
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (EF)



CHURCH OF SAINT AGNES

Clergy

Rev. John L. Ubel, Pastor

Rev. John Paul Erickson, In Residence

Rev. James McConville, In Residence

Rev. Timothy Cloutier, In Residence

Deacon Harold Hughesdon

Deacon Bernard Pedersen

Deacon Nathan Allen

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:15 p.m. (anticipated), with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

6:30, 8:30, 10:00 a.m. (Latin High Mass), 12 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)

Weekday Masses

8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday (Saturday—Sung Latin Mass)

5:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday

During school year, additional Sung Mass 9:30 a.m. most Thursdays

Holy Days of Obligation

Watch bulletin for Mass and Confession schedules

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays following Novena

Thursdays before First Fridays: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Adoration and Devotions

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Rosary

7:30 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the

8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Chapel) at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 3:00 p.m. Vespers and Benediction of the Most

Blessed Sacrament

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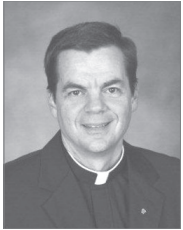
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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

At a Crossroads: Pondering the Future of Catholic Education in the 21st Century



It is happening more and more often. For hosts of reasons, priests are deliberately avoiding assignments in which a Catholic school is attached to the parish. For some, it is a matter of energy, with added responsibilities of personnel management, while for others it is a funding question. They do not want the responsibility of raising the needed funds to support the school, knowing that tuition always lags behind the real cost. While understandable to a degree, it is at the same time quite troubling to me. Having just observed Catholic Schools Week, I must honestly examine my own conscience concerning our parish school. As a lifelong "product" of Catholic education, is it worth our efforts? With tuitions stretching many families, does it really make a difference? With confidence and sincerity, I believe that Saint Agnes School has been true to the deepest mission of Catholic education, and is absolutely worth our efforts to sustain it.

Catholic secondary schools report a graduation rate of 99.1 %, higher than rates reported by other religious schools (97.9 %), non-sectarian schools (95.7 %) and public schools (73.2 %). One could trade statistics all day, and while encouraging, it is more important that our children leave our school loving Christ and His Church, and engaging the whole Catholic intellectual tradition. This forms the foundation for our decisions regarding curriculum and Catholic identity. If a Catholic school is true to its mission, it is so much more than a 45-minute religion class per day that sets it apart from any other school. It is an entire ethos, an atmosphere in which believers work together to imbue the Catholic faith in all subject areas. Thus, a Catholic school truly faithful to its mission reinforces all that is taught at home by the parents, who are always the primary educators of their children.

I recall recently asking some parishioner students why they were staying so late after school. They told me that they were waiting for their mother, who was attending a faculty meeting. In fact, their mother was attending a faculty study group in which participants had read and were now discussing an important address given by Pope Benedict XVI at Regensburg several years ago. The talk itself was an intellectual *tour de force*, but I was edified at how many teachers chose to participate in this study group as a means to further their own knowledge and commitment to the faith. A Catholic school must foster an environment of life-long learning and active engagement of the faith, so that we might bring forth these lessons into the public square.

The members of this parish have been so extremely generous in support of our school, the sole remaining parish sponsored K-12 school in the Archdiocese. I could not be more grateful for your generosity. The Red Envelope collection exclusively supports our parishioner families with multiple children. Still, no school should adversely impact the financial stability of a parish. You may be assured that our Parish Finance Council assists me to ensure our prudent fiscal stewardship. I invite potential new families to come in for a visit. Saint Agnes School aims to provide an outstanding academic and extracurricular program, combined with first-rate spiritual formation. I invite our parish families with small children to begin thinking now about your future educational plans. As pastor, I desire to be respectful of all our families, taking into account the full range of realities that factor into your educational decisions. I will also work hard to ensure the best possible environment in our parish school. I am proud of our students, faculty and administration, and believe that we have made significant strides in the past few years.

