

## Mass Intentions

- Monday, December 11** (*St. Damascus*)  
 6:45am - ☩ Nicholas & Dorothy Haring & Judy Hennig
- Tuesday, December 12** (*Our Lady of Guadalupe*)  
 6:45am - **Communion Service** (*No Mass*)  
 8:45am - ☩ Melvin Coonen, Sr. & Gary Coonen  
**Holy Family School Mass** (Grades 1-5)
- Wednesday, December 13** (*St. Lucy*)  
 6:45am - ☩ For the People of St. Agnes Parish
- Thursday, December 14** (*St. John of the Cross*)  
 6:45am - **Communion Service** (*No Mass*)  
 8:45am - ☩ Edward Jarvis, Jr.  
**Holy Family School Mass** (Grades 6-8)
- Friday, December 15** (*Jewish observance of Hannukah begins*)  
 6:45am - ☩ Paul Wochenske
- Saturday, December 16**  
 4:15pm - ☩ Justin & Irene Rolf
- Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00am - ☩ Grace Le Captain  
 9:30am - ☩ Eileen Blaney  
 \* 11:00am - ☩ James J. Forst  
 \* Communion is both the Body and Blood of Christ

Fr. Richard Getchel – 4:15 & 8:00 Masses  
 Fr. Mark Falcone, O.Praem. – 9:30 & 11:00 Masses

The rosary is prayed every Monday, Wednesday & Friday after the 6:45am Mass and before the 8:45am Mass on Tuesday & Thursday.

Family Prayer Night on Tuesday begins with the rosary at 6:30pm. Confession is available beginning at 6:30pm until 6:50pm. Mass begins at 7:00pm.



### Everyday Evangelizing

All of us are called to evangelize and this can be done in simple ways in our everyday lives. A suggestion this week:

In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that our love may increase to discern what is of value. St. John of the Cross (Thursday's Memorial) said "Where there is no love, it is for you to bring love." During this Season of Advent, find someone to whom you can bring love, even if it is simply a smile or a kind word.

## Your Support of St. Agnes Parish Through Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Envelopes ( <i>December 2/3</i> )	\$19,205.00
- Direct Giving for December ( <i>66 families</i> )	5,547.45
Offertory Collection ( <i>December 2/3</i> )	1,357.66
Children's Envelopes	.60
Repair & Replacement Envelopes	427.00
Tuition Assistance Envelopes	10.00
All Assistance Funds ( <i>This Week</i> )	329.00

St. Agnes Parish gratefully acknowledges a Memorial in the amount of \$100 in the name of Bernie Ducat by Janice Ducat.

**Thank You for Your Generosity!**

## Our Own Parish News

### TO THE VISITORS WITHIN OUR DOORS!

St. Agnes Parish welcomes you into our parish community this weekend. We sincerely hope you feel at home and among friends. If you are a visitor just for today, we bid you Godspeed on your journey. If you are seeking a Church home, we will welcome you into our parish family here at St. Agnes. Just call the parish office at 494-2534.

### Christmas Bake Sale

This weekend in Lobas Lounge. Proceeds benefit Holy Angels Parish in Chicago. Cash donations are most welcome too!

### ADVENT SEASON OF PEACE WEEK ONE QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

**Week One question:** What do you see as tumultuous events in our world today? **Response received:** "When the world crashes into your personal, immediate life everything 'outside' becomes meaningless. Such happened on 24 September when Mom died at age 88 after a 2-year struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. All the questions, buried by busy daily life, appear at once, demanding attention: Is there a God? Will she/we be safe with God forever? What about all our "neighbors", unlike her death surrounded by a loving family present, who die victims of our cruel wars and personal neglect? How do I stand should I die suddenly, right NOW?" **Week One question:** How does one live in right relationship with God and neighbor in today's world? **Response received:** "The response birthed screaming into our lives 3 days later as "a child was born unto us . . .!" A grandson opening our 2006 Advent weeks early. The promise of new life, LIFE fulfilled before our eyes, LIFE we can touch and hold, kiss and love! Yes, God, You love us, You are here, You promise us a future forever. Thank you, Lord Jesus!"

### ADVENT SEASON OF PEACE WEEK TWO

This weekend's readings show us the story of salvation through the eyes of Baruch and St. Luke. The Israelites must turn away from their service to idols, to wealth, injustice and turn to the One God. John the Baptist proclaims God's message - ALL, ANYONE willing to walk in the way of the Lord is invited to come on the journey. What an open welcome! GONE are every single barrier! What price would YOU be willing to pay for the road to liberation, freedom, salvation? We encounter many different kinds of people on our journey. How do you react to the "unlikely" people you meet along your path? E-mail your thoughts to [info@stagnesgreenbay.org](mailto:info@stagnesgreenbay.org) or send them to the Parish Office by Monday. Responses will be shared anonymously in next week's bulletin. Take a moment to share your Advent journey.

### ADVENT GIVING TREE PROJECT

If you have taken an angel from the tree, purchase the gift idea and return the gift to the tree and wrapped by **NEXT Sunday, December 17**. Thanks for your generosity to this annual project!

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

This Sunday afternoon, December 10, our Hispanic brothers and sisters will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Mass at 2pm in our Church. Bishop David Zubik is the presider. Our parish members are invited to join in the celebration featuring authentic Aztec dancers, songs by children involved in sacramental preparation, and lively music, all of which highlight this celebration.

All of our Lectors, Commentators, Cantors and Musicians are asked to stop in the sacristy after Mass for upcoming schedules/readings.

