

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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)  
Sundays during Advent (NOT Easter Sunday) 9:00 am–9:30 am (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  
4:30 pm Vespers I during Lent  
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.

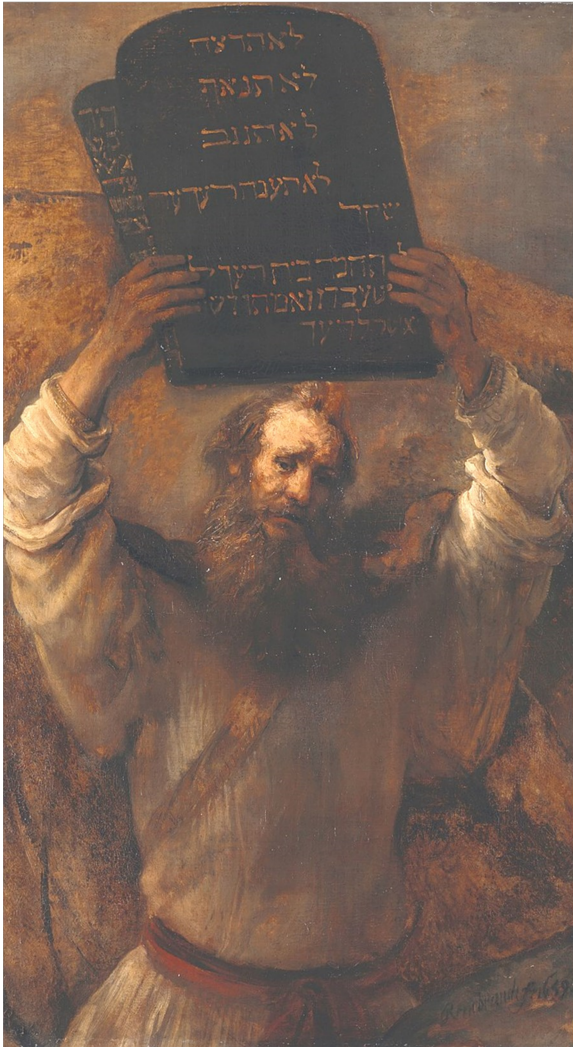
**Baptisms:** Contact clergy or parish office.

### The Parish Office Hours

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

### Contact Information

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# CHURCH OF SAINT AGNES

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### February 22 – The Feast of the Chair of St Peter

*And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*<sup>9</sup>

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, a feast day easily misconstrued without some examination. One may ask, why are we celebrating a chair? The chair has been venerated since the early days of the Church because St. Peter, on whom Christ said He would build His Church, sat on it whenever he presided over and preached to an assembly of the faithful in Rome. To preach and teach while seated was an ancient custom and something even Jesus did when preaching in a synagogue. We could view this feast as an opportunity to venerate another saintly relic, but this particular feast also allows us as a church to celebrate the foundation Christ gave us in Peter, especially the teaching office of the Bishop of Rome. We are unified as a church based on the apostolic succession that followed from our first pope, St. Peter. Pope Leo XIII said in his Encyclical *Satis Cognitum*:

*[I]t is clear that by the will and command of God the Church rests upon St. Peter, just as a building rests on its foundation. Now the proper nature of a foundation is to be a principle of cohesion for the various parts of the building. It must be the necessary condition of stability and strength. Remove it and the whole building falls. It is consequently the office of St. Peter to support the Church, and to guard it in all its strength and indestructible unity.*

The actual chair of St. Peter is located in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. For many years in the early church, the pope would sit on the chair to receive the neophytes as they walked from the baptistry to be confirmed by the Pope. In the Vatican today, you can see the sculpture that Pope Alexander VII commissioned Italian artist Bernini to enclose the original oak chair of the Bishop by wrapping it with a bronze covering. It took Bernini six years to complete the sculpture that creates the illusion that the chair is suspended in thin air.

As we approach this feast day that celebrates a specific chair, let us take a moment to reflect on the foundations in our lives: our foundation as a church, as a family, as an individual. May we find stability and strength in solid foundations.

Saint Peter, 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 Blessed Karl of Austria Men's Club.



### **Baby Bottle Drive**

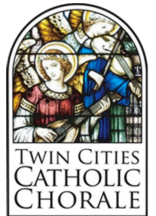
Saint Agnes parishioners raised over \$7,498.98 in the recent baby bottle drive to assist the Women's Life Care Center of Little Canada in providing life affirming services to women and babies. God Bless you for your generosity, we are so grateful for your continued support.

### **The Annual Lenten Food Drive at Saint Agnes**

Sponsored by the St. Anthony-Maria Hilf Council of Catholic United Financial, it will take place through the weeks of Lent. Please bring your non-perishable donations to the entrance at the back of the Church or the Elevator Entrance on weekends or the Parish Office on weekdays. Items that are especially needed: breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, canned salmon and tuna. Thank you for whatever you can help with!!

