



# Church of Saint Agnes

548 Lafond Avenue | St. Paul, MN 55103

June 28, 2009

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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  
School Office .....651-925-8700  
Sisters of Charity .....651-925-8820

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*"He took the child by the*

*hand and said to her,*

*"Talitha koum,"*

*which means,*

*"Little girl, I say to you,*

*arise!"*

*The girl, a child of twelve,*

*arose immediately and*

*walked around.*

*At that they were utterly*

*astounded."*

*~ Mk 5:40-42*

Web site.....[www.stagnes.net](http://www.stagnes.net)

## The Myth of Vatican Wealth and Bureaucracy: Supporting The Church Universal

If I had a dime for every time in my life I have read about or heard a complaint against the Catholic Church's supposed "vast wealth," I myself would be an extremely wealthy man. The annual collection in support of the works of the Holy Father known as "Peter's Pence" really helps to drive home a very important point. Being part of a universal Church carries with it tremendous blessings and responsibilities. It is difficult to fully appreciate the many demands placed upon the Vatican from all over the world. Here are some daunting facts:

- There are 3000 dioceses worldwide to which the Vatican must be responsive with regard to any number of important issues. Imagine the volume of correspondence!
- The country with the largest Catholic population in the world is Brazil, which boasts 145 million Catholics, while the smallest, Algeria, checks in with fewer than 3000 souls.
- The Church maintains diplomatic relations with 177 nations.

The Vatican primarily relies on donations to support its charitable works. There is not a significant source of income within the Vatican. Even the Vatican Museum is very reasonably priced. I will never forget when I had to pay to enter into a Church when I paid my only visit to England more than twenty-five years ago. It was an eye opener, and I was pleased that this experience was not repeated in Italy. At the same time, did I ever really consider how expensive it must be to maintain these treasures? Who pays for them? The treasures, if anything, are a drain on the financial resources of the Church, as millions of Euros have to be allocated every year for maintenance and restoration.

Some countries are so poor, their own Catholic bishops need financial assistance just to travel to Rome for their *ad limina* visits every five years and their seminarians are given scholarships so that they may complete studies. Despite these costs, the Church desires to support charitable works all throughout the world because it is part of what we are called to do in response to the Gospel. Today's second reading reminds us that our abundance must supply the needs of others. Jesus became poor, so that we might become rich. We are called to follow his example by giving of our time, talent, and treasure to help those in need. Amazingly, in 2007, about one-third of the worldwide proceeds of the Peter's Pence Collection came from the United States. Pope Benedict XVI needs our generosity to carry out his works of charity through Peter's Pence.

The myth that the Vatican is extremely wealthy belies the reality that the vast majority of its wealth is not for sale, most specifically with respect to buildings and works of art considered part of the universal patrimony of the Church. The entire operating budget of the Vatican (roughly \$260 million) would be the equivalent of a mid-size American University. The University of St. Thomas for example, has an operating budget of approximately \$190 million. The University of Notre Dame's annual budget is closer to \$500 million. The artistic heritage of the Church is not for sale, nor can the treasures be used as collateral and borrowed against. The Vatican bureaucracy is a pretty lean machine. I am aware of one high Vatican official who had to raise his own money just to provide needed renovations to his modest apartment. When we support the charitable work of the Universal Church, we participate in the vital mission of spreading God's love and compassion all across the globe. We see that we are part of a bigger picture than our parish or even our Archdiocese. We are universal in every sense of the word. Thank you for your support of this important work in the Church.

- Rev. Paul Sirba, son of this parish, was recently named to be our new Vicar General in the Archdiocese. He will be working very closely with Archbishop Nienstedt in his new role as his chief priest assistant in the chancery. Fr. Sirba is certainly known to our parishioners, as he has been here a number of times in these past few years. He will now hold the same position previously occupied by Bishop-elect Lee Piche, who will be ordained as our new Auxiliary Bishop this Monday June 29, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral.
- As Independence Day falls on a Saturday this year, we will keep our usual practice of a sung Latin Mass at 8:00 a.m. in the downstairs chapel on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The federal holiday is observed on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we will celebrate one Mass with organ accompaniment at 9:00 a.m. in the main Church. We will not be having all-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday. We certainly encourage your attendance at one or both of these Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John L. Ubel  
Pastor

## Classes for the Lay Faithful at the Seminary

The Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute begins a second class this fall to deepen your faith, make sense of all things Catholic, and lay out the roadmap to heaven. Meetings are held on Monday nights, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Space is limited. The application deadline is July 1st. Go to [www.saintpaulseminary.org](http://www.saintpaulseminary.org) for details and an application, or call 651-962-6890.

