

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. 29th & Wed. 30th NO MASSES
Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Thur. 31st 5:30pm Fred Pezold (D) Holy Family
 Fri. 1st 9am Daren Jorn (D) St. Agnes
 Saturday Jan. 2nd 3:15pm Confessions St. Agnes
 4pm Parishioners @ St. Agnes
 6pm Bill Harmon (D) @ Holy Family
 Sunday Jan. 3rd 7:15am Confessions Holy Family
 8am Matthew Polson (D) @ Holy Family
 10am Tom Mills (D) @ St. Agnes

Adult formation will start up again January 10th after mass. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 20th 2020

Envelopes	\$3897.00	Parish Min.	\$180
Loose	\$ 25.00	Cemetery	\$40
Online	\$1276.00	Building	\$155
Immaculate Conception	\$ 40.00	Education	\$20
Flowers	\$ 40.00	St. John	\$25
Christmas Collection	\$ 595.00		
Retired Religious	\$ 130.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 60.00		
Catholic Childrens Home	\$ 320.00		
TOTAL	\$6383.00		

Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic
Tuesday 5th 4-6pm

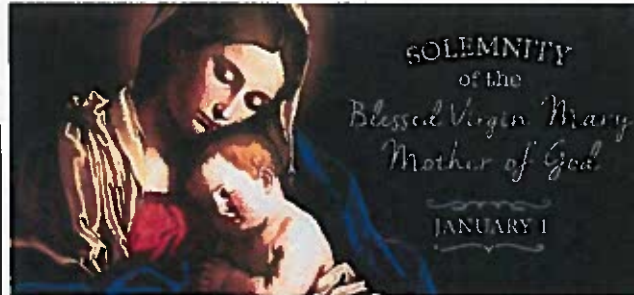
In this busy & stressful time, come spend quiet time with the Lord.



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.

PRAYING GOD GIVES YOU A
year of favor
 FULL OF HIS UNENDING LOVE.
 May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...
 PSALM 90:17a
 HAPPY NEW YEAR



Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Vigil Mass 5:30pm Holy Family
 9am St. Agnes

Meditations Sunday December 27th the Holy Family 3:12-21 (Colossians 3:14) Put on Love.

Everyone knows that family life is a combination of happiness and sadness, with a lot of the ordinary in between. But what about the Holy family? Surely there was nothing but peace and happiness?

Not really. Life wasn't always a bed of roses for them. Remember Joseph's initial plan to divorce Mary to protect her from shame when her pregnancy was discovered (Matthew 1:19)? Or Mary having to give birth in a stable (Luke 2:1-7)? Or what about Mary and Joseph losing track of their son on the way home from Jerusalem (2:44)? They also had to deal with Herod's murderous rage, a secret flight to Egypt, resettlement in Nazareth, and Joseph's early death. All of these occasions, and more besides, could have filled them with anxious, fearful thoughts. In similar circumstances, we certainly would have felt tempted to wish for an easier life.

But whatever Mary and Joseph and Jesus thought about their struggles, one thing was clear. They never gave up. In their faithfulness and trust- and even more so, in their commitment to love one another- they show us how to weather the storms of life.

Love. That's what makes a holy family. Not the sentimental love of songs and movies but the strong, relentless, stubborn love of God. The divine love that the Spirit pours into our hearts (Romans 5:5) The selfless love that bears all things, hopes all things, and forgives all things. The pure love of a God who became one of us and dies to save us.

No family has a perfect life. Every family faces hardships of one sort or another. But every family also has a heavenly Father who loves them and delights in teaching them how to love each other. So on this feast of the Holy Family, let's pray for our families, and for every family on earth. May we all learn to "put on love" (Colossians 3:14)!

"Father, pour out your merciful, healing love on every family today."

For the Health of Family, Friends & Self: They say, Lord, that 'Holiness is Wholeness'; so I pray for the wholeness and health of my family, my friends and myself. Grant us physical health, that we may serve you with full capacity. Grant us emotional health, that our service may be calm and loving and that we may never be ruled by our passions. Grant us psychological health, that we may serve with a clear mind and a pure heart. Grant us spiritual health, that we may pass safely through present sorrows and come to the joys of everlasting life. I ask this, Lord, in your name. AMEN

Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of Mary

	January 1st 9am	
Reader	Bob Fuehne	
Usher	Charlie Peterson	Bob Adams
Monitor	Wayne Jansen	

Ministry Schedule January 2nd & 3rd

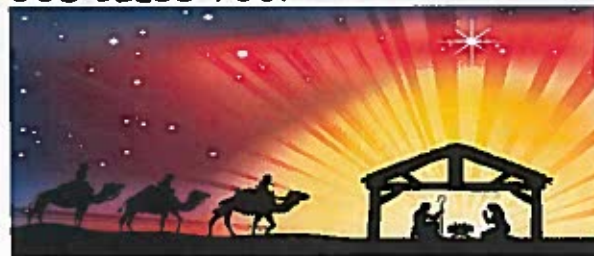
	Saturday 2nd	Sunday 3rd
Reader	Angie Karban	Ed Huber
Cantor		
Usher	Jim Eickhoff	Steve Murray
Usher	Bill Gonzalez	Mike Reynolds
Usher		Mike Ryan
Monitor	Don Huber	Dan White

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast – 27 December 2020

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3. Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9. Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 7-19. Luke 2:22-40. This Child. Every parent knows a child is a blessing who is filled with innocence and wonder and grace. Grandparents know this, too, perhaps in renewed and deeper ways. It is their hope that every child will grow strong, be wise, and be favored. How will I care for a child today even if not related to me? How can I help children be holy? How will I be holy because of the blessedness of children?

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Friday, 01 January 2021 Numbers 6:22-27. Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. Galatians 4:4-7. Luke 2:16-21. Being Amazed. All those who heard the shepherds (among the riffraff of ancient society) were amazed at what was said about angels on high ... about glory to God ... about the resting favor of God. How will I glorify and praise God this day?

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, death, funerals, and burials.

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? – Going to confession, failing as a parent, to become Catholic, quitting a porn addiction, dying, getting an annulment, to have a child, talking to your adult child who has left the faith – all things you might be fearful of. Visit benotafraid.dio.org to explore and experience your fears and find resources, answers, and help to some of life's biggest fears as a Catholic.

“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.*