



# Church of St. Agnes

548 Lafond Avenue | St. Paul, MN 55103

**March 12, 2006**  
*Second Sunday in Lent*

Rev. Father George A. Welzbacher ..... Pastor  
Rev. Monsignor Richard J. Schuler..... Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Father Robert Altier..... Associate Pastor  
Deacons..... Rev. Mr. Harold Hughesdon, Rev. Mr. Bernard Pedersen

**Phones**

Rectory.....651-293-1710  
High School .....651-228-1161  
Grade School.....651-227-1886  
Convent .....651-227-5590  
Web site.....www.stagnes.net  
Development Office, Gerrie Lachowitz.....651-228-1988

**Sunday Masses**

Upper church 6:30, 8:30, 10:00 (Latin High Mass),  
12:00 Noon (Anticipated Mass: Saturday 5:15 pm, preceded by  
Benediction at 5:00 PM)

**Holy Days of Obligation**

6:30, 8:30, 10:00 (Latin High Mass), 12:00 Noon and 5:15 pm

**Weekday Masses**

6:00 and 8:00 am and 5:15 pm in the chapel.  
Saturdays 8:00 am (Latin High Mass)  
During the school year, additional Mass at 9:30 am on Thursdays

**Adoration**

Fridays in the Chapel following the 8 am Mass  
until Benediction at 5 PM.

**Baptisms**

Sundays at 2:00 pm. Previous registration required.

**Marriages**

Registered parishioner must make application six months prior.

**Registration in Parish**

Required for baptism and marriage. Adults 18 and over call  
rectory for appointment.

**Confessions**

Tuesday after Novena devotions; Saturdays and eves of  
First Fridays and Holy Days: 3:30-5:00 and 7:30-9:00 pm

**Devotions**

Tuesday: 7:15 pm Recitation of the Rosary by Parish organizations  
in church, 7:30 pm. Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Litany of the  
Sacred Heart.  
Sunday: 3:00 pm Vespers and Benediction of the Most  
Blessed Sacrament.

*Then a cloud came, casting  
a shadow over them; then  
from the cloud came a  
voice, "This is my beloved  
Son. Listen to him."  
Suddenly, looking around,  
they no longer saw anyone  
but Jesus alone with them.*

*- Mk 9:7-8*

### A Lenten Morning of Reflection

A Lenten Morning of Reflection will be held with Archbishop Harry J. Flynn for people who proclaim scripture, such as lectors and cantors, in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lord, 324 So. Prior Avenue in St. Paul on Saturday, March 18, 2006 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. There is no pre-registration. There will be a \$5.00 collected at the door. For more information call the Worship Center at 651-290-1625.

### Parents Praying the Rosary

A group of parents have been praying the Rosary for our Schools in the Chapel every week. **Beginning this week the Rosary will be prayed every Monday at 2:00 pm rather than Thursdays as it had been.** Please join them every Monday in the Chapel to ask Our Lady's help and protection for our Schools.

The Youth Group is still collecting food in the on-going process of helping the Franciscan Brothers of Peace, whose food shelf is now nearly depleted.

### Legion of Mary

Please notify the Legion of Mary at 612-209-5869 of the names and addresses of parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes or hospitals and would like to be visited by the Legion of Mary.

### Enriching Our Lives Spiritually During Lent

The Church of St. Helena will offer a series of lectures with different speakers dealing with the various aspects of the spiritual life. The talks will last from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in Rowan Hall, 3204 East 43rd Street. Speakers will include: Mar 17—Fr. Randal Kasel, M.Div., on "A Theology of Suffering"; March 24—John F. Boyle, Ph.D., on St. Thomas More: A Model of Holiness for the Modern World"; Mar 31—Fr. Michael Keating, Ph.D. on "St. John the Baptist as a Pattern for Lent"; and April 7—Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan, J.C.D. on "Mother Theresa (of Calcutta) Approach to Prayer and Charity." The cost will be \$4.00 per talk. Stations of the Cross are held in the Church at 7:00 PM. For more information please call 612-729-7321.

### Beginning Experience Weekend

March 24-26, 2006 in Mendota Heights, MN. Widowed? Separated? Divorced? A powerful and revitalizing program where participants are supported in resolving the grief issues of a loss in an atmosphere of understanding and support. This weekend is for men and women of all ages. Put aside the stress of daily responsibilities and join us for a weekend focusing on you. For more information call Sue at 651-456-0507.

### CPO Lenten Retreat Day

**Catholic Parents OnLine (CPO) is sponsoring their annual Lenten Retreat Day here at St. Agnes on Saturday, April 1, 2006 beginning with 8:00 am Mass. The day will feature several talks by Father Robert Altier** focusing on "*God's Plan for the Marriage Covenant: Permanence, Fidelity and Openness to Life*", a continental breakfast and light lunch. The cost is only \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per married couple. Reservations must be made in advance by sending your payment, including your name, address and phone number to: Catholic Parents OnLine

P. O. Box 130815  
St. Paul, MN 55113

For more information please call 952-882-6704 or e-mail to [info@catholicparents.org](mailto:info@catholicparents.org).

