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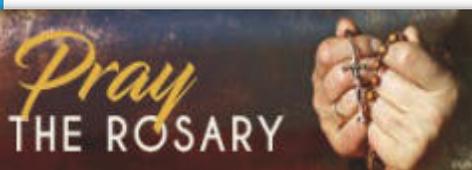


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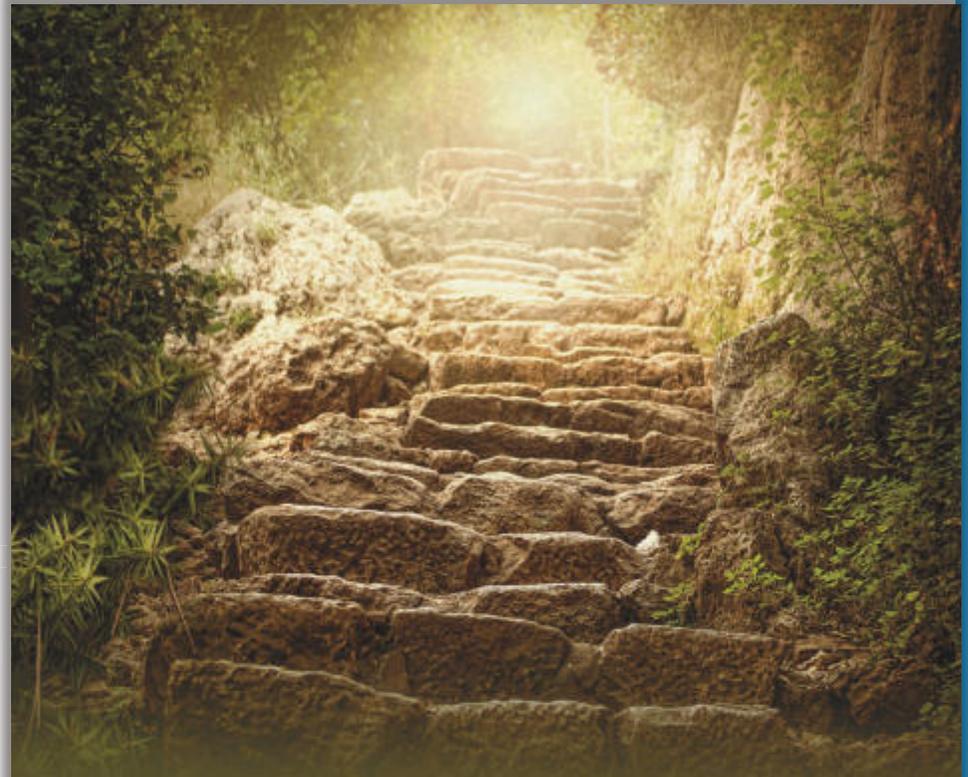
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8:30am Weekdays ~ St. Rose
7:00pm Wednesdays ~ St. Agnes
9:30am Tuesdays ~ St. Paul 's



30th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.
- Mk 10:52

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Our Mission:

"Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose, in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God, spread the good news of Jesus Christ, build up a welcoming community of faith and hope, and lovingly serve and comfort those in need."

Have you read our weekly ENewsletter? Timely updates and happenings in our Parish Cluster, links to Faith Formation and Family sites. Go to our website and click on the link:



CALENDAR

- SAT 10/23** 3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession
4:00pm **SA** Don & Jean Decker - By The Decker Family
- SUN 10/24** 8:00am **SR** * Maria & Greg Travers ~ Wedding Anniv. - By Parents
9:45am **SP** Fr. Larry Gross & Family - By Family
11:30am **SA** John & Marie Alexander - By Family
- MON 10/25** 8:00am **SR** Deceased Members of St. Rose Women's Club
- TUE 10/26** 8:15am **SA** *Mary Murabito - By Rose & Frank Mazurkiewicz
9:30am **SP** Queen of Peace Prayer Group
- WED 10/27** 9:00am **SP** For the People of the Parish Cluster
9:30-11am **SP** Adoration & Confession
- THR 10/28** 8:00am **SR** Rev. Michael Hogan - Estate
- FRI 10/29** 8:15am **SA** Jim Orman - By Tom & Kathleen Davin & Family
- SAT 10/30** 3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession
4:00pm **SA** Leo F. Maxwell - By Family
- SUN 10/31** 8:00am **SR** Sharon Mooney - By Tom & Kathie Reynolds
9:45am **SP** Evie Francesca - By Pete Francesca
11:30am **SA** For the People of the Parish Cluster

*Indicates Mass is for a living person.

Readings

- Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a,11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a,14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1,7-11
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Observances

- Thursday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve
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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart.

