

March 12, 2017, 2nd Sunday of Lent - A

DISCOVERING JESUS

Introductory Thought James Joyce said “a man of genius makes no mistakes,” and his errors “are the portals of discovery.” His errors are volitional and are the portals of discovery.” W. H. Auden claimed that “between the ages of twenty and forty we are engaged in the process of discovering who we are.” Discovering Jesus means much more than merely knowing about him. The true followers of Jesus did more than meet him. They followed him, and thus came to truly discover him.

Reading I Genesis 12:1-4a Abraham was sent on a journey by God and given remarkable promises. Abraham would become a great nation, God would bless those he blessed, and by him all the families of the earth would be blessed. It was difficult to imagine a more outstanding future. And all that was promised came to pass.


Reading II - 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Paul from prison wrote to Timothy, his “beloved child,” encouraging him to take his share of suffering for the gospel’s sake. The gospel was the power of God and a holy calling. Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light

Reading III Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain where he was transfigured. His face and garment shone like white snow. Moses and Elijah talked with Jesus, and a voice from above said, “This is my beloved Son...listen to him.” As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus said “tell no one...until I am raised from the dead.”

CLOSING THOUGHT Discovery is one of life’s most exhilarating experiences. At best, it should be a part of our lives all of our lives. The realm of reality extends far, far beyond all human imagination. We have all experienced discoveries that literally changed our lives. But in Jesus Christ there are still more wonders to be discovered. But we must keep our eyes on the One who still shows us the way.

Mass Intentions

Mon.Mar.13th 8am Marie Terneus @ St.Agnes
Tues.Mar.14th 8am Russell & Margaret Roberts @ Holy Family
Wed.Mar.15th 8am Doris Basse Fisher @St.Agnes
Thu.Mar.16th 8am Faithful Departed @ Holy Family
Fri. Mar.17th 8am Religious Vocation @ St. Agnes
 4pm Cecil Millburg @ Holy Family
Saturday March 18th 3:15 Confessions
 4pm Special Intentions of Margaret & Bernard Jenkins @ St. Agnes
 6pm Coletta Ambo @ Holy Family
Sunday March 19th
 8am Esther Watts @ Holy Family
 10am Dorothy Millburg @ St. Agnes

 *Mark your calendar*

Mon.Mar.13th 6:30pm RCIA
Wed.Mar.15th, 6pm Stations of the Cross
Thur.Mar.16th 9:30am Montgomery NH Rosary
Mon.Mar.20th Hillsboro NH Communion 6:30pm RCIA
Thur.Mar.23rd 9:30 MontgomeryNH Com&Ros
March 26th-28th 7pm, Lenten Mission Holy Family Litchfield
Mon.Mar.27th 6:30pm RCIA

Lenten Dinners at Hillsboro K of C Hall each Friday in March & April 7th 5-7pm. A Varied Menu for Varied Tastes!

March 5th 2017	OFFERTORY
Weekend envelopes (138)	\$ 4264.50
Weekend loose	\$ 141.25
Catholic Charities	\$ 80.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 1092.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 40.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 105.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 436.00
TOTAL	\$ 6173.75
St. Agnes Cemetery	\$ 349.00
St. Johns	\$ 35



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 de-



tailed message. Thank You!



Eucharistic Adoration *"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 in. Adoration is held on the 2nd & 4th Wed. 3-6pm. Please join us!

Attorneys from the Immigration Project are available to answer immigration questions. Consultations are available on March 16th in Springfield. Call Immigration Project Mondays or Wednesdays, 10 am to 4pm, 309-829-8703

DCCW Retreat March 13&14 Villa Maria
"With God All Things are Possible"
 contact Mary Ann Scopel 217-835-2505

Invitation to participate in preliminary phase of the diocesan synod - The questions are online at www.dio.org/synod and will be published in several issues of *Catholic Times*. You are asked to complete the synod’s preliminary phase questionnaire. This feedback will be used to formulate the questions that become the working papers of the synod. The findings will be used at the diocesan synod Deanery Prayer and Listening Sessions to be held in each deanery on April 2. Please complete and submit the questions before April 2, 2017. Instructions on how to complete and return the questionnaire are in *Catholic Times* and on the website. Also we have copies at the main entrance of church. All answers are confidential