### Twentieth Annual Marian Congress

The Twentieth Annual Marian Congress will take place on **March 25, 2006 at the University of St. Thomas O'Shaughnessy Education Center from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Registration starts at 8:00 am. The Theme of this year's congress is "The Incarnation and Annunciation of Jesus." **The guest speaker will be Father Robert Altier.** For more information please call 651-457-6609.

### Religious Articles Sale

The annual Religious Articles Sale held every year in the Church Hall during Lent will be back here again this year for the two weekends of **March 11 & 12 (this weekend) and March 18 & 19 after all of the Masses offered these weekends.**

### All Night Vigil

Next month, April 7/8, we will be hosting the All Night Vigil of the World Apostolate of Fatima here at The Church of St. Agnes. Many volunteers are needed to make this a success. Please call Martha at the church office at 651-293-1710 to see how you can help!

### Free Home & Garden Show

Sparc, a non-profit community development corporation presents the 15th Annual Greater Midway Home & Garden Show at Crossroads Elementary School, 543 Front Avenue. Visit expanded workshops on energy improvements, gardening, kitchen design, pavers, color trends and more. Workshops are held from 9 am until 2:30 pm. The Exhibit Hall will be open from 10 am to 3 pm. The parking and admission are free. For more information please call 651-488-1039.

Deluged as the rectory was, beginning Thursday, March the second, with telephone calls and e-mail transmissions with respect to the current status of Father Altier, I felt constrained, as pastor of St. Agnes Parish, to compose a brief statement assuring one and all that Father Altier still serves in good standing as the associate pastor of St. Agnes Parish. At all of the Masses offered here at St. Agnes on the weekend of March 4th and 5th my statement was read from the pulpit without further comment. Since many have asked for a copy of that statement, I am printing a transcript here.

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Let me state at the outset that neither was I consulted about the command issued recently by the Archbishop to Father Altier nor was I informed about it prior to its announcement in the media. And for very good reason: the Archbishop is under no obligation to explain to his priests the reasons for his commands. During the ceremony of ordination priests take a vow of life-long obedience to their Bishop and to his successors. Fr. Altier accordingly (and quite predictably) honored that vow, submitting at once to the Archbishop's command by withdrawing from hosting his weekly call-in show on Relevant Radio and by removing the content of his website *The Voice in the Desert*.

**It is important to make clear that Father Altier's faculties for maintaining his sacramental and teaching ministry here at St. Agnes Parish remain essentially intact; he will continue to say Mass, to hear confessions, to preach and teach and to give spiritual direction exactly as he has done in the past.** I can offer no further comment because what I have just told you constitutes the entire sum and substance of my knowledge of this whole affair.

Should anyone question the Archbishop's authority to restrict or even to terminate an apostolate conducted by any of his priests *via* the electronic media, the code of Canon Law, canon 831, section 2 clearly states: **"It is for the conference of bishops to establish norms concerning the requirements for clerics and members of religious institutes to take part on radio or television in dealing with questions of Catholic doctrine or morals."**

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops accordingly adapted canon 831 to the conditions prevailing in the United States by adding the following complementary norm for canon 831, section 2: **"The National Conference of Bishops, in accord with the prescriptions of canon 831 §2, hereby decrees that, provided no harm to the Church could result from their presence, clerics and members of religious institutes may participate in radio and television programs which treat of Catholic doctrine and morals. A cleric or religious who regularly takes part in such programs must be qualified by his or her knowledge of the subject and the teaching of the Magisterium, and must obtain the permission of either his or her proper diocesan bishop or the diocesan bishop of the place where the radio or television program is originally broadcast.** In the case of members of religious institutes, permission of the competent superior is also re-

quired."

This complementary norm was submitted to the Roman Congregation of Bishops and was officially approved as having regulatory force by the Cardinal Prefect and by the Secretary of that Congregation. "This norm was granted *recognitio* by the Congregation for Bishops in accord with article 82 of the Apostolic Constitution *Pastor Bonus* and issued by decree of the Congregation for Bishops signed by His Eminence Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, Prefect, and His Excellency Most Reverend Francisco Monterisi, Secretary, dated November 27, 2001."

**All of us are edified by Father Altier's instantaneous and unquestioning submission to the Archbishop's command,** surely proof, were proof needed, of his humility. And as Psalm 149 assures us: *"The Lord adorns the humble with victory."*

I have no further comment to make. I commend the Archbishop and Father Altier to your prayers.

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This coming Wednesday, March 15th—that's right! the Ides of March—strike a blow for freedom against a new kind of tyranny, that of using your state tax dollars to pay for abortions (currently some three thousand such abortions a year)! **On Wednesday, March 15th, at 10:30 in the morning, the Speaker of the Minnesota State Legislature's House of Representatives, