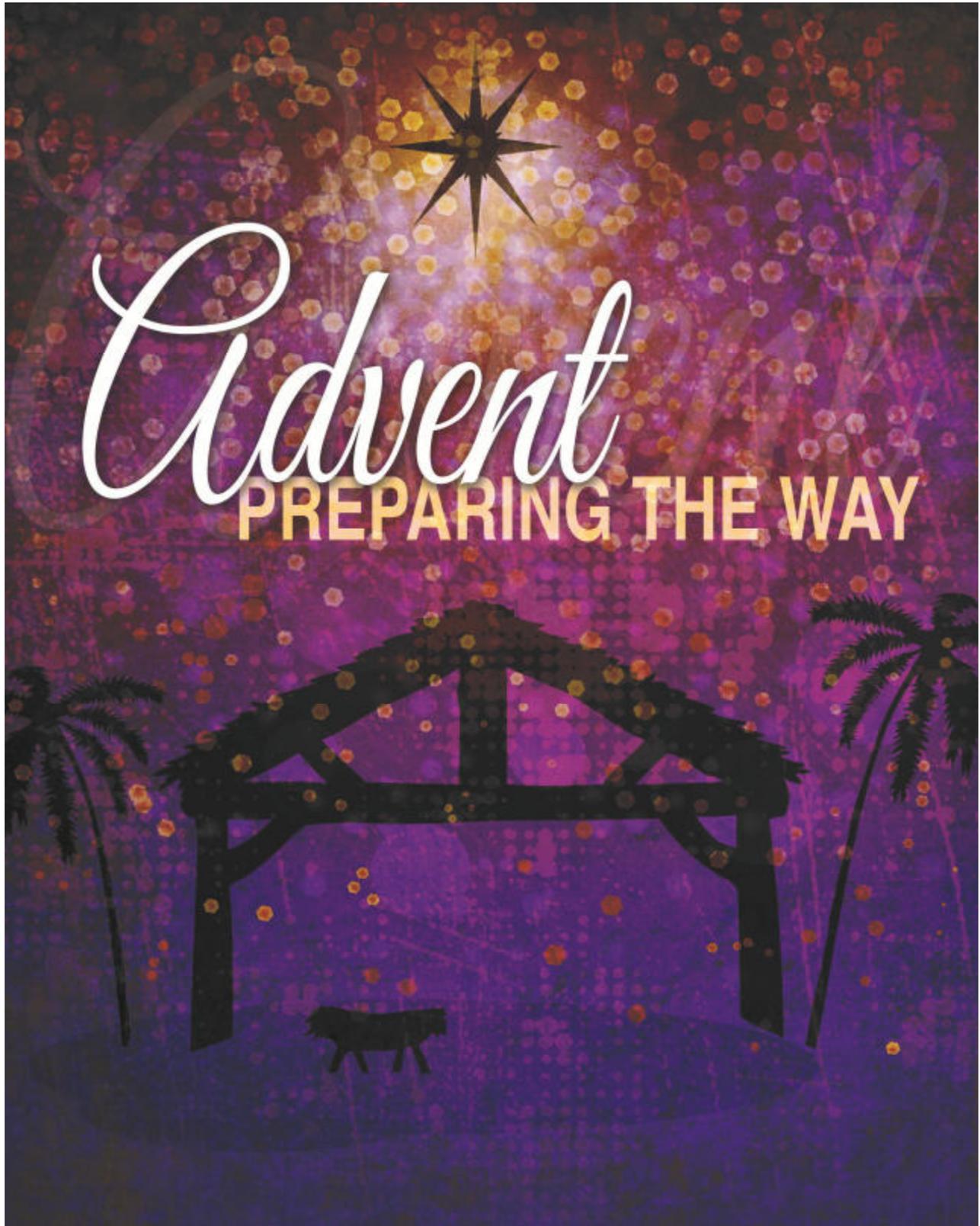


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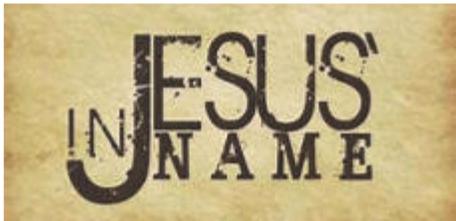
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Pray for our sick and homebound. May God heal them in body & spirit!

