

April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday,
Resurrection of the Lord - Cycle A
THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

Introductory Thought We live in a world where a person's life can change for the worse in the twinkling of an eye. We can lose our jobs because of changes in the stock market. We can lose our health because of hazards in the environment. We can lose a family member because of an automobile accident. If we place ourselves in God's hands, however, we have a transcendent security in Eternal Love.

Reading I Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Peter was sent by God to the centurion Cornelius, who was a devout man, but a Gentile. His experience with the centurion was life-changing for Peter. God revealed to him the universal range of redemption. All people are sinners and all are in need of the salvation that comes to us supremely in Jesus Christ. God shows no partiality.

Reading II Colossians 3:1-4 Here we have a beautiful affirmation that speaks for itself. Paul is picturing for his readers the eternal world where Christ sits at the right hand of God. He encourages them to set their minds on things above, rather they earthly things, so as to appear with him in glory.

Reading III - John 20:1-9 Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb on the first day of the week while it was still dark. She found that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter, who then came with the other disciples to find the tomb empty. As yet they did not know the scripture that said he was to rise from the dead.

CLOSING THOUGHT All of us feel unloved at one time or another. But there are also people who never seem to find the kind of people who are both open to love and are hoping to find the right person with whom to blossom in love. Everyone knows that "One is the loneliest Number." What many such people never realize is that "God is love." The Holy One who created us loves us, despite everything! Our Creator God is a loving God. "Holding a beggar's child / Against my heart, / Through blinding tears I see / That as I love the tiny, piteous thing, / So God loves me!" (*Toyohiko Kagawa*)

Mass Intentions

MonApr17th 8am NO MASS @ St. Agnes
TuesApr.18h 8am NO MASS @ Holy Family
Wed.Apr19th 8am NO MASS @ St. Agnes
Thu.Apr.20th 8am NO MASS @ HolyFamily
Fri. Apr.21st 8am NO MASS @ St. Agnes
Saturday April 22nd 3:15 Confessions
4pm Dorothy Osborn @ St. Agnes
6pm Harriet Miller @ HolyFamily
Sunday April 23rd
8am Esther Watts @ HolyFamily
10am Mark Berry @ St. Agnes

April *Mark your calendar*

Mon.Apr.17th 9:30am Hillsboro NH communion
Thur.Apr.20th 9:30am Montgomery NH Rosary
Thur.Apr.27th 9:30am MontgomeryNHCom&R
Sun.Apr.30th First Communion @ St.Agnes
May 7th 4pm Confirmation for St.Agnes&HF

| April 9th 2017 OFFERTORY | |
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| Weekend envelopes (131) | \$ 4337.00 |
| Weekend loose | \$ 312.00 |
| Operation Rice Bowl | \$ 35.00 |
| Seminarians | \$ 60.00 |
| Holy Land | \$ 30.00 |
| Easter Offering | \$ 20.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 4799.00 |
| St. Agnes Cemetery | \$ 55.00 |
| St. Johns | \$ 0 |



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!



Invitation to participate in preliminary phase of the diocesan synod - In remarks following the Jan. 22 prayer service that began the preparation phase of the diocesan synod, Bishop Thomas John Paprocki reinforced some important elements. "As I have explained before, 'synod' is a Greek word that means 'meeting,'" said Bishop Paprocki." It is my hope that during this year of our synod, this becomes a conversation, a diocesan-wide discussion . . . that will be used to form the questions that guide the synod itself. I want everyone's feedback and input." 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. All answers are confidential.

Are you experiencing shame, sleepless nights, guilt, or other negative emotions after abortion? You are not alone. Any woman or man who has had abortion touch their life personally is invited to contact Project Rachel, a post-abortion healing ministry. All contacts are confidential. Take courage and call 1-877-RACHEL-5

On Behalf of Fr. Jim, Deacon Lee and staff of St. Agnes, We wish you a very Happy Easter!

