

February 26, 2017 8th Sunday in OT A

## DIVINE PROVIDENCE

**Introductory Thought** The Church tells us that there are two ways that God provides for His children. An abundance of grace happens in those very rare occasions when God enters our lives in a miraculous way. Natural or daily grace shows how God blesses us day in and day out, through the laws of nature and with the help from others.

**Reading I Isaiah 49:14-15** There are times when we feel forsaken and forgotten by God. But a loving mother would sooner abandon her newborn child than God could forsake or forget us. He always cares for his own beloved sons and daughters.

**Reading II 1 Corinthians 4:1-5** The world sees only natural law and human agency behind the overall scheme of things. But God is at work in the depth of things, bringing about his eternal purposes. We Christians have the joyous task of sharing in God's hidden care for the whole creation.

**Reading III Matthew 6:24-34** We would all live with a lot less fear and a lot more joy if we took these words of Jesus to heart. We are not left to struggle alone against an uncaring world and indifferent society. God is at work in the shadows keeping watch over his own.

**CLOSING THOUGHT** Polar opposites characteristically resist each other, whether they are personalities, points of view, or power struggles. We see examples of this internationally, locally, and within ourselves. Often, however, it need not be a matter of "either – or." Sometimes opposites need to find an appropriate balance, so that the value of each is kept. For example, the life of faith involves both acting and trusting.

*Mass Intentions*

**Mon.Feb 27th 8am NO MASS @ St.Agnes**  
**Tues.Feb 28st 8am NO MASS @ HolyFamily**  
**Wed. March 1st Ash Wednesday**  
**5:15pm Marie Terneus St. Agnes**  
**6pm Esther Watts Holy Family**  
**Thu.Mar.2nd 8am Al Lopinot @ Holy Family**  
**Fri. Mar.3rd 8amGeraldineMarcolini@ St. Agnes**  
**Saturday March 4th 3:15 Confessions**  
**4pm Tom Dethrow @ St. Agnes**  
**6pm Martin&MarieKalاهر@HolyFamily**  
**Sunday March 5th**  
**8am Marcella White @HolyFamily**  
**10am Alex Hamilton @ St. Agnes**

*Mark your calendar*

**LENT**

**Wed.March 1st Ash Wednesday 5:15pm St. Agnes**  
**Soup Supper to Follow in Basement**  
**6pm Holy Family**  
**Tues.Mar.2nd 9:30am Montgomery NH Rosary**  
**Mon.Mar.6th 9:30am Montgomery NH Mass**  
**6:30pm RCIA**  
**Thur.Mar.9th 9:30am Montgomery NH Com.& Ros.**  
**3pm Tremont Ridge Communion & Ros.**  
**Mon.Mar.13th 6:30pm RCIA**  
**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**  
**Thur.Mar.30th9:30am MontgomeryNH Rosary**  
**Please listen to WSMI for possible weather cancellations!**

**February 19, 2017 OFFERTORY**

Weekend envelopes (113)	\$ 3669.50
Weekend loose	\$ 249.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3958.50</b>
St. Agnes Cemetery \$ 15.00	St. Johns \$



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!



**Pro-Life News:** on February 25th & 26th, we will be handing out Holy Cards for Spiritual Adoption for babies that are endangered of abortion. We will also have petitions to sign for our pro-life efforts. There will be 40 days for Life packets available for those interested.

**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](http://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 REGULATIONS

**1. ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. **2. FAST** – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed. **3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.**

### Sign up for the Best Lent Ever!

Visit [BestLentEver.com/Lent](http://BestLentEver.com/Lent) to sign up. Beginning Ash Wednesday, participants will receive daily emails with practical tips, short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly, and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic Team members.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 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.**

**DCCW Lenten Retreat March 13&14 Villa Maria "With God All Things are Possible"** Please see bulletin board for more details! Or contact Mary Ann Scopel 217-835-2505

**Ministry Schedule March 4th & 5th**  
**Saturday 4th, 4pm Sunday 5th, 10pm**

Reader	Alexa Huber	Emma Dowding
Cantor	Don Karban	Jan Johns
Mass Server	Sara Huber	Tad Daniels
Mass Server	Andrea Huber	Dylan Lessman
Eucharist E	Marti Coderko	Mary Brown
Eucharist PB	Deacon Lee	Deacon Lee
Eucharist PB	Anne Huber	Wade Edwards
Usher	Bob Adams	Alex White
Usher	Jim Reynolds	Mary Jo Cerny
Usher	Bill Gonzalez	DennyDalCanton
Usher	Don Huber	Wade Edwards
Hospitality	Nathan Reeves	Jessie Chesser
Hospitality	Hayden Fuller	Sami Matoush
Hospitality	Carrie Huber	Jessie Chesser
ChildrensLiturgy		Allison Maass

Thank you for giving your time and talent at Saint Agnes! Here is the ministry schedule for **ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST**

Reader	Bob Fuehne	
Cantor	Choir	
Mass Server	Kaleb Knodle	Jeff Knodle
Eucharist E	Mary Reynolds	Alli Lucket
Eucharist E		Angie Karban
Eucharist PB	Deacon Lee	Kaitlyn Knodle
Eucharist PB	Kay Gray	Mary Brown
Usher	Jim Reynolds	Steve Murray
Usher	Charlie Peterson	GlenArmentrout
Usher	Henry Ernst	Stan Hughes
Hospitality	Shirley Lewis	Tammy Knodle
Hospitality	Delores Hughes	

**8th Sunday in Ordinary T. – 26 February 2017**  
**Never abandoned.** We do need enough – enough clothes, enough food and drink, enough shelter. But truth be told – only enough, not more than enough. Jesus urges us not to be slaves to these things. Jesus assures us that God’s tender and maternal mercy is never forgotten. We are never abandoned.

- How will I rest in God alone this week?
- Who needs my never-forgetting, tender love?
- What will I do to help someone have enough clothing, food, shelter?

Did you ever wonder “**WHAT IS THE MASS?**” The Mass is nothing less than the celebration of the Eucharist that Jesus instituted at the last supper, when he commanded his Apostles, “**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME**”. Over the next few weeks we are going to try to help you understand the Mass a little better. There are 3 aspects of the Eucharist that are foundational for our walk through the Mass.

1. The Eucharist as a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross.
2. The Eucharist as the REAL presence of Jesus.
3. The Eucharist as holy communion with our Lord.

We are going to explain each part of the Mass as Edward Sri wrote in his book “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”. We hope you enjoy and learn about the Mass and what each part stands for and why we do and say the things we do.

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

**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!!!**

# Saint Agnes

## Catholic Church

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### 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.

**ANOIDING 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.