

January 8, 2017 Epiphany of the Lord
NEW LIGHT, NEW BEGINNING

Introductory Thought Usually an epiphany is an unexpected manifestation or a perception of something new. It may be a breakthrough scientific discovery, a surprising grasp of truth, or the sudden dawning of love. However, none of these more recent epiphanies can hold a candle to the Epiphany of our Lord when he was revealed as the Savior of Jew and Gentile alike: a new light and a new beginning!

Reading I Isaiah 60:1-6 The prophet Isaiah clearly understood the truth and importance of radical monotheism. If there is one God, then all the peoples and nations of the earth are under his rule. But God called out one special people as a means by which to bestow his grace on the whole world. The Light that came to Israel shines on all the nations.

Reading II Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 God's plan for salvation was revealed to the apostle Paul. Jesus was the Christ for Jew and Gentile alike. The old racial, national, and religious walls that divided the world into warring camps had been broken down by the reconciling love of Christ who grafts all the faithful into one body of believers.

Reading III Matthew 2:1-12 The early church should have known that the gospel was for Gentiles as well as Jews from the beginning. Why else would astrologers from the east have traveled hundreds of miles in search of the newborn King of the Jews? They knew that his reign was destined to be without limit and without end - - King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

CLOSING THOUGHT All our lives are made up of beginnings and endings. Repeatedly we are challenged to begin again. Every significant human achievement, and every meaningful human relationship, rests on a commitment. We cannot fulfill our roles as workers, spouses, parents, and friends without making promises. Our commitments help keep us true to our values and duties. But there is no substitute for the Spirit of God, who inspires us and empowers us.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Jan. 9th 8am Bill Bruemmer @ Montgomery Nursing Home
Tues. Jan. 10th 8am Russell & Margaret Roberts @ Heritage Manor
Wed. Jan. 11th 8am Marie Terneus @ St. Agnes
Thu. Jan. 12th 8am Al Lopinot @ Holy Family
Fri. Jan. 13th NO MASS @ St. Agnes
Saturday January 14th 3:15 Confessions
4pm Anadelle LaBanc @ St. Agnes
6pm Joseph Kalaher @ Holy Family
Sunday January 15th
8am Esther Watts @ Holy Family
10am Martha Spinner @ St. Agnes

JANUARY *Mark your calendar*

Mon. Jan. 9th, 9:30am Montgomery NH Mass
6:30pm Finance Council Meeting @ PC
Thur. Jan 12th, 9:30am Montgomery NH Com&R
3pm Tremont Ridge Com.&Rosary
Mon. Jan 16th, 9:30am Hillsboro NH Communion
Thur. Jan 19th, 9:30am Montgomery NH Rosary
Thur. Jan 26th, 9:30am Montgomery NH Com&R
 Please listen to WSMI Radio for any cancellations due to weather or otherwise! Thank You!!!

OFFERTORY

January 1, 2017	
Weekend envelopes (101)	\$ 3219.00
Weekend loose	\$ 262.00
Retires Fund for Religious	\$ 20.00
Children's Home	\$ 200.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 177.00
First Offering	\$ 472.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 855.00
Catholic Times	\$ 120.00
TOTAL	\$ 5335.00
St. Agnes Cemetery	\$ 204.00
St. Johns	\$ 5



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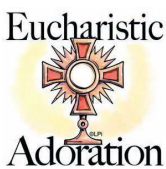
family is ill or hospitalized and wants to be visited or taken communion by calling 532-5288. Please leave a de-



tailed message. Thank You!



You are invited to Pray the Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy with us after Monday & Wednesday 8am Masses for the Year of Mercy, Stewardship, Discipleship, and the Future of our parish.



"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep." (John 10:11) Get to know the Good shepherd Who laid down His life for us. He waits for our visit. Please join us on Wednesday from 3-6pm!

The Knights of Columbus have appointed John Eickhoff the Knights of Columbus Hall Coordinator. For all KC Hall inquiries and rental questions, please contact at 217-532-5419 or cell 217-710-0893. Thank You!

This weekend there will be a 2nd collection for the Catholic Times Subscription Renewal. Thank you for supporting the Catholic Times!

St. Agnes Finance Council Meeting January 9th 6:30pm @ Parish Center.

Join thousands of Catholics across the nation January 21-29, as we pray for a Culture of Life. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to receive novena prayers by text message, App, email, or on-line. **Trust in the mercy of God's love.** Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5. **The following are opportunities to be a public witness for life: Sunday, January 15** – March for Life, Chicago. 2:00-4:00 pm, Federal Plaza, 50 W. Adams St, Chicago. For information contact Donna Moore, 217-321-1161. **Sunday, January 22** – 43rd Anniversary of Roe v Wade. Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. **January 27** - National March for Life, Washington, D.C. Diocesan Pilgrimage – Jan 25-29. Contact Kyle Holtgrave for more information, 217-321-1154. **Pray outside the abortion facility in Granite City or Springfield**, or outside the Planned Parenthood in Decatur. Here is a link to Pro-Life Rosary Intentions for use while praying: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/pro-life-rosary-prayer-intentions.cfm>.

