

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY (EF)



CHURCH OF SAINT AGNES

On the cover: Austrian stained glass window depicting the Presentation of the Lord, ca. 1390. The Cloisters, New York. Public domain via Wikimedia Commons.

Clergy

Reverend Mark Moriarty, Pastor
Reverend Paul Baker, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Nathan Allen
Reverend James McConville, Sacramental Minister & in residence
Reverend John Gallas, Sacramental Minister

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:15 pm Vigil English Mass
7:00 am English Low Mass
8:00 am EF Latin Low Mass
9:00 am English Mass with Hymns (Livestreamed)
10:30 am Latin Sung Mass with Schola
12:30 pm English Mass with Hymns

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday 6:30 am English Low Mass
First Fridays 5:15 pm English Low Mass
Saturday 8:00 am Latin Sung Mass with *Schola*

Sacrament of Penance

Every Tuesday after Novena 7:30–8:00 pm (Chapel)
First Fridays 3:30–5:00 pm before First Friday Mass (Chapel)
Every Saturday 3:30–5:00 pm during Adoration (Church)

Adoration and Devotions

Sunday: 12:30 pm Angelus/Regina Caeli during Easter Season (Church)
3:00 pm Vespers and Benediction (Church)
Tuesday: 7:00 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Chapel)
7:30 pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary
First Fridays: 7:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 pm
5:00 pm Benediction (Chapel)
Saturday: 3:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 pm
5:00 pm Benediction
First Saturday: 7:25 am Rosary (Chapel)

Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites: As requested. Contact clergy.

Funeral Masses: Contact clergy or parish office.

Baptisms: Contact clergy or parish office.

The Parish Office Hours

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; Friday: 8:00 am to noon.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas is a Dominican priest and Doctor of the Church whose feast day we celebrate on January 28.

St. Thomas was born into a wealthy family related to kings and emperors and lived in the 1200s. At the age five he was sent to the Benedictines at Monte Cassino for his education. He was a remarkable student who frequently asked the question "What is God?" Eventually, the Abbott sent him to the University of Naples, telling his father, "A boy of such talents should not be left in obscurity." Thomas was so intelligent that he surpassed his teachers in the liberal arts. Liberal Arts covered the Trivium and the Quadrivium. Trivium: grammar, logic, and rhetoric. Quadrivium: geometry, music, mathematics, astronomy.

As a student, Thomas was quiet and humble, which was misinterpreted as a sign of dullness. Once, when Thomas was defending a difficult thesis, his teacher, Albertus Magnus, proclaimed: "We call this young man a dumb ox, but his bellowing in doctrine will one day resound throughout the world."

Having heard the preaching of a Dominican, Thomas discerned to join that order and received the habit of the Order of Preachers in Naples. The Dominicans, worried that his family would take him away, sent Thomas to Rome. His brothers, under the direction of his parents, captured him before he could arrive and kept him captive for nearly two years. While Thomas was under "house arrest" his family unfortunately tried to dissuade him from his calling by subjecting him to temptations. However, Thomas maintained his purity by cooperating with the grace of God. Eventually his parents relented, and he was free to serve the Church as a Dominican.

Thomas became a teacher at the University of Paris where he focused on the interpretation of Sacred Scripture. He wrote commentaries on Sacred Scripture from both the Old and New Testaments including the gospels of Matthew and John, as well as, many Epistles of St. Paul. Thomas is best known for his "Summa Theologica" which is a summary of theological knowledge from the nature of God to morality and the sacraments. Thomas also wrote commentaries on the Greek philosopher, Aristotle. He was able to be such a prolific writer because he dictated many of his writings. In fact, he could dictate five different subject matters to five different secretaries at one time!

Near the end of his life our Lord spoke to Thomas, "Thou hast written well of Me, Thomas."

Let us pray for the zeal of St. Thomas in his own words:

Grant, o merciful God, that I may ardently desire, prudently examine, truthfully acknowledge, and perfectly accomplish what is pleasing to Thee for the praise and glory of Thy name. Amen.



St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron saint of colleges, universities and schools.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Saint Agnes, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Mark Moriarty

AT SAINT AGNES

Beverages and rolls served Sunday after Masses in Schuler Hall by the members of the Knights of Columbus.



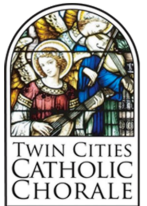
Members of the Synod Evangelization Team are available after Masses Sunday, January 28 to speak with parishioners about the Small Faith Groups.

CHORALE AND ORCHESTRA NOTES

W.A. Mozart, *Piccolomini Mass*, K 258 (1776)

The *Piccolomini Mass* by Wolfgang Mozart (1759-1791) is a *missa brevis* designed to meet the time constraints outlined by the Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg. This composition may have received its nickname from the Italian word *piccolo*, meaning brief or small.

The Twin Cities Catholic Chorale is a non-profit organization that depends solely on the generosity of its patrons. Programs are available at the church entrances and are posted on the Chorale website at www.catholicchorale.org. Next Sunday the Chorale and Orchestra will present W.A. Mozart's *Spatzenmesse*, K 220.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT AGNES

This Friday, February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Saint Agnes Chamber Choir will present the *Missa O Magnum Mysterium*, by Tomás Luis de Victoria, along with polyphonic Offertory and Communion motets at the 5:15pm Candlemas. The Latin Sung Mass will take place in the Upper Church (3:30pm Confession and 5:00pm Benediction will still take place in the Chapel).

