



Church of Saint Agnes

548 Lafond Avenue | St. Paul, MN 55103

November 22, 2009

Solemnity of Christ the King

Rev. John L. Ubel.....Pastor
Rev. John Paul Erickson Parochial Vicar (Part-time)
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Rev. Mr. Nathan Allen

Phones

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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.

*“Jesus
answered, “You
say I am a king.
For this I was
born and for
this I came into
the world, to
testify to the
truth. Everyone
who belongs to
the truth listens
to my voice.”
~ Jn 18:37*

A Fruitful and Faithful Pilgrimage: Lessons from the Back of a Taxi

I was on a mission and would not be denied. Our native son from Saint Agnes, Bishop-elect Paul Sirba, had requested that I see if I could possibly acquire holy cards from Santa Sabina in Rome, the magnificent ancient 5th century basilica on the Aventine hill. They would be used for his ordination and installation in Duluth. The only problem was that I had sixteen other people with me, and was leading a group on a tight and set schedule. So when we squeezed in a brief visit to this basilica where the Pope celebrates Ash Wednesday each year, I had to “complete” the visit by acquiring these beautiful holy cards representing the scene of Our Lady of the Rosary by Sassoferrato, the original residing in a beautiful side chapel at Santa Sabina. I had no idea if they would be available in the desired quantity, but I was giving it the old college try!

All went well, the girls were outside enjoying the beautiful view over the city from the adjacent park, and they even found a sufficient number of holy cards in their repository to satisfy the request. I plopped down my credit card and the man's jaw dropped. They did not and would not accept credit cards. I thought to myself, “This is my only chance being in this part of the city. The days are all planned and I cannot possibly bring everyone back a second time.” I did not have enough cash. He would not change his mind!

I left empty handed but with a promise to return. We walked to our next stop at the Colosseum and then on to a meeting with some English speaking sisters near the Basilica of St. Mary Major. When I arrived at the convent, I explained to the Mother Superior that I could not remain, but had to catch a taxi back to the Avventine hill to pay the man at the gift shop. She could not have been more understanding, and even offered to lend me some money! A quick trip to an ATM machine secured all funds. Now I just needed to hail a cab, which I was able to do. I even had a map and showed the man where I was going.

After ten minutes it was clear that he was lost, and getting angrier by the minute. “But where is the Church?” “But I showed you, right here on the map. It is at the top of the hill.” “There are so many hills in Rome, that is not helpful...” He was really getting sarcastic and frustrated. “But I am a guest; I do not live here,” I protested. Just then, I recognized a wall, and told him the Church was right next to the long wall. We found it and he waited while I went in for two minutes to pay my debt and collect my holy cards. He only smiled when, after returning to St. Mary Major to meet the group, I threw in a nice tip. Perhaps he was having a bad day, who knows? But in retrospect, perhaps I should take pride that a “cabbie” thought that I should have known my way around the streets of Rome. Life is just too short to get so frustrated after being lost for a few minutes, especially on such a beautiful day as we had. I did not let this episode break the spirit of the pilgrimage. I had completed my mission.

The pilgrimage was for me a powerful experience, and I believe it was for our young people as well. I felt renewed in faith and following our visit to San Agnese fuori le Mura, even more united to our patroness and committed to the well-being of this fine parish. Everything was simply wonderful including front row seats at the papal audience, fruitful private meeting with Archbishop Burke, prayerful visits to Loreto, Assisi and the tomb of St. Padre Pio, stunning vistas all around, great food and a fantastic group of High School girls and three dedicated teachers with whom to share the experience. So I met one cranky cab driver. It dawned upon me how I too can become frustrated in my daily life, and let little things take on such a heavy weight. It was a worthwhile lesson from the backseat of a Roman taxi.

- I am grateful to all who supported our Heat and Light second collection. It costs approximately \$30,000 to heat and light the Church and Rectory each year, and if in our two collections (Nov. and Feb.) we are able to come as close as possible to recovering this cost, it would be most helpful. Green envelopes may still be placed in the Sunday collection and will be counted separately from Sunday stewardship.
- Mark Saturday morning December 12th on your calendar for a thorough Church cleaning before Christmas. Many hands make light work. Work will commence following the 8:00 a.m. Saturday Mass. Stay tuned for more details.
- Join us this Thursday at 9:00 a.m. for Thanksgiving Day Mass. Let us honor the true meaning of the celebration as a thanksgiving to almighty God for His manifold blessings.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John L. Ubel
Pastor

Eucharistic Adoration—November 27

There will be Eucharistic Adoration as usual on November 27th, the Friday following Thanksgiving. Take time from your Christmas shopping and from the pressures of your life for a quiet hour with Our Lord. Everyone is invited.

Pueri Cantores Festival—Sunday

You are cordially invited to come and celebrate the Pueri Cantores Minnesota Festival and Mass at the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas (UST) in St. Paul, Sunday, November 22nd, 2009. Dr. Angela Broeker, Director of Choral Activities at the University of St. Thomas, will conduct more than 100 singers at this special event. Please come and see what the choirs will contribute to the liturgy in this beautiful chapel! Both the Children's Choir and High School Concert Chorale will be featured in the concert that precedes the Mass, as well as the St. John's Boys' Choir.

The Festival is free and open to the public and begins at 3:30 p.m. The Mass will follow at 4:30 p.m. We suggest guests arrive early to allow time for seating. We look forward to seeing you!

Free Advent Activity Books Available Next Sunday

Advent is coming...the children's activity books will be available in Schuler Hall on Sunday, November 29th. These daily activities are an excellent way for children to prepare their hearts for the Birth of the Savior. There is no charge, but a limited supply...please stop down next Sunday to pick them up.