## CHORALE AND ORCHESTRA NOTES

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](http://www.catholicchorale.org). **The next Orchestral Mass will be on Easter Sunday, at**



**10:30 am, when the Chorale and Orchestra will present Joseph Haydn's Grosse Orgelsolomesse. Before that, the Chorale and Orchestra will present Mozart's Solemn Vespers (K 339) on Laetare Sunday, March 10, at 3:00 pm.**

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT AGNES

**Please Note:** The School and Parish Offices will be CLOSED Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day. The School Office will be CLOSED Tuesday, February 20 as well.

### **Family Catechesis—First Confession Class**

All Family Catechesis and Homeschool families with children making their First Holy Communion this year are reminded of the First Confession class on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30pm in Schuler Hall. Attendance is required. Please reach out to Maranda at [familycatechesis@churchofsaintagnes.org](mailto:familycatechesis@churchofsaintagnes.org) with any questions or concerns.

**Lenten Lecture Series: The Seven Sorrows of Mary** Join us this Friday, February 23, following the Stations of the Cross, in Schuler Hall for *The Flight Into*



*Egypt*, presented by Ann Virnig. Ann Virnig is the Director of Mission Engagement and Advancement at The Avila Foundation where she is responsible for overseeing donor relations and fundraising initiatives. Prior to taking this role, Ann worked for 15 years in the medical sales and management industry. She has a Master's Degree in Psychology from Divine Mercy University and in her spare time is devoted to family, friends, spiritual direction, and healing and deliverance ministry.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome New Parishioners**

*Timothy and Kenna Millea and their children Gabrielle, Xavier, Trey, Damien, Juliana, Cora and Lucia*  
*Thang Thawn and Man Huai and their children Mary Ciin and Michael Pau*

*Tammy Flynn*

*Phillip and Constance Watters and their children Mary, Cecilia and Thomas*

*Peter and Grace Murphy*

*Christopher Laatsch and Caela Carlstedt and their daughter Sophia*

*Jeffrey and Elizabeth Morgan and their children Olivia, Anna, John and Peter*  
*Angel O'Neal-Verdine*

**Welcome to Saint Agnes through the Sacrament of Baptism**

*Bernard Gerald Drewiske, son of Jed and Kathleen*  
*Martin Ray Khadka, son of Sajan and Mary*

**Please pray for our recently deceased**

*Kenneth Larson*  
*Claude E. Cybulski*  
*Al Spangenberg*

**Saint Agnes has received gifts in memory of**

*Kenneth Larson*  
*Al Spangenberg*

**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**Totus Tuus – Missionaries Needed**

Is God calling YOU to serve?

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis needs college-age men and women who have a missionary heart, love children and youth, are committed to the Catholic faith, and feel called to share it with the youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese.

The position is a temporary two-month commitment (May 31–July 27), which includes one week of training. There is a one-week break for Independence Day.

Each team member will receive \$3,640 for his or her work; most meals and all lodging are included. To apply, go fill out the form and learn more at

[archspm.org/catholic-education-youth-formation/family-ministries/totus-tuus](http://archspm.org/catholic-education-youth-formation/family-ministries/totus-tuus).

**Pro-Life Across America Culture of Life Banquet**

Thursday April 18, Banquets of Mn, Fridley, MN  
 Ever wonder how to have a debate or simply a conversation with someone who is pro-choice? Join us for our Culture of Love Banquet! Our featured speaker is Scott Klusendorf, president of Life Training Institute. Social hour at 5:45pm, dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$75. Please reserve your ticket by April 10. For more information and to make a reservation: <https://prolifeacrossamerica.org/love/>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 17 | Seven Holy Founders of the**

8:00 am\* Pat Kavanagh † **Servite Order**  
 5:15 pm Jodi and Tom Galush Family

**Sunday, February 18 | First Sunday of Lent**

7:00 am Betty Jones †  
 8:00 am Kelly Larson  
 9:00 am Julia Hobbs (A) †  
 10:30 am\* Patricia Witzmann †  
 12:30 pm *Missa pro populo* (for the people)

**Monday, February 19**

6:30 am Deb Bauer Bienek (B)

**Tuesday, February 20**

6:30 am Anna Marie Reiter (A) †

**Wednesday, February 21 | Saint Peter Damian**

6:30 am Gloria D. Arntzen †

**Thursday, February 22 | The Chair of Saint Peter**

6:30 am Felicitas Daus (B) †  
 8:25 am Steve and Gerry Urman †  
 9:30 am Jack and Jan Skeldon (A)

**Friday, February 23 | Saint Polycarp**

6:30 am Vincent Pagnotta

**Saturday, February 24**

8:00 am\* Tatiana Hagen †  
 5:15 pm Heidi Bassett (B)

**Sunday, February 25 | Second Sunday of Lent**

7:00 am Susan Hoppe †  
 8:00 am Mary Agnes Moriarty †  
 9:00 am Michelle Simones (B)  
 10:30 am\* Therese and Leo Tichawa †  
 12:30 pm *Missa pro populo* (for the people)  
 (B) birthday (A) anniversary † deceased \* sung Mass

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