- Sue Bigos
Marilyn Bovee
Liz Childs
Neva Plourde
MaryAnn White
Roger White



The St Agnes Parish Family extends prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of those recently departed.

Lorna Marie Dallas
11-7-20

Happy New Year!!! With everything that has happened in 2020, I think we can be extra grateful that the New Church Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent November 29th.



Joy and Hope are poured into our hearts each Christmas for we are reminded that the Prince of Peace, the Lord of Lords, the Savior, Jesus is with us!

Even though 2020 presented us with many challenges, Jesus journeyed with us. Maybe you were blessed to find Him anew in prayer and in Scripture. Maybe you were blessed to witness people supporting others.

We will celebrate the Messiah being born among us at our Christmas Masses (schedule below). You will need to sign up very early to reserve a place at a Christmas Mass.



Enjoy the Liturgical 2021 New Year! May the Prince of Peace be born again within you this year. ~ Fr. Nate

- Tuesday Dec 8th - Immaculate Conception of Mary - Mass 10am and 7pm
Thursday December 24th - Nativity of our Lord - Vigil Mass 4pm and 8pm
Friday December 25th - Nativity of our Lord - Mass 10am
Friday January 1st - Mary the Mother of God - Mass 10am and 7pm



St Agnes Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am-1:00pm. Thursday from 9:00am-4:00pm. Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 4:30pm. Sunday at 8:30am and 11:00am.

Reconciliation during December: Tuesday at 3:00-4:00pm and 7:00-8:00pm. Eucharistic Adoration during December: Tuesday at 7:00-8:00pm.

Cyberspace Connections: Website: https://stagnesmi.weconnect.com/ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/StAgnesCatholicChurchFowlervilleMI/ YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC69SJKJ2T-GPyMRrPop7mNA

In the Spotlight

It's All About the Cabbage!



Fundraising during a time of social distancing is especially difficult. We put on our thinking caps and came up with a fun idea to try to keep people engaged and involved while making money for the parish at the same time. It is a raffle which we have dubbed “It’s All About the Cabbage.”

You will be receiving 12 raffle tickets in the mail. Simply fill them in and return them to be eligible to start winning. We will be drawing a \$50 winner each Saturday following the 4:30pm Mass for 11 consecutive weeks beginning January 2, 2021 running through March 13, 2021. Then on Saturday, March 20, we will have the “pot of gold” drawing. We will be awarding lots of cash prizes.



And because it would not be a true St Agnes Parish event without the involvement of food, we are ending the event with a delicious St Patty’s Day meal which will be available for curbside pickup by preorder. More details regarding this portion of the fundraiser will be available in late January or early February. Suffice it to say it will be corned beef & cabbage and an array of other Irish-inspired foods associated with St. Patrick’s Day.

May the luck of the Irish be with you,
Liz Heslip



~October 2020~

Sunday Offering:

Envelopes & Loose Cash/Checks	\$13,687.96
Electric Deposits	\$12,071.00
Total Offering	\$25,758.96

Special Collections:

Christian Service	\$ 336.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 80.00
Utilities	\$ 231.00
LOVE Inc.	\$ 30.00
World Mission	\$ 338.00

LPC: Received Pledges	\$4,746.00
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Shortfall	(\$1,807.00)



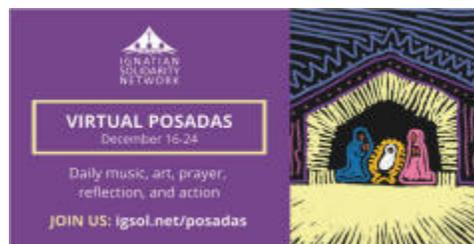
Healing Encounter

An evening of adoration, healing, and encounter with the Eucharistic Lord! Reconciliation also available. Saturday, Dec 12 at 7pm. Church is located at 1505 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing 48912. Info: 517-482-4749.



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Advent for Catholics is a time of preparation and anticipation of Christmas. It takes place four weeks leading up to Christmas. It is a liturgical season marking the beginning of the Church Calendar. The first day of Advent is the Catholic Church's New Year's Day. This season takes us back to the time before Jesus, when people were in darkness, awaiting the Messiah.

Isaiah 9:1 "The people who walked in

darkness have seen a great light."

