

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • PATRONAL FEAST OF SAINT AGNES



Clergy

Reverend Mark Moriarty, Pastor
Deacon Nathan Allen

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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Feast of Saint Agnes

Today we celebrate the Feast of Saint Agnes! Every parish has the option to transfer the patronal feast to the nearest Sunday. The Feast of Saint Agnes is traditionally celebrated on January 21st. Let us thank God for the wonderful model of faithfulness and purity we have been given by Saint Agnes and ask for her continued intercession.

Septuagesima – 70 Days

Traditionally, this Sunday marks the beginning of the proximate preparation for Lent. The Latin name, Septuagesima, refers to the fact that it is three Sundays away from the start of Lent, called Quadragesima Sunday, more than literally the number seventy. The two intervening Sundays are called Sexagesima (60) and Quinquagesima (50) in the Latin Church.

According to the liturgical expert, Abbot Gueranger, the early Roman Church had no reason to anticipate the fasting and privation of Lent except by beginning the fast on the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent in order to have 40 days of fasting and penance. However, the Greeks, because they did not traditionally fast on Saturdays and Sundays, had some additional days to make up in order to account for the number forty. Thus, the Greeks added twelve ferial days and started Lent at what we would call Sexagesima. It also appears that monks and a few other eastern churches began Lent even earlier, at what is now called Septuagesima Sunday. Therefore, to honor these other traditions and also to not cause scandal, the Roman Church adopted the Septuagesima season as a kind of preparation for Lent.

For our purposes, a time of preparation before Lent is very fitting so that we can prayerfully begin to consider what might be good penances for us to undertake during Lent. Last minute ideas may not be prudent since they may be too difficult or too easy or even not spiritually meaningful for us.

Bulletin Changes Coming Soon

On the weekend of February 6th and 7th you will notice a slight change in the bulletin. The half page flap will no longer be included. The change in format will allow a few extra services from our publisher for the parish without additional cost. First, we will be able to publish and distribute bulletins for Ash Wednesday and Christmas - we have not been able to do so in the past. Second, we have the option to print three special newsletters that can be distributed at church or mailed to parishioners. Third, we will also have the ability to produce full color bulletins or newsletters. It is also beneficial for me since the amount of space for which I need to write will only be one column, as opposed to a full page. In all humility and truthfulness, I am not as gifted as my immediate predecessors in the area of the written word.

Blessing of Candles on February 2nd

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord has traditionally been called Candlemas Day, for on this day candles are blessed for church use and for use by the faithful in their homes. **We will bless candles twice that day:** at the **8:00 am Mass** in the Chapel and **after 7:30 pm Novena** which is also in the chapel. You are cordially invited to bring candles to be blessed at Mass or after the evening devotions. A limited number of candles will be provided by the parish for those unable to bring their own.

Saint Blaise Blessing of Throats, February 3rd

In honor of the popular Feast of Saint Blaise and the great interest in the blessing of throats, I am happy to offer **two Masses on Wednesday, February 3rd**, during which the traditional blessing of throats will be administered. We will have our usual Wednesday, **8:00 am Mass** and add a **5:15 pm Mass** that evening as well.

2016 Confirmation for Saint Agnes Confirmandi, Sunday, February 7th

Please keep our 2016 candidates for Confirmation in your prayers as they begin their final preparations for Confirmation at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 2:00 pm on Sunday, February 7th.

Saint Agnes, pray for us. Saint Blaise, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mark Moriarty

MESSAGE FROM

ARCHBISHOP BERNARD HEBDA, APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR 2016 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2016 Catholic Services Appeal will begin at the end of January. As the interim Shepherd of the Archdiocese, I strongly encourage you to participate in the Appeal. I wholeheartedly support the Appeal and will make my personal pledge to it. Last year the Appeal fell short of its goal and the collective ministries of the Archdiocese, like Catholic Charities and Catholic grade schools, were underfunded. I am calling on you to join me in doing our part so that those important ministries of the Archdiocese—outreach and programs that go beyond what any one parish could organize and support on its own—can be fully funded. The sick, the imprisoned, the student in need, those in the missions, the seminarians, the poor, the homeless, and the hungry are all counting on us. Mindful in this Year of Mercy of the many blessings that we have received, let us commit to being instruments of our God's tenderness and mercy in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need. Please be assured in advance of my gratitude for your participation in the Catholic Services Appeal as well as a remembrance in my daily prayers.