Holy Year for Priests Prayer

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, Do whatever He tells you (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen. Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

Heat, Light and Water Collection Last Weekend

We are grateful to all who contributed to our twice-yearly Heat, Light and Water Collection last weekend.

If you would still like to make a contribution for this special need, we would encourage you to use the green envelope that has been dedicated for this purpose and place it in the general collection, or send your gift directly to the parish office. Thanks again for your generosity to The Church of Saint Agnes.

Registration for Confirmation

If you are a registered member of the parish and interested in having your child confirmed this school year, please contact Mrs. Joan Decker at jdecker@saintagnesschool.org or 651-925-8728. Comprehensive Confirmation booklets are available. Candidates must be 14 years old by August 31, 2010 and at least in the 8th grade.



Chorale Notes

Mass in C - Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 - 1827)

Today we are presenting the great masterpiece by Beethoven – his *Mass in C*. This Mass was composed for the birthday of Princess Maria Hermengild Esterhazy in 1807. The composer conducted the first performance of the Mass in Eisenstadt in September of that year in the presence of Princess Maria and Prince Nicolaus Esterhazy. This work was composed while Beethoven was having severe hearing loss leading to total hearing loss in the decade to follow.

It is generally agreed that Beethoven's physical adversity throughout his life was from this world of silence - his piano sonatas and, in 1824, his ninth symphony for example.

The following year, in 1825, he completed his string quartet opus 130, among other works. But in December 1826 in Vienna he developed pneumonia and underwent the first of four operations to try to save his life. On March 26 1827 he died aged 56 in Vienna. An autopsy showed he died of cirrhosis of the liver.

Beethoven battled against physical adversity for much of his adult life and it is a measure of his genius that his life's work transcended this so magnificently. Nearly 200 years after his death, he is still one of the pre-eminent composers in the classical genre and his *Mass in C* amply illustrates that genius.

The Chorale particularly enjoys this work because of the demands placed on every individual (choir, soloists and orchestra). This is the final orchestral Mass presented by the Chorale until Christmas eve.

Advance Funeral Planning

You are invited to a session sponsored by The Catholic Cemeteries that provides practical information on pre-need planning for funerals. Tuesday, December 1, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Lumen Christi Catholic Community, 2055 Bohland, St. Paul. Speakers will address the Church's teaching on death, the Order of Christian Funerals and burial options. Resources will be provided by The Catholic Cemeteries, funeral homes, and grief coalitions. Refreshments will be served and there will be opportunities to visit the presenters and representatives and to collect helpful, practical printed materials. No reservations necessary. For further information, phone 651-255-0537.

Cookbooks and Booya For Sale

Cookbooks and Booya are still available for sale after all Sunday Masses in the kitchen of Schuler Hall or in the parish office during the week. 651-925-8800.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 22

Donut Sale sponsored by the Spanish Club
 Youth Group (convent) 6:30 pm

Monday, November 23

Legion of Mary (Bride's Room) 6:45 pm
 Cub Scouts (School Cafeteria)..... 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 24

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help .. 7:30 pm
 Chorale Rehearsal (Choir Loft) 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 27

Parish Office is closed

Friday, November 28

Parish Office is closed
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following
 the 8:00 am Mass until 5:00 pm

Christmas Boutique This Weekend

The Little Sisters of the Poor are holding their Annual Christmas Boutique at 330 Exchange Street South, St. Paul, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both Saturday, November 21, and Sunday, November 22. Come see and shop the crafts, a bake sale, gift baskets, doll orphanage, silent auction, raffles, gourmet foods, and more, including a grand raffle prize of \$10,000. Please call Linda Swanson at 651-227-0336 for more information.

We welcome these new members to our Parish Community:



Rob & Kate Choals
 and their children Gabrielle,
 Maria, Teresa, Gina, and Peter

**From Cornerstone to Completion
 1909-1912**

As we celebrate our centennial, please consider helping preserve the traditions of *The Church of Saint Agnes* by remembering us in your will.



Church Exterior Cleaning

As a part of this centennial season, 2009-2012, we are proud to recognize the generous contribution of Saint Agnes School alumnus, Steve Dvorak, whose company PolarBlast recently steam cleaned a significant portion of the stone façade on the exterior of the Church entryway, in addition to the front entryway of the rectory. We are extremely grateful for this generous contribution in preserving our treasured Church buildings.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 23 ~ Clement I, pope & martyr; Columban, abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest & martyr

8:00 am Diane Welvang (B)
 5:15 pm Moira, Lucas & Ryan Fredrickson

Tuesday, November 24 ~ Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & martyr, and his companions, martyrs

8:00 am Mary Skarda (B)

Wednesday, November 25 ~ Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

8:00 am Michael Scheuring
 5:15 pm Mercedes Cerney †

Thursday, November 26 ~ Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Monna Claire Hoffman

Friday, November 27

8:00 am Ashton Clark
 5:15 pm Bernie & Eileen Johnson



Saturday, November 28

*8:00 am Elliot Alewel
 5:15 pm Trudy Krogan (B)

Sunday, November 29 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

6:30 am Ann Rosario
 8:30 am Jacinta Bourbeau
 *10:00 am Suzanne Leibel †
 12:00 pm Missa pro Populo (For the People)

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov 28th

5:15 p.m. Mass

Tom Mulvey, Peter Lentsch,
 Christian Halverson

Sunday, Nov 29th

8:30 a.m. Mass

Joseph Minwegen, Christopher Minwegen,
 Max Minwegen

10:00 a.m. Mass

E.F. Team 1

12:00 Noon Mass

Nicholas Burns, Nicholas Miller,
 Christopher Burns

(1st Master, 2nd Master, Paten)

Sunday Offerings

Collections for November 15, 2009

Sunday Envelope/Plate \$13,525.22
 Automatic Contributions \$1,220.90
 Total \$14,746.12

