
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**CHURCH 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
Saturday: After 8 a.m. Mass, Rosary for Life (Chapel)
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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PASTOR'S COLUMN



The Search for Genetic Markers of Congenital Diseases

Autism is a disorder that negatively affects a person's social interactions due to impaired verbal and non-verbal communication. In the United States, about one in 68 children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. That is nearly 1.5% of the children born in America. Scientists are searching for causes, whether environmental or genetic or both. Apparently, there is a big push in autism research to focus on finding a genetic marker for the disorder. Researchers are hoping the discovery of genes connected to autism will give them the ability to find out if an unborn child will likely develop autism. Why? Are they hoping to develop groundbreaking therapeutic treatments that can help families and individuals living with the difficulties of this disorder? Assuredly, some scientists are doing so, but, sadly, some have no such desire for helping a child. Instead, these genetic markers are intended to be used in counseling mothers to terminate their pregnancies.

Just consider what has happened in the case of Down's syndrome. Genetic markers are being used every day to inform mothers that their little ones may develop this condition. Mothers are then presented with the option to terminate the pregnancy, aka abortion. The number of children born with Down's syndrome has dropped dramatically, but not because the disorder is going away or is being effectively treated. The little children who have genetic markers of Down's syndrome are being considered as those having lives not worthy of living and an impossible burden for parents and society.

Most recently in the news is the outbreak of the Zika virus. It appears to be causing a disorder called microcephaly where the head and brain are smaller than normal. Although there is no current treatment, the experts in countries where the Zika virus is prevalent have been advising pregnant women with symptoms of the virus to "get tested". In the media reports I have been following, those same experts never said what would happen next if the tests were positive. Again, they did not speak about therapeutic treatments. What was left unsaid was that the recommended treatment is an abortion. More recently, journalists have been asking what treatments might follow a diagnosis and have been increasingly honest in reporting that the "treatments" are really only abortion and contraception. This is a very sad state of affairs, but entirely predictable for a culture of death and a culture that seeks to avoid inconveniences.

In a refreshing change, BBC News did a short essay about a young woman who grew up with microcephaly. Although she admitted to having many struggles, she was able to get a degree and is happy with who she is. Through a translator she tells the viewing audience that she is grateful her mother did not have an abortion! A wonderful reminder that our humanity is not tied merely to our DNA, nor should we deem others unworthy of life if they have or do not have certain genetic markers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Mark Moriarty

TODAY AT SAINT AGNES

Today we will have our monthly Red Envelope to benefit Saint Agnes School as part of our normal offertory collection.

Come down to Schuler Hall after Mass for coffee and donuts served by the Altar & Rosary Society.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT AGNES

Lent Starts on Wednesday

Saint Agnes will offer 4 Masses on Ash Wednesday. Please refer to page 3 of this bulletin for the specifics.

Saint Agnes School Kindergarten Roundup ~ February 11

Join us Thursday, February 11 at 6 pm to learn more about the academic program at Saint Agnes School.

Legion of Mary: Be Part of a 43 Year Tradition at St. Agnes

When Roe v. Wade became the chilling decision in 1973 by the United States Supreme Court regarding abortion, Monsignor Schuler responded with the Saturday morning Rosary for Life. Initially, this consisted of the recitation of the entire 15 decade rosary and monthly talks from various priests and religious (September through May). This was attended by Catholics United for the Faith (CUF) for many years. As membership in the CUF dwindled, the Legion of Mary took up the mantle and has been continuing this tradition for the last 5 years. Join with Nick and John of the Legion of Mary every Saturday morning in the Chapel shortly after the 8:00 am Mass to pray the Rosary for Life. The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 6:15 pm in the Bride's room. Contact Andrzej at 651.202.6953.

NEXT WEEK AT SAINT AGNES

Baby Bottle Campaign

Thank you for supporting women and unborn children by participating in our baby bottle fundraiser. The whole family can drop in coins, cash, or checks. Proceeds help TLC Options for Women support the work of 34 Pro-Life Pregnancy Resource Centers! Bring your bottle back to Saint Agnes on February 13 or 14. Bottles can also be returned to the TLC office in the St. Agnes Convent during business hours.

