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**PLEASE PRAY 3 HAIL MARY'S EVERY DAY IN
THANKSGIVING OF BLESSINGS RECEIVED
BY SAINT AGNES PARISH FAMILY**

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Thurs 6:00 p.m.

Fri 8:30 a.m.

1st Saturday 8:30 a.m.

ADORATION

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Youth: Wednesday 8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Or by appointment.

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There are several dates left open in December for Mass Intentions, come by the office to get one more before 2017 is over! Also, the new 2018 Mass Intention book is in so we can start on the new year's intentions!

A Mass is the greatest prayer you can give someone!



(+) - deceased

Monday	December 11	Mem. St. Damasus I*	6:00 p.m.	Peggy Severson - Health
Tuesday	December 12	Feast Our Lady of Guadalupe	8:30 a.m.	Fred Wolfenbarger (+)
Wednesday	December 13	Mem. St. Lucy	6:00 p.m.	Fr. Emmanuel Iheaka - Birthday
Thursday	December 14	Mem. St. John of the Cross	6:00 p.m.	No Mass
Friday	December 15		6:00 p.m.	Xave Medley (+)
Saturday	December 16		5:00 p.m.	Altar Society (+)
Sunday	December 17	3 rd Sunday of Advent	9:00 a.m.	Intentions for the Parishioners

* optional

Second Collection ~ December 9 / 10 ~ Maintenance Fund

All Christmas Masses ~ December 24 / 25 ~ Clergy Welfare Fund

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**OH MOST SACRED
HEART OF JESUS
HAVE MERCY ON US**
St. Agnes Church consecrated
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
on June 25, 2017 by our
pastor, Fr. Joseph Shantiraj

LET US PRAY

for those in our parish and
community who are sick and
need our prayers:

Thelma Bortz, Rex & Carol Burns, Diana Beckman, Chelo Cavdena, Joan Childs, LaRita Chitwood, Fran Clark, Ken Cook, Patsy Copeland, Joan Davis, Sandy Egger, Lucile Fagan, Philip & Kathleen Ference, Dan Fitzgerald, Todd Hairston, Hannah, Jim Harakal, Doris Hastey, Dcn. Larry & Sally Hatch, Connie Hernandez, Mary Hutchinson, Herman Jansen, Tony Kelly, Karen King, Kolb Family, Teresa Lunsford, Bill & Raegan McCourtney, Dale Miller, Gillian Moore, Norm & William Mueller, Gerald Muldoon, Georgia Page, Dee Pape, Mitch Posel, Dorothy Ryan, Annabel Scroggins, Steve & Peggy Severson, Sherman Spur, Cherri Stanberry, Charles Thanos, J & L Thomas, Sheila Warner, Andy Watkins, Carol Warren, John Whitham, Vic & Trudy Whitman, Wille Family, Schalie Wooden, Youngblood Family.

**The more you
give, the more
blessings &
graces you
receive.**

- Fr. Shanti



SAINT AGNES, MENA		
<u>Attendance:</u>	December 2:	58
	December 3:	120
<u>Collection:</u>		\$ 3,708.00
<u>Weekly Budget:</u>		\$ 2,378.00
<u>Second Collection:</u>		\$ 1,426.00

Fr. Shanti would like to thank everyone for taking part in celebrating to prepare spiritually to welcome Jesus into our hearts.

God Bless you all.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Let's wish them a Happy Birthday. May God Bless them with good health of mind and body!

- Ann Genzel - 12/11
- Jaxon Baber - 12/13
- Heidi Dixon - 12/14
- Allison Hughes - 12/15
- Alex Rocha - 12/16
- Mike Medley - 12/17
- Quinntyn Anderson - 12/18

PLEASE PRAY A ROSARY EVERY DAY. "Prayer, at it's best, is the language of love between God and the soul. The most effective prayer rises from a humble loving heart. When the soul recognizes its own littleness before God, and at the same time recalls how much he loves God, you can be certain God listens." - Our Lady of Fatima



RCIA is Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. at the St. Thomas House. Ann will present this week's topic, Human Life Issues.

*Lord, Hear
Our Prayer*



Please call or e-mail the office with new phone numbers and/or addresses. (or text Lee) Thank you!

To add a name to, or remove a name from the above prayer list please call the office.



THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

May God Bless them with many more!

- Charlie & Claudia Brown - 12/11
- Keith & Alicia Hastey - 12/15
- Chris & Jackie Midolo - 12/17

Happy Anniversary

St Thomas House

DROP OFF A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY!

BY DEC. 12



To clean the church on December 21st. If you can help, please be there at 7:00 p.m. Thank you!

CYM
Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center.
Christmas party will be December 20.



There will be an Altar Society meeting and luncheon this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Thomas House.

PRE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday,
December 17,
10:30 a.m. at
Gallagher Hall.



MOMENT OF GRACE
deacon874@live.com

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Deacon Larry Hatch
479-234-5351

Advent is a time of preparation. We should be preparing our hearts and minds for something new. Christ wants to be born anew in our being but, like anyone would like a visit, we must invite Him to enter into our being. How do we prepare for this new birth, this spiritual renewal? We must have the humility to admit we need more grace, that we have fallen short of our Lord's commandment to love God and our neighbor. We must be open to what the Holy Spirit has to reveal to us. We must be willing to change our lives to become closer to God. We must be open to reconciliation and forgiveness in our relationships with family, friends and anyone we may have hurt by word or deed. All of us have room for improvement in our spiritual journey. Let us ask the Holy Spirit in humble prayer to lead us.

