



Welcome to

SAINT AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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1:00pm - 4:00pm
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SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:00am Mass
8:45-10:00am Confessions
4:15pm Mass

Sunday

8:15am Mass
10:00am Mass

Monday

6:45am Mass

Tuesday

6:45am Mass

Wednesday

8:00am Mass
5:00-6:00pm Confessions

Thursday

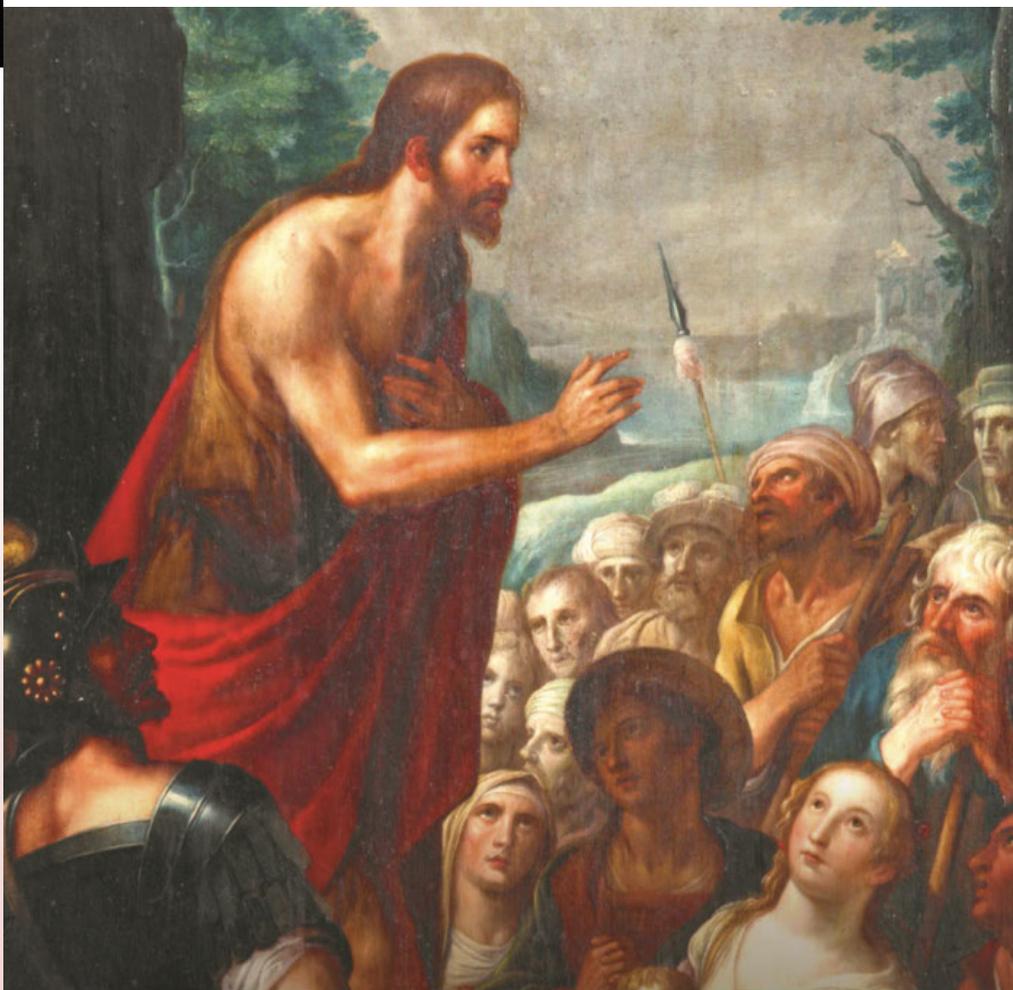
6:45am Mass

Friday

6:45am Mass

TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome new parishioners to our St. Agnes Parish family. Contact the Parish Office to register.



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

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December 15, 2024 · Third Sunday of Advent



Parish News and Events

SAINT AGNES

Saint Agnes was born in 291 into a Roman family of nobility and raised in a Christian family. She suffered martyrdom for her faith and commitment to her virginity as a young teen on January 21, 304. In art she is often portrayed holding a lamb, a symbol of innocence. Saint Agnes is the patron saint of young girls.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm,
Saturday 8:45-10:00am or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parish members are to make arrangements by phoning the Parish Office at least four months before the anticipated date of Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

We celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage for only our registered parish members. Arrangements are to be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance of the wedding.

To Those Hospitalized, Home Bound or in Nursing Homes

Visits to those hospitalized, home bound or in nursing homes are upon request.