### **The Year of the Priest**

June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010 has been declared by Pope Benedict XVI to be “The Year of the Priest.” This weekend a table is located in the center aisle of the church where Prayer Bouquets may be placed for our Priests at Saint Agnes in honor of, “The Year of the Priest.” Please join in supporting our Priests in prayer.

### **Annual Peter’s Pence Collection**

Today we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this week’s Collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous in today’s Peter’s Pence Collection.

### **Vacation Bible School- August 3-7**

Please register your children by picking up a registration form on the downstairs bulletin board, or print one off the website, [www.stagnes.net](http://www.stagnes.net) The registration deadline is Friday, July 10th. The theme for this year’s VBS is Saint Patrick and the Holy Trinity. If parents are able to volunteer please contact: Amy Schaeffer at 651-774-4545. Any questions regarding the program or registration please call Jean Morehead at 651-464-7398.

### **Parish History Play—“Saint Agnes, 100 Years”**

Do you have a script or film of the play produced in 1987 for 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Agnes parish’s founding? The Fall Festival Committee would like to borrow it to plan the 2009 Festival, which falls on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church cornerstone laying. If you can help, please call Annette Beaudry at 651-766-9149.

### **New Parish Cookbook**

New editions of the parish cookbook are in progress – one for main dishes and side dishes and one for desserts and misc. We are looking for exciting and taste-tempting recipes from all parishioners – guys and gals, young and old. Gather your tried and true recipes – family favorites, specialties, company specials, mom’s and grandma’s that have been handed down, simple and easy, kids and teens favorites, gourmet, on the grill and slow cooking. We want main dishes, side dishes, party dishes, desserts, beverages, candies, and all baked goods. We also welcome “helpful hints” in food preparation and cooking and around the house. Bring your items ASAP to Gerrie Lachowitz in the church hall on Sundays, place in an envelope and drop in the collection plate, e-mail to [glachowitz@saintagnesschool.org](mailto:glachowitz@saintagnesschool.org) or mail to Saint Agnes, c/o Gerrie, 530 Lafond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103. We are hoping to have the editions ready by fall festival time, October 17 and 18.

### **2009 Aggie Open Golf Tourney July 27**

Join alumni, parishioners, friends & staff for golf at Highland National & dinner at Mancini's on Monday, July 27. Shotgun start 11:00 a.m., dinner to follow. \$100/golfer or \$80/seniors (62 or older) & young alum ('99-'09). Registration includes golf, motorized cart, goodie bag & dinner. Dinner only \$40. Proceeds to benefit the Saint Agnes School athletics department. Register at [www.saintagnesschool.org](http://www.saintagnesschool.org) or contact Mike Streitz: 651-925-8705. Hole Sponsorships are available for \$100. Your company’s name will be displayed on signage at the hole. You do not need to golf to be a sponsor.

### **Aggie Open Raffle \$10**

Grand Prize 2009 Arctic Cat 90CC ATV or win \$500 in free gas, \$100 at Joseph's Grill, Dinner for 2 at Mancini's or Harmon Killebrew autographed baseball. Winner will be drawn on July 27. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets are on sale after Mass in Schuler Hall or by contacting Mike Streitz. ATV is on display after Sunday Mass.

### **Cookout and Carwash**

Saint Agnes student athletes of the volleyball and basketball teams will be holding a carwash and BBQ this Sunday, June 28th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Stop by after Mass and have your car washed in the Bandas parking lot (Mackubin and Thomas) or enjoy a hamburger, hot dog or bratwurst and a beverage in the Bandas Courtyard. (Lafond and Mackubin)

### **Archdiocesan Prayer Service**

Today, Sunday June 28, at 2:00 p.m. join Archbishop John C. Nienstedt and Bishop Peter Christensen at the Cathedral of Saint Paul for an Archdiocesan Prayer Service commemorating the successes of the Evangelization Initiative and the conclusion of the Year of Saint Paul. Bishop Christensen of Superior, Wisconsin will preach on the importance of evangelization in the life of the Church and the individual believer. A light reception will be held on the lawn of the Cathedral following the prayer service, to which all are welcome. Make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Paul this afternoon and pray with men and women from around the Archdiocese as we ask God to give us continued courage to make Jesus Christ known and loved, following in the footsteps of Saint Paul, our patron.

