

#### Parish Information

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#### SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

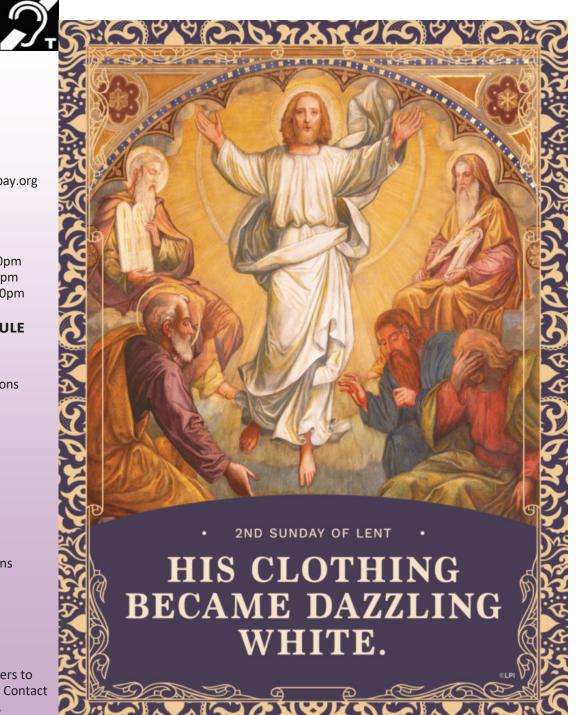
Saturday 8:00am Mass 8:45-10:00am Confessions 4:15pm Mass Sundav 8:15am Mass 10:00am Mass Mondav 6:45am Mass Tuesday 6:45am Mass Wednesday 8:00am Mass 5:00-6:00pm Confessions Thursday 6:45am Mass Fridav 6:45am Mass

#### **TO OUR VISITORS**

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

# SAINT AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

1484 NINTH STREET · GREEN BAY, WI 54304-3061





# **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 Monday noon

#### Did Jesus Laugh?

Admittedly, this is not the deepest theological question facing us today, but I am still curious about it.

As a starting point, let's look at His family. God the Father certainly delighted in His creation. In Genesis, we know from the creation stories that God stepped back after each "day" and "saw that it was good." He drew particular delight in the sea monsters which He made for His own enjoyment. How could the creator fashion the hippopotamus or the giraffe WITHOUT laughing?

We also know that throughout salvation history, He had joy and delight in certain leaders, at times...Moses, the prophets and King David, "A man after His own heart."

As Pierre Teilhard once said, "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." God demonstrates joy and since we are made in His image and likeness, then it stands to reason that a sense of humor is part of the human condition.

Back to Jesus, then...the perfect man. In Jesus' time, often the set up to a story was funnier than the punchline. Jesus' method for teaching often had exaggerated set ups. A beam in your eye, pointing out the sliver in someone else's, or a mustard seed growing SO large that birds can nest in its growth. Jesus also had a wit about Him in conversation. After Nathaniel asks whether "anything good can come from Nazareth", a shot at Jesus' hometown, one can picture Jesus' head rocking back, laughing as He says, "Here is a man without guile."

Or how about Jesus' exchange with the woman asking for the healing of her daughter. Referring to a dog, Jesus seems to parry with her and when she responds that "even the dogs get the scraps from their master's table," Jesus heals. One can picture His teasing, knowing He would heal, because of her faith.

Or Jesus' nickname for Apostles, James and John – Boanerges, the "Sons of Thunder," for their bombastic style. I am sure that Jesus used this as a term of endearment, often laughing as He used it.

We know that Jesus had the full range of emotions, weeping when His friend Lazarus died and showing righteous anger while driving the money changers from the Temple. Why then would He NOT have laughter as part of His human makeup?

When He was with children, which was often, He showed delight. Think of kids who make US laugh with their antics. How could Jesus NOT laugh in those situations?

How many Peter examples can we think of where you just know Jesus was patiently smiling, waiting for Peter to catch up on issues? Or how could He NOT laugh at the impulsiveness of Peter..."Let's build tents and stay here," or jumping into the water half naked and swimming to greet the resurrected Jesus? THAT'S a funny scene!

Lastly, the men who act today in the "person of Christ" for us, sacramentally, are successors to Jesus. THEY laugh. Remember Pope John Paul II when the doves were not quite cooperating upon release in the window at the Vatican? OR see how quickly Bishop Ricken is to laugh, or priests, when kids do what they do at Mass. He can't suppress his laughter!