We will have a blessing of the throats at our 8:00am Latin Sung Mass on Saturday, February 3, the Feast of St. Blaise.

COMING SOON TO SAINT AGNES

Altar and Rosary Society Epiphany Dinner

RSVP Requested by February 1

All Altar & Rosary Society members are invited to our annual Epiphany Dinner on February 7! Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Respond via the Evite sent to members or by calling the Parish Office by Friday, February 1st. Hope to see you there!

Receiving God's Grace During Lent

Saturday, February 10, 9am—Noon

Prepare your mind, heart and soul for Lent with Deacon Joseph Michalak. Open to all men and women, 18 years or older. Registration is \$20 per person or \$25 at the door. Sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society. See the flyers for more details.

Red & White Benefit — Feb. 10 — Act Now!

An evening of community bringing together friends, family, parishioners and alumni in support of tuition assistance for Saint Agnes students. Limited seating. Reserve your ticket at www.bidpal.net/redandwhite or call Sara at 651-925-8720

Auction items: Please bring donated items to the parish or school office ASAP.

Win a 2023 Ford Explorer SUV! Valued at over \$42,000. Call Sara at 651-925-8720 to buy. Win up to \$5,000 in the 50/50 Raffle! Winner receives half the pot. Tickets are \$100 and only 100 tickets will be sold. Call Sara at 651-925-8703 to buy. **Must be 18 or older to purchase and win raffles. Drawings will take place at the Red & White on Feb 10. Need not be present to win.*

Blessed Karl of Austria Men's Club Annual Mardi Gras Celebration — Save the date!

All men of the Parish are invited to join the Men's Club on **Tuesday, February 13** for our Mardi Gras celebration! Food, drinks, cards, cigars and more! Watch the bulletin for more details.

Lenten Lecture Series: The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Join us and invite your friends and family Fridays in Lent for the Saint Agnes Lenten Lecture Series. Lectures take place after the 7pm Stations of the Cross, except on Good Friday, in Schuler Hall. There is no cost to attend but a free will offering will be taken.

- February 16: The Prophecy of Simeon
Sr. Mary Samuel Handwerker, OP
- February 23: The Flight Into Egypt
Ann Virnig
- March 1: Loss of the Child Jesus
Susanna Spencer
- March 8: On the Way to Cavalry
Fr. Evan Koop
- March 15: Jesus Dies on the Cross
Dr. Erika Kidd
- March 22: Jesus is Laid in Her Arms
Fr. Austin Dominic Litke, OP
- Good Friday: The Burial of Jesus
2pm *Fr. Mark Moriarty during Liturgy*

Saint Agnes Small Faith Groups

Everyone is invited to deepen your heartfelt sorrow for the sufferings of Christ and His mother this Lenten season. We will be hosting Small Faith Groups in Schuler Hall studying the book "The Seven Sorrows of Mary" by Father Romanus Cessario, O.P. Books are provided to you at no cost. A women's study group will be held on Saturdays at 9am following the 8am Mass, and a men's study group will be held on Sundays at 10am following the 9am Mass.

Small Faith Group Dates:

Women: Feb. 17 and 24, March 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Men: March 3, 10, 17 and 24.

If you want to host your own group to study the 7 Sorrows, materials for you to use can be picked up in Schuler Hall on **Sunday, January 28 or at the Parish Office.**



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27 | Saint Angela Merici

8:00 am* Patricia Lennes †

5:15 pm Michael Jay †

Sunday, January 28 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Septuagesima Sunday (EF)

7:00 am Sharon Clare Lang (A) †

8:00 am Catherine Hohman †

9:00 am Greg and Laura Pepin (A)

10:30 am* Tim and Maureen Gormley

12:30 pm *Missa pro populo* (for the people)

Monday, January 29

6:30 am Jeff Larson

Tuesday, January 30

6:30 am Kathy Fogerty

Wednesday, January 31 | Saint John Bosco

6:30 am John Millett (B) †

Thursday, February 1

6:30 am Ben Bauer (B)

Friday, February 2 | The Presentation of the Lord

6:30 am Leah MacDonald

9:30 am Anna Rathke

5:15 pm* Betty Jones †

Saturday, February 3 | Saint Blaise, Saint Ansgar

8:00 am* Peggy Layer Kuchenmeister †

5:15 pm Leo and Lenore Urman †

Sunday, February 4 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sexagesima Sunday (EF)

7:00 am Stephanie Carlson †

8:00 am Michael Bisch †

9:00 am Tom Larson

10:30 am* Dr. James and Dillon Kromhout

12:30 pm *Missa pro populo* (for the people)

(B) birthday (A) anniversary † deceased * sung Mass

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Andrew Dinner

February 6, 6–8 pm, Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul

The Andrew Dinner is an opportunity for men, ages 16 and older, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood. The dinner is hosted by Archbishop Hebda and Fr. David Blume, the Director of Vocations. The evening includes prayer, dinner, and conversation about vocation discernment, seminary, and priesthood. Registration is **required**. Typically, guests attend with their pastor, religious or youth minister. Learn more and register at 10000vocations.org/andrew-dinner.html.



Congratulations

Bob Loch

2023 St. John Paul II Champions for Life Award Recipient

The Church of Saint Agnes thanks you, Bob, for your tireless advocacy for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Your faithful commitment inspires our parish community, and now, our Archdiocese. May God continue to bless you in your work!