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PRAY FOR
Our Deceased

† Mary S. Menz

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A WORD FROM FATHER

Blind Spots

Jericho was almost certainly a very busy city that day. Only 15 miles to Jerusalem and the great feat of Passover just days away. Many pilgrims would have been travelling and residents of the city out and about more than normal amid the festive atmosphere. Yet Jesus heard the desperation of Bartimaeus above the din and commotion. Dire need has a way of making things happen even when it comes to miracles. Ignoring the resistance of the disciples, Our Lord beckoned the blind man. Bartimaeus reacted immediately, without hesitation. He threw off his cloak that would only slow him down in racing to the Lord. The blind man was very precise in his request to Jesus, "Lord that I may see". Once the miracle had occurred the newly sighted man was full of gratitude. He didn't go his own selfish way to do what he wanted with his newly regained sight. He got up and followed Our Lord.

We are all "beset by weakness" as we heard in today's second reading; sinners who "fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23). Like Bartimaeus we may have outright spiritual blindness in some aspect of our life, unable to recognize something we do or don't do as sinful. A person who was brought up in an environment where foul language is the norm doesn't even realize that taking the Lord's name in vain is offensive. We all at least have blind spots, like the small but important area between the two rear view mirrors of our car. For example, if we could recognize the contributory factors in the stress of our daily lives and neutralize them immediately, then we might prevent these 'blind spots' from accumulating and leading us to anxiety or impatience.

In his plight, the blind man gives us an excellent pattern of discipleship. He had a need, which progressed to gratitude and culminated in loyalty. Like Bartimaeus, let's not be casual about our situation. The only way to effect change is to recognize our reliance on Divine Intervention. We must ask not in vague terms or generalities, but clearly state the specific need for Our Lord's help. And we must ask now, no waiting around for this to happen or that to be completed. Let us throw off our cloak and run to Jesus, then follow Him in grateful loyalty.

That I may see, Lord!

Father Michael Fowler



St. Agnes ~ St. Paul of the Cross ~ St. Rose

Financial Results '20-'21 and '21-'22 Budget

Year ended June 30, 2021

Dear Friend of St Agnes, St Paul of the Cross and St Rose,

It's that time of year again, to summarize and report on the financial health of our three churches and school. The bottom line, simply stated, "it's not great, but it's not that bad either" You will notice some numbers in parenthesis, denoting a deficit condition. These are obviously a concern. None of our parishes have significant liquid assets upon which can rely to offset such shortfalls for the long term. But none of those negative numbers are of such magnitude to be imminently disastrous either.

Thanks be to God, your continued generosity in giving is the reason that we are able to stay afloat. Of particular note are the many thoughtful parishioners who for one reason or another might not be able to attend Mass yet continue in their generosity by mailing in their donations or finding other ways to have them delivered. One positive note in our financial picture is the increase in on-line giving that we have experienced over the last year, from 19% to 25% of total giving. Please consider this safe and easy way to ensure that your donations are received, with only a few minutes initial set-up on your part.

The simple truth is that people love our churches and are willing to do whatever it takes to shoulder their share of the stewardship burden. Of course, this generous spirit goes beyond financial responsibility. I continue to be humbled by the amount of work that is accomplished at all three churches and the school by volunteers. From altar flowers and linens to exterior landscaping and so many other endeavors, programs, special events and fundraising activities; an incredible amount of work gets done by those who offer their time, talent and love for something they believe in. That love carries over into the community, which benefits greatly from the Corporal Works of Mercy done by our parishioners and school families in town parks, food pantries and just about anywhere you might look.

I am delighted to report that St Agnes School has maintained its higher level of enrollment (103 students total at this writing) even after the public schools returned to in-class instruction and in-person activities. There was concern that the increase we experienced at St Agnes would dissipate once public schools returned to 'normal'. But we were confident that newcomers, as all SAS families, would find the St. Agnes education opportunity to be well worth the added expense of tuition. The St Agnes School Foundation is most helpful in that regard, offering \$17,000 in scholarship and other financial aid to student families in need.

