



# Saint Agnes Catholic Community

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## SACRAMENTS

### Baptisms

Saturday 6:15 PM St. Patrick's

Sunday 11:00 AM St. Agnes

by previous arrangement after

conclusion of Baptism Preparation Class

### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 PM and by appointment

5:15 PM at St. Patrick's

### Marriage

Call rectory at least one year in advance

## MASSES FULFILLING SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Agnes
	5:30 PM	St. Patrick's
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Agnes
	10:00 AM	St. Agnes
	*5:30 PM	St. Agnes
	*Life Teen Mass—Academic Year Only	

## MASSES FULFILLING HOLY DAY OBLIGATION

Eve of Holy Day	5:30 PM
Holy Day	8:30 AM

## WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday	8:30AM Mass
First Friday	8:30AM Mass
Holidays	8:30AM Mass

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10:30AM-4:30PM

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith filled, welcoming parish that seeks to give glory to God through prayer, worship and service.

**SAINT AGNES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**



As we open our hearts to God, may we extend our hands in friendship to one another. May all who have come to worship know that they are sincerely welcomed in this house of God.



**SAINT AGNES CHURCH**

**Saturday, January 8, 2022**

4:00pm - Bob Hathaway - 10th Anniversary  
Req. by family

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

8:00am - Special Intention

10:00am - Mary Valenti

Req. by Barton Mahoney

5:30pm - Special Intention

**Monday, January 10, 2022**

8:30am - Special Intention

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

8:30am - Special Intention

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

8:30am - Special Intention

**Thursday, January 13, 2022**

8:30am - Special Intention

**Friday January 14, 2022**

8:30am - Special Intention

**Saturday, January 15, 2022**

4:00pm - Roger Lussier

Req. by family

George Dunham

Req. by his wife and family

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

8:00am - Krystyna Chrostowski

Req. by family

10:00am - Jordan Haberl

Req. by family

5:30pm - Special Intention

**SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH**

**Saturday, January 8, 2022**

5:30pm - John G. Horton

Req. by The Horton Family

**Saturday, January 15, 2022**

5:30pm - Hedwig Florczyk

Req. by family



**WEEKEND OF Jan. 15/16:**

**SAINT AGNES CHURCH**

**Lectors**

**EM's**

**Altar Servers**

**4pm –**

Due to the ongoing COVID virus and reduced Mass attendance, all ministers will be on a volunteer basis.

**8am–**

If you wish to serve as Lector, EM or Altar Server at any Mass, either go on-line through the Ministry Scheduler program to sign-up or sign-up on the Minister Sheet in the Sacristy.

**10am–**

**5:30pm–**

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

**SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH**

**5:30pm–**

D. Weiler J. Horton

**Readings for the week of January 09, 2022**

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Make 2022  
YOUR YEAR!**

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD—JANUARY 9, 2022



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

### PRO LIFE REFLECTION

From today's 2nd Reading, Acts 10: ***"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality."*** Should we pick and choose who should be born?



### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Please be generous to your parish.

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure is all our responsibility. Our parish is funded and operated by your generosity and involvement. Please help us with our parish deficits by increasing your sacrificial giving amounts, joining We Share On-line Giving at [www.weshareonline.org](http://www.weshareonline.org), or more consistent use of offertory envelopes. Our Parish and School rely on your generosity, Thanks for all who sacrifice to help.

### 20/20 CLUB

The winner for last week:

**Jean Perrea**

Once again Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who signed up for this club which started September 18th. We thank our many faithful past members, as well as our new members. We want to wish everyone "Good Luck". Any questions, call Henry Trudell @ 684-0928.



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Food for the Needy.  
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### Our Food Pantry is in Need of

Coffee, juice, Hot Cocoa, Hamburger Helper, Pancake mix and syrup, cereal, and toilet paper. **Please hold** on pasta, pasta sauce, tea, peanut butter, Knorr Pasta Sides and Beef Stew.

**Please NO baby food or frozen foods.**

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ANY OUT-DATED**

**FOOD.** The Food Pantry is open Thurs. from 5:00PM to 6:00PM. Any questions, call

Georgie Morrissey at 841-0342.

### PROTECTING OUR YOUTH

The Diocese of Springfield and St. Agnes Parish is committed to keeping children and youth safe. We have policies and procedures which are spelled out on our parish website at [www.stagnescc.com](http://www.stagnescc.com). For questions regarding Child Safety issues, please contact our parish Child Advocates: Lisa Stankiewicz 684-1803 or Fadia Makdisi 684-3143.

### This Week's Events

ROSARY WITH ADORATION Sun. 1/9 @ 6:30PM  
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION—Mon.—Fri. 7AM-4PM

### OUTREACH TO HOMEBOUND

Saturday Mass is being televised *LIVE* at 4PM on both Pittsfield Cable TV Channel 1301 on Dalton Cable TV Channel 1301

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM ALL ST. AGNES MASSES: DAILY MASS MONDAY - FRIDAY @ 8:30AM, ON SATURDAY @ 4PM AND SUNDAY @ 8AM, 10AM and 5:30pm**

Visit us on the web at: [www.saintagnescc.com](http://www.saintagnescc.com)  
Previously Recorded or Repeat of a Past Mass will be posted on-line on our web page

### OUR LADY OF THE ELMS COLLEGE

The 2022 Diocesan Appeal for Elms College will be made throughout the Diocese at all Masses this weekend, Jan. 8/9. This appeal will support the scholarships the Elms provides to students to make this faith-based education more affordable. The need for your support is great. For more information about how you can support Elms College, visit their website, [www.Elms.edu/give](http://www.Elms.edu/give).

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?