We too are a people waiting for Jesus to come in all His Glory.

Activities for Advent

Our activities should always lead us and others to the Baby Jesus. We put up our Christmas trees and decorate them as a way to celebrate the birth of Christ coming into our world and as an invitation and a path to light the way for the Christ child to come into our homes and lives. When we light the tree we acknowledge that Christ is the light of the world and we should also be a light for others. The Blessing of the Christmas tree asks for God to help us prepare our tree so it will be a blessing to lead our family, and for all those who see it, closer to Jesus. When we sing Christmas carols, they should be sung as if they are a prayer to God. When we give gifts, we shower those with blessings as Jesus has blessed us. We give to charity to share with others what God had given us - our time, our talents as well as our gifts of monetary donations. When we take the time to bake and shop for others, we show love to others as Jesus loved us. It's because of our love for Jesus that we want to serve and love others.

Nativity Scene

A great way to prepare for the birth of Christ is to read the Holy Bible and the story of how Christ was born. (Matthew 1:18-2:12 and Luke 2:1-20) Reading from the Holy Bible gives us moments encountering God. He speaks to us through the words of the Holy Bible. He wants us to know Him. We should take time to ponder the words that we hear. Some families put up a manger scene to help reflect the meaning of Jesus birth. They prepare to fill the manger with the baby on Christmas morning.



Almighty Father, give us the joy of your love to prepare the way for Christ our Lord. Help us to serve you and one another. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

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Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is **circu-**lar in shape, we cannot find a beginning or end. This reminds us Jesus came to give us eternal life that never ends, eternal life with God in heaven.



The Advent wreath is made of **evergreen branches** which do not turn colors as the fall leaves do. It reminds us that God is true and unchanging. God loves us and always will.

There are four **candles** on the Advent wreath. We begin by lighting one candle per week until Christmas. There are three purple candles and one rose colored candle. The rose colored candle is lit on the third week. The burning candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world. He brightens the darkness around us. Each week we light one more candle, a sign that the more we let Christ into our lives the brighter our lives will be.

1st Candle- Purple: HOPE

This is the Prophets Candle This candle reminds us of the promises of scripture to send a savior. Isaiah 9:1

2nd Candle- Purple: PEACE

The Bethlehem Candle reminds us of the humble birth of Christ. John 14: 27

3rd Candle- Rose: JOY

The Shepherds Candle reminds us that God came for all people and of the Good news that was first proclaimed to the shepherds. This candle represents the joy we feel when we know we are almost there on our journey to see Jesus in the manger. Luke 2: 8-10

4th Candle- Purple: LOVE

The Angels Candle: Reminds us of the Good News the Angels announced, Emmanuel, God with us! Luke 2:11-14

Christ Candle— a larger white candle in the center of the wreath is optional. You may choose to place this candle in the center of your wreath on Christmas day as a sign the newborn baby has arrived. This reminds us that God is with us and dwells among His people. The waiting is over.



Store Offers New Selection of Locally Created & Personalized Merchandise

While we continue to offer many staple items in our store at the back of Higgins Hall, please stop and checkout a new item locally designed and manufactured. It has been a struggle to find religious items that are made or manufactured in the US.

Pictured is a St. Agnes personalized cross key chain designed and produced by a local upstart company *Dozer Dog Designs* by owner and creator Mel Malak.

For those looking for new advent wreath candles, *At Home with the Word 2021*, the *New St. Joseph Sunday Missal* so you can follow along with the readings at Mass— they are all in stock and available for self purchase at our store. The St. Agnes store is open and available for purchases during regular office hours and always during liturgies or whenever the building is in use.

If you are looking for something specific I am happy to help. Just give me a shout and I will do my best to get what you need.

God Bless,
Liz Heslip

Knights' News

Just like everyone, the Fowlerville Council 8605 has activities we were forced to cancel in November. Included in that was our Holiday parade float building and our last Sunday Rosary Devotion. We had been excited to get this devotion program restarted at all three weekend Masses. But parish safety forced cancellation until further notice. We still encourage everyone to make that effort to pray a family rosary on a Sunday until our parish family can pray together.

The Council stayed safely active with the Holy Cross Children's Services Sweatshirt Drive, and the parish responded by donating more than 50 great-looking collegiate sweatshirts. Also, we hosted a blood drive and planned to assemble the Nativity Scene.

