

# Christmas at St. Agnes 2023: Welcome

A large wreath and winter pots welcome parishioners and all guests to St. Agnes. The pot design was inspired by the winter decorations in downtown Chicago.



The front-of-altar decorations were arranged by Father Sergio. The baby Jesus was borrowed from Principal Rachel Kolbeck; it belonged to her grandmother. The golden angels are a new addition this year. The candelabra on the altar were found in a storeroom, dusted off and polished, when an inscription was found: "from D.S. Stippich to St. Agnes Church, 7-1-17". Let us know if you know more about this person or the donation.

Thank you to the many people who decorated the church: Gerry Gross, Karen and Woody Knurr, Patty and Keith Kaiser, Harold and Jan Gross, Ben Kaiser, Lew Gross, Father Sergio Rodriguez, Tom Ortman, Cindy Singer, Linda Barrington, Mary Rose Wolf, Lucy, Paulette Szuminski.



Poinsettias decorate the image of the Mother of Perpetual Help along side the Easter candle and Baptismal font.



Father Sergio pays attention to details in placing the altar cloth. Last year, Cindi Singer donated the new altar cloth in memory of her deceased parents and brother.



The tabernacle has two smaller red poinsettias at each side.



Wreaths were hung on the pillars in the lobby.



The tree and creche in the lobby were set up and arranged by Mary Rose Wolf and Cindy Singer with the help of many others.



Each year parishioners' donations cover the cost of more than six dozen poinsettias for church decorations. Shady Lane Nursery delivers them to St. Agnes Church. After the Christmas season is over, parishioners are welcome to take the plants home with them after Mass.



Outdoor pots were arranged by Mike McKee, Tom Ortman, Leslie Hasenbush, Linda Barrington and Jean Sikula. They will remain throughout the winter season,