God bless you and those you love with health and peace, *Fr Michael Fowler*

St Agnes Parish		
(Thousands \$)	'20-'21 Act	'21-'22 Bud
Revenue		
Collections	232	230
Parish/Ministry Svcs	8	8
Other Revenue	8	10
Total Revenue	248	248
Expense		
Salaries & Benefits	109	118
Insurance	28	29
Ministries & Programs	2	3
School Subsidy	40	40
Buildings	22	22
Office Expense	7	9
Gifts to Others	6	6
Other Expenses	24	22
Total Expenses	238	249
Net Operating Rev/(Deficit)	10	(1)
Net Revenue/(Deficit)	66	23

St Paul Parish		
(Thousands \$)	'20-'21 Act	'21-'22 Bud
Revenue		
Collections	140	137
Parish/Ministry Svcs	2	3
Other Revenue	7	6
Total Revenue	149	146
Expense		
Salaries & Benefits	78	81
Insurance	19	14
Ministries & Programs	2	2
School Subsidy	21	21
Buildings	15	16
Office Expense	5	5
Gifts to Others	1	3
Other Expenses	9	12
Total Expenses	150	154
Net Operating Rev/(Deficit)	(1)	(8)
Net Revenue/(Deficit)	64	6

St Rose Parish		
(Thousands \$)	'20-'21 Act	'21-'22 Bud
Revenue		
Collections	129	129
Parish/Ministry Svcs	3	3
Other Revenue	4	4
Total Revenue	136	136
Expense		
Salaries & Benefits	63	70
Insurance	30	28
Ministries & Programs	1	1
School Subsidy	12	12
Buildings	20	19
Office Expense	4	5
Gifts to Others	0	4
Other Expenses	9	11
Total Expenses	139	150
Net Operating Rev/(Deficit)	(3)	(14)
Net Revenue/(Deficit)	115	(1)

St Agnes School		
(Thousands \$)	'20-'21 Act	'21-'22 Bud
Revenue		
Tuition	341	358
Gifts Received	50	47
Grants & Subsidies	152	155
Fundraising	58	70
Other Revenue	52	65
Total Revenue	653	695
Expense		
Salaries & Benefits	596	625
Insurance	21	28
Ministries & Programs	23	23
Buildings	28	22
Fundraising Expense	26	19
Other Expenses	30	24
Total Expenses	724	741
Net Operating Rev/(Deficit)	(71)	(46)
Net Revenue/(Deficit)	(8)	22

LITURGICAL LIFE



St. Agnes School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is looking for parishioners who would like to volunteer to work with the committee. PTO focuses on supporting the school in their mission to provide "education with heart and soul", specifically we assist with community service outreach and organizing fun events for the students. In September we helped organize a coffee and donut reception for veterans after our annual 9/11 ceremony and hosted a back to school snack, game and social hour for all school families. In October we are planning to assist with Red Ribbon week activities, including planting red tulip bulbs around the school and town, as well as organizing "Trick or Trunk" for the students to celebrate Halloween. If you are interested, please reach out to: Michelle Gerwig at 585-727-7041 or Leslie Ras at 585-738-0945.

The Pre K3 program is also looking for volunteers to help out. If you are interested, please contact St. Agnes School 226-8500.

ALL Volunteers will need to complete Creating a Safe Environment (CASE) training as required by the Diocese of Rochester to volunteer at the school.



Annual Harvest Tasting

St. Agnes School will hold our annual Harvest Tasting fundraiser this fall. Unfortunately we will not be able to host an in-person event this year due to COVID restrictions, but we will have an online auction, similar to what we did last year. This year we are adding several take out meal options that will come with a bakery sample box. The online auction will start on Thursday, October 28th. Tickets for the meals will be limited and available on the auction site. Item and meal pick-up will be Saturday, November 6th from 11am-2pm in the St. Agnes church parking lot. More details to come as we get closer to the auction start date.

If any parishioners have a business that would like to donate or make craft items they would like to contribute for the auction, please reach out to Michelle (585-727-7041) or Leslie (585-738-0945). Last year we listed 145 items for the auction, received over 1000 bids and over 25,000 page views on the auction website. Any donations would be appreciated and all proceeds go to the school to help fulfill their mission of providing "education with heart and soul".

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Operation Christmas Child Boxes

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child **collects shoebox gifts-filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items**—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift—filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Boxes and instructions are available in the back of church. Please return your filled boxes to church by Nov. 1st.

Thank you in advance for helping send a little "Christmas Cheer" to kids around the world!



Young Adult Care Packages ~ UPDATE

Thank you for supporting our Care Packages to Young Adults! We sent 21 packages to college students from our cluster across the country. From Geneseo to Starkville, Mississippi, and Ithaca to Notre Dame, and many more! Donations to help defray the postage costs are welcome.

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	1 Winner - \$500
	8 Winners - \$100 ea.
	6 Winners - \$50 ea.
	2 Winners - \$30 ea.

20th Week drawing at St. Rose - Brendan Hall
Saturday, March 26, 2022 | 3 pm

Winners need not be present to win.

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Tickets go on Sale September 27, 2021 at the
Parish Office and after weekend Masses.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, but are
unable to attend Mass or stop by the Parish Office,
please text or call Aimee Calhoun 585.721.8621.

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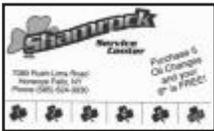
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