- ♦ The Catholic Services Appeal is just around the corner. This is the annual Archdiocesan wide collection that supports the plans and priorities of our Archbishop in his role as chief shepherd of the Archdiocese. I will be saying more about this.
- ♦ Calling future kindergarten students. Our Kindergarten Round-Up program is scheduled for Thursday, February 9th. It is offered twice to maximize convenience for our potential families - once from 1:00-2:30 p.m., and again from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Please see the Bulletin insert.
- ♦ All are welcome at Saint Agnes? Well, almost all! This week we installed some very 'sharp' looking stainless steel spikes over some key areas around the east side of the church to dissuade our feathery friends from greeting you before and after Mass! We'll see how they work before installing them on the other side of Church. Our sidewalks should also stay much cleaner. Pigeons may consult the Yellow Pages for alternative worship sites.

Sincerely In Christ,

Rev. John L. Ubel
Pastor

Kindergarten Round Up

We invite you to attend our upcoming Kindergarten Round-Up with your prospective Kindergarten student on Thursday, February 9, 2012. Come to meet our teachers, share in story time, and enjoy a snack while you learn more about the full-day kindergarten program at Saint Agnes School. We are confident in the strong faith environment and comprehensive education we provide for all students. Choose one of two convenient sessions to attend including: 1:00-2:30 p.m. or 4:30-6:00 p.m. No RSVP is necessary. Questions may be directed to the Admissions Office 651.925.8803.



TODAY AT SAINT AGNES

There will be no Youth Group meeting tonight. We will resume next Sunday on our regular schedule.

CHORALE AND ORCHESTRA NOTES

Lord Nelson Mass

by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Admiral Horatio Nelson trounced the French fleet in the Bay of Aboukir (Battle of the Nile) in August 1798 and was on a leisurely, roundabout journey back to Britain when he heard this Mass played at Esterhazy Palace in 1800. Haydn had composed it as the *Missa in angustitiis* (Mass in time of anxiety) two years earlier. By the time of the admiral's heroic death in the Battle of Trafalgar in October 1805, it had become known as the *Nelsonmesse*, a nickname probably influenced by the military-sounding trumpets, soprano fireworks and jubilant finale.

The *Kyrie* brings the soprano soloist to the upper portion of her range with a flourish of 16th notes. This exciting beginning sets the stage for the rest of the drama that unfolds in later movements. The *Credo* begins with the sopranos and tenors of the Chorale singing in unison, and is later answered by the altos and basses for a beautiful duet. This continues until the *Et incarnatus est*. The *Lord Nelson Mass* ends with a peaceful and memorable *Dona nobis pacem*. Listen for the calming influence of this movement after the dramatic moments earlier in this Mass.

Schedule of 10:00 a.m. Masses

Sunday, February 12 Franz Schubert, *Mass in A-flat*

Sunday, February 19 Joseph Haydn, *Paukenmesse*

The Chorale is a non-profit organization and depends on the generosity of donors. Please send contributions to: Twin Cities Catholic Chorale, P.O. Box 4234, St. Paul, MN 55104. Printed copies of the schedule and donation envelopes are available at the church entrances.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Holy Communion is Saturday, May 12, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. A retreat is held in Schuler Hall for all First Communicants on Friday, May 11 beginning with the 8:00 a.m. Mass and ending at 2:30 p.m. Confessions are available.

First Holy Communion in the Extraordinary Form will be on Sunday, May 20, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Please call the Parish Office at 651. 925.8800 for a registration form. You must be a registered parishioner and the child must be at least 7 years old at the time of First Communion.

SAINT AGNES NEWS

Lenten Booklets For Children

Lenten daily activity booklets for our children will be available after all Masses the next two weekends, February 12 and 19, 2012. They are available in three formats: K-3; 4-6, and Jr. High version. Offered as a gift from the parish, this is a great way to keep your children engaged throughout the entire Lenten season.

Altar & Rosary Society Upcoming Events

Save these dates! Saturday, March 3, is the Women's Lenten Retreat, open to all parish adult women. Our speakers will be Father Timothy Cloutier and parishioner Annamarie Adkins. Sunday, March 4, will be our Pro-life Baby Shower. More information about both events will follow.

Minnesotans for Marriage

The Minnesota Marriage Protection Amendment, on the ballot November 6, will ask Minnesotans:

Shall the Minnesota constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?

Visit www.minnesotaformarriage.com for key documents and information to help spread the word about the Minnesota Marriage Protection Amendment and help recruit marriage supporters.