My conclusion: Of course, Jesus laughed! He was the ultimate charismatic man who ever lived. People were drawn to Him for every reason WE are drawn to leaders. While eternal salvation is serious business, humor and laughter can evangelize, clarify, and welcome others into a relationship with Jesus.

A Priest, a Levite and a Samaritan walk into a bar...

May God bless you. Deacon Greg

## **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

#### Contributions received:

March 3 –	March 9
Sacrificial Giving	\$ 23,638.00
Loose Offering	\$ 891.00
Restricted Gifts	\$ 295.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,438.00
Total	\$ 27,262.00



# St. Agnes Parish Bishop's Appeal 2025 \$72,493 Week 1 \$ 25,720 Week 6 \$ 10,085 Week 2 \$ 1,425 Week 7 \$ Week 3 \$ 13,125 Week 8 \$ Week 4 \$ 7,670 Week 9 \$ Week 5 \$ 9,255 Week 10 \$ Pledged Amount: \$ 67,280 % of Goal Completed

# SUMMER FESTIVAL

The St. Agnes Summer Festival needs a leader (or a team) to take over the management of this popular event in 2025. Typically held the first Sunday of August, the Festival is not only an important fundraiser for the parish, but it brings people from the community together in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere. The recent leaders will be happy to share information to help you get started. Please contact the Parish Office, 920-494-2534/

parishoffice@stagnesgreenbay.org.



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#### **Money Counters**

Money counters serve our parish community by counting and processing the weekend offerings. There are currently enving eveny other Monday from 6:45 to

two teams serving every other Monday from 6:45 to approximately 9 a.m. The time is voluntary and the minimum age to count is 18. New members will need to complete a background check and training. Experience handling money is preferred.

Contact the Parish Office, 920-494-2534 or parishoffice@stagnesgreenbay.org.



St. Patríck and St. Joseph, pray for us!



#### **Packer Fans!**

St. Vincent de Paul Green Bay will be hosting an NFL Draft Event on Wednesday, April 23, the day before the start of the NFL Draft. We will be selling NFL merchandise during this event. Monies



raised will pour back into this community to assist the needy, poor, and homeless.

We'd love if you could clean out your closets and storage boxes and find a few Packer items or other NFL merchandise to donate. Members of the St. Agnes SVDP Conference will collect your NFL merchandise after all Masses on the weekend of March 29-30. Help us have a great Draft fundraiser for our community.



# Every celebration of Holy Mass requires preparation for a proper disposition.

Those who intend to receive the Eucharist should come to Mass with clean consciences and properly disposed souls.

A proper disposition is fostered by:

- Frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance
- Observing the required fast from food and drink for at least one hour before Holy Communion, with the exception of water and medicine
- The quieting of mind, heart, and lips prior to the beginning of Mass
- Regular prayer, discussion and catechesis within the family and the regular practice of attending Confession and Mass as a family

The faithful may not receive Holy Communion when guilty of grave sin. Those who are unable to receive Holy Communion for any reason are encouraged to pray the prayer of Spiritual Communion.

# **Faith Formation**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL All West Side GB Parishes Welcome! Grades K-5 June 16-20 (8:30-11:30 am) St. Joseph Parish, 936 9th St. Ask how you can volunteer.

**Local Events** 

#### Eucharistic Experiences One-Day Mission

Deacon David Scheuer Tuesday — March 18 9am and again at 7pm

Worship Area at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



AGLIMPSE

HEAVEN ON EARTH

- Peer behind the veil of everyday life into the mysteries of the Catholic faith.
- Be reminded of the grace, love, and blessings that are accessible to all of us who await and seek with an earnest heart.
- Embark on a journey of faith, exploration, and Deacon David's encounters with the divine.

Deacon David Scheuer is author of the book A Glimpse of Heaven on Earth.

No need to RSVP. All are welcome. If you have questions or need more info, please call 920.499.1546.

Where? St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish 2771 Oakwood Dr., Green Bay

#### Nativity Women's Guild Huge Rummage Sale, Book Sale & Bake Sale Friday, April 11 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Saturday, April 12, from 8:00 am to noon 'Fill a Bag Sale' for \$5.00 on Saturday ONLY. NO food will be served. FREE ADMISSION. Nativity Parish Bona Hall, 2270 S. Oneida St, GB Please enter through Door 6 or 7 on Cormier Road Parking Lot.

**GB Diocese Council of Catholic Women Convention:** *The Joy of the Lord is My Strength* Saturday, April 12, at St. John the Baptist, Howard All women are invited. Registration at 8:00 am, Mass at 8:30 am, concludes at 2:30 pm. Speakers: Fr. Dave Pleier and Sr. Pam Biehl, OSF. Registration is \$30/person or \$125/group of five. Registration due by March 28. For a registration form and contact information visit our website at www.gbdccw.org and click on the Events tab.



#### Prepare Your Hearts During Lent with Family Prayer Night First and Third Mondays of the Month

Family Prayer Night offers a means for delving deeper into prayer for your Lenten journey. Come by yourself or with family and friends. Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:30 pm. Mass at 7:00 pm. Consider coming for the Rosary before Mass or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. <u>Come</u>, and let the Lord lead you into a closer relationship with Him this Lent!

# 40 DAYS FORLIFE.

Your prayers and witness can and do change hearts and save lives. Will you join us as we walk, fast and pray for an end to abortion? Sign-up and information in the narthex.

# ST. AGNES MEN'S CLUB FISHERMEN'S NIGHT OUT



**Guest Speaker: Bill Huber** Packers beat writer for *Sports Illustrated* and one of WBAY's "Three Wise Men"

#### "Talking Packers and the NFL Draft"

#### Thursday, April 10, 2025 St. Agnes Parish Social Hall

Doors Open at 5:15 PM Guest Speaker at 6:30 PM Smelt Fry follows Guest Speaker Men and Women Welcome!

**Donation: \$15.00/person** Tickets available at St. Agnes Parish Office and at the door.



#### DE-ESCALATION WORKSHOP Saturday, March 22, 2025 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. | St. Agnes Church



The Safety & Security Committee in partnership with NWTC Public Safety is offering a **De-escalation Workshop**.

This workshop goes over a person's mindset, training, and experience and how that impacts their communications. The attendees will acquire advanced knowledge to enhance their conflict and cross culture communications which promotes de-escalation. All parish staff, ushers, greeters, teachers, and anyone with an interest is invited to attend. Registration is appreciated but not required. Phone 920-494-2534 or

email ministry@stagnesgreenbay.org



#### HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 6:30 PM

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All men, women and children are invited to attend the March meeting of the Holy

Rosary Society. We will pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary followed by the Litany of St. Joseph. We will conclude the service with "Mary's Way of the Cross" which helps us to see Christ's passion through the eyes of His mother. A reception and refreshments will conclude the evening.

#### Widow's Support Meeting and Coffee March 20, 1:00 PM St. Gabriel Room/Church door 4



Newly widowed? Long-time widow? Consider joining us for support, prayer, fellowship and conversation. We meet the third Thursday of each month. No registration necessary. Call or email, 920-494-2534/ ministry@stagnesgreenbay.org for more information. You do not have to be Catholic to participate.

#### Do you like to design and maintain websites?

St. Agnes Parish could use your help. We are looking for a parishioner to help with creative changes for our new parish



Contact the Parish Office if interested, 920-494-2534/ parishoffice@stagnesgreenbay.org

website and on-going maintenance.



St. Peter's Basilica, Venue of the Second Vatican Council

## Saint Agnes Parish Mission Vatican II and Liturgy

Sun, April 6 • Mon, April 7 • Tue, April 8 JMJ Hall (Parish Social Hall) 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

These sessions will clarify what Vatican II teaches in contrast to various claims about the council. You will be prepared to charitably discuss Vatican II and the various changes to the liturgy which occurred following the council. Each evening will begin with 60 minutes of videos followed by discussion and social interaction.

The video presentations are by Brandon Vogt and Father Blake Britton. Brandon Vogt is the content director for Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. He is also the founder of ClaritasU which specializes in helping Catholics understand and charitably discuss hot button issues involving the Catholic church.

Father Blake Britton is the author of *Reclaiming* Vatican II: What the Council (Really) Said, What It Means, and How It Calls Us to Renew the Church.

#### Come to as many sessions as you are able.

#### Session 1: Sunday, April 6, 2025

Vatican II: What is Vatican II? What happened after the Council? Why some Catholics despise Vatican II.Interview with Father Blake Britton.Discussion and social.

#### Session 2: Monday, April 7, 2025

Vatican II: Common myths about Vatican II. Answering the big objections. Talking tips and strategies.

Liturgy Changes: How we got to what some call the "liturgy wars". Clearing up the confusions.

Appreciating both sides.

