

### Parish Information

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 Parish Office Hours

 Mon.-Thurs.
 8:00am -12:00pm

 1:00pm - 4:00pm

 Fri.
 8:00am - 12:00pm

### SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

Saturdav 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.

# Welcome to SAINT AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

1484 NINTH STREET · GREEN BAY, WI 54304-3061

# Fourth sunday of ADVENT



December 22, 2024 · Fourth 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

### +AMDG+

Praise the Lord! With Christmas just a few days away, I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year of 2024! For many, Christmas is a time for us to spend with friends and family. Sadly, for many others, these holiday seasons can be quite lonely and isolated. We remember Jesus, Mary and Joseph searching for a room at the inn in the Nativity narrative. They were poor and needed some help along the way. However, they were not given any room in the inn. Perhaps the guestion for us is: Do I have room for Jesus in my heart? Have I accommodated His love in my life? Since arriving at Saint Agnes, I have been able to meet with many groups who do great good for others. One of them is the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Their activity of charity is a way to express God's hospitality and love with others. You may have heard of this group before. We have had representatives speak to us and we are familiar with events in our bulletin. If God is nudging you to be more involved in this season of giving, consider the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. There is a special message below to learn more about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. In Benedict XVI's encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est" (Latin for "God is Love") he writes, "When people participate in the Eucharist, they are united with Christ and with others who receive the Eucharist. This unites the love of God with the love of neighbor." The expression of our love of God expresses itself in service. The washing of the disciples' feet at the Last Supper is tied up in the Paschal Mystery of God. That is to say that the act of service is one and the same with the act of worship. At the conclusion of Mass we hear the words, "The Mass is ended, go in peace." In Latin it is said as, "Ite, missa est," and literally it means "Go, it is sent". The Mass means that we are sent from the Mystery of Faith to that of faith in action. Worship and service thereby are inherently linked. May God bless the Saint Vincent de Paul Society here at Saint Agnes and the many other organizations who help to make room at the inn for those in need. Remarkable. Now & Forever!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Blessed new year! Thank you for your gift of faith and hospitality.

### Pax Christi, Fr. Quentin Mann



### THANK YOU ST. AGNES PARISHIONERS FROM SVDP!

St. Agnes Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank our parishioners for allowing us to have our best year ever in helping the less fortunate in our area. Our fiscal year ended September 30, and the final amounts of time, talent and treasure are in for the year. Your prayers and donations,



(both monetary and goods like furniture and household goods,) allowed our Conference at St. Agnes to help over 500 households in our area and deliver over \$100,000 in assistance to the people in this area!

Our Conference put in so many hours for the Lord, that if we volunteered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, our time given would take us to the 24th of August—amazing! And that doesn't count the hours the Men's Club spent making tables for us or the hours you spent in prayer for us.

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### **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

### Contributions received:

December 2 – December 8	
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 15,389.00
Loose Offering	\$ 983.00
Restricted Gifts	\$ 4,498.00
Total\$ 20,870.00	

Due to the printing deadline for this bulletin, the December 9 – December 15 contributions could not be reported. They will be shown in the December 29 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 23 **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

Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes in church or the parish office to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests, as well as our own diocesan priests. On behalf of them, thank you for your generous care!

### New Address, New Phone, New Name?

### PLEASE INFORM THE PARISH OFFICE

- If you have a change of address, phone number (or drop your land line), email address or marital status.
- If you, a family member or parish neighbor are home bound, admitted to the hospital, enter a nursing home or assisted living residence.
- If you change parish membership.

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We pray for your continued support. We also would love to invite you in our journey of spirituality, friendship and assistance to the less fortunate. Even 2 hours a month for the 12 months in a year would add another day to our hours of work for God. The time spent certainly brings us closer to Christ as well, as we with great joy do the work of his hands and feet here on earth. If the time you give can't be in person, please remember to pray for the St. Agnes Conference. If you are interested in giving even a few hours a month to help us serve the less fortunate, please contact our St. Agnes Conference President, Holly Maes, at 309-312-0493 or send her an e-mail at svdpgbhmaes@gmai.com.

God bless, and THANKS AGAIN for your support!



Earn a rebate for our parish... Spend Scrip cards like cash!

*Circle "Parish" and Write "St. Agnes" on form.* SCRIP is available from 3:00-3:20PM on Tuesdays and Fridays in the gym lobby at Holy Family School, Door 5 and at church on weekends—Saturday 5:00-5:30PM and Sunday 9:00-10:00AM in the narthex.

All times dependent on availability of volunteer sellers.

### **Everyday ONLINE Supporter Discount**



Get **30% OFF** your entire **ONLINE** order at menu price <u>and</u>

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Good at Papa John's in Green Bay, Appleton, Darboy, De Pere, Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Sheboygan and Steven's Point.

### PRAYER VINE

To place a prayer on our vine, call Judi at 920-405-0586 or email Corinne at cdhallfam7@gmail.com.





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- Do you have a special love for the Mass?
- Has the Mass grown mundane over time?
- Is the Mass hit or miss depending on what is happening in your life?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, the four-part video series The Mass: An Introduction is for you!

Whether you attend Mass regularly or maybe not so regularly, this series can awaken a new love for Sunday worship!

Stay tuned for more information as this resource becomes available to parishes for Lent 2025.