Our Brother Knights will always strive to lend helping hands. We want recognize Elijah Chacon as the Knight of the month and the Dan Esch family as the Family of the month for their efforts in November.

Please contact Grand Knight Larry Sheridan if you have any questions about our activities at 517-525-3683.

Merry Christmas from your Knights of Columbus Council 8605!

Larry Sheridan

Grand Knight - Knights of Columbus Council #8605



Christian Service

Advent Giving Tree: The Advent Giving Tree always imparts a feeling of awe when it comes to the unbridled generosity of the St Agnes family. This year is no different. In a future publication, we will bring you the final tally which we were able to share with Livingston County Catholic Charities Christmas Project, Fowlerville Family Impact Center, and many families in our own parish. Be prepared to witness another miracle at St Agnes! Special gratitude to Janet & David Kuehn, for being the AGT guiding stars! They creatively rethought the AGT to keep it the best-loved parish activity it has historically been. You are amazing!

Shop & Share Afterglow! Dear Friends, you've blown the wheels off the Little Red Wagon with your generosity! Total weight of donated food in the Autumn Shop & Share was an astounding 1441 pounds: a welcomed replenishment to the shelves at the FFIC in anticipation of Christmas and the upcoming new year. Thank you! **THANX to D&W Fresh Market for the shopping bags!**

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Baskets: Yet MORE bouquets of thanx to YOU! Because of you, 17 overflowing boxes of food complete with turkeys were distributed to parish families. 17 families. 80 people. People who belong to our parish family and to our community. Christmas food baskets are next. 19 families have requested our help. If you can lend a hand, our pantry could use some pasta/pasta sauce, mac 'n cheese, peanut butter, and especially boxed stuffing and boxed potatoes. In their name we thank you, gracious People of St Agnes! May you and yours enjoy a traditional, love-filled Christmas!

Hope In A Box—Need for December: Dish soap.

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: We pray the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence always serve humankind.

Alan Jackson sings How Great Thou Art: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-m_6KN5ISA

Mariann Brown

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The Grapevine

upcoming events and activities you need to know about!



Spanish Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday Dec 12th at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church, Howell. This is a special Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. The Mass in Spanish will feature a live Mariachi Band. This Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation. Homily will be delivered in English, with a Spanish interpreter. All are welcome!



Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative

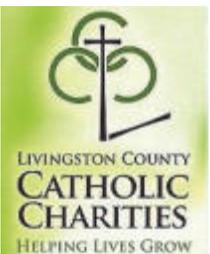
In November (Holy Souls in Purgatory), keep all souls, including aborted babies, in your prayers. Now more than ever, we need to find ourselves deep in prayer, trusting God will prevail. LCUI is now at 1815 babies saved. We have placed ultrasound machines in 22 Pro Life Pregnancy Centers in Michigan through Oct 2020. None of this would be possible if not for your generous donations to LCUI.

Thank you for your continued support!

If you would like to help our cause, you are awesome!

We are a 501 C3 organization.

Go to: <https://lcultrasound.org/>



Grocery Delivery Drivers Needed for Seniors

Due to the tremendous need Livingston County Catholic Charities is experiencing from our vulnerable population, we need additional drivers to pick up grocery orders and deliver them to the front porch of senior's homes.

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WELCOME TABLE



Welcome Table is back!

Free Dinner, served family style. Open to the public. Call 517-499-5690 by Tuesday to order meals. Curbside pick up on Thursday from 5:30-6:00 at St Agnes Church. Dinners vary from soup and sandwich to chicken & biscuits. When available, dinner is accompanied by fresh produce and a dessert.



LACASA invites you to be part of their "Starry Night" Holiday Toy Drive at the LACASA Collection from Nov 2 thru Dec 19. Your donation will bring holiday cheer to a child in need at LACASA Center.

How it works: Place a new, unwrapped gift under the store's giving tree then write your name or initials on a star ornament and hang your star on the tree. In return for your donation, you will receive a 50% off coupon for one item in the store (Excludes furniture). Parents who are clients at LACASA receive toy shopping vouchers, which will ensure Santa's sleigh is stocked with everything needed for the big holiday ride. For more information, contact Jessica Bergum at (517) 548-1350 or jbergum@lacasacenter.org

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