

January 29, 2017 4th Sunday in O T - A  
**THE MISUNDERSTOOD JESUS**

**Introductory Thought** Jesus turned the world of values upside down. He challenged the traditional measures of success. For example, those who suffer violence are greater than those who inflict violence. Furthermore, those who show mercy are greater than those who seek vengeance. And one of the most difficult truths for us to accept: Those who serve are greater than those who rule.

**Reading I Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13** The prophet Zephaniah spoke to a people beaten down by their enemies. But he did not call them to battle. He called them to repentance and renewal. He exhorted them to seek justice and to seek humility. The future belonged to those who observed the laws of God by doing justice and walking humbly

**Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:26-31** The early church was not filled with well-born and influential people. Not many of them were wise or powerful as humankind counts wisdom and power. But God chose the lowborn and despised to drive home the point that all human good comes from God. God chose those who count for nothing to show the world the things that really count.

**Reading III Matthew 5:1-12a** Jesus taught a revolutionary faith. He found strength in weakness, wealth in poverty, joy in sorrow, greatness in humility. His faith was strong enough to turn any situation into an experience of blessedness. His faith was deep enough to find something good in every circumstance

**CLOSING THOUGHT** We are bombarded on every hand by images of the successful person. The successful person is well-educated and well-heeled. He is well-known and well-respected. There is nothing wrong with these marks of worldly success but they do not define a successful human being. A successful human being is a person whose life is centered in love for God and love for others

*Mass Intentions*

**Mon. Jan. 30th 8am Marie Terneus @ St. Agnes**  
**Tues. Jan. 31st 8am Esther Watts @ Holy Family**  
**Wed. Feb 1st 8am Sam Elizondo @ St. Agnes**  
**Thu Feb 2nd 8am James Wanger @ Holy Family**  
**Fri. Feb 3rd Marie N. Durbin @ St. Agnes**  
**Saturday February 4th 3:15 Confessions**  
**4pm Hastings Maroney @ St. Agnes**  
**6pm Martin & Marie Kalaher @ Holy Family**  
**Sunday February 5th**  
**8am Al Lopinot @ Holy Family**  
**10am Jamie Gutierrez @ St. Agnes**

**WINTER** *Mark your calendar*

**Thur. Jan 26th, 9:30am Montgomery NH Com & R**  
**Thur. Feb 2nd, 9:30am Montgomery NH Rosary**  
**Mon. Feb 6th, 9:30 Montgomery NH Mass**  
**Thur. Feb. 9th, 9:30 Montgomery NH Com. & Ros.**  
**3pm Tremont Ridge Communion & Ros.**  
**Thur. Feb. 16th, 9:30am Montgomery NH Rosary**  
**Mon. Feb. 20th 9:30am Hillsboro NH Communion**  
**Thur. Feb. 23rd, 9:30 Montgomery NH Com. & Ros.**

**Please listen to WSMI Radio for any cancellations due to weather or otherwise! 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.

January 22, 2017 OFFERTORY	
Weekend envelopes (111)	\$ 3594.00
Weekend loose	\$ 138.00
First Offering	\$ 100.00
Catholic Times	\$ 240.00
Latin America	\$ 982.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5054.00</b>
St. Agnes Cemetery	\$ 77.00
St. Johns	\$



CARE FOR THE SICK



Communion for the Homebound

Please let us know if someone in your family is ill or hospitalized and wants to be visited or taken communion by calling 532-5288. Please leave a detailed message. Thank You!





Anointing of the Sick

**Join thousands of Catholics across the nation January 21-29**, as we pray for a Culture of Life. Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://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.

**Physician Assisted Suicide** - Colorado voters recently legalized physician assisted suicide, making them the 5th state to legalize this dangerous practice. It's likely a similar law will be proposed in Illinois. Now is the time to get educated on this issue. Most Catholics know the Church vigorously defends life until natural death. How many have taken the time to understand why? Without that understanding, it's easy to be influenced by the culture that surrounds us and bombards us with the idea that we should do whatever "feels" right. Don't be deceived by this culture! Fortify your beliefs on the solid foundation of Catholic Church teaching. Start your research by visiting [www.usccb.org/toliveeachday](http://www.usccb.org/toliveeachday), or search "USCCB assisted suicide."