Discussion and social.

#### Session 3: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Interview with Father Blake Britton.

Liturgy Changes: The hottest issues. Answering the big objections. Talking tips and strategies. Discussion and social.

# Mass Intentions



#### Monday, March 17 - St. Patrick

6:45am † Deceased members of the Kamps and Wittlinger Families 7:00pm Family Prayer Night

#### Tuesday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

6:45am For Our Children and the Practice of the Faith

#### Wednesday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00am + Cyril Verheyen

#### Thursday, March 20

6:45am † Tom Rickert 9:00am Living and deceased members of the Todd and McClure Families School Mass

#### Friday, March 21

6:45am + Roberta Hager

#### Saturday, March 22

8:00am	+	Bert & Ev Vander Wegen
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4:15pm + Kay M. Blohowiak

#### Sunday, March 23 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:15am Pro Populo 10:00am † Jim Destiche

# This Week at St. Agnes

#### Tuesday, March 18

7:30-10:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30pm – Parish Council 6:30-8:00pm – Holy Rosary Society Meeting Wednesday, March 19 8:30am-5:00pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:00pm – Parish Monthly Holy Hour Thursday, March 20 1:00-3:00pm – Card Playing Group 5:00pm – Finance Council 5:45-7:15pm – Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm – KC 617 Cribbage Tournament (Doors open) Friday, March 21— Day of Abstinence 7:30-10:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1:00pm – Stations of the Cross Saturday, March 22 10:00am-2:00pm – De-escalation Workshop

# PARISH HOLY HOUR

Third Wednesday of each month MARCH 19 5 p.m. in church Scripture, prayer, meditation & reflection.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

## Fridays at 4:30 p.m.

April 4

#### Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

March 21 & 28, April 11 with Holy Family School classes

We will pray the Stations of the Cross following the devotion by St. Alphonsus Liguori.





Our parish is collecting items for Love Life Ministry, House of Hope and Alexandrina Center

Take an egg off the tree in the narthex, purchase the item listed, and return the item unwrapped to church with the egg attached by Sunday, March 30.

# Lent Reconciliation Night

Tuesday, March 25 6 to 7 p.m.

Area priests will be available for confession.

Regular Confession Times: Wednesdays - 5 to 6 p.m. Saturdays - 8:45 to 10 a.m.

Reconciliation at Area Parishes Penance Service Thurs, April 3 (6:30 pm) - St. John the Baptist Adoration and Confession Wed, April 2 (5:30-7:30 pm) - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Tues, April 8 (5-7 pm) - Nativity

#### Second Week of Lent

God of Love, through this Lenten journey, purify my desires to serve you. Free me from any temptations to judge others, to place myself above others. Please let me surrender even my impatience with others, that with your love and your grace, I might be less and less absorbed with myself, and more and more full of the desire to follow you, in laying down my life according to your example. Amen.

# **Contact Information**

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#### ST. AGNES CONVENT

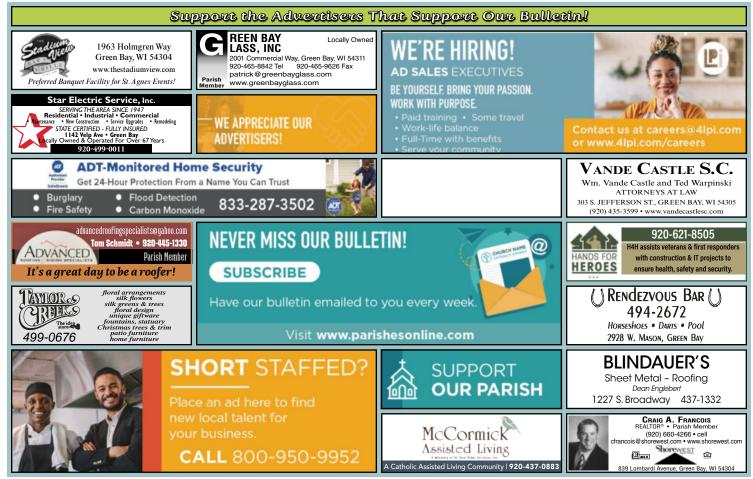
Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

#### St. Cyril of Jerusalem March 18



St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop in the fourth century. His teachings on the Eucharist, among other topics, secured his place as a Doctor of the Church. Though his ministry was marked by estrangement, exile, and ultimately, reconciliation, he never lost his faith!

> St. Cyríl of Jerusalem, pray for us!



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