

St. Agnes Catholic Church

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**A COMMUNITY OF
FAITH, *Gratitude***

*Forgiveness, Healing,
Stewardship
& Intentional Discipleship*

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stagneshillsboro.com

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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. 4th & Fri. 8th NO MASSES

Saturday Jan. 9th 3:15pm Confessions St. Agnes

4pm Daren Jorn (D) @ St. Agnes

6pm Faithful Departed @ HolyFamily

Sunday Jan. 10th 7:15am Confessions Holy Family

8am Holy Family&StAgnes Parishioners@HolyFamily

10am Helen Merriman (D) @ St. Agnes

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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 27th 2020

Envelopes	\$1437.00	Parish Min.	\$45
Loose	\$ 135.00	Cemetery	\$35
Online	\$1621.00	Building	\$820
Immaculate Conception	\$ 35.00	Education	\$5
Flowers	\$ 5.00	St. John	\$
Christmas Collection	\$3047.00		
Retired Religious	\$ 120.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 35.00		
Catholic Childrens Home	\$ 597.00		
TOTAL	\$7032.00		

Pope Francis' 10 New Year's Resolutions

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."

From Fr. Dan and St. Agnes Staff,

Happy New Year!

Meditations Sunday January 3rd The Epiphany of the Lord: Rise up in splendor! (Isaiah 60:1) Today we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, Gentiles from the East who came seeking the King of the Jews. Their arrival in Bethlehem is the fulfillment of today's first reading, in which the glory of God draws people of every nation to Jerusalem. But look closely, and you'll find something surprising: "Your light has come," the reading says, and "the glory of the Lord shines upon you" (Isaiah 60:1, emphasis added). It's Jerusalem itself, symbol of God's chosen people, that is attracting the Gentiles, not a sudden blaze of glory coming from the heavens. It's the shining witness of a people who have bound themselves to the Lord and to each other. That's where the nations will find the glory of God. Imagine that! We ourselves- the people of God working and praying together, loving, and forgiving one another- we can be the manifestation of God's glory to the world. If you light one candle on a darkened, moonless night, you may be able to see it from a few feet away. But if you bring hundreds of people together and give each of them a lighted candle, you might see their brightness from a mile away. Bring enough people together, and you'd see the light from outer space! That's God's vision for us. He wants us to put aside selfish, sinful, or prideful attitudes so that we can love each other and serve each other- and so be his light. He wants us to follow him, not just because it's good for us, but because he knows that a life of discipleship brings us closer together and makes us shine out to the world even more brightly. So join the Magi and bow before the infant Christ today. But as you do, pray for the Church. Pray for your parish. Pray for the domestic church that is your family. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep purifying you, and all of God's people to him. **"Jesus, teach us to love each other so that we can fill the world with your glory!"**

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

Ministry Schedule January 9th & 10th

	Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th
Reader	Bob Fuehne	Shanna Connor
Usher	Tim Lipe	Jeremy Connor
Usher	Bob Adams	Steve Murray
Usher		Jeff Jones
Monitor	Wayne Jansen	Tom Weiss

2020 Contribution Statement Request

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The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity – 03 January 2021 *Copartners in the Promise. The readings and this solemnity are filled with competing images and persons. Darkness and light. Christians of Jewish heritage and Gentiles. Chosen people and coheirs, copartners. Herod and the Magi. Epiphany teaches us this: all are members of the same body, all are coheirs of God’s goodness, all are copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus.*

Like the Magi, how will I give homage to Christ today? Whom do I look down upon that I must see as a copartner with me? What treasure will I give away, will I offer to another?

Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen

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.*