Find Peace, Hope, Understanding, Healing, Community, Acceptance following separation or divorce! You are invited to attend Catholics Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG). You will hear inspiring stories of recovery from divorce and separation, and wisdom from Catholic speakers, writers and clergy on turning to God, for help. Our group meets Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 25th, 2017 at 7 p.m. in Room 3 of St. James Parish Hall, 112 North 6th Street, Riverton, Illinois 62561. For more information, call the Office for Marriage and Family Life, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois at 217-321-1132 or call 217-494-3366 to speak with the facilitator. For a preview of the sessions go to <http://www.Catholics>

[divorce.com/Catholics-Divorce-Survival-Guide-Preview-Videos](http://www.CatholicsDivorce-Survival-Guide-Preview-Videos)

Request for Contribution Statement 2016
 Name _____
 Envelope # _____
Please drop in the collection basket and your statement will be mailed the following week. Thank you! Angie

Ministry Schedule January 14th&15th

Saturday 14th, 4pm Sunday 15th, 10pm

Reader	Linda Schroedter	Shanna Conner
Cantor	Tom Schmidt	Lisa Sullivan
Mass Server	Sarah Huber	Dylan Lessman
Mass Server	Andrea Huber	Tad Daniels
Eucharist E	Marti Coderko	Sandy Martincic
Eucharist PB	Deacon Lee	Deacon Lee
Eucharist PB	Mary Reynolds	Ally Luckett
Usher	Don Huber	Wade Edwards
Usher	Bob Adams	John Eickhoff
Usher	Jim Eickhoff	Henry Ernst
Usher	Bob Moranville	Michael Foster
Hospitality	Carrie Huber	Jessie Chesser
Hospitality	Alexa Huber	Jean Shannon
Hospitality	Tammy Knodle	Tracy White

ChildrensLiturgy

Allison Maass

Ministry Schedules are available at the main entrances of church. Thank you for giving your time and talent at St. Agnes!

University of Dayton Online Learning-Courses for all Catholics: There are only a few more weeks to register for the upcoming January 15th online college level courses through the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), a program of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton. These adult religious education and faith formation courses support the Church's catechetical ministry. This means that you can deepen your faith at a time and place convenient to you via the internet. Courses may be taken for undergraduate credit (for an additional fee) and some courses qualify for credit in our diocesan Catechist Formation Process. Registration for the 2017 courses close Jan. 11, 2017. The courses run Jan. 15-Feb. 18, 2017. For more information, visit the VLCFF web site or contact the Office for Catechesis.

YOU Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are "Happily Married". For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with each other? Are you constantly fighting? Or so you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The next Program begins the weekend of FEBRUARY 3, 2017.

The Epiphany of the Lord – Sunday, 08 January 2017 Observations and dreams. Magi. Looking. Longing. Star at its rising. Traveling with gifts. Asking for helpful directions. Seeing the child. Giving gifts. Here is the point of the "We Three Kings" story: **All people reflect God's radiance.** Even people from the east. Even outsiders. Gentiles and Jews all belong to the one Kingdom, Saint Paul reminds us. Them and us are one because God is One. Let us sing Psalm 72 all week: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

- What signs (stars) do I see calling me to act?
- What gifts (of self, of things) will I give away?
- Who will I include in _____?

The St. Raymond K. of C. Council #4696 will hold their Annual Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, January 8, 2017, in the Raymond K. of C. Hall. Serving will be from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, salad, bread, assorted desserts, and drink. Adults \$10.00, children 12 & under \$4.00, and pre-school free. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will also be Drive-Thru service and carry-outs available.

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy, even if it is in the past, individuals are encouraged to call the Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number (217)321-1155. Individuals may also contact the Illinois Department of Childrens and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE, or contact your local police authorities.

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Very Rev. James L. Neuman, V.F., Pastor

Deacon Leland Johns 532-5288

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Office hours M-T-W 8:45 to 12:30

Thursday 8:45 to 4:30

Parish Center 217-532-2631

Parish Web site: www.stagneshillsboro.com

Diocesan web site: www.dio.org

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. If you have a change of address will you please notify the parish office at 532-5288 or email agnesone_chris@consolidated.net. You can leave a phone message with your new address.

Mass Schedule

Monday & Wednesday 8:00 am

4:00 pm Saturday

10:00 am Sunday

Confessions Saturday 3:15-3:45pm &

By special appointment 532-5288.

Saint Agnes Parish Mission Statement

Saint Agnes is a Roman Catholic community called to be disciples of Jesus and to celebrate our faith in work and sacrament. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the love of God by serving others and proclaiming the Gospel with our Lives.

RCIA: Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic faith, call the Pastoral Associate Office 532-2631.

BAPTISMS: By appointment only after parents have attended required classes. Parents must be registered and active members of St. Agnes Parish for at least 3 months.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are to be made directly through the funeral home. Funeral liturgies are at 10:00 am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm., or by appointment. Consult the bulletin.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Priest of the parish, 532-5288.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Contact Pastoral Associate Office at 532-2631.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. **REGISTRATION AND ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AT ST. AGNES REQUIRED,** plus attendance at a pre-cana conference. No weddings to begin later than 2:00 pm on Saturday.