

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (OF AND EF)



CHURCH OF
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Clergy

Reverend Mark Moriarty, Pastor
Reverend James McConville, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Nathan Allen
Reverend Cassian DiRocco, in residence

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:15pm Vigil OF English Mass
7:00 am English Low Mass
8:00 am EF Latin Low Mass
9:00 am OF English Mass with Hymns (**Livestreamed**)
10:30 am OF Latin Sung Mass with *Schola* (**Livestreamed**)
12:15 pm OF English Low Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday 6:30 am English Low Mass
First Fridays 5:15 pm English Low Mass
Saturday 8:00 am OF Latin Sung Mass with *Schola* (**Livestreamed**)

Sacrament of Penance

Every Tuesday after Novena 7:30–8:00 pm (Chapel)
First Fridays 3:30–5:00 pm before First Friday Mass (Chapel)
Every Saturday 3:30–5:00 pm during Adoration (Church)

Adoration and Devotions

Sunday: 12:15 pm Angelus (Regina Caeli, Easter Season)
2:00 pm Vespers and Benediction (Church)
Tuesday: 7:00 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Chapel)
7:30 pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary
First Fridays: 7:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 pm
5:00 pm Benediction (Chapel)
Saturday: 3:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 pm
5:00 pm Benediction (Church)

Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites: As requested. Contact clergy.

Funeral Masses: Contact clergy or parish office.

Baptisms: Contact Fr. McConville or parish office.

The Parish Office Hours

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; Friday: closed except for deliveries.

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Prayers & Readings: First Sunday of Advent (OF)

Entrance Antiphon [Introit] Psalm 25:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. [*Roman Missal*]

Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam: necque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur.

Ps. Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me. [*Gregorian Missal*, p.165]

Collect

Priest: Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. . . **All: Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia Psalm 85:8

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mark 13:33–37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Offertory Antiphon Psalm 25:1-3

Unto you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed.

Ad te Domine levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: necque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur. [*Gregorian Missal*, p.167]

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Communion Antiphon See Psalm 85:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. [*Roman Missal*]

Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra nostra dabit fructum suum. [*Gregorian Missal*, p.168]

Prayer After Communion

Priest: May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now,

as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**



Latin I and II Classes Begin via the Saint Agnes SoundCloud Channel

Saint Agnes is offering two Latin classes at the same time this year, beginning the First Sunday of Advent (today). Latin I, to be taught by Deacon Nathan Allen (allenn@archspm.org) and Latin II will be taught by Dr. James May (may@stolaf.edu). Each Unit Lesson will be introduced via an audio recording. Questions can be sent via email and the teachers will respond later each week with another audio recording during which they will review homework and answer questions.

RCIA Classes

The first of the RCIA Classes – Understanding the teachings of the Catholic Faith – is scheduled today at Noon in the Brides Room. The program prepares adults who have not received baptism or have been baptized in another denomination, for reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist in the Catholic Church. Please contact Father McConville at 651-925-8804 or frnconville@saintagnesschool.org if you have questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Parishioners:

Sheila Green Kleve

Nicoleta Manciu

Barbara Young

Gifts To Saint Agnes Were Given In Memory of:

Pat Ballentine

Howard Webb

John Van Liew

CHAPEL Is Again CLOSED

Due to minor vandalism and theft in the Chapel last week we sadly need to keep the doors locked on weekdays during the daytime hours with the exception of First Fridays when there is adoration. 6:30 am Mass will still be in the Chapel but the Chapel will be locked immediately after Mass.

Green Envelope Sunday

November 15th weekend was our Green Envelope Collection for Heat, Light and Water. Your generosity helps us to fix leaks, keep the lights on and maintain a comfortable temperature. We will gladly accept your contribution in the coming weeks if you haven't done so already.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

In Thanksgiving for Your Stewardship

As we mark our national day of Thanksgiving, I wish to express my sincerest thanks for your patience, prayers and understanding during the lockdown and the ongoing time of COVID precautions. Celebration of Holy Mass is the most important activity we can participate in. The celebration of the other sacraments are, of course, ordered to our union with Christ and the Church which finds its ultimate expression in the Holy Eucharist. Even during the unfortunate lockdown and the closure of churches (something that should never have happened nor should happen again), we honored our Lord with Holy Mass in a church building without congregants. Livestreaming is helpful but it is no substitute for in-person participation at the representation of our Lord's perfect sacrifice. Outdoor Masses allowed us to partake in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass but without Holy Communion. At Pentecost, we reentered our Churches and were able to receive our Lord in Holy Communion again. Please join me in thanking the many volunteers whose work allowed us to livestream Masses and offer outdoor Masses. I am also very grateful for the generous and sacrificial financial support so many of you have given to Saint Agnes Church and School. Here are some stewardship items I would like to highlight from the 2019/2020 year:

*High percentage of financial supporters amongst parishioners. 95% of parishioners donated.