### **All-Night Prayer Vigil**

The World Apostolate of Fatima is sponsoring an All-Night Vigil of reparation and prayer at the Church of Saint Joseph, 1154 Seminole Avenue in West Saint Paul. The vigil will begin on Friday, July 3, with the 8 p.m. Mass and will conclude on Saturday, July 4, with Mass at 4 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend all or part of this devotion. For further information, please contact Ellis Sunday at 651-457-3285

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, June 28**

Coffee and Donuts sponsored by the Chess Club

**Monday, June 29**

Legion of Mary (Bride's Room)..... 6:45 pm

**Tuesday, June 30**

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help .... 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, July 1**

Communion Service (Lower Chapel) ..... 8:00 am

**Thursday, July 2**

First Friday Confessions ..... 4:00-5:00 pm

First Friday Confessions ..... 7:00-8:00 pm

**Friday, July 3**

Mass (Church)..... 9:00 am

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today.

**Saturday, July 4** *Independence Day*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, June 29 ~ St. Peter and St. Paul, apostles**

8:00 am Curt Jones (B)

5:15 pm Marie Froehner †

**Tuesday, June 30 ~ The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

8:00 am Michael and Regina Bisch (A)

**Wednesday, July 1 ~ Blessed Junipero Serra, priest**

8:00 am Anna Deutsch †

5:15 pm Irene C. Young (B)

**Thursday, July 2**

8:00 am Mary Mahoney



**Friday, July 3 ~ St. Thomas, apostle**

9:00 am Julie and Hannah Steiner

**Saturday, July 4 ~ St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

8:00 am Sophie Steiner

5:15 pm Sharon Rosburg


**Sunday, July 5 ~ Holy Trinity Sunday**

6:30 am For the Parish

8:30 am Anna Budd (A)


\*10:00 am Martha Praska

12:00 pm Marie Elm



**Remember in Your Prayers  
Those Who Have Gone Before Us  
Marked with the Sign of Faith**

Wallace Greenstein



**Wedding Banns**

Anthony Contino will be joined  
with Amanda Antonow  
in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on  
Saturday, July 11th, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Matthew Moen will be joined  
with Jade Crepps  
in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on  
Saturday, July 11th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

**Cathedral designated National Shrine**

The Cathedral of Saint Paul was designated as the first national shrine of the Apostle Paul by the Office of the Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on March 25, 2009 following a request by Archbishop John C. Nienstedt.

According to canon (church) law, "The term shrine signifies a church or other sacred place to which the faithful make pilgrimages for a particular pious reason with the approval of the local ordinary (bishop)."

To view or download pictures of the Cathedral, go to [www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/album](http://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/album). For guided tours, email: [tours@cathedralsaintpaul.org](mailto:tours@cathedralsaintpaul.org).

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, July 4th**

5:15 p.m. Mass

Christopher Ethier, Mark Honetschlager,  
Frank Wright

**Sunday, July 5th**

8:30 a.m. Mass

Peter Minwegen, Christopher Minwegen,  
Max Minwegen

10:00 a.m. Mass

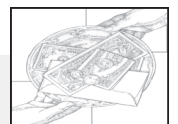
Team E.F.1

12:00 Noon Mass

Peter Notermann, Jack Boeser, Matthew Boeser  
(1st, 2nd, Paten)

**Planned Giving**

Have you considered a planned gift to the Church of Saint Agnes? Some opportunities include designating the Church in your will, a life insurance policy, charitable gift annuities, etc. For more information, please call Bret Sutton at 651-925-8810



**Sunday Offerings**

**Collections for June 21, 2009**

Sunday Envelope/Plate.....	\$11,220.81
Automatic Contributions.....	\$2,280.33
Total.....	\$13,501.14