

# ST. AGNES CATHOLIC PARISH

*"Prayerful, compassionate servants to all God's people"*

August 24, 2025 · 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*We, the people of St. Agnes, are called by God as a Catholic Christian community to be prayerful, compassionate servants to all God's people. We celebrate the spiritual life of Christ among us through a Christian lifestyle which includes scripture, sacraments and lifelong Christian formation. We proclaim and share His good news in a loving and caring way. We hope to accomplish this mission, and so we commit our lives, gifts and resources.* — St. Agnes Mission Statement



**Founded 1915**

**12801 W. Fairmount Ave., Butler, WI 53007**

## **Pastor**

Rev. Sergio Rodriguez

## **Deacon**

Ray F. Waitrovich

## **Director of Admin. Services**

Paula Pikula

## **Director of Liturgical Music**

Mary Lemirande

## **Coordinator of Formation and Liturgy**

Shelly Fellin

## **School Principal**

Rachel Kolbeck

## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

## **Daily Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 1st**

**Saturday** 8:15 a.m.

**Wednesday** 5:30 p.m.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Thurs.** 9-7 p.m. (Resource Center Chapel)

## **Baptism**

Baptism classes must be attended before the child can be baptized. Please contact the Christian Formation Office for dates and times of the next session.

## **Reconciliation**

**1st Saturday:** 8:45-9:30 a.m.

**2-5th Saturdays:** 3-3:30 p.m.

Also by appointment.

Deanery Parish Reconciliation services scheduled seasonally.

## **Parish Office Summer Hours:**

8 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon-Thurs.

8 a.m.-12 p.m. Friday

**Phone:** 262-781-9521

**FAX:** 262-781-3512

**Email:** info@stagnesparish.org

**Website:** stagnesparish.org

## **Christian Formation:**

262-781-6998

## **CF Office Hours:**

Mon. & Wed. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## **Music and Liturgy:**

262-781-6998

## **School Office:**

262-781-4996

## **Tender Care U. (Day Care)**

262-781-5712

**Bulletin** articles due Mondays by 9 a.m.

**Petition Requests** due by Thursday at 12:00 p.m.

## **Food Pantry**

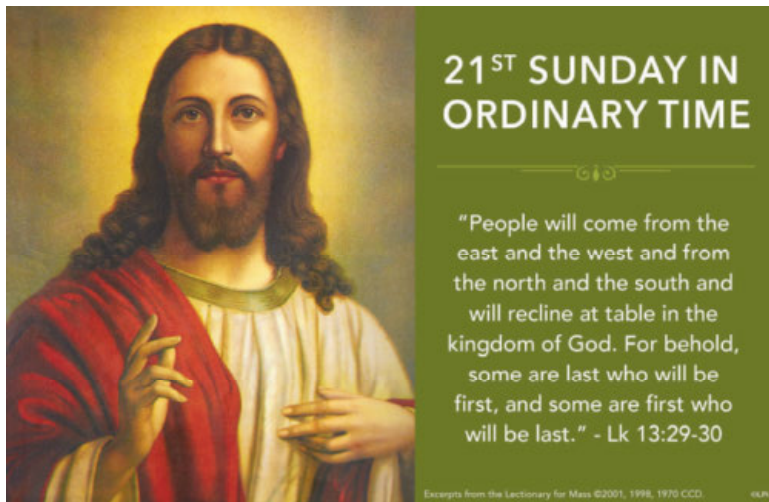
Mondays, 12-2 & 5-6:30 p.m.

## **Anointing of the Sick & Sick Calls**

After the 4pm Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month OR by calling the Parish Office.

## **Marriage**

Couples planning to be married here are asked to contact the parish priest before making other wedding plans, at least eight months prior to the desired wedding date. Only one wedding per weekend will be scheduled.



## **Trustees & Pastoral & Finance Councils**

### **Trustee**

Tom Ortman

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Jackie Ellingen

### **School**

Jean Sekula

### **Stewardship**

Linda Barrington

### **Finance Council Chairperson**

Ken Schroeder

## 2 AUGUST EVENTS

### Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30  
**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30  
**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Among the followers of Christ, questions arose. It was logical, as those who listened to him knew that he could provide answers to their deepest concerns. Some of these questions were about the identity of the Master, such as the occasion when the disciples of the Baptist asked him: 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?' (Luke 7:20). Other questions revolved around how to properly interpret the law, what to do to inherit eternal life, with what power he performed miracles, and so forth. Today's Gospel recounts one of these inquiries: 'Lord, will there be few who are saved?' (Luke 13:23). Indeed, it was a highly debated issue, and it seemed that the Scriptures offered various interpretations: some argued that salvation was limited to a few chosen ones; others that it was practically impossible... Perhaps there were those who believed they were already saved, as if they belonged to that chosen group, and that is why they led a tranquil life, without great complications.

Christ, instead of reducing the response to a numerical question, invites the listeners to take advantage of the time they have available: "Strive to enter through the narrow door" (Luke 13:24). In this way, he hints that in heaven there are no spots limited only to certain privileged ones: it is within everyone's reach, but it requires continuous effort sustained by grace. "Jesus does not want to deceive us by saying: 'Yes, don't worry, it's easy, there is a beautiful road and at the end a great door.'" He does not tell us this: he speaks to us about the narrow door. He tells us things as they are: the passage is narrow. In what sense? In the sense that to be saved one must love God and one's neighbor, and this is not comfortable! It is a 'narrow door' because it is demanding; love is always demanding, requiring commitment, even more so, 'effort,' that is, a firm and persevering will to live according to the Gospel. Thus, it is not enough to belong to the chosen people or to have heard the teaching of the Lord; it is necessary to respond to his grace.

I want to thank all of you who in any way supported the good success of our festival, may the Good Lord bless all of you.

*Remember:*

*"God loves you, God loves me, God loves us"*

Blessed week,

*Reverend Sergio Rodriguez*

### Calendar of the Week

#### Monday, August 25

#### Tuesday, August 26

10:30-12:00 pm Legion of Mary - Prayer Room

6:00-8:00 pm Outside Event - Hafford Hall

#### Wednesday, August 27

7:40-11:30 am First Day of School

#### Thursday, August 28

9:00-7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - Resource Center

6:30-7:30 pm Outside Rental - Hafford Hall

5:00-10:00 pm Outside Rental - Gym / PAC

6:30-8:00 pm Choir Practice - Church

#### Friday, August 29

4:00-10:00 pm Set up for Install Dinner - Kemp Hall

#### Saturday, August 30

2:30-4:00 pm Choir Practice - Youth Room

3:30-4:00 pm Rosary before Mass - Church

5:00-7:00 pm Dinner & Reception - Kemp Hall

#### Sunday, August 31

7:00-9:00 am AA—Hafford Hall

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

Friday, Sept. 19; 6:00-9:00 PM

& Saturday, Sept. 20; 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Come awaken the grace of your Baptism and Confirmation, and join with others as we unpack what it means to live a life in the Holy Spirit. The Seminar will feature uplifting praise and worship, inspiring talks, small groups and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Mass.

**Cost: \$20 includes Saturday Lunch**

Learn more & register online at [CCRMilwaukee.org/Events](http://CCRMilwaukee.org/Events)  
Or call St. Agnes Parish at 262-781-6998

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### 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### St. Agnes Resource Center (temporary hours)

Monday-Friday (evening appointments possible)

Saturday, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM & 5:15 to 6:15 PM

Sunday, 9:15 - 10:15 AM & 11:45 - 12:45 PM

We do collect relics of the saints for our adoration chapel, older liturgical vessels or books, Catholic Bibles, books and gifts that are usable and in good shape.

To schedule an appointment for donations, volunteering or browsing, making orders, etc., please email:

[RC@stagnesparish.org](mailto:RC@stagnesparish.org)

Thank you for your patronage and your help!

Please, keep this apostolate in your prayers!

**This week's new arrivals:** Holy cards with Pope Leo XIV and soon to be newest saints (September 7th) C. Acutis and P. G. Frassati. Also books about the newest saints.



Join us in Welcoming  
Archbishop Grob  
To St. Agnes  
And Celebrate the  
Installation of our Pastor  
Fr. Sergio Rodriguez



**Saturday August 30, 4:00 PM Mass**

For all those wonderful gardeners out there: Please bring your flowers on **Friday, Aug. 29**. Place your name on the bottom of your vase if you would like it to be returned to you.

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In addition to the cakes being ordered for the reception we would like to have some home baked bars or cakes. We would also like to have fresh cucumbers, carrots, peppers or any other veggie that we could add to our salad. If you are interested in donating from your garden or willing to bake please contact: Robin 414-510-0215 or Mari 414-322-9749



#### **Faith Sharing with Teens**



Do you enjoy sharing your faith with High School youth? We are in need of someone special to volunteer as a catechist in our Youth Ministry programs for the upcoming Christian

Formation year. This is a rewarding ministry where you will be supported in your role as teacher of the Faith; teaching materials will be provided. **Please contact the Christian Formation office or email Shelly Fellin ([fellinm@stagnesparish.org](mailto:fellinm@stagnesparish.org))** if you're interested or would like more information. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. **We need Catechists to make our program work!**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, August 25, Weekday**

**Tuesday, August 26, Weekday**

8:15 a.m. † Pat Abfalder

**Wednesday, August 27, Saint Monica**

5:30 p.m. † Pat Abfalder (Mark & Jane Seidl)

**Thursday, August 28, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor**

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes Parish

**Friday, August 29, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes Parish

**Saturday, August 30, Weekday**

4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes Parish

**Sunday, August 31, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes Parish

10:30 a.m. † Darlene Nichols (Family)

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Our deceased family and friends:*

† **James Racette** - brother of Gerry Gross

*May he rest in peace.*

#### **BOOK GROUP IS ABOUT TO START...**

Consider joining the St. Agnes Book Group, meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Resource Center, starting September 9<sup>th</sup>. We'll be reading *When the Moon Slips Away – Rejoicing in Everyday Miracles* by Melannie Svoboda, SND.

Why should you join the book group? It's a great way to establish a sense of community with other readers AND it actually gets you out of the house!

Group leaders: Leslie Hasenbush and Tom Ortman.

**Contact Tom Ortman to buy the book.** Call or text Tom at 1-262-844-6800 to reserve your copy; the cost is \$9.50.

Call or email the parish office to let us know you're coming. Read the Intro, and Chapters 1 & 2 before the first meeting.

#### **Our Gifts to God Parish Financial Stewardship Year To Date 7/1/2025 – 8/17/2025**



	Envelopes	Offertory
<b>Actual Contributions</b>	\$ 61,619	\$ 2,836
<b>Budgeted Contributions</b>	\$ 57,171	\$ 3,573
<b>Difference</b>	\$4,447	-\$738

**THANK YOU!** St. Agnes is grateful for your continued support of our ministries. We ask each member to consider making their financial stewardship to St. Agnes a priority. We are blessed with your generosity!



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