Natural Family Planning Classes

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at the Church of Saint Agnes. This series uses CCL's new streamlined methodology and new materials incorporating Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Tuesday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. For details call 612.721.3791 or register online at www.twincities.ccli.org.

Parish Office

The Parish Office and Father Ubel's office are presently located in the school building and the entrance is located at the southwest corner of the building, facing the parking lot between the church and school off of Thomas Avenue. Enter Door #6. When sending mail to the Saint Agnes Church/Parish Office/Rectorate the address to be used should be 535 Thomas Ave., Saint Paul, N 55103. If you have directed your financial institution to send payments directly to Saint Agnes, please notify them of this change of address. The School address is 530 Lafond Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55103 and the entrance to the school is Door #1 facing Lafond Avenue.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 5

Donut Sale sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society
 Latin I (Brides) after 10:00 a.m. Mass
 Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Kent) 11:30 a.m.
 Vespers and Benediction (Chapel)..... 3:00 p.m.
No Youth Group

Monday, February 6

Legion of Mary (Bride's Room) 6:15 p.m.
 Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts (Cafeteria) 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Men's Club (Schuler) 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7

Rosary (Chapel)7:00 p.m.
 Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:30 p.m.
 Confessionsfollowing 7:30 Novena
 Chorale Rehearsal (Choir Loft) 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8

Youth Religious Education (School)..... 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Thursday, February 9

All School Mass 9:30 a.m.
 Kindergarten Round Up 1:00 p.m.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal (Schuler) 3:30-5:00 p.m.
 Kindergarten Round Up 4:30 p.m.
 Latin II (Brides)..... 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Adult Faith Formation (Brides) 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Friday, February 10

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the
 8:00 am Mass until 5:00 p.m.
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Chapel)3:00 p.m.
 Catholic Young Adults (Sports in GS gym)..6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 11

Weekly Church Cleaning.....after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Confessions3:30-5:00, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
 Red & White Benefit Dinner..... 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in your prayers those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:

Richard A. Borre

Welcomed into the Church through Baptism:

Joshua Michael Hugger
 Son of Jeremy & Mary Hugger

Welcome to our parish family:

Ronald Bowman

By & Rachel Yang & their children,
 Shaney & Mathieu

Kelly & Nancy Wing & their children,
 Phoebe, Josie, Augustine & Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday February 6 | Saint Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs

8:00 am Bernadette Lamb (B)

5:15 pm Jim Fitzgerald +

Tuesday February 7

8:00 am Edwin & Shirley Hafner +

Wednesday February 8 | Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, virgin

8:00 am Steve Brown & Family

5:15 pm Joe & Lindsey Foley

Thursday February 9

8:00 am William Spicer

9:30 am Patrick Kobold

Friday February 10 | Saint Scholastica, virgin

8:00 am James Simmer +

5:15 pm Bill & Rita Hermes

Saturday February 11 | Our Lady of Lourdes

*8:00 am Nikolay Bannikov +

5:15 pm Patrick Burns

Sunday February 12 | World Marriage Day Anniversary Dedication of the Church of Saint Agnes

6:30 am Sally Turner

8:30 am Eleanor M. Trojack +

*10:00 am Howard McNulty +

12:00 pm *Missa pro populo* (For the People)

Anniversary (B) Birthday † Deceased *Sung High Mass

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 11

5:15 p.m. Mass

Roger Dickerson, Jack Boeser, Matthew Boeser,
 Jonah Hintgen, Randall Dickerson

Sunday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Mass

Charles Floeder, Bernard Floeder, Frank Floeder,
 Joseph Floeder, Michael Cogan

10:00 a.m. Mass

Julian Sicam, Daniel Windingstad, Michael Windingstad,
 Cullen Most, Nicholas Conroy, Duy Phan, Viet Pham,
 Nguyen Phan, An Phan, Evan Most, Carl Jensen,
 Anton Praska, Nathan Coyne

12:00 Noon Mass

Nicholas Kuehn, Daniel Farrell, Joseph Lindgren,
 Joey Galush, Ted Burke

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Collections for January 29, 2012

Sunday Envelope/Plate	\$ 10,586.95
Automatic Contributions	\$ 2,080.00
Total	\$ 12,666.95