TODAY AT SAINT AGNES

Come to Schuler Hall for coffee and donuts after Mass this morning courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

TLC Options for Women is conducting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser again this year at St. Agnes. Pick up a bottle at the exit after Mass this weekend, take it home, encourage everyone to drop in their cash, coins or checks. Then bring it back to Mass 3 weeks later and give it to one of the TLC volunteers on February 13 or 14. Bottles can also be dropped off during business hours at TLC (front door of the convent). Thank you for making a difference for Life.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT AGNES

Misfits Adult Reading Group - January 27

The St. Agnes Misfits begin 2016 by diving into a brilliant work of literary analysis that reclaims masterpieces of Western literature as deeply Christian. Ironies of Faith: The Laughter at the Heart of Christian Literature by Anthony Esolen offers a penetrating alternative to prevailing secular orthodoxies. We will discuss Parts I and II of the Esolen book at our next meeting, January 27, at 7:00 pm in the Kent Street Room. You are cordially invited to join us.

COMING SOON

Attention Men of Saint Agnes – Friday, February 5

Come join the men of the parish for an early Mardi Gras ("Fat Friday") evening of camaraderie, good food, Scotch and other whiskey, beer, and cigars in anticipation of Lent. The parish's 3rd Annual Mardi Gras Event will be on Friday, February 5 at 7:00 pm in Schuler Hall. Cost: \$15 for food and drink, or \$20 for food, drink, and cigar. There will also be a drawing for 2 Minnesota Wild tickets (\$320 value). Free poker tournament starting at 7:45 p.m. Top 2 poker players will each receive 2 Wild tickets. Hosted by the Blessed Karl of Austria Scotch and Smoking Society. Please RSVP to Anthony Alt at anthonyjamesalt@gmail.com or 612.381.6964 by February 3.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME LUNCHEON

All *new* parishioners and their families are invited to a New Parishioner Welcome Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, January 31 at 1:00 pm in Schuler Hall hosted by Fr. Moriarty. Enjoy a free, catered luncheon while meeting other new parishioners and learning more about Saint Agnes.

Anyone who has registered with the parish since January 2015 should receive an invitation by mail in the next few days. If you recently registered, but did not receive an invitation, you are still welcome! Please contact the Parish Office at 651.925.8800 by January 25 to RSVP for the lunch. We hope to see you there!

CHORALE & ORCHESTRA NOTES

Mass: Charles Gounod, *Messe Solennelle*
Saint Cecilia Mass (1855)

Processional: Josef Rheinberger, Organ Concerto
No. 1 in F, Op. 137: I. *Maestoso* (1884)

The music for this Mass is sponsored by Virginia Schubert in memory of Msgr. Richard J. Schuler, and in honor of past and present members of the Twin Cities Catholic Chorale

Composer Charles François Gounod (1818-1893) was a practicing Catholic and as a youth intended to become a priest. This *Messe Solennelle* was dedicated by the composer to Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians, who like Saint Agnes was martyred for her faith in Rome and is memorialized in both the Roman Canon and the Roman Martyrology. The *Gloria* and *Credo* are famous for their drama, power and memorable melodies. The *Sanctus* with the enormous and beautiful tenor solo reaches a full musical climax at "*Hosanna in excelsis*" near the end of the movement. The Twin Cities Catholic Chorale is a non-profit corporation, which depends solely on the generosity of its patrons. Programs are posted on the Chorale web site at www.catholicchorale.org. Next Sunday the Chorale & Orchestra will present W.A. Mozart's *Piccolomini* Mass, K 258.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis asks us to "live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (cf. Lk 6:36)'" Participate throughout the year by making a pilgrimage to a Holy Door at the Cathedral of Saint Paul or Basilica of Saint Mary, regularly receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and participating in the #MercyWorks video challenge. Find additional ways to pray, learn and act at www.archspm.org/Mercy.