December Calendar of Events

Knights of Columbus Breakfast	Sunday, December 10	10 - 11:30 a	Gallagher Hall
Altar Society Mtg & Luncheon	Wednesday, December 13	10 a	St. Thomas House
PRE Christmas Party	Sunday, December 17	10:30 a	Gallagher Hall
CYM Christmas Party	Wednesday, December 20	6:00 p	Youth Center
RCIA Potluck	Wednesday, December 20	6:45 p	St. Thomas House
Christmas Eve Mass	Sunday, December 24	4:00 p	St. Agnes Church
Christmas Midnight Mass	Sunday, December 24	12:00 a	St. Agnes Church
Christmas Day Mass	Monday, December 25	12 p	St. Agnes Church
Blood Mobile	Tuesday, December 26	1 - 6 p	Parking Lot
NO CLASSES	Wednesday, December 27		Christmas Break
Knights of Columbus Sunday	Sunday, December 31		

The Maranells would like to say 'Thank you' to everyone who reached out with the phone calls of concern & "get well soon" wishes and especially for all of the prayers during Chuck's recovery from his back surgery. They love & appreciate their parish family! God Bless! ~Chuck and Jean

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A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

Couples..... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is in Subiaco, Arkansas, February 9-11. Space is limited. Apply online at www.arkansaswwme.org/apply. For more info call Ben & Leah Brewer at 501-733-1235 or email apply@arkansaswwme.org.



Because we are obliged to attend Mass for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, some have asked whether a Sunday evening Mass on Christmas Eve, Sun. Dec 24, would fulfill both the obligation for a Sunday Mass and the obligation for a Christmas Day Mass.

The U.S. Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship has said the faithful should attend two Masses to fulfill their Sunday and Christmas Mass obligations.

This means that the Sunday obligation for Dec. 24 can be fulfilled on Sunday, or anytime after 4 p.m. on Dec. 23, and the Christmas Mass obligation can be fulfilled on Monday, anytime after 4 p.m. on Dec. 24.

With all of that being said, here's the schedule of all the Christmas Mass times for St. Agnes.

4th Sunday of Advent Mass: Saturday 12 / 23 - 5 p m; Sunday 12 / 24 - 9 a m

Christmas Eve Mass: Sunday 12 / 24 ~ 4 p m (Children's Christmas play)
~ Midnight Mass (music begins at 11:30 p m)

Christmas Day Mass: Monday 12/ 25 ~ Noon

Be Joyful Always
1 Thessalonians

Priestly Ordination of Dr. Nelson Rubio

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor will celebrate the ordination Mass at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. See the livestream at: <https://livestream.com/accounts/15964547/events/7938316/edit>

CHURCH BULLETIN for ALL SAINTS, MT. IDA & SAINT AGNES, MENA

Location: 708 Hwy 270 E.
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH



WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

Thursday 10:00 p.m.

ADORATION

Sunday 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Thursday 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSION

Sunday After Mass

Thursday 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.

Mt. Ida Emergency Numbers:
Deb Hunt: 870-867-3846, Kathy Elder: 870-867-2252

Please Pray For:

John Baber, Ron Baber, Donald Durst, Bekki George, Jason Hunt, Carolyn Johnson, Thomas Joswick, Linda McNellis, Stevie Price, Shirley Sambrano, Dennis Schleifer, Eugene Suttie, Rob Waldon, Lydia Waldon, Jessica Wax, Rita Whisenhunt.



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The more you give, the more blessings & graces you receive...

~ Fr. Shanti

December 3
Attendance: 47
Collection: \$483.00
Special Collection \$ 73.00

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

If you would like to request a **Mass Intention** please contact Sandra Schmitt at 870-867-2443.

Adoration

"Jesus wants us all to come to Him in the Blessed Sacrament. He is there in person, just waiting for you. Nowhere on earth are you more loved, than by Jesus, living and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The time you spend with the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlasting more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

Congratulations!

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

May God Bless them with many more!

Happy Anniversary!

Rob & Bae Waldon -12/29

Happy Birthday

Let's wish them a Happy Birthday. May God Bless them with good health of mind and body!

RON BABER - 12/4
ERNIE LAURENZI - 12/6
JOE ELDER - 12/15

NEW MEMBERS

If there are new members, please fill out a registration form located in the foyer & give it to Diane Campbell, Council Secretary.
THANK YOU

Church Bulletin

If you have information you would like printed in the bulletin, contact Margie Graham at (870) 867-3161.

For All Saints' arrangements for occasions such as funerals, hospitalization of church members, Father's birthday, etc., contact Parish Life Coordinator Deb Hunt at (870)490-0808© or (870)867-3846 home. Thank you.



The church thought the upcoming holiday season would be a good time to honor our church volunteers with a gathering after Mass, Sunday, December 10. Finger food and beverages will be served. There will

be door prizes and special treats for our teens and kids. You're welcome to share a special Christmas dish, if you wish. All are invited.

MASS INTENTIONS

(+) - deceased

Sunday	December 10	2 nd Sunday of Advent	12:00 p.m.	Intentions for the Parishioners
Thursday	December 14	Mem. St. John of the Cross	9:30 a.m.	
Sunday	December 17	3 rd Sunday of Advent	12:00 p.m.	

LITURGY SCHEDULE	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Cup	Altar Set-up
December 10	Linda McNellis	Margie Graham	Mary Ann Nichols / Vida Retzlaff	Mary Ann Nichols
December 17	Ron Zlotnik	Deb Hunt	Margie Graham / Richard Campbell	Ron Zlotnik
December 24	Vida Retzlaff	Ron Zlotnik	Kathy Elder / Mary Ann Nichols	Mary Ann Nichols
December 31	Deb Hunt	Margie Graham	Richard Campbell / Kathy Elder	Mary Ann Nichols