

STATE OF THE PARISH

ST. AGNES

JUNE 12, 2018

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.**

Amen.

Welcome and Introduction

Liturgy at St. Agnes Parish

“The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian Life” (Lumen Gentium, no 11)

Long Term Focus: Enhance Church services where the faithful consciously, actively and fully participate in the liturgy and have the tools to live and share their faith in everyday life

- **Welcoming community with friendly Greeters and Ushers.**
- **Environment is pleasing and conducive to the Liturgical Seasons.**
- **Full time Sacristan.**
- **New Music Director**

- **More School Family involvement**
 - **Monthly Liturgies**
- **More Altar Servers**
- **Youth Mass twice a month**
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

- **FORMED – Free access to website that has been called a “Catholic Netflix.”**

FORMED has inspiring movies and video based studies, audio talks and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors.

Daily Mass – “*The Word Among Us*”

- In Chapel
- Complete Catholic Daily Mass
- Daily Meditations

Church Activity in 2017

Baptisms: 20 plus 3 R.C.I.A.

Confirmation: 35 plus 3 R.C.I.A.

First Communion: 53 plus 3 R.C.I.A.

New Parishioner Registration: 37

Funerals: 10

Marriages: 3

Going Forward

- **Need more volunteers**
- **Inspire and encourage more participation from teens, young adults and families.**
- **Continue to offer tools to help deepen parishioner's spiritual growth.**

Focus on Family Life

Long Term Focus: Make the practice of the Faith within Family Life a major focus for all Parishioners.

- **Strengthen the Catholic family:
restore, renew and refresh the Parish
Community**
- **Share the light of Christ to the world:
Learn and live the faith**

Meet 21st century needs for:

- Youth,
- Single Young Adults,
- Recently Married Young Adults
- The parent/s of young children

5-year goal: Make our Parish a model for the Diocese for young families to raise their children in the knowledge and vibrant practices of their faith.

Accomplishments

- **Young Adults group formed in 2016**
 - **Core of 8-10 young single adults**
 - **Bible Study, Adoration, Theology on Tap...**
 - **Outreach to needy**
- **Family Masses held monthly**

- **Family Activities - Easter Egg hunt, pumpkin blessings, blessing animals...**
- **Parish prayers for Religious Vocations**
- **Host a Ministry for Married Couples (Teams of Our Lady) from our parish**

Going Forward

- **Expand the Young Adult group, collaborate with other groups in the Deanery.**
- **Conduct a spiritual needs-survey for young families.**
- **Develop Youth opportunities.**

- **Develop and Implement outreach plan for recently married young adults.**
- **Develop and implement outreach plan for parent/s of young children.**

Reaching Out Committee

Mission: Helping support people in need in our community and beyond, and giving volunteers the opportunity to live a stewardship way of life

Our Work by the Numbers

50 sign-ups at Stewardship Sunday—about 45 joined our ministries—that's a WOW!

Blood Drive--49 candidates giving 45 donors giving 49 lifesaving units--goal was 38.

15 volunteers

Giving Tree--510 gifts distributed to 9 local agencies and 4 families

**St. Mary's Christmas Dinner—
130 Seniors served a home cooked turkey
dinner--15 turkeys, 17 pies, over 15
volunteers serving, plus 5 choir members
and Santa. 130 Target GC distributed**

**Helping Hands - 35 Active Members;
food provided for 4 funerals, and
the Day of Remembrance, plus those 17
pies**

**JustFaith - 11 Fair Trade Sundays,
breaking records; 4 Soup Supers, 12
breakfasts prepared and served to about
40 men at Monument Impact Day Labor
Program**

Respect Life/Gabriel Project-

2 seminars: Teen Suicide, and End of Life issues—2 loaded vans of baby items donated to Birthright and Gabriel Project, over 250 items

SHARE—one parishioner helping almost daily, over 2000 pounds donated during Lent alone, over 500 needy served monthly

**St. Vincent de Paul—137 calls for help:
financial situations—utility bills, rental
help, shelter, counseling needs and much
more.....**

**Vinnie's Little Helpers--90 hygiene kits
assembled, 21 needy children received
Christmas gifts, 300 pairs of sock collected
during Sock Drive, and 85 Easter Baskets
created for Catholic Charities**

Shelter Meals--20 full dinners served to about 25 residents; 14 active teams consisting of 56 parishioners, 20 additional parishioners helping

Prayer Tree—50 volunteers praying for 125 intentions

Tutoring--9 teachers, 1 aide, serving 11 students during the school year

Now the Rest of the Story...