CMA Educational Symposium and Dinner - January 30

Healthcare workers are invited to an Educational Symposium and Dinner hosted by the Saint Paul & Minneapolis Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, Saturday, January 30: Mass at 5:00 pm in St. Mary's Chapel, The Saint Paul Seminary, followed by dinner and a lecture. Tickets: Physicians & Spouses: \$50 per person; Non-Physician Health Care Workers & Spouses: \$25 per person; Medical Students & Spouses: No charge. RSVP to flomos@archspm.org.

Newly Married - February 6, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Church of St. Charles Borromeo

This retreat is for all couples married 0 to 7 years wishing to have a happy, holy and healthy marriage. The retreat includes a Keynote presentation by Bishop Cozzens, breakout sessions, reconciliation and the opportunity for couples to renew wedding vows. \$40 per couple, including continental breakfast and catered lunch. Register at www.archspm.org/nmr. For more information, please call 651.291.4488

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 24

Coffee and Donuts served by the Knights of Columbus
 Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Kent)11:30 am
 Latin Class (Brides)11:30 am
 Vespers & Benediction 3:00 pm

Monday, January 25

No scheduled activities

Tuesday, January 26

Legion of Mary (Brides) 6:15 pm
 Rosary (Chapel) 7:00 pm
 Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:30 pm
 TCCC Rehearsal (Choir Loft) 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 27

Cathedral Religion Class (School) 6:30 pm
 Confirmation Evening of Reflection for Homeschooled
 and Catechesis students (Schuler) 6:45 pm
 TCCC board meeting (Brides) 7:00 pm
 Misfits Adult Reading Group (Kent) 7:00 pm
 Parish Choir Rehearsal (Loft) 7:00 pm
 Men's Basketball (Door 1—School) 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 28

That Man is You (Schuler)6:15 am

Friday, January 29

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:15 Mass
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Chapel) 3:00 pm
 Confessions (Chapel) 4:00 pm

Saturday, January 30

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

Welcome to our parish family:

Colin and Anna Marie Maxon

*Kevin and Roxanne Shackle
 and their children,
 Andreyah Katherine and John William*

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Wayne Vail

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 St. Joseph, 1154 Seminole Ave., West St. Paul. Classes begin on Friday, February 12th, at 6:30 pm. Classes will teach new streamlined methodology using new materials integrating Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Register at: <http://twincities.ccli.org> or for more information, call 612.721.3791 or email twincities.ccli.org@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 25 | The Conversion of Saint Paul

8:00 am Emeline Clark

Tuesday, January 26 | Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

8:00 am Lucia Clark

Wednesday, January 27 | Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

8:00 am Schultz Family

Thursday, January 28 | Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

8:00 am Thomas Cloutier † of the Church

9:30 am* Andrew Guzik Sr. †

Friday, January 29

8:00 am Msgr. Richard Schuler †

5:15 pm Dorothy Widegren †

Saturday, January 30

8:00 am* Kurt & Michelle Virnig & Family

5:15 pm Marguerite Myszka (B)

Sunday, January 31 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am Barbara Finanger †

7:30 am John & Lois Millet †

8:30 am Miles Clark

10:00 am* Paul & Nancy Barrett

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

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

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 30**5:15 pm Mass**Jonah Hintgen, Matthew Boeser, Michael McNamara,
Joseph Hintgen, Jimmy Bloomquist**Sunday, January 31****7:30 am Mass**

Nicholas Conroy, Thomas Conroy, Dominic Adkins

8:30 am MassShane Oglesbee, Dominic Heesch, Francis Minwegen,
Daniel Minwegen, Max Rosenthal**10:00 am Mass***William Kostuch, Anton Praska, Jacob Rose, Joe Galush, Petrus
Washburn, Ben Lenzmeier, Andrew Brownell,
Aloisius Washburn, Ambrose Washburn,
Nathan Brownell, Nicholas Brownell**12:00 Noon Mass**Duy Phan, Nguyen Phan, Viet Pham,
An Phan, Thomas Busse

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

January 17, 2016

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