SOON AT SAINT AGNES

Morning of Reflection for all Women of the Parish

Please join the Altar & Rosary Society for their annual Lenten Morning of Reflection on Saturday, February 20 which begins with 8:00 Mass followed by a light breakfast and retreat conference, ending before noon. Our speaker this year will be our own Fr. Mark Moriarty who will be helping us understand our role as women in the Church and in the family by learning more about Ruth, a major figure in the Bible. There is no cost for this event but a free will offering will be taken. Please pre-register for this event by calling Gerrie in the Parish Office at 651.925.8809 or glachowitz@saintagnesschool.org no later than Wednesday, February 17.

CHORALE & ORCHESTRA NOTES

Mass: W.A. Mozart, *Missa Brevis in F*, K 192 (1774)
Offertory: W. A. Mozart, *Church Sonata in F*, K 145 (1774)

*The music for this Mass is sponsored by Helene Houle
in memory of her mother, Laura L'allier Houle*

Wolfgang Mozart (1756-1791) was only 18 when he composed this Mass. It was completed while he was in the employment of the Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg, who in 1772 decreed that Masses – music and all – not last more than 45 minutes. This accounts for the designation of eight of Mozart's Masses as *missa brevis* or "brief mass". The *Credo* of this Mass features the "Do-Re-Fa-Mi" plainchant leitmotif, which Mozart "recycled" 14 years later as the main theme to the final movement of his final symphony – No. 41, the *Jupiter* Symphony. 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. The next Orchestra Mass will be on *Laetare* Sunday, March 6, when Franz Schubert's *Mass in C* will be presented.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 13
5:15 pm

Chris Ethier, Lucas Lahlum, Michael McNamara

Sunday, February 14
7:30 am

William Kostuch, Nate Bennett

8:30 am

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

10:00 am

Ross Wright, Anton Praska, Jacob Rose,
Joe Galush, Ben Lenzmeier, Andrew Brownell,
James Eilen, Alex Lenzmeier, Nathan Brownell,
Nicholas Brownell, Philip Eilen

12:00 pm

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our parish family:

Gregory and Sarah Damm and their children, Anna Grace,
Olivia Mary, Lucia Therese, Luke Gregory,
Veronica Madeline and Joseph Ignatius

Charles and Teagan Drayton and their children,
Lillian Priscilla, Charles David II, and Winston Benjamin

Emily Hurd

Travis Lee

Alex Webb

SUNDAY OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY 31, 2016

Envelope/Plate	\$ 11,836.80
Automatic Contributions	\$ 370.00
Total	\$ 12,206.80



WEEKLY CALENDAR

*(Regular, weekly Masses, Confessions, and Devotions are
found on the bulletin cover)*

Sunday, February 7

Coffee and Donuts served by the Altar & Rosary Society
Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Kent)..... 11:30 am
Latin Class (Brides)..... 11:30 am

Monday, February 8

St. Anthony-Maria Hilf Meeting (Schuler)..... 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 9

Legion of Mary (Brides)..... 6:15 pm
TCCC Rehearsal (Choir Loft) 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 10

Little Flowers (Schuler)..... 3:00 pm
Family Catechesis (Schuler) 6:45 pm
Cathedral Religion Class (School)..... 6:30 pm
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Loft)..... 7:00 pm
Men's Basketball (Door 1 – School)..... 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 11

That Man is You (Schuler)..... 6:15 am

Friday, February 12

All-School Stations (Upper Church) 9:30 am
Stations of the Cross (Upper Church) 7:00 pm
Lenten Lecture Series (Schuler) 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 13

No scheduled events

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 8 | St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine

8:00 am Harry Larson Family **Bakhita, Virgin**

Tuesday, February 9

8:00 am John & Rachel McNamara Family

Wednesday, February 10 | Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Ken & Rosemary Larson Family EF Low Mass
8:00 am LeRoy Harringer † English Mass
9:30 am Jade Elizabeth Fish † English All School Mass
5:15 pm* Bill and Rita Hermes Latin OF Mass

Thursday, February 11 | Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 am Amy Strand †

Friday, February 12

8:00 am Joe & Kay Foht
5:15 pm Lucille Grosinger †

Saturday, February 13

8:00 am* Rachel Rother Burns
5:15 pm Malayna Eichwald

Sunday, February 14 | First Sunday of Lent

6:30 am Darrel † & Martha Praska (A)
7:30 am Joan Hofmann †
8:30 am Max Franke †
10:00 am* Richard "Red" Roberts †

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

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

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