Lenten Mission ‘Renewing the American Parish: Trajectories for the Future’ Hosted by Holy Family Litchfield with speaker Very Rev. Dennis Robinson, OSB, president-rector of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology on March 26th, 27th, & 28th at 7pm. The parish is the backbone of the Church, and yet many parishes today are struggling for numbers, programs and money. What is the future of the American parish and how can we help realize it? This program will consider a number of trends and offer a few possible answers to the questions we have today. For more information, please contact the parish office @ 324-2776

To God Be the Glory - The Office for Pro-Life Activities and Special Ministries invites you to come and be blessed. Father David Jones, St Benedict the African-East Parish, Chicago, will preach a Catholic Revival on Sunday, March 12, and Monday, March 13. The African choir will sing Sunday night, and the topic is: Why I came to Church. A combined choir from the Catholic churches of Decatur will sing Monday night, and the topic is: Why I remain at Church. For more information call 217-698-8500, ext. 161 or e-mail .

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.

As part of a 40 Days for Life campaign, Bishop Paprocki will lead a prayer rally at the Planned Parenthood, 601 N. Bruns Lane, Springfield, on March 22nd, 12:00 noon. Please join bishop Paprocki in praying for an end to abortion.

Life Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 10:00 am, Illinois State Museum Library.

Ministry Schedule March 18th & 19th
Saturday 18th, 4pm Sunday 19th, 10pm

Reader	Angie Karban	Emily Reynolds
Cantor	Don Karban	Terri Miller
Mass Server	Andrea Huber	Dalton Reynolds
Mass Server	Sarah Huber	River Smith
Eucharist E	Kay Gray	Bob Fuehne
Eucharist PB	Deacon Lee	Deacon Lee
Eucharist PB	Mary Ann Rapp	Ali Lockett
Usher	Jason Burke	Mitchell Reynolds
Usher	Kent Zimmerman	Henry Ernst
Usher	Kent Tueken	John Eickhoff
Usher	Stan Hughes	Curt Pocklington
Hospitality	Delores Hughes	Jeanette Huber
Hospitality	Landon Carroll	Brenda Pocklington
Hospitality	Kaden Lemon	Emma Dowding
ChildrensLiturgy		Marci Gutierrez

Thank you for giving your time and talent at Saint Agnes!

The season finale for the Chiara Center's **Food & Faith Series** coming up on March 16th is entitled "*Healing Our Inner Self*" featuring Sonya Jones, former contestant on the NBC TV Show *Biggest Loser*. During this presentation you will hear the story of transformation and struggle to reach one's goals with penetrating insights and greater awareness of the spiritual pulse of life. Sonya will be speaking about such questions as *How do I see myself and who am I? How does one respond to one's body image? What is the role of faith that leads us into fuller being?* Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and requires a reservation. To register or to obtain directions, call (217) 523-0901.

5th Grade PSR is collecting toiletries for the people in need. Donations can be dropped off at PSR or the church between now and Easter! Thank You!!!

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Three verbs. Each reading provides a verbal injunction today. (1) Abram is told to Go and, in the going, to trust God. And so are we. (2) Early followers of Jesus are told to Bear the Good News and, in the bearing, to rely on God's strength. And so are we. (3) Peter, James, and John, while Jesus touches them, are told Do Not Be Afraid! And so are we. Where do I need to "go" this Lent? How will I bear, not my own good works, but the Good News of Jesus Christ in words and deeds? What do I fear? And how can I stay within the touch of Jesus and trust what happens next?

The Mass The next part of the Mass the Priest says "The Greeting" "THE LORD BE WITH YOU". This is no ordinary greeting, it is the reality of Jesus' presence with the community of believers assembled in his name, for Jesus said "when two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst".(Mt 18:20) With these words, the Priest is praying that the divine life we received at baptism may continue to grow within us, also we are reminded of the high calling we each have. As God's children we each have a mission to fulfill "The Fathers Plan", that plan is to fulfill our marriages, our families, our work, our friendships, our parish, and our community. We are always assured God is there with his higher power to help us fulfill the plan he has entrusted to us. "AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT" our answer to the Priest. By saying this we are acknowledging the Holy Spirit's unique activity through the priest during the sacred liturgy by virtue of the priest; that is, the deepest interior part of his being where he has been ordained precisely to lead the people in this sacred action. How fortunate we are to have a priest to fulfill God's plan. Remember to pray for our Priest that they may perform their sacred duties well and continue to show us how important the celebration of the Mass is. May God bless us all!!

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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.