

# ST. AGNES CATHOLIC PARISH

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

December 21, 2025 · Fourth Sunday of Advent

*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 Hours:**

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday – Friday

**Phone:** 262-781-9521

**FAX:** 262-781-3512

**Email:** [info@stagnesparish.org](mailto:info@stagnesparish.org)

**Website:** [stagnesparish.org](http://stagnesparish.org)

## **Christian Formation:**

262-781-6998

## **CF Office Hours:**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Friday

## **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.

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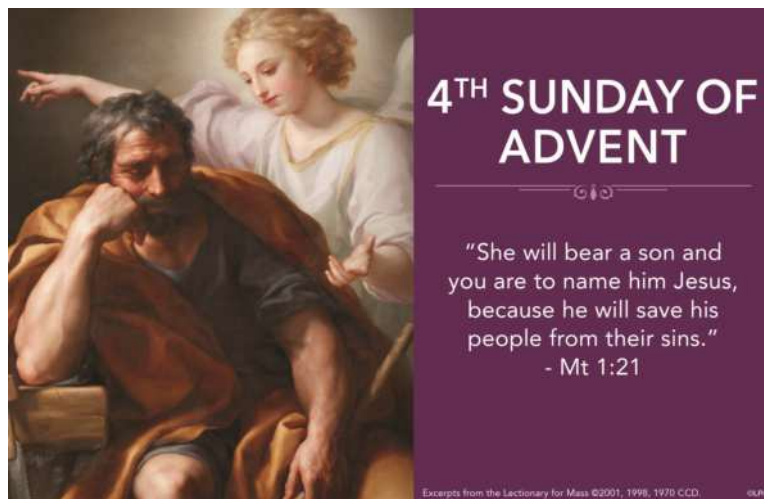
Mondays, 12-2 & 5-6:30 p.m.

## **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**

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Butch Brockman

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Beth Nortrup

### **Liturgy**

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### **School**

Lesley Chisholm

### **Stewardship**

Ben Dougherty

### **Finance Council Chairperson**

Ken Schroeder

## 2 DECEMBER EVENTS

### Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/  
Mt 1:18-24

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

**Wednesday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27  
and 29/Lk 1:67-79

**Thursday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Friday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/  
Mt 10:17-22

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21  
or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### Calendar of the Week

#### Monday, December 22 No School until Jan 5

- 2:45-4:00 pm Basketball Study Hall - PAC
- 4:00-8:30 pm Basketball Practice - Gym
- 6:00-8:00 pm Cheerleading Practice - PAC
- 6:30-8:00 pm The Mindful Catholic - Resource Center
- 7:00-8:30 pm Small Prayer Group - Prayer Room

#### Tuesday, December 23

- 10:30-Noon Legion of Mary - Prayer Room
- 6:00-8:00 pm Outside Event - Hafford Hall
- 7:00-8:30 pm Men's Group - Resource Center

#### Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

##### Parish Offices Closed

- 9:00-3:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration - Church

#### Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day

##### Parish Offices Closed

- 9:30-10:30 Baptism during Mass

#### Friday, December 26

##### Parish Offices Closed

#### Saturday, December 27

- 3:00-3:30 pm Confession - Prayer Room

#### Sunday, December 28

- 10:30-11:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass
- 7:00-9:00 pm AA—Hafford Hall

### Come Celebrate The Feast Of Our Patron, Saint Agnes

On The Weekend of January, 24-25, 2026.

At the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> the youth of the parish will be presenting a descriptive narrative of her life and virtues during the homily.

Join Archbishop Grob on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> for the School Family Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Other activities will also be scheduled.

Please join us for this very special weekend!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Fourth Week of Advent Love

Dear brothers and sisters,

In this final week of Advent, known as the week of love, the heart fills with a serene yet intense waiting. Mary, a young woman from Nazareth, teaches us to open ourselves without reservation to God's action. Her humble and trusting "yes" allowed the eternal promise to become flesh.

As the prophet Isaiah had said, "Lord himself will give you a sign, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14.) We see in Mary a humble woman in which God fulfilled his promise and transformed her into the Mother of God. This is how God acts also in us. A seemingly small response, full of faith, can transform our daily lives into a great divine work. Think about the simplest moments of our day-to-day lives, we can say yes to God who is coming, in a chance encounter with a friend, in the sometimes-monotonous passing of the hours of work, or in a pleasant family evening.

So, as we contemplate the Child of Bethlehem, how can we not be certain of God's love for us and his loving care? In all the events that make up our lives, we can be sure that God speaks to us and saves us.

"Shower down, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let salvation spring forth" (Isaiah 45:8). The entrance antiphon for this Fourth Sunday of Advent expresses our need for a God who saves us. On many occasions, our prayer will consist of expressing from the depths of our hearts this longing for God. Whether we are aware of our limitations and feel the pain of our wounds, or when we experience joy in small details, we want everything to be permeated by God's love. We realize that a life with him is radically different from an existence confined to ourselves.

Knowing that the Almighty God, chose to reveal his face in the tender figure of a child. I would like to invite you during these days, as we long to approach Bethlehem let us approach it with two complementary feelings: 1. reverence before the mystery and 2. the affection that welcomes it into the warmth of a home.

Remember that God comes close in a way that surpasses all logic, not with power and noise, but in the fragility of a child. This mystery invites us to examine our own readiness; are we prepared to receive Him in the simplicity of our daily lives?

Remember,

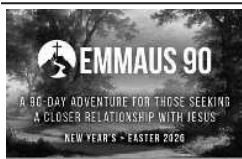
"God loves you, God loves me, God loves us"

Blessed week,



Reverend Sergio Rodriguez

### 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### Why take the Emmaus 90 challenge?

"As a convert, this was Prayer 101 for me. We need time with God, and Emmaus 90 teaches us how to structure it, so it

doesn't get pushed to the side of our busy lives. Emmaus 90 helped me to experience the relationship that I have with God. God is right here!" – Katy B., past participant of the Emmaus 90 program

#### Who is Emmaus 90 for?

- Individuals hungry to know Jesus more or for a new spiritual challenge
- Groups of friends, couples or family growing in faith together
- Parish small groups or formation classes
- Catholics seeking accountability, community, and formation
- Those discerning a new step or call
- Pilgrims who did Emmaus 90 last year, and want to keep growing
- Disciples who want to accompany others into deeper faith
- Anyone curious about God or the Catholic faith

#### Emmaus 90 has all new content for 2026

Sign up at [emmaus90.com](http://emmaus90.com) Register by Dec 28 to receive your pilgrim pack by Jan.



#### End of the Year Contributions

Please remember that contributions for calendar year 2025 must be dropped in the collection by **December 31**, or in an envelope postmarked no later than December 31. A check dated December 31 or earlier, but not in our possession or in a valid postmarked envelope, and received on/after January 1, is a 2026 contribution. Parishioners who want to make any contributions in person must have them in the parish office by **Noon on Wednesday, December 31**, to receive credit for 2025. **Parish Offices will be CLOSED December 24, 25, and 26th.** Please plan accordingly!

#### Memorial Poinsettias

Anyone who wishes may purchase a poinsettia for **\$21** in memory of their loved ones. They will be used to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Please enclose payment (checks made out to **St. Agnes Parish**) with this form and drop in the Collection Basket or leave in the Parish Office by **Dec 21**.

**NAME OF LOVED ONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday**

**Tuesday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday**

8:15 a.m. † Matthew Buska (Grandparents)

**Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

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

**Thursday, December 25, Nativity of the Lord**

9:30 a.m. Mathaus Family

**Friday, December 26, St. Stephan**

8:15 a.m. † Ed and Zita Gmoser (Family)

**Saturday, December 27, St. John, Apostle**

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

**Sunday, December 28, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

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

10:30 a.m. Mary Schneider Family



*We welcome on Christmas Day:*

*Isabelle Agna Ndayambaje*

*And congratulate her parents*

*Jean Baptiste and Agnes*



**Dec 24, Eucharistic Adoration 9 am - 3:30 pm**

**Christmas Eve Mass 4 pm**

Come early to hear our Children's Choir

**Dec 25, Christmas Day Mass 9:30 am**

Come at 9 am to listen to our Adult Choir

**Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Dec 31, Vigil Mass 5:30 pm (no music)

Jan 1, New Year's Day 9 am



**Our Gifts to God**  
**Parish Financial Stewardship**  
**Year To Date 7/1/2025 – 12/7/2025**

	Envelopes	Offertory
<b>Actual Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 183,037</b>	<b>\$ 12,861</b>
<b>Budgeted Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 211,414</b>	<b>\$ 13,213</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(28,378)</b>	<b>(353)</b>

**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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