Parish Outreach

If you seek assistance with rent, groceries, utilities, emergency shelter, etc., please contact the Parish Office for referral. After hours, please call The Crisis Center at (920) 436-8888.

Bulletin Deadline

Early deadlines— see page 6

Advent Reflection

Throughout Church history, Advent has always been a time for preparation, reflection and a re-calibration of our lives as Catholics.

Start with a very basic question...why am I a Catholic?

I get asked this question often at the jail. Many there are confused about the differences in various religions, especially other Christian denominations.

My answer is simple and direct. I say I am a Catholic because it's the fullness of truth.

Now there's a lot behind that statement, but that's my answer. It often leads to a more in-depth conversation...follow up talk about the teaching authority of the Church, the role of the Pope, Apostolic succession, the Saints, the Church Fathers, martyrdom, the role of Mary, the grace of the Sacraments, the real presence in the Eucharist...and on and on. It can go in many directions, but it starts with the one unshaken belief...that this is the truth.

This is the north star for me. If I believe it's the truth then no matter what is happening in the world, or politics or even the leadership in the Church at times, can drive me away. Sinful behavior by some will not move me away.

I'm a Catholic because it's the truth...all of it.

We should turn to Scripture at turbulent times. Here are a couple examples:

From Psalm 146:

"Put not your trust in princes, in mortal man, who cannot save."

From Paul's second letter to the Corinthians:

"We hold this treasure in earthen vessels. That the surpassing power may be of God and not from us."

The truth of our faith is true regardless of the earthen vessels who carry them. This is why the Church survives scandal. It's why after a dry period of vocations, "warrior" men are making their way back to seminaries. Like us, they crave the truth.

As we prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus, the fullness of truth...let's create for ourselves an Advent of the heart.

Here are four ways to prepare to encounter our Lord:

1. Reflect on the wonder of the Incarnation. Read Luke and the Nativity passages.
2. Reassess the service work you are either doing or should be doing in your life. As Saint Teresa of Avila said..."Yours are the eyes...yours are the feet...yours are the hands...yours is the body of Jesus on earth."
3. Proclaim the Gospel in your life. Don't be a "mail it in" Catholic. Stand up for faith. Be a lifelong learner so you can profess what the truth is, to others.
4. Look to Mary....we are called to love Jesus with our whole being. Ask for Mary's help to do this in bigger and better ways. There is no better role model.

Have a holy and fruitful Christmas!
May God bless you.
Deacon Greg

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Due to the printing deadline for this bulletin, the December 2 – December 8 contributions could not be reported.

They will be shown in the December 22 bulletin.

2024 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

To have contributions recognized in 2024, they must be dated 2024; received in the Parish Office prior to 4 p.m. on December 30 **or** received in the collection basket at the 4:15 p.m. vigil Mass on December 31, 2024 **or** postmarked on or before December 31, 2024.



Retirement Collection — SHARE IN THE CARE

**Diocesan Priest Retirement & National Retirement Fund for Religious
December 14 & 15**

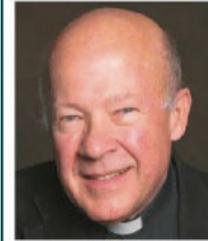
Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious and our senior diocesan priests. Your gift helps us Share in the Care and thank them for their service. Please use the envelope provided in your bi-monthly packet or the envelope available by the church doors. Make checks payable to St. Agnes Parish.

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Daughter of Jacob & Nicole

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Warmly Welcomes Our Newest Members

*Collin & Bridget Clark
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In the parish gym lobby at Holy Family School on
Tuesdays and Fridays 3:00-3:20 p.m.

New Address, New Phone, New Name?

Please inform the Parish Office of changes to your contact information.

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we must be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We must pray. We must reflect. We must question ourselves and others. We must examine our feelings. And then we must pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” that his reply was not going to be: “Keep doing exactly what you’re doing.”

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That’s a hard thing to do, and I don’t do it enough. Too often, I’m afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Third Sunday of Advent

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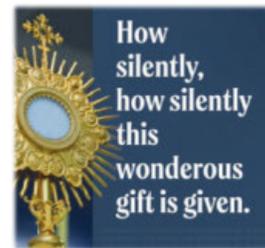


Year-End Giving: Invest in Catholic Education

As you consider your year-end charitable giving, we invite you to support the 2024-2025 GRACE Annual Appeal. Your gift will directly bless families seeking a Catholic education for their children.

Many of us have benefited from a Catholic education—now is the time to give back and support the next generation.

