
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016
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Reverend Mark Moriarty, Pastor
Deacon Nathan Allen

Very Reverend Timothy Cloutier, In Residence
Reverend James McConville, In Residence

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:15 p.m. (anticipated), with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.
6:30, 7:30 a.m. (Latin EF Low Mass) 8:30, 10:00 a.m. (Latin OF High Mass), 12 Noon

Weekday Masses

8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday (Saturday—Sung Latin Mass)
5:15 p.m. Fridays
During school year, Mass on Thursday morning is at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

Watch bulletin for Mass schedules

Confessions

Fridays 4:00-5:00 p.m. (Chapel)
Saturdays: 4:00-5:00 p.m. (Upper Church) and 8:00-9:00 p.m. (Chapel)
First Tuesday following the 7:30 p.m. Novena
First Friday 7:00-7:50 a.m. (Chapel)
First Saturday 7:00-7:50 a.m. (Chapel)

Adoration and Devotions

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Holy 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.
3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Sunday: 3:00 p.m. Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Saint Agnes Church and School 2015 Year in Review

At the end of a calendar year or the beginning of a new year, many publications and media outlets highlight important and news-making events that took place. Allow me to do the same, albeit from a more spiritual and decidedly more local, i.e. parochial, perspective.

Most importantly, we have continued to **give God praise and thanks at Holy Mass** for His unsurpassed goodness and mercy in a way that is beautiful, dignified and in accord with the wishes and traditions of the Church. In so doing we have also offered the saving mysteries and truths of our Faith to both parishioners and visitors. May we never view the sanctification and salvation of souls as something routine or not "news worthy"!

We were blessed with many guest lecturers in 2015. In honor of the **Year for Consecrated Life**, Sr. Mary Sarah, OP spoke on the Evangelical Counsel of Poverty in January. Bishop Cozzens preached on the Evangelical Counsel of Poverty at Vespers for the closing of our annual Forty Hours of worshipping Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Our **Lenten Lecture Series** on English Catholic Converts was a great success and very edifying.

In the Spring, we hired **Dr. Kevin Ferdinandt** as the new headmaster for our outstanding K-12 school. His first semester at Saint Agnes has demonstrated his keen abilities and desire to build on the successes of his predecessor, Jim Morehead. I am grateful for Dr. Ferdinandt's leadership and expertise – I am learning much from him!

We regretfully bid *adieu* to our teaching sisters at the end of the 2014/2015 school year. **The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church** were called home to their Motherhouse in Baltic, CT as their leadership felt the need to reduce the number of apostolates wherethey served due to decreasing vocations. We continue to invite religious orders of sisters to consider Saint Agnes as their future home. Please pray that God sends us a faithful and joyful order of sisters!

Fr. George Welzbacher, Pastor Emeritus, was honored in the May as the Catholic Servant of the Year by the publication of the same name. He is, indeed, a very worthy recipient!

It has been a painful and difficult time for our **Archdiocese**. The Archdiocese has sought protection by filing for Chapter Eleven bankruptcy and reorganization. In June we learned of the resignation of **Archbishop Nienstedt**. Let us pray all the more that we are strengthened in faith and in hope in these trials. We must also earnestly pray for those who are being tempted to harm themselves spiritually by leaving the Catholic Church. May the Holy Spirit enlighten the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in selecting our next shepherd. God willing, we will be granted an Archbishop who teaches and exemplifies the truth of Christ and His Church with love and courage.

Fr. John Paul Erickson was given the august pastoral duty of care



of souls at Blessed Sacrament on the east side. His seven years of service at Saint Agnes have been a great gift for the faithful of the parish and school. Fr. Erickson is truly an excellent priest and a gifted preacher who will be sadly missed at Saint Agnes but has already been a profound blessing for his new flock!

Family Catechesis began in the Fall of 2015. I am humbled and grateful for the response to our new program of monthly Family Catechesis, which replaced the traditional Wednesday night classes. Almost ninety children registered and are accompanied by their parents or guardians every month! I am so thankful for the efforts of our coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mueller, and the assistance of Deacon Nathan Allen and many parent volunteers. It has been a blessing for me to be able to teach each section in the company of parents. Learning the Faith is very much a family affair and I am honored to assist parents in what is their primary role – the education and formation of their children in the Faith.