*Lower support in March due to COVID lockdown but a significant increase in giving starting in April, especially with online/electronic and one-time gifts.

*Various ways people supported Saint Agnes Financially: stimulus checks were donated to the church; cost of fuel that would have been used to drive to church was donated; sacrificial increases in giving; gift cards.

*Parish invested in increased technology such as cameras, livestream hardware, software and usage fees; increased online and social media presence; more and better email communication.

*Capital Improvements during 2019/2020 year: new blacktop in parking lots; new exterior church fixtures and LED bulbs. New lighting control units.

*Over \$5000 in food and fuel cards were given to support parish and school families in need.

In Christ, Fr. Mark Moriarty

SAINT AGNES SCHOOL NEWS

Our All-School Fundraiser Has Begun!

Need a new car? Perhaps you will be able to win the one we are raffling off! A 2020 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4WD.

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Cash or checks may be accepted for the tickets. We cannot accept credit cards.



Remember – 100% of the proceeds stays at Saint Agnes School! The drawing will take place at the Red and White Dinner Gala on February 6, 2021.

Calling All Nurses (Again)

We just found out late in the day on Friday that our school nurse, Ms. Tiffany Guttierrez, will be pulled back out of our school because the St. Paul Public School district (SPPS) has determined to send everybody back to distance learning until at least January 19. I have pleaded with the leadership at the district not to take her from us—even she would prefer to stay at Saint Agnes—to no avail! That means that, effective this Friday (11/20), we will need to turn again to our generous parent, parishioner and alumni medical professionals to staff the office. If you are available, contact Amy McQuillan at 651-925-8709.

Classroom Substitutes

We anticipate an additional need for teacher substitutes. If you are available to help please contact Mrs. Becca DeMarais in the main office as soon as possible at 651-925-8700.

Employment Opportunity: Kitchen Help

Our school kitchen is looking for 2 people that are willing to work part time during the upcoming school year. Hours are usually 8-2:30 but can be flexible in a given situation. Training and certification will be provided. Please contact Kelly DiPietro at KDiPietro@saintAgnesschool.org with questions.

First Friday Adoration - Adorers Needed

We are looking for one committed adorer for the 8 o'clock hour and one for the 12 o'clock hour on First Fridays. Contact adoration@churchofsaintagnes.org if you can commit to either hour. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30 | Saint Andrew

6:30 am Mike Lachowitzer and Jeanne Couture
(B)

Tuesday, December 1

6:30 am Father Timothy James Kernan
8:55 am Roger Huss †

Wednesday, December 2

6:30 am Kathy Pavlak (B)
8:55 am Mary Ann Smisek

Thursday, December 3 | Saint Francis Xavier

6:30 am Thomas Lang
8:55 am Paula Ferdinandt †

Friday, December 4 | Saint John Damascene

6:30 am T. Preston and R. Ranallo Families
5:15 pm Bill Kelly †

Saturday, December 5

8:00 am Kenneth Lamb (A) †
5:15 pm Jill Svoboda †

Sunday, November 29

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7:00 am Darrel Praska †
8:00 am Mary Jo Feltl Family
9:00 am Deceased Members of th Altar and
Rosary Society

10:30 am* Dorothy Moser Plonty †

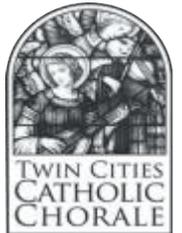
12:15 pm *Missa pro populo* (for the people)

(B) *birthday* (A) *anniversary* † *deceased* * *sung Mass*

CHORALE AND ORCHESTRANOTES

The Chorale traditionally does not sing during Advent. **The next Mass presented by the Chorale and Orchestra will be at Midnight on Christmas Eve, when the Demi-Chorale will sing W. A. Mozart's *Coronation Mass*.**

The Twin Cities Catholic Chorale is a non-profit organization that depends solely on the generosity of its patrons. Programs are available at the church entrances and are posted on the Chorale's website at www.catholicchorale.org.



Mass Schedule for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8

6:30 am - OF Low Mass; 8:00 am - EF Low Mass;
5:15 pm - OF Latin High Mass - *livestreamed*

All Masses will be in the Main Church.

Only students and faculty will be attending the School Masses:

8:55 am - *livestreamed* School ONLY;

10:00 am School ONLY; 11:00 am - School ONLY
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