:00 pm

Monday, March 23

Cub Scout Blue & Gold (Schuler)7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 24

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 25

Vow Ceremony during Mass8:00 am

Reception following Mass (Schuler)

CCD Classes7:00 pm

Thursday, March 26

Film Night—"Bella" (Schuler)7:00 pm

Adult Faith Class (Bride's Room)7:30 pm

Friday, March 27

Stations of the Cross1:10 pm

Stations of the Cross7:00 pm

Lenten Lecture Series #5 (Schuler).....7:40 pm

Easter Flowers

Thank you to all those who have made contributions through the Easter Flower Offering envelopes to beautifully adorn our Church for the Easter season. They may still be placed in the collection this week.

EASTER SCHEDULE**Holy Thursday, April 9**

Mains, Lauds (Tenebrae)9:30 pm

Confessions (Chapel)10:00-11:30 am

Confessions (Chapel)3:30-5:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper.....7:30 pm

Adoration (Altar of Repose).....8:30-10:30 pm

Good Friday, April 10

*There will be no exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament in the Chapel on Good Friday.

Mains, Lauds (Tenebrae)9:30 pm

Confessions (Chapel)10:00-11:30 am

Good Friday Liturgy.....2:00 pm

Confessions (Chapel)4-5:30 pm

Stations of the Cross7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 11

Mains, Lauds (Tenebrae)9:30 pm

Confessions (Chapel)10:00-11:30 am

Blessing of Easter Food.....11:30 am

Confessions (Chapel)3:30-5:00 pm

Easter Vigil Liturgy7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 12

Usual Sunday Mass schedule

Vespers*3:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, March 23**

8:00 am Mary Madli

5:15 pm Ann Reiter

**Tuesday, March 24**

8:00 am Helene Lee †

Wednesday, March 25~ Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 am Fred Dick

5:15 pm Allen Young

Thursday, March 26

8:00 am Mary and Steve Lauinger

*9:30 am Margaret Schmitz †

Friday, March 27 ~ Day of Abstinence

8:00 am Dorothy Timmons

5:15 pm Vincent Budzynski (A) †

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am Elizabeth Nemeth

5:15 pm Donald Theisen

Sunday, March 29 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

6:30 am For the Parish

8:30 am Chelle DeBarber (B)

*10:00 am Joseph and Lucy Borocki †

12:00 pm George Buechler †

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE**Saturday, March 28**5:00 pm Benediction / 5:15 pm Mass

Johnathan Kuehn, Nick Burns, Nicholas Kuehn

Sunday, March 298:30 am Mass

Peter Minwegen, Evan Morehead, Max Minwegen

10:00 am Mass

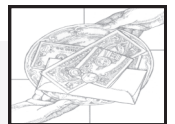
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12:00 Noon Mass

Nick Burns, Chris Lentz, David Turner

*(1st, 2nd, Paten)***Important Altar Server Announcement**

All altar servers are invited to take part in the Eucharistic procession for the closing of 40 Hours at 4:00 p.m. today, March 22nd. Please arrive by 3:30 p.m. to vest. Altar server schedules were sent out this past week. Please make careful note of practice times for Holy Week liturgies.

**Sunday Offerings****Collections for March 15, 2009**

Envelope/Plate\$15,715.16

Automatic Contributions.....\$2,000.00

Total.....\$17,715.16