Our parish k-12 school continues to grow. One of the most astounding things this year was the opening of the new **Ubel Activity Center**. John Nasseff and Helene Houle dedicated their lead gift for this facility to recognize the commitment and hard work of Fr. Ubel, who did so much to strengthen Saint Agnes School. I am grateful to be able to follow him as superintendent of our parish school and build on his achievements. The new facility has added state-of-the-art classrooms, art rooms, choir and band rooms, a new and larger **Bandas Gymnasium**, as well as, a new main office with an inviting and easily recognizable entrance. What a blessing for many future generations of students!

Lastly, we have been good stewards of the beautiful church built by our predecessors with the repair and refurbishment of the **clay tile roof and front steps!** Work on remodeling the church bathrooms will commence shortly.

Praise God for all the blessings and opportunities to grow in holiness He has granted to all at Saint Agnes Church and School in 2015. Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Mark Moriarty

PROPER DISPOSAL OF BLESSED PALMS

As we get closer to Lent this year, perhaps many of you are asking yourselves, "What do I do with all these dried, blessed palms from prior years?"

Since they have been blessed, you can choose from one of the following ways to properly dispose of them:

- Burn them in your fireplace or in an outdoor fire area and sprinkle the ashes on the earth.
- Bury them in your yard or garden.
- Use them as mulch in your garden.

TODAY AT SAINT AGNES

This weekend we will have our monthly Red Envelope collection at all Masses to benefit Saint Agnes School. Please put those envelopes into the main collection. Thank you!

Today we will also have the Blessing of Expectant Mothers after the 8:30 am Mass.

Due to the Holidays, there are no coffee and donuts today.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT AGNES

Rosary for Life - Saturdays

The Rosary for Life is prayed in the Chapel every Saturday following the 8:00 am Mass.

CHORALE & ORCHESTRA NOTES

Mass: W.A. Mozart, *Missa Brevis in D*, K 194

Processional: *Transemus usque Bethlehem* (orchestrated by Josef Ignaz Schnabel)

Offertory: *Still, Still, Still* (arranged by Tim Hoffman)

The *Missa Brevis in D*, K 194 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) is a wonderful "brief mass" composed in August of 1774, when young Wolfgang was just 18 years old. At that time he served as a musician at the Court of the Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg, where his father Leopold Mozart was the Deputy *Kapellmeister*. It is one of the younger Mozart's nine *missa brevis* and is scored for chorus, soloists, and a smaller chamber orchestra. Despite the adherence to Prince-Archbishop Hieronymus Graf Colloredo's strict rules of simplicity and brevity, this Mass is inventive, melodious and powerful. The listener gets a glimpse of things to come from this young composer in the complex but beautiful fugue in the *Sanctus* and again in the *Benedictus* on the text, "*Hosanna in excelsis*." The poignant *Agnus Dei* is the most frequently sung and recorded portion of the Mass.

The Twin Cities Catholic Chorale is a non-profit corporation, financially independent of the Church of Saint Agnes and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis, which depends solely on the generosity of its patrons. Programs are available at the church entrances and posted on the Chorale web site at www.catholicchorale.org. Compact discs of music recorded by the Chorale & Orchestra are available from the Leaflet Missal Co. at www.leafletonline.com.

Schedule of Future Chorale Masses

Sunday, January 10, Johann N. Hummel, *Mass in B-flat*
(Baptism of the Lord)

Sunday, January 17, Joseph Haydn, *Nelsonmesse*
(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday, January 24, Charles Gounod, *Saint Cecilia Mass*
(Patronal Feast of Saint Agnes)

POPE FRANCIS

HOLY FATHER'S HOMILY AT THE MIDNIGHT MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tonight "a great light" shines forth (Is 9:1); the light of Jesus' birth shines all about us. How true and timely are the words of the prophet Isaiah which we have just heard: "You have brought abundant joy and great rejoicing" (9:2)! Our heart was already joyful in awaiting this moment; now that joy abounds and overflows, for the promise has been at last fulfilled. Joy and gladness are a sure sign that the message contained in the mystery of this night is truly from God. There is no room for doubt; let us leave that to the skeptics who, by looking to reason alone, never find the truth. There is no room for the indifference which reigns in the hearts of those unable to love for fear of losing something. All sadness has been banished, for the Child Jesus brings true comfort to every heart.

Today, the Son of God is born, and everything changes. The Savior of the world comes to partake of our human nature; no longer are we alone and forsaken. The Virgin offers us her Son as the beginning of a new life. The true light has come to illumine our lives so often beset by the darkness of sin. Today we once more discover who we are! Tonight we have been shown the way to reach the journey's end. Now must we put away all fear and dread, for the light shows us the path to Bethlehem. We must not be laggards; we are not permitted to stand idle. We must set out to see our Savior lying in a manger. This is the reason for our joy and gladness: this Child has been "born to us"; he was "given to us", as Isaiah proclaims (cf. 9:5). The people who for two thousand years has traversed all the pathways of the world in order to allow every man and woman to share in this joy is now given the mission of making known "the Prince of peace" and becoming his effective servant in the midst of the nations.

