

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 9, 2025 – First Sunday of Lent

Focus: *Engaging in challenges on our Lenten journey can help us prepare to carry our own cross.*

One way Jesus prepared for his public ministry was to go into the desert, filled with the Holy Spirit, to be tempted by the devil. We may have to confront a similar experience during Lent: While striving to follow the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, we encounter temptations to abandon our good resolutions. Jesus' example shows us the disposition we must have if we are to triumph over the enemy.

In Our Parish This Week

Monday, March 10

~ 1:30pm Bind Us Together Prayer Group (MR)
~ 4pm Praise & Worship Rehearsal (Church)
~ 5:30pm Alpha Training

Tuesday, March 11

~ 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, March 13

~ 10:15am Women's Bible Study (MR)
~ 6:20pm Choir Practice

Friday, March 14

~ 11:30am Stations of the Cross
~ 8pm CCRSO Spring Conference

Saturday, March 15

~ 10am CCRSO Spring Conference

Sunday, March 16

~ 9:45am Coffee Social (Hall)
~ 12pm RCIA (MR)
~ 12pm CWL Visiting Team Meeting (Hall)
~ 7:45pm Youth Group (Hall)

Sunday Collections:

March 2: **\$9563.59**

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Mass Intentions This Week

Tuesday, March 11

~ The People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 12

~ Intentions of Gerri Jessiman req. Lydia Mork

Thursday, March 13

~ The People of the Parish

Friday, March 14

~ Melvina Herman req. Ray & Carolyn Syvitski

Saturday, March 15

~ Deceased Members of the Libiak Family req.
Bunny & Glenn
~ Dino Buttazzoni req. Alma & Family
~ Intentions of Jane & Sonny Dampier req. Jim &
Pat Heino

Sunday, March 16 Second Sunday of Lent

9am: ~ Rosa Spina req. Her Daughters

~ Margaret Strerz req. Brian & Linda DePiero

11am: ~ Pearl Dicks req. Natalie Malette & Family

~ Joe Roque req. Rona & Terry Doyle

~ Carmine & Maria Prisco req. The Carleton Family

~ Karen McGee req. Colleen Hogan

~ Brenda Boyle req. Gordon & Joan Boyle

7pm: The People of the Parish

Readings March 16

First Reading: Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1

Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36

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.

Volunteer Tutors Needed: The Refugee Committee is looking for volunteers to help tutor students in Grades 3 to 7. Tutoring takes place from 4-5:30 on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Anyone interested please call Mandy (807-627-6467).

Catholic Women's League News:



Lent is an intense part of the liturgical year. We are challenged to renew our understanding of this important season of the church, to truly appreciate its gift. Lent is where we centre on God and make a more concerted effort to put Him first in our lives. If needed please use our Lenten prayer to keep God near.

Heavenly Father, as I begin my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself. Let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Amen

Anniversaries of the Deceased: Please remember in your prayers John Taddeo, Dino Buttazoni, Sid Gelmich, Albert Tiboni, Patricia Antonishin and Pearl Dicks whose anniversaries occur this week.

2024 Financial Report: The 2024 Year End Financial Report and a Financial News Update are included with this Sunday's bulletin. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding the statement, please call Al Tennant, Chair of the Finance Council, at 807 631-1578.

You're Invited to Alpha

Come for discovery, stay for the friendships, & leave with a new relationship with God.

Starts Monday, March 17th

6:30-8:30pm

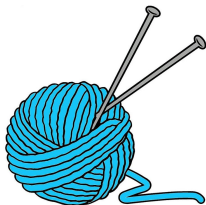
St. Agnes Church Hall

Who will you invite?

Register @ stagnesalpha@gmail.com

Gold Rush Craft Table:

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the 2024 Gold Rush Craft Table – what a great success it was!



We hope that our parish's knitters, crocheters, sewers and crafters find time to create more homemade treasures for the 2025 Gold Rush Craft Table.

Knights of Columbus



Council 8602 News:

As we have done for many years this past Shrove Tuesday, our members prepared over 600 pancakes and sausages for students at St. Elizabeth School. And this past Sunday a KC Mass was held at the 10am mass at Holy Family Church, with our members participating as Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Ushers and Greeters. A coffee social was held in the church hall after mass. The month of March is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph. Consider adding a prayer to St. Joseph in your daily prayers.

Upcoming Events

Spaghetti Take Out –Thursday, March 20th– Columbus Centre. Pick up from 2pm to 5:30pm

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

CCRSO's (Catholic Charismatic Services of Ontario) Spring Conference

is coming to Thunder Bay for the first time via Live-stream from St. Teresa's Parish in Etobicoke. Website: (stteresaset@archtoronto.org). Theme: "COME. THROW OPEN THE DOORS OF YOUR HEART. HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT." Renowned speakers include Bishop Scott McCaig, CC and Michelle Moran. The Conference will be held on March 14, 8-10pm, March 15, 10-6pm. Mass at 5:00pm with Bishop Scott presiding. To view this live-stream conference, go to St. Theresa's Church website, you will see Mass live-streaming. Just click on that link to start streaming the conference. CCRSO is asking for a \$10.00 donation. This can be done on their website CCRSO.NET at the bottom of their site. For further information, contact Sandi Debesys at sdebesys@hotmail.com or Gordon Boyle at gordonmcboyle@gmail.com Advertised by the Bind Us Together Prayer Group of St. Agnes



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