

St. Agnes Parish
1019 Brown Street
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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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November 27, 2022 – First Sunday of Advent

Focus: *As we enter into Advent, we watch for and eagerly await the dawn that breaks over the horizon. The promise of Advent is the promise of a candle in a dark room, of the dawn breaking over the horizon. It is the promise that the darkness cannot stand in the presence of the light. In this holy season we must be watchers, searching for Christ's light, eagerly awaiting the dawn. Are we awake? Are we prepared?*

In Our Parish November 28 to December 4

Monday ~ 1:30pm Bind Us Together Prayer Group (Hall)

Tuesday ~ 7:30pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday ~ 6:45pm Life Group 2 (Zoom)

Thursday ~ 7pm St. Agnes Choir Practice
~ 7pm Alpha (Hall)

Sunday ~ 12pm Christmas Play Practice (Church)

Readings December 4

1st Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

Reading: Romans 15.4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

As we read the readings we can begin to till the soil of our hearts by asking ourselves, "What is the Good News here for me?" We can then ask, "What is the challenge here for me and, how will this message help me celebrate at the table of the Lord this Sunday?" As we continue to do this each week it will enrich our celebration.

Sunday, November 20: \$3399.15

Thank you for your financial support of our parish.

St. Agnes Choir: The St. Agnes Choir welcomes new members. Please come out and give it a try. For more information, please contact Theresa Thibert at 629-6457.

Mass Intentions for Nov. 28 to Dec. 4

Monday, November 28:

~ The People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 29:

~ Bill Jessiman req. Karen & Jim O'Connor

Wednesday, November 30: St. Andrew

~ Agnes Gibb req. Deacon Etienne & Bev Roussel

Thursday, December 1:

~ Jean Groulx req. Wanda & Randy Major

Friday, December 2:

~ Ed Metzler req. Phil Jarvis

Saturday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier

~ Sumita Dahl req. Lois Edwardson

~ Giuseppina Spina req. The Spina Family

~ Bill Jessiman req. Joan McCarthy

~ Clarice Cano req. Peggy Reynolds

Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

9am: ~ Louis DePiero req. Sylvia Kayzer & Family

~ Dorothy Harrow req. Joyce Ilkka

~ Herb Adduono req. Brian & Linda DePiero

~ Al Schaefer req. Liz & Family

11am: ~ Jasmine & Antonio Veneruzzo req. Maria Veneruzzo & Family

~ Deceased Members of the Tremblay Family req. Shirley Hull

~ Bill Jessiman req. Maureen, Cathy & Glenice

~ Joel Ritchie req. May Porter

7pm: ~ The People of the Parish

Bishop's Campaign Update: We have received \$15,460 in donations so far which is only 37% of our goal of \$42,000. This leaves us with a shortfall of \$26,540 which must be paid from our St. Agnes general account. If you haven't donated yet, there is still time as the campaign closes on December 31. We appreciate your generosity in helping us get closer to our goal.

Catholic Women's League News



EXCERPTS FROM THE PROVINCIAL

NEWSLETTER: CWL National has developed a new Strategic Plan for our organization guiding us into a newer vision within our mission For God and Canada. The 2023 Theme is: "Catholic and Living It" focusing on the Core Values of Faith-following Catholic teachings, Service-local, national and international and Social Justice-actively involved in society. The Advent season gives us the opportunity to delight in the promises we celebrate at Christmas, the HOPE that Jesus will return and make things new; the JOY that comes from worshiping him today and for eternity when it is redeemed; and the LOVE of God who sacrificed His own Son to be in relationship with us. More than any other time of the year, Christmas brings with it an undeniable sense of wonder and awe. "Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter!"

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for us!

FORMED: Advent starts on November 27th. It is a time to prepare for the birth of Christ. Spend some family time watching "***The Suitcase: A Story About Giving***" about a young boy's enthusiasm to put into practice the words of Christ to feed and clothe the poor, help the needy, and love one's neighbour.

Adults, check out "***First Sunday of Advent: FORMED in the Word***" where you can immerse yourself in the readings this Advent, thus preparing your heart for Christ's coming. Each day during Advent, "***Brother Francis***" leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! It features meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas. If you haven't signed up for your free subscription, visit www.FORMED.org/signup to view all of this material!

Anniversaries of the Deceased: Please remember in your prayers Louise Sprovieri, Lillian Russak, Giuseppina Spina, Luigino Modesto and David Hois whose anniversaries occur this week.

Come Sing With Us: St. Agnes Parish invites all children Grades 2 to 8 to come and join our Christmas Choir. We will sing Christmas Day at the 11am Mass. For more information please call or text Jean Joy at 807-620-7975 or email jeanjoy@shaw.ca

Knights of Columbus Council 8602 News



A reminder that a Novena For Life will start at the 11am mass on November 27th and run for 9 consecutive days. We encourage all to attend the daily masses during this time.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Dec. 1st – Spaghetti Takeout – 2pm to 5:30pm – Columbus Centre.

Saturday, Dec. 10th – Small Group Christmas Dinner and Dance – call the office at the Columbus Centre for details. 623-3252.

CALL OUT FOR CHILDREN!

Does your child want to be in the Christmas Eve Play? There's still time to join us! The Christmas Pageant will be performed live at the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Just email debrahtm@tbaytel.net to sign up by Nov 27th, or for more information. Practices will be held after 11:00am mass on Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, and 18, with a dress rehearsal on the 23rd. Also looking for parents or teens who would like to help during practice (volunteer hours available for the teens).



Support for a Young Mom in Need:

We thank the Lord when someone in difficult circumstances chooses to keep an unplanned baby. Our support is essential to their survival and health. A local student who is far from family and friends is in need of loving support. At present, rides to Dr. appointments and a friendly face will help. After the baby is born in April, baby items and child care will be important. And of course prayer for Mom and baby as she continues her four years of study at Lakehead is essential. If you would like more information or to volunteer for our parish support team for this young student, please contact Kim at 628-2724 or Koconno1@lakeheadu.ca All contributions are valuable, so please do what you can. God bless you.

Thank You: I would like to thank everyone for the cards, masses, and best wishes on the occasion of my 30th anniversary of ordination. As always, I am grateful for your constant support and kindness.

Fr. James