*Baby Bottle Drive During January*

**We will be having a baby bottle drive during January to support the Pregnancy Resource Center. Please prayerfully consider donating. Newly located uptown Hillsboro. Thank you from the Pro-Life Group, Celebrating Life from Conception to Natural Death!**

**Adult Confirmation at Pentecost** - Are you're a practicing Catholic who has never received the sacrament of Confirmation? If so, you are invited to talk with your pastor, parochial administrator, or pastoral facilitator about what you can do to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at a special Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, Illinois. More information can also be found at our website: [dio.org/catechesis/adult-confirmation.html](http://dio.org/catechesis/adult-confirmation.html)

**Mass for the Deaf Community:** Saturday, February 11, 4.00 pm, Our Saviour Convent, 453 E. State St, Jacksonville. Celebrant – Father Tom Coughlin, O.P. Miss. Potluck dinner to follow. For more information, email Christine Lansaw at [christine.lansaw@yahoo.com](mailto:christine.lansaw@yahoo.com).

**Process Addictions...** are growing at an alarming rate. They include co-dependent behavior, work, electronic devices, gambling and pornography to name a few of the hundreds that plague men & women. *If this is an area where the Holy Spirit is calling on you to face this and receive help and healing, come to a weekend retreat at the Chiara Center February 17-19* To begin a more hopeful journey, contact us at 217-523-0901 or email [info@chiaracenter.org](mailto:info@chiaracenter.org) to register

**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 February 4th & 5th**  
**Saturday 4th, 4pm Sunday 29th, 10pm**

Reader	Joyce Lipe	Harry Hutchinson
Cantor	Tom Schmidt	Jan Johns
Mass Server	Kaleb Knodle	Dalton Reynolds
Mass Server	Jeff Knodle	Emily Reynolds
Eucharist E	Kaitlyn Knodle	Sandy Martincic
Eucharist PB	Deacon Lee	Deacon Lee
Eucharist PB	Marti Coderko	Ally Luckett
Usher	Kent Tuetken	Sam Tyszko
Usher	Bob Adams	Michael Foster
Usher	Jim Eickhoff	Henry Ernst
Usher	Jim Reynolds	Steve Murray
Hospitality	Sami Knodle	Jessie Chesser
Hospitality	Tammy Knodle	Loretta Tyszko
Hospitality		Barb Ryan
ChildrensLiturgy		Marci Gutierrez

**Back to the 80's**

**Feb 18, 5pm doors open, Taylor Springs K.C. Hall St. Louis School, Nokomis Dinner Auction** You will have a chance to win a Yetti Cooler & cash, participate in the Wall of Wines event, bid on some wonderful items for the silent and live auctions and dance to your favorite 80's music featuring, *The Brat Pack!* You will not want to miss out on this fun event! Tables and or tickets are being sold now! Tickets are \$45 per person which includes a delicious meal catered by Fema's Catering, beer, wine and a mixed drink. Please call the school office at 217-563-7445 for more information about hosting a table or purchasing tickets.

*Please notice we will be having Mass on Friday February 3rd, Feast of St. Blaise, with a blessing of the throats following mass.*

**4th Sunday in O T– 29 January 2017**

**We cannot avoid mercy!** Right in the middle of the nine “Blesseds”, these beatitudes at the start of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says: Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. **Mercy!** Right in the middle. Yet mercy is preceded and followed by blessed righteousness, that is, by relationships that are right with God, with other people, and with all creation. What I do and what I say, by blessed words and actions, help bring on the Kingdom of Heaven (Saint Matthew’s phrase for being in the presence of God). **1.** How will I seek justice by what I do today? **2.** How will I seek humility by what I say this week? **3.** How will I show mercy, be merciful?

As members of this parish community prepare for Confirmation we the faithful journey with them... Loving God, in Baptism we have come to know you as our Father and Creator, As Jesus your brother and Savior, and as Holy Spirit, source of life and Holiness. Fill us with your love and strengthen us to be faithful to our baptismal promises We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

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

**Saint Agnes**

**Catholic Church**

**P.O. Box 98, 214 E. Tremont Hillsboro, Illinois 62049**

**A COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

*Gratitude  
 Forgiveness  
 Healing  
 Stewardship  
 & Intentional  
 Discipleship*

**Very Rev. James L. Neuman, V.F., Pastor**  
 Deacon Leland Johns 532-5288  
 Char Modla, Pastoral Associate 532-2631  
 Angie Mizera, CRE Grade K-10 & Parish Secretary Office & Parish House 217-532-5288  
**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](http://www.stagneshillsboro.com)  
 Diocesan web site: [www.dio.org](http://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](mailto: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.