DALTON ROTARY INTERACT CLUB AND  
SAINT AGNES ACADEMY PRESENT



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 and Bereavement Ministry**

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**Grades K-8:** Sundays, 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

**Life Teen** (grades 9 & 10) Sunday  
 twice a month following  
 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass

**Confirmation** (Gr. 11 or 12)

Sun. 9:00 a.m. or 6:15 p.m.

Calendars at church entrances and

On parish website: [www.stagnesc.com](http://www.stagnesc.com)

**Faith Formation Calendar**

- Sun. 1/9** Grade 2 host 10am Mass.  
 Sit with Class. Presentation of Class  
 and Eucharist Banner.  
 Classes follow Grades K-8  
 Life Teen Mass 5:30pm
- Sun. 1/16** **NO Classes. MLK Holiday Weekend**
- Sun. 1/23** Class Grade K-8  
 Life Teen Mass 5:30pm
- Sun. 1/30** Class Grades K-8  
 Confirmation Class  
 Life Teen Mass 5:30pm  
 Event Gr. 9-10 follows Mass
- Sun. 2/6** Class Grades K-8  
 Confirmation Class  
 Life Teen Mass 5:30pm  
 Event Gr. 9-10 follows Mass
- Sun. 2/13** Class Grades K-8
- Wed. 2/16** Zoom Meeting for First Confession  
 Link will be sent
- Sun. 2/20** **NO Classes. School Vacation**
- Sun/ 2/27** Class Grades K-8  
 Confirmation Class  
 Life Teen Mass 5:30pm  
 Event Gr. 9-10 follows Mass

**“WORD ON FIRE”PROGRAM**

The “Word on Fire” program presents an opportunity for all members of the parish to access the entirety of Bishop Robert Barron’s ongoing work in theology and spirituality, accessibly and conveniently.

Bishop Barron is a best-selling author of numerous books, essays and articles that illuminate some of the most important questions about our faith.

Bishop Barron has contributed as a religious correspondent to all major networks. “Word on Fire” is now available by registering through **Flocknote** or is available on the **MyParish App**.

**YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST  
 AT ST. AGNES**

As part of our Year of the Eucharist special events, there will be a 6-week adult education program using video and workbook materials offered once a week during Lent in our Pastoral Center (former convent). In order to plan for space and materials, adults who are interested in participating in this program must register in advance and indicate their preferred times (morning, afternoon or early evening) and weekday (Monday thru Friday). Registration includes a \$20.00 materials fee payable to St. Agnes Church which must be submitted with your registration. Registration fee is refundable if you are unable to attend when the final dates are announced. Details of dates and times will be sent to all registered participants in advance of the first class.

Please complete the attached form and enclose it with your check in an envelope marked "YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST ADULT ED. CLASSES". You may drop it in any of the collection boxes in church or bring it to the rectory **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1st**.

First & Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check for \$20 enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE DAYS & TIMES  
 THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE:

Preferred time of day: \_\_\_\_\_ Morning  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Early Evening

Preferred day:  
 \_\_\_ Mon \_\_\_ Tues \_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_

**The Baptism of the Lord - Jan. 9, 2022  
 YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST**

“After the happiness of communicating: Rise modestly, return to your place, kneel down, and do not immediately take up your book or rosary. What good are the words of men when God is speaking? We must be like someone who is very curious and listens at the door. We must listen to all that the good God says at the door of our hearts.” ~ St. John Vianney

For more information and videos check out

**[www.yearoftheeucharist.net](http://www.yearoftheeucharist.net)**



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# Saint Agnes Academy SINCE 1957



Saint Agnes Academy is a Catholic parish school, united by God's love, living and sharing our faith daily. We strive for academic success while promoting awareness and appreciation of community involvement as a lifestyle. Within this secure welcoming environment, our experienced, dedicated faculty and staff celebrate the uniqueness of each child from pre-school through grade eight.

Dear parishioners,

What prompts parents to consider enrolling their children in a private school over another?

A comprehensive survey of over 2,300 parents by the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) yielded some fascinating and valuable insights and yielded the following highlights:

- Provide an education that will challenge the child (97%)
- Help child develop/maintain a love of learning (96%)
- Small class size/individual attention (84%)
- Help child develop a strong moral character (82%)
- Help child's emotional and social development (77%)
- Help child secure superior college (74%)

It is interesting how these same moral and educational considerations are at the top of the list of Catholic School parents' priorities: Academic excellence, Emphasis on Catholic values, Healthy social relationships, Small class sizes, A supportive environment, and More advanced use of technology

**A Catholic education means...**

**College-bound peers** – The vast majority, approximately 94% of Catholic school graduates, pursue higher education. Catholic School graduates are often pursued by prestigious colleges.

**A rigorous curriculum** – Most Catholic high school students take four years of mathematics, history, English, science, foreign language, and religious studies.

**Self-discipline** – Students are expected to accept responsibility for their actions, to respect others and to make good decisions in the context of their faith experience.

**Christ as a model** – The goal of a Catholic education is to help children mature into Christ-like people. Students are encouraged to recognize the presence of Christ in themselves and others. The religious formation of children begun at home is continued in Catholic school.

**A safe, supportive environment** – Reverence for the human dignity of every person comes from recognizing Christ in self and others. More than "Drug-free zones" or "Gun-free zones," Catholic schools strive to be "Christ-centered zones." Classes are nearly free of disciplinary disruptions, resulting in an atmosphere conducive to learning.

**High expectations** – Catholic school teachers expect every student to achieve.

**Committed parents** – Parents are a child's first teachers. At Catholic schools, parents take an active role in their children's education. The school supports families and works with them for the benefit of children.

**A caring community** – Catholic school parents provide hundreds of millions of volunteer service hours to their schools. Parents assist with everything from playground supervision, field trips and putting band-aids on skinned knees, to raising funds, installing computer networks and building new schools.

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