## Retirement for Religious Collection

The average Catholic family spends \$12 per year on cookies, \$21 on potato chips, and \$29 on take-out coffee. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious average a little more than one dollar per year per adult Catholic. This Fund benefits more than 37,000 elderly women and men religious who received only small stipends for their decades of service. Your gift makes a difference!

**Please Give Generously**

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We invite our parishioners to participate in the celebration of Christmas here at St. Agnes by contributing toward the plants and flowers for our decoration of the Church. A donation of \$20 covers the cost of a plant, but any donation is appreciated. Please make checks payable to: St. Agnes Parish and indicate whether your gift is in memory of loved ones or given in your own name. Donations can be brought to the Parish Office or placed in the weekend collection in an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers' or by using the envelope provided in the envelope mailed to you with your bi-monthly packet. The deadline for submission of names to be placed in the Christmas bulletin is Tuesday Noon on December 19.

### A Warm Welcome To Our New Parishioners!

Ryan & Leah Jaecks  
Dan Martens  
Jerome Londo  
Amy & Ray Sears Family  
Kelly & Barbara Zilisch Family  
Jack & Nicole Tennessen Family  
Jon & Jessica Nejedlo  
Ian Bednarz & Kristen Johnson

## Religious Education & Youth Ministry Center

**Advent Adult Education** – This last session will be held in St. Agnes Church on Wednesday evening, December 13, 6:00-7:00pm. The following is a brief description of the session:

**Title: "Beyond the Advent Wreath: The Artistic Side of Advent"**  
Wednesday, December 13

**Presenter: Donald C Noel, O. Praem.**

Fr. Don will help us to look at the art and environment that surrounds Advent and Christmas in the Church. What is the importance of the art in our lives of faith? How does the environment affect how we pray as a community of believers?

**C'YA – Catholic Young Adults:** This group is geared mainly for young Catholic Adults in their 20s and 30s in the greater Green Bay Area. We will be coming together as a community to share our Catholic Faith and to grow in our relationship with God. The topic will be "The Ethics and Implications of Right to Life," and will be held on **Tuesday, December 12 at the Sports Center in De Pere.** Jeannie Hannemann will be the speaker for the evening. Jeannie is the founder and director of Elizabeth Ministry based in Kaukauna.

**Please keep in prayer all the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of our country.**

## Holy Family School News

**2007-2008 Registration:** Registration for Early Childhood, Kindergarten, and new students for the Fall of 2007 will be in late January 2007. Watch for notices of upcoming information sessions.

**HFS Students In Service:** We love to make a difference in our community! If you have an idea of how HFS students can be of service in our community, please email [holyfamilyschool@gbhfs.org](mailto:holyfamilyschool@gbhfs.org) or call 494-1931.

**Christmas Program:** The date has been set for our Annual Christmas Program. Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Monday, December 18 at 6:30pm in St. Agnes Church. All are welcome!

**Pre-school Story Time:** The next Pre-school Story Time is Thursday, December 14 at 10:00am in the HFS library. Enter through the south doors by the library. All are welcome!

**The Perfect Gift for Christmas - SCRIP!** If you have trouble finding a gift for teachers, coaches, family, and/or friends, SCRIP is your answer! Book stores (Barnes & Noble, 9% to HFS), department stores (Old Navy, 9%, Bath & Body, up to 18% to HFS), grocery stores, video stores (Hollywood Video 15% to HFS), and restaurants. Help Holy Family School while we help you with your Christmas shopping. Buy or order your scrip here at church in Lobas Lounge or stop at the school office. Thank you for your support.

## Area News Of Interest

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR THE NEEDY

The *Baylander Barbershop Chorus* of Green Bay will present its Christmas Concert for the Needy on December 17 at 7:30pm here in St. Agnes Church. Special appearances by the *Chantelles* and *The Good Shepherd Lutheran Bell Choir*. Admission to this Concert is by the donation of non-perishable food items or a cash donation which goes directly to local pantries. The recipient of this year's donations is St. Patrick Pantry.

### A FESTIVAL OF SHARING GIFTS

Please join us on Sunday, December 17, 6:30-8:00pm in St. Philip Church to enjoy "The Spirit of Christmas" featuring Mary Ehlinger, Nancy Schultz, Lucy Bunker & Friends. Join us for an evening of celebration . . . as we share our "God-given gifts" at this special time of the year. Cookies & coffee will be served.

### COTS PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The COTS Program (Churches Offering Temporary Shelter) is in need of volunteers. Duties are light and many time slots, 5pm until 7am are open. This program is located in downtown Green Bay at the St. John the Evangelist school gym. Please contact Eric Butters at 621-3247 (Monday-Friday; 5pm-12pm) if you are able to help in some way.

### ART FROM THE HEART

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will be holding its second annual *Art from the Heart* on February 17/18 during their Parish Fair. This is a great opportunity for middle and high school student to create a unique piece of art that will be sold in a silent auction. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky. Any form of artwork will be accepted - be creative! The artwork will be judged by local people in the arts, and cash prizes will be awarded to the top artists. Drop of artwork at St. Elizabeth parish office between January 19-26. Any questions can be directed to Patricia Shaha at 499-1546, extension 20 or to Bill Cross at 491-0150.

**Want to help feed the hungry in our area? Go to:**

**<http://www.chunky.com/ClickForCans.aspx>**

and click on the Packers Green & Gold helmet! If the Packers stay on top in the count, Campbell's Soup donates one can of soup to area food pantries for each pound of weight on the Packer's team roster.