

St. Agnes Catholic Church
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A COMMUNITY OF
FAITH, *Gratitude*
Forgiveness, Healing,
Stewardship
& Intentional Discipleship

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stagneshillsboro.com

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.

An Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from
You. Amen.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Tues. 15th 8am Matthew Polston (D) Holy Family
Wed. 16th 8am SA & HF Parishioners St. Agnes
11am Patients of St. Francis
Thur. 17th 8am Robert Durbin (D) Holy Family
Fri. 18th 8am Laura Draper (D) St. Agnes
11am Staff of St. Francis
Saturday Dec. 19th 3:15pm Confessions St. Agnes
4pm Mary & Henry Vanzo (D) @ St. Agnes
6pm Mary K. Meyer (D) @ Holy Family
Sunday Dec. 20th 7:15am Confessions Holy Family
8am Faithful Departed @ Holy Family
10am John Clark (D) @ St. Agnes

Christmas Schedule is as follows:
December 24th 4pm St. Agnes Hillsboro
7pm Holy Family Litchfield
10pm St. Agnes Hillsboro
December 25th 8am Holy Family Litchfield
10am St. Agnes Hillsboro

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE! Please visit stagneshillsboro.com under the tab Online Giving and follow steps. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office @ 217-532-5288 for help. Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember St. Agnes has a Bishop Approved Capital Campaign which means that 100% of your donation stays here at St. Agnes & will go toward the New Building!

December 6th 2020			
Envelopes	\$3086.00	Parish Min.	\$355
Loose	\$ 22.00	Cemetery	\$230
Online	\$ 1164.00	Building	\$330
Justice & Hope	\$ 20.00	Education	\$85
Flowers	\$ 228.00	St. John	\$
Christmas Collection	\$ 130.00		
Retired Religious	\$ 155.00		
Catholic Children's Home	\$ 140.00		
Immaculate Conception	\$ 110.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 70.00		
TOTAL	\$3982.00		

Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic
Tuesday 15th 4-6pm
In this busy & stressful time, come spend quiet time with the Lord. Adoration

We are following CDC guidelines. We do ask if you are sick, those who have been in contact with someone sick and those whose health may be at risk remain at home.

The pain and sorrow of a past abortion need not endure for a lifetime. Call Project Rachel for a confidential, non-judgmental referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Communal Penance Services
"Awake to Mercy"
December 13th
St. Agnes Hillsboro 1pm
Holy Family Litchfield 2:30pm

Adult Formation is cancelled Dec. 13th. We will have our last 2020 session on Dec. 20th after mass.

"Christmas is the most popular season in the Western world. But it is also one in which almost everyone celebrates the feast without knowing the meaning of the festival." Fulton J. Sheen, On Being Human, Copyright permission given by the Estate of Fulton J. Sheen/The Society for the Propagation of the Faith/www.onefamilyinmission.org

Meditations Sunday December 13th There is one among you whom you do not recognize (John 1:6-8, 19-28) Today is Gaudete Sunday, or "Pink Candle" Sunday, as some children call it. It's a day for rejoicing, to rejoice "without ceasing" and "in all circumstances," St. Paul tells us (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). But why rejoice today? Because Jesus is near!

In today's Gospel, some Jewish leaders are interrogating John the Baptist about who he is. John replies that he isn't the Christ who would come to save Israel. He is merely testifying to him, proclaiming, "Make straight the way for the Lord" (John 1:23). But then he turns the conversation toward them. "There is one among you," John says, "whom you do not recognize" (1:26). He is the Messiah. He is so holy that John wouldn't even untie his sandal. John hoped that they would rejoice that the Messiah was near - but these men couldn't see him.

Jesus is near to us too, but sometimes we have trouble recognizing him. In the flurry of our Christmas preparations. In our grieving over a deceased loved one. In our worries about the future. Our faith tells us that Jesus is there, but it feels hard to sense his presence in our midst. Even John had trouble: "I did not know him," he says later, but "now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:33,34). So who makes the difference? The Holy Spirit. Jesus calls him the "Spirit of truth" who guides us to all truth (John 16:13). The Spirit is the One who makes Jesus present to us and helps us understand who he is. John tried to show his questioners that they were missing something important. Similarly, the Spirit can open our eyes so that we don't miss seeing Jesus present in our lives.

Jesus isn't hiding; he gave us the Spirit so that everyone can know him. And that's a reason to rejoice.