Donations can be mailed to GRACE Development Office, 1822 Riverside Dr., Green Bay, WI 54301; or donate online at gracesystem.org/giving/donate-now.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.
First Friday
7:30 a.m. – Saturday 7:30 a.m.

Parish Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations

Third Wednesday of each Month

December 18 at 5:00 p.m.
Join us in church for prayer.

St. Agnes Family Prayer Night

Prepare your hearts with peace this Advent through reconciliation and prayer. Immerse yourself in God’s grace and presence in the Holy Mass and before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration.



All are welcome to St. Agnes Family Prayer Night to spend time with the Lord, the only One who can give true peace to your heart this Advent!

Monday, December 16

Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Confessions 6:30 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.

Rosary before Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass



THE HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY
INVITES YOU TO A
SPECIAL EVENING OF PRAYER,
REFLECTION, AND SONG!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024
6:30 PM
ST. AGNES CHURCH

All men, women, and children are invited to attend this special Advent evening. In honor of our Blessed Mother and the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we will pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. A reflection on "Vision of the Nativity" by Anne Catherine Emmerich will be given by Deacon Greg Rotherham. We will close the Prayer Service with a Christmas Carol Sing-along followed by a social and refreshments.

St. Agnes Parish and Holy Family School
Paper and Cardboard Collection

January 4 & 5, 2025



Please remove Styrofoam and plastic packaging from boxes. Flatten or compact boxes.

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Widow's Support Meeting, Coffee, and Secret Santa on December 19, 1:00 p.m.
St. Gabriel Room of church/Door 4



We will enjoy a small gift exchange and holiday treats this month, along with prayer and conversation. All widows are welcome! Bring a wrapped \$10 gift or white elephant, to participate in Secret Santa! Call 920-494-2534 or email ministry@stagnesgreenbay.org for more information. Newly widowed or widowed a long time? Consider stopping in! You do not need to be Catholic to participate.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24 (Eve)

4:15 p.m.

The Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 25

8:15 and 10:00 a.m.

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
on December 24 and December 25

No confessions on December 25.



The Parish and Religious Ed Offices
will be closed from
December 24 through December 26.

Church Safety Team Update

Over the past 5 years, the St. Agnes Safety Team has focused on increasing the safety of parishioners during church activities. Identifying risks and improving timely responses has been a primary objective. We have brought in educational speakers, attended workshops, and responded to updates from the diocese on matters of safety.

Two current members will complete their terms in December, resulting in openings on the team. It is a dynamic group that meets on average once per month, nine months of the year.

We invite anyone interested in joining the team to our next meeting on **December 18 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Office Conference Room. Please call George Kamps at 920-265-5272 or Gail Eichhorn at 920-494-2534 with any questions.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the Week

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ. ©LPi



Prayer Vine

Place prayer requests on the vine, by calling Judi at 920-405-0586 or emailing Corinne at cdhallfam7@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions



Monday, December 16

6:45am † Virginia Draghicchio
7:00pm **Family Prayer Night**

Tuesday, December 17

6:45am † Kathleen Murphy

Wednesday, December 18

8:00am Special Intention (D.S.)

Thursday, December 19

6:45am † Wayne Peebles
9:00am Living and deceased members of the
Kohlbeck and McAllister families
School Mass

Friday, December 20

6:45am † Richard Sloniker

Saturday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

8:00am † Agnes Hein
4:15pm † Jim Letter

Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15am † John & Carmen Kane
10:00am Pro Populo

This Week at St. Agnes

Monday, December 16

7:30am – Church Cleaning / Team 2

Tuesday, December 17

7:30-10:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30-8:00pm – Holy Rosary Society Advent Evening

Wednesday, December 18

8:30am-5:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00-3:00pm – Staff Gathering (Parish Office Closed)
4:00pm – Safety Committee Meeting
5:00pm – Monthly Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, December 19

1:00-3:00pm – Widows Meeting / Secret Santa
5:45-7:15pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 20

7:30-10:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Happy Birthday,
Pope Francis!
December 17**



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Advent Litany

**Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

**You are light in our darkness.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Son of God, save us from our sins.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Son of Mary, deepen our love.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Bring hope into the lives of all people.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Give your peace to all nations.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Be the joy of all who love you.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Bring unity among all who believe in you.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Bless us as we gather in your name.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Lord Jesus, stay with us always.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

Let us pray:

**May Christ give us his peace and joy,
and let us share them with others.
All peace and glory are his forever.**

Amen.



Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

December 16 for December 29 bulletin
December 18 for January 5 bulletin

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ST. AGNES CONVENT

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December 21



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"Anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil cannot rejoice with Christ."

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