Office of Missionary Discipleship

### **Faith Formation**

### **High School Students**

Join us for the Steubenville **Youth Conference** July 11 - 13, 2025 in Rochester, MN

Contact the RE Office at 920-494-6450 ASAP.

Reserve your spot now. Bus will fill quickly.



# G.R.A.C.E.



Merry Christmas from GRACE! Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Christmas from our GRACE family to yours! As we celebrate the birth of Christ, may His love fill your hearts and homes with

peace, joy, and hope throughout the year. Merry Christmas!



### **Christmas Eve Prayer**

Loving Father.

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

-Attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson

Diocese of

Green Bay

# The Greatest Gift 🚽 Your Faith Life

Now is the perfect time to begin or continue your journey of faith into Catholicism. If you are unbaptized or in need of any sacrament or would like to talk to someone about being reconciled with the Church, please call the Parish Office at 920-494-2534.

### 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.

The dumpster will be by the gym lobby doors. *Thank you for supporting our collection!* 

### Calling All Card Players! Cards and Cribbage at St. Agnes First Thursday of Each Month / Church Door 4 Next Date: January 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Sheepshead, Bridge, Cribbage and Dominoes.



Öpen to all we have players for. Widows, widowers, couples, and singles, all are welcome! Come join the fun! Bring your own beverage.

### "Knights on Call"

Our Knights of Columbus Council #617 has a program named "Knights on Call" to help you with small household tasks. Changing the batteries in your smoke



alarms or carrying water-softening salt for example, and other simple tasks which take less than an hour to complete and for various reasons may be difficult. If you need our assistance, call 920-366-9809 and ask for Don.

# Emmanuel, God With Us



<u>Christmas Mass Schedule</u> Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord <u>Tuesday, December 24 (Eve)</u> 4:15 p.m.

The Nativity of the Lord Wednesday, December 25 8:15 and 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses <u>Tuesday, December 31 (Vigil)</u>

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4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1 9:00 a.m.

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament December 24, December 25 & January 1

> <u>No Confessions</u> December 25 and January 1

Parish & Religious Ed Offices are Closed December 24 through January 1

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Come give yourself to Jesus and receive Him in your heart, your mind, your soul.

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



<u>Adorers Needed</u> 11 a.m. on First Friday Substitutes for any of the days.

Contact Dawn Toonen to sign up at 920-246-0913.

**Parish Holy Hour** Third Wednesday of Each Month Join us at 5:00 p.m. in church.

# Mass Intentions



Monday, December 23 - *St. John of Kanty* 6:45am + Charles Hoover and Rita Peters

**Tuesday, December 24** - *Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord* 4:15pm + Joseph & Mary Rotherham

Wednesday, December 25 - *The Nativity of the Lord* 8:15am † Don Stoehr 10:00am Pro Populo

Thursday, December 26 - St. Stephen 6:45am + Mitchell Lepak

Friday, December 27 - St. John 6:45am † Michael Hruska

Saturday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents 8:00am + Lloyd & Mary Meunier 4:15pm Pro Populo

### Sunday, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph8:15am+Shirley Jankowski

10:00am + Linda Queoff

# This Week at St. Agnes

Friday, December 27 7:30-10:30am—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 28 8:45-10:00am—Confessions

The rosary is prayed Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday following the 6:45 am Mass and Wednesday & Saturday prior to the 8:00am Mass.





### <u>Children's Scripture</u>

Children's Scripture for ages 3-7 is offered at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month.

### St. Agnes Family Prayer Night First and Third Mondays of Each Month Come and Pray with Us!

6:15 p.m. - Doors Open 6:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:00 p.m. - Mass Rosary before Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass *Come for all or any part your schedule allows.*  **GOSPEL MEDITATION** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

4th Sunday of Advent—Luke 1:39-45

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that **"there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord"** (Luke 1:45). Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

— Father John Muir

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Christ the King. Light of the World. Son of God. Prince of Peace. King of Kings.

"In Advent, we await an event which occurs in history and at the same time transcends it." –St. John Paul II

# **Contact Information**

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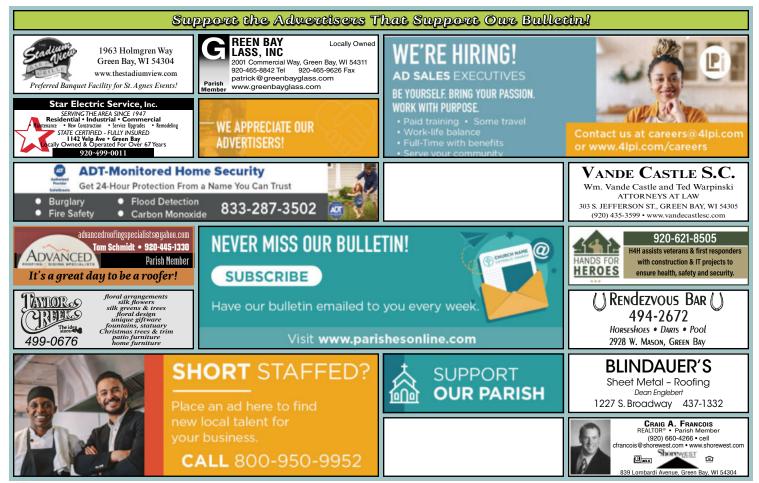
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### ST. AGNES CONVENT

Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity



Saint Stephen was a deacon and martyr who was stoned to death for his faith in Jesus Christ. As he was being stoned, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Lord, do not hold this sin against them."



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