Finance Committee Five Year Funding Plan

Financial Challenges and Accomplishments

- **Continue to Manage Expenses**
- **Cover Cost of Living Increases**
- **Add additional Priest**

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Financial Opportunities

- Continue to Manage Expenses
- Offer Prayerful Living, Grateful Giving
– *Reaffirming Renewal*..October 2018
- Hold EFT Giving Campaign
- Promote Special & Bequest Giving

Buildings and Grounds

Since the last meeting in August 2017 Buildings and Grounds has spent \$35,000 on the following projects.

- Replaced Church skylights - \$9,000
- Repaired Exterior Church Doors - \$4,000
- Painted the Exterior of the Ministry Center \$3,000

- **Replaced drapes in rear of church with roll down shades - \$12,000**
- **Thorough cleaning of the Church - \$7,000**

Working with Father Johnson we have prioritized the following projects to be worked on over the next 2 years with an estimated cost of \$143,000.

- Add ventilation to the Church Hall kitchen to reduce heat buildup - \$20,000. Phase one of this project will start within a few weeks.**

- Upgrade fire alarm system in the Church (system 35 years old) - \$4,000
- Convert parking lot lights to LED - \$20,000
- Repave the Church parking lot - \$40,000
- Replace main electrical panel - \$4,000
- Repair the trellis on the church rear patio - \$55,000

The money raised through the building improvement fund and Capital Campaign are used for major facilities improvements. This does not include the money used to do minor plumbing, electric repairs and inspections for the Church, Ministry Center and rectory.

Hospitality/Belonging

BELONGING - “To be a member or affiliated with part of a group”

- Crab Feed / St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
- Pancake Breakfast
- Stars (St. Agnes Retirees)
- Women’s Guild
- Lenten Soup Meals
- Welcoming New Parishioners

HOSPITALITY - “The friendly and generous reception of guests, visitors or strangers”

This includes the monthly Hospitality weekend after each Mass.

Since last September:

Sunday – 7am, 9am, 11am Masses

128 Dozen doughnuts served

112 Pots of Coffee

32 Gallons Apple Juice

16 Gallons Orange Juice

Saturday / Sunday 5pm Masses

24 lbs. of salami

48 lbs. of cheese

32 bottles red wine/16 bottles white wine

All this happens directly after each Mass with the help of those parishioners that have volunteered to assist for 15-20 minutes to help serve.

St. Agnes groups volunteer to help serve. Some of those groups are Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus, members of STARS and Teams of Our Lady just to name a few

Increased number of parishioners and guests that have enjoyed Hospitality and are staying longer after each Mass to socialize.

This is the intent of Hospitality - to welcome not only our parishioners but for any visitors and guests that may be with us for the day.

Communications

Communications Team Goal:

Improve existing communication methods and expand the Social Media presence for St. Agnes Parish.

Long Term (5 YEAR) Objective:

Our parish staff and volunteers will have access and training to use tools across multiple media platforms to promote St. Agnes events, activities and services to parishioners and the larger community that will be timely, targeted, and accurate.

Action Plan:

- **Establish a communications team (completed 2016)**
- **Develop plan and obtain approval from Pastor and Pastoral Council (completed 2017).**
- **Implement Plan (In progress)**

Specific Accomplishments:

1) New website platform – eCatholic . Easy to update by staff &volunteers without coding skills.

a. Calendar updates and Online parish registration are operational.

b. Averaging 1 new family per month registering online.

c. Website Averaging 300 visits per month

- 2) New email system - Flocknote. A Catholic-oriented team messaging system.**
 - a. Over 500 parishioners have subscribed.**
 - b. Weekly updates and advance copy of bulletin going to all subscribers.**
 - c. Used by 11 ministries. Largest 2:
Knights of Columbus (75)
Faith Formation (41)**

- 3) Established a presence for St. Agnes on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
 - a. Advertising events like the Crab Feed on Facebook. Low cost way to outreach locally.
 - b. Facebook Likes 187
Twitter Followers 16
Instagram Followers 75
- 4) Began community outreach with Christmas and Easter door hangers

Plans for 2018 and beyond:

- **Liaisons continue to support and offer training to department chairs**
- **Periodic outreach communications to families moving into our parish boundaries**

- **Help our pastor, deacons, and ministry leaders expand their presence on the web and social media (Utube/Facebook, etc.).**
- **Continue to encourage efficient and effective use of Flocknote**
- **Continuously maintain and improve website, including search optimization**

- **Create a “communications checklist” to help parish events communicate more consistently**
- **Create a new 30- 60 second “welcome to St. Agnes” promotional video**
- **Expand “Community Outreach Program” for St. Agnes – in advance of Christmas and Easter each year. (e.g. door hangers, direct mail, advertising on social media)**

- **Continuously Improve St. Agnes presence on high-use social media sites**

Thank You