"Open my eyes, Holy Spirit. Help me to recognize Jesus today." Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 (Psalm) Luke 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Making 2021 the Best Year of Your Life Starts with Advent! Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's **BEST ADVENT EVER**! It's a totally free and totally awesome daily video program (sent straight to your email) that will help you prepare for Christmas like never before! Go to Dynamiccatholic.com and click on the **Signup** tab. Let us know if you have questions & we can help you with set up.

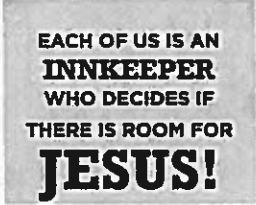
Be Not Afraid to PRAY BIG! We currently have 16 seminarians, which is great! But wouldn't 40 be better?? YES!!! We invite you to pray a Hail Mary EVERY DAY at 4:40 for our diocese to have 40 seminarians. 4:40

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Feast – Sat. 12 December 2020 Being Blessed. This holy Mary, the patroness of the Americas, is blest because she believed. And she acted on the belief that what God said would indeed happen. In whom will I believe? And how will I act today because of it?
3rd Sunday of Advent – 13 December 2020
Who Am I? As we long for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, let our Advent be perfectly holy. To help us, Saint Paul reminds us of these basic Christian attitudes: (1) rejoice always, (2) pray without ceasing, and (3) always give thanks. In whom or in what will I rejoice this week? How will I pray every day this week? For whom and for what am I thankful? What will I do because of this thanksgiving?

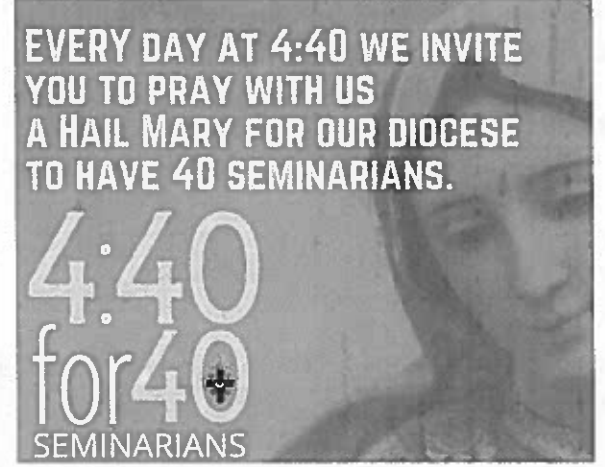
Wednesday Morning Bible Study @ 9am in the church basement. We will be studying A biblical Walk Through **THE BIBLE TIMELINE**, the story of salvation. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

St. Agnes Angels Box for Local Families is taking donations until December 16th. If you do not wish to shop at this time and would like to donate, we have helpers to do so. You can drop conation off in collection basket with label "Angel Box". We will be packing on 16th at PSR.

Please find the list of gift ideas at the main entrance of church and let us know if you have any questions.



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Dive Deep - The 11 things Catholics need to stop doing. No, this isn't a list to condemn you, but a friendly reminder to stop doing these 11 things and do the opposite because we want you to grow in your relationship with Christ! Go to dio.org/podcast to listen. Make sure to subscribe to the podcast so you never miss an episode!

What are you afraid of? - Most people would agree we are living in fearful times. We invite you to not ignore the fear or succumb to it, but rather to invite Jesus into your fears so that they can be overcome. Visit benotafraid.dio.org to explore and experience your fears and find resources so you can have peace, hope, and courage.

"I hope that all communities will devote the necessary effort to advancing along the path of a pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are. 'Mere administration' can no longer be enough. Throughout the world, let us be 'permanently' in a state of mission." (Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel, #25)

Almighty God, my parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray. It will make generous gift so many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy if I — who make it what it is — am filled with the same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord God that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for you glory. Amen

Weekend Online Mass Resources
 FaceBook: [St. Agnes Hillsboro Illinois Catholic Church Parishioners](https://www.facebook.com/StAgnesHillsboroIllinoisCatholicChurch) or [Holyfamilylitchfieldillinois](https://www.facebook.com/Holyfamilylitchfieldillinois)
 ALSO available YouTube. Also take advantage of FREE available catholic resources: dio.org, wordonfire.org with Bishop Robert Barron, Laudate app, catholicmom.com, EWTN available on Direct TV 370, Dish Network 261, website ewtn.com, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, & YouTube & app. *If you have any questions please contact our office 532-5288.*

Ministry Schedule Dec. 5th & 6th

	Saturday 19th	Sunday 20th
Reader	Angie Karban	Ed Huber
Cantor		
Usher	Bob Adams	Dan White
Usher	Charlie Peterson	Steve Murray
Usher		Sam Tyszko
Monitor	Bill Ganzalez	Jeff Jones