

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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A COMMUNITY OF

FAITH, *Gratitude*

Forgiveness, Healing,

Stewardship

& Intentional Discipleship

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ONLINE GIVING Check out our website at

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. 22nd 8am Parishioners HF&SA Holy Family

Wed. 23rd NO MASSES

Thur. 24th 4pm Rose Gonzalez (D) @ St. Agnes

7pm The Wallace Family @ Holy Family

10pm Nellie Mackie (D) @ St. Agnes

Fri. 25th 8am St. Anne's Society @ Holy Family

10am John "Jack" Rogers (D) St. Agnes

Saturday Dec. 26th 3:15pm Confessions St. Agnes

4pm Charlie Gray (D) @ St. Agnes

6pm Roy, Betty, & Rick Dees (D) @ Holy Family

Sunday Dec. 27th 7:15am Confessions Holy Family

8am Faithful Departed @ Holy Family

10am Robert Flori (D) @ St. Agnes



Wishing you a

SAFE &

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

from the St.

Agnes Staff

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!

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!

December 13th 2020

Envelopes	\$3362.00	Parish Min.	\$92
Loose	\$ 37.00	Cemetery	\$68
Online	\$ 916.00	Building	\$40
Immaculate Conception	\$ 339.00	Education	\$77
Flowers	\$ 178.00	St. John	\$
Christmas Collection	\$2451.00		
Retired Religious	\$ 762.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1.00		
TOTAL	\$8046.00		

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 22nd 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. We will NOT have Adoration December 29th

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.

Our last Adult Formation of 2020 will be on December 20th after mass. We will not be meeting on December 27th.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Schedule is as follows:

December 24th 4pm St. Agnes Hillsboro

7pm Holy Family Litchfield

10pm St. Agnes Hillsboro

Dec. 25th 8am Holy Family Litchfield

10am St. Agnes Hillsboro

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass 5:30pm Holy Family

9am St. Agnes

Meditations Sunday December 20th The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father

(Luke:1:32) It's almost Christmas! That thought can fill our hearts with anticipation. We might look forward to seeing friends or family. We can't wait to see the look on a loved one's face when they open the gift we carefully chose. Or we just want to enjoy celebrating Jesus' birth with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

But think about the anticipation that the Jews felt as they awaited the coming of the Messiah! Their hope was kindled almost one thousand years before Christ, when God promised David a kingly lineage. Imagine as well Mary's surprise when the angel described the son she would bear by using nearly the same words that God has spoken to David so much earlier. He would be called Son of the Most High, he would sit on the throne of his father, David, and he would reign over an eternal kingdom (Luke 1:26-38). Israel's long wait was over - the birth of Jesus would bring about everything they had hoped for.

As modern-day Christians, we don't experience the Jews' yearning for the Messiah, but we can still feel the ache of longing. For peace. For justice. For security. Jesus is the fulfillment of these yearnings too. When conflict - on a large or small scale - threatens to tear us apart, Jesus offers reconciliation and the chance to live once more in peace with God and our neighbor. When injustice breaks our hearts, Jesus tells us he has come to make all things right and to give us the strength to make things better in our own corner of the world. When insecurity makes us feel as if nothing ever remains the same, Jesus reminds us that his kingdom is everlasting; he gives us a sure foundation to build our lives on. That's the kind of fulfillment that the kingship of Jesus can bring. That's what he promises. And that's a gift we can all receive this Christmas.

"Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all my longings! I love you, Lord!" 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16, Psalm 89: 2-5, 27, 29, Romans 16: 25-27

	24th 4pm	24th 10pm	25th 10am
Reader	Jodi Speiser	Barb Ryan	Bob Fuehne
Eucharist	Bob Fuehne	Bob Fuehne	Pam Dawson
Eucharist	Tina Jansen	Angie Karban	Angie Mizera
Usher	Jeremy Connor	Mike Ryan	Charlie Peterson
Usher	Terry Lentz	Terry Lentz	Dan White
Usher	Pat Lentz	Pat Lentz	Tim Lipe
Usher	Bob Adams	Jeff Eickhoff	
Usher		Jim Eickhoff	
Monitor	Wayne Jansen	Wayne Jansen	Steve Murray

Ministry Schedule Dec. 26th & 27th

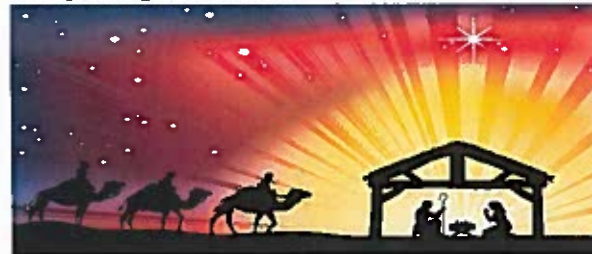
	Saturday 26th	Sunday 27th
Reader	Bob Fuehne	Barb Ryan
Cantor		
Usher	Charlie Peterson	Mike Reynolds
Usher	Tim Lipe	Terry Lentz
Usher		Tom Weiss
Monitor	Wayne Jansen	Steve Murray

4th Sunday of Advent – 20 December 2020

How Can This Be? Words of a visiting angel: Do not be afraid; God has this plan; you are full of grace. Mary speaks aloud what we all are thinking: "How can this be?" God makes it possible because God makes us holy! What should I stop fearing? What is God's plan for me just for this day? What will I do this week as God's holy person that benefits someone else?

The Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." We have surely walked in darkness during this pandemic year. Some of us, perhaps all of us may still be there. We have been confined to home. We have jobs and homes in peril. We grieve the sickness and death of family, friends, and unknown-to-us citizens of this country and of the world. Yet we take hope this Christmas. For we are not alone. We are not left in darkness. Today, the Lord Jesus Christ is with us. In truth, he never abandons us. He will be with us today and tomorrow and tomorrow's tomorrow. And all the tomorrows. How do I know that Jesus is with me, is with us?

THANK YOU to all who donated to the St. Agnes Angel Boxes this year!
GOD BLESS YOU!



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 for 40 Seminarians!

Your questions answered on dying and death – Why pre-plan your funeral? What should you do when your loved one is dying? Why should you insist upon the Catholic funeral rites? What about cremation and where you should be buried? Whether it is yourself or a loved one, understanding what the Catholic Church teaches on these end of life questions can be critical for one's soul. Go to dio.org/funeral for easy to understand answers to several questions about dying,

Dive Deep - Why the church is wrong on marriage. Weddings are a hot topic! There are many opinions about the logistics surrounding Catholic weddings. 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](#) or [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.*