

St. Agnes Parish
1019 Brown Street
Thunder Bay P7E 2L7

Parish Office
Open Tues. to Thurs.
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass
Sat. at 5 p.m.
Sun. at 9 a.m.
11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Weekday Mass
Tues. at 7 p.m.
Wed.-Fri. 12:10 p.m.
Reconciliation: Sat. 4-4:30pm & on request.

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March 23, 2025 – Third Sunday of Lent

Focus: *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Today's psalm is a joyful song of thanksgiving and remembrance. We know the history of Moses' role in God delivering the Israelites from bondage, and we have heard the story of the barren fig tree, but the psalm allows us that moment of connection to God in our own particular way. He has pardoned us; he has healed us; he redeems us from destruction; he is merciful and gracious and surpassing in kindness. Our story is not just what happened then, but what is happening now, and the Lord indeed is kind and merciful.

In Our Parish This Week

Monday, March 24

~ 1:30pm Bind Us Together Prayer Group (MR)
~ 6:30pm Alpha (Hall)

Tuesday, March 25

~ 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 26

~ 6pm First Reconciliation Service

Thursday, March 27

~ 9:30am Senior Leadership Team (Rectory)
~ 10:15am Women's Bible Study (MR)
~ 6:20pm Choir Practice

Friday, March 28

~ 11:30am Stations of the Cross
~ 12:10pm Senior's Healing Mass (Prayer Team is available for individual prayer)
~ 6pm Marriage Preparation Weekend (Hall)

Saturday, March 29

~ 8:30am Marriage Preparation Weekend (Hall)

Sunday, March 30

~ 12pm RCIA (MR)
~ 7:45pm Youth Group (Hall)

Mass Intentions This Week

Tuesday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

~ Maurizio Bolognino req. Ida Figliomeni & Family
~ Intentions of Jane Slobodnik req. Jim & Katherine Smith

Wednesday, March 26

~ The People of the Parish

Thursday, March 27

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Friday, March 28

~ Intentions of St. Agnes Seniors

Saturday, March 29

~ Vilma Escobar req. Lydia Mork
~ Intentions of Ken Vezina req. Mike & Gail Zupansky
~ Margaret Strerz req. Cathy Krueger

Sunday, March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

9am: ~ Jill Alakorpi req. Sylvia Kayzer

~ Intentions of Rona Doyle req. Joyce Ilkka

11am: ~ Vittorio Gollino req. The Family

~ Intentions of Janice Buhler req. Ron & Pat Pearson

~ Joyce Urbanski Myers req. Mom & Dad

~ Vilma Escobar req. Colleen Hogan

7pm: The People of the Parish

Readings March 30

First Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

As we read these passages we ask ourselves, "What is the Good News here for me?" "What is the challenge here for me" and, "How will this help me celebrate at the table of the Lord this Sunday?" This will enrich our celebration at Mass each week.

Sunday Collections:

March 16: **\$3873.50**

Thank you for your financial support of our parish.

Anniversaries of the Deceased: Please remember in your prayers Carl Turcotte and Lenore Boyle whose anniversaries occur this week.

Catholic Women's League News:



The 72nd Thunder Bay Diocesan Catholic Women's Convention is hosted by St. Patrick's Cathedral on April 25th & 26th. Deadline to register is March 24th. Please see the CWL bulletin board in the lobby for the registration form and this year's agenda to see what they will offer. Please make your cheque out to St. Agnes CWL or e-transfer Joyce at joyceilkka@hotmail.com if you are interested. Guest speakers will be Cathy Lengyel, Colleen Martin & Father Terry Sawchuk speaking on the Joy of leadership, Joyful Journey of the levels of CWL and the Joy of the Jubilee. We hope to see you there.

Praise, Worship & Adoration Evening:

Please join us for the Mass, Anointing of the Sick, Adoration and Praise & Worship on **Tuesday, April 1st** from 7:00-9:00pm. The Rosary will be said at 6:30pm prior to Mass. The Prayer Ministry team will be available for personal prayer. All are welcome.

"Painting with God - ART SOZO"

is a 3 hour small group workshop (12 participants max). Participants are invited, through guided reflection, to experience God through the process of playing with paint. NO ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE NEEDED. Fee is \$20 **Thursday, April 10 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**. For more info or to register mail stagnesIHF@gmail.com

First Reconciliation Service:

Just a reminder for children preparing to receive their First Communion this May that the Reconciliation Service will take place this Wednesday, March 26 at 6pm.

Women's Bible Study:

All women are invited to attend Bible Study, bi-weekly, Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:30. Childcare is provided. Invite your friends to join you for the next meeting on March 27 in the Mary Room.

Development and Peace:

2025 is a Jubilee Year, a year in which Pope Francis invites us to *forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them*. Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights. D&P and its partners work with local communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives. By donating to Share Lent on April 6, you can help them continue this work.

Knights of Columbus



Council 8602 News:

A message from our Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly. "Spend any time on social media or watching political debates and you can quickly conclude that certain virtues are missing from our public discourse. Among them is the virtue of magnanimity. Often defined as a largeness or generosity of heart – from the Latin words for "great soul" – magnanimity orients us toward using our gifts in service to others. It gives us the desire to aspire to great things with the time God has given us on earth. Magnanimity is an essential virtue if we want to effectively lead our families and our brother Knights. Why? Because it gives us a clarity of mission and purpose. It keeps us focused on striving for the highest ideals and helps us avoid the traps and snares set for us by the evil one. The magnanimous man is characterized by his selfless generosity of spirit. He knows that his gifts are not for his own use but are for serving and lifting up others. The virtue of magnanimity opens our hearts to always respond with charity, humility and gratitude to God."

Upcoming Events

Pickeral Fish Take Out – Thursday, March 27th – Columbus Centre. Call the hall at 623-3252 for details.

Come try Alpha!

It's not too late! Held on Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm in the church hall
Come for discovery, stay for the friendships, & leave with a new relationship with God.
Register @ stagnesalpha@gmail.com
Registration closes on March 31st