So when we hear tell of the birth of Christ, let us be silent and let the Child speak. Let us take his words to heart in rapt contemplation of his face. If we take him in our arms and let ourselves be embraced by him, he will bring us unending peace of heart. This Child teaches us what is truly essential in our lives. He was born into the poverty of this world; there was no room in the inn for him and his family. He found shelter and support in a stable and was laid in a manger for animals. And yet, from this nothingness, the light of God's glory shines forth. From now on, the way of authentic liberation and perennial redemption is open to every man and woman who is simple of heart. This Child, whose face radiates the goodness, mercy and love of God the Father, trains us, his disciples, as Saint Paul says, "to reject godless ways" and the richness of the world, in order to live "temperately, justly and devoutly" (Tit 2:12).

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 3

There are no coffee and donuts today

Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Kent)11:30 am

Latin Class (Brides)11:30 am

Vespers & Benediction 3:00 pm

Monday, January 4 | No School

No scheduled activities

Tuesday, January 5 | No School

Legion of Mary (Brides)..... 6:15 pm

Rosary (Chapel) 7:00 pm

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

Confessions after Novena

TCCC Rehearsal (Choir Loft) 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 6 | No School

Altar and Rosary Epiphany Dinner 6:00 pm

Parish Choir Rehearsal (Loft) 7:00 pm

Men's Basketball (Door 1—School) 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 7 | School Resumes

Children's Choir (Schuler)..... 3:00 pm

Friday, January 8

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:15 Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Chapel)..... 3:00 pm

Confessions (Chapel) 4:00 pm

Saturday, January 9

Rosary for Life (Chapel) after the 8:00 am Mass

Confessions (Upper Church)..... 4:00–5:00 pm

Confessions (Chapel).....8:00–9:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Patricia Erickson

Mother of Rev. John Paul Erickson

John Markert

Patricia Gallagher

POPE FRANCIS

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In a society so often intoxicated by consumerism and hedonism, wealth and extravagance, appearances and narcissism, this Child calls us to act soberly, in other words, in a way that is simple, balanced, consistent, capable of seeing and doing what is essential. In a world which all too often is merciless to the sinner and lenient to the sin, we need to cultivate a strong sense of justice, to discern and to do God's will. Amid a culture of indifference which not infrequently turns ruthless, our style of life should instead be devout, filled with empathy, compassion and mercy, drawn daily from the wellspring of prayer.

Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we too, with eyes full of amazement and wonder, gaze upon the Child Jesus, the Son of God. And in his presence may our hearts burst forth in prayer: "Show us, Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation" (Ps 85:8).

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 4 | Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 am Barbara Finanger †

Tuesday, January 5 | Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 am Kathy Engelhart (B)

Wednesday, January 6 | Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00 am Lorenzo Hernandez †

Thursday, January 7 | Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

8:00 am Don Kramer

9:30 am* Donna Pukay †

Friday, January 8

8:00 am* Bernice Sunart †

5:15 pm* LeRoy Harringer †

Saturday, January 9

8:00 am* Lucille Grosinger †

5:15 pm* Gary Pratt †

Sunday, January 10 | The Baptism of the Lord

6:30 am Gordon Schissel †

7:30 am John & Sueann Sirba

8:30 am Robert G. Belland †

10:00 am* Rachel Rother Burns

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

(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday † Deceased *Sung High Mass

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 9

5:15 pm Mass

Lucas Lahlum, Matthew Boeser, Chris Ethier

Sunday, January 10

7:30 am Mass

William Kostuch, Matthew Swanson, Dominic Adkins

8:30 am Mass

William Murphy, Dominic Heesch, Shane Oglesbee,
Thomas McNamara, Stephan McNamara

10:00 am Mass*

Ross Wright, Petrus Wasburn, Jacob Rose,
Joe Galush, Aloisius Washburn, Ben Lenzmeier,
Andrew Brownell, Ambrose Washburn,
Alex Lenzmeier, Nathan Brownell, Nicholas Brownell

12:00 Noon Mass

Viet Pham, Duy Phan, Nguyen Phan,
An Phan, Thomas Busse

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Christmas, December 25

Sunday, December 27, 2015

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