Hockey with Bishop Paprocki - "The Holy Goalie" Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will again be fending off fast flying pucks to benefit Catholic Charities Legal Services program during the 7th annual "Hockey with Bishop Paprocki" on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at the Nelson Center, Springfield at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Joining Bishop Paprocki on the ice will be Chicago Blackhawk alum, Grant "Granny" Mulvey, who holds several Blackhawks records. CCLS was implemented by Bishop Paprocki in 2014 to provide pro bono legal assistance in civil matters to people with little to no income. For more information on Catholic Charities Legal Services, how to receive services, make a donation, or volunteer as an attorney, contact Henry at 217-523-9201, ext. 329.

Koinonia Retreat Weekend for Divorced or Separated Catholics ("DASK"), Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23, 2017 at Todd Hall Retreat Center, 320 Todd Hall Center Drive, Columbia, IL 62236; Cost \$110 includes room, double occupancy, and six meals. Call Jean at 314-704-1870 or Carol at 314 775 1253 for brochure and registration. \$50 deposit will reserve a space.

Ministry Schedule April 22nd & 23rd
Saturday 22nd, 4pm Sunday 23rd, 10am

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| Reader | Ben Brohammer | Bob Fuehne |
| Reader | Angie Karban | Mary Jo Cerny |
| Cantor | Stan McCaslin | Terri Miller |
| Mass Server | Andrea Huber | Tad Daniels |
| Mass Server | Sarah Huber | Dylan Lessman |
| Eucharist E | Gene White | Ali Luckett |
| Eucharist PB | Deacon Lee | Deacon Lee |
| Eucharist PB | Sue White | Sandy Martincic |
| Usher | Don Huber | Mike Ryan |
| Usher | Jim Modla | Junice Springer |
| Usher | Bob Moranville | Greg Springer |
| Usher | Leo Murray | Sam Tyszko |
| Hospitality | Nic Ondrey | Faye Weller |
| Hospitality | Maia Moranville | Alex Miller |
| Hospitality | | Sheridan Lyrta |
| ChildrensLiturgy | | Ali Luckett |

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Vigil and during the Day – 15-16 April 2017 Bathing and Dying. We see proclaimed this Easter night (or, at least, hear it proclaimed Easter Day) the elect going into the font for baptismal washing and baptismal dying (our two main images for Baptism). Washing away the old, dying to past life. Then, coming out brand new. And seeing / hearing this, we are renewed. Again. This year. Renewed again to be on baptismal mission. Renewed again to be missionary disciples.

- What renewal do I need?
- How will the newly baptized, icons of God's grace, help me be renewed?
- How will I help the newly baptized become faithful with me, with us?

'THE CONFITEOR' We are called to prepare ourselves for a sacred encounter with the Lord everytime we go to Mass. Finally, two points to consider about this prayer "The Confiteor". 1. I have greatly sinned in what I have done. 2. Instead of simply saying "through my own fault" we repeat it 3 times while striking our breasts in sign of repentance: We do not simply offer an apology to God in the Confiteor we express heartfelt contrition and humbly admit that I have sinned and ask for God's forgiveness. We must take responsibility for whatever wrong we have done, or the good that we should have done but failed to do.

"LORD HAVE MERCY" This three fold plea for God's mercy flows after the three fold admission of one's sin in the previous prayer, The Confiteor. We all come together in his presence, with the angels and saints and we ask him to show us his mercy and grant us his salvation. We can entrust to the Lord our own sufferings in the "Kyrie", confident in the Lord's ability to assist us. This includes our physical ailments, our personal trials, and even our own spiritual blindness, weakness, and sin. We come to Mass with our own afflictions and trials and we find comfort and strength when we cry out "LORD HAVE MERCY". We also can entrust to the Lord those we love every time we pray the "Kyrie" at Mass. You can pray to the Lord for family or friends in their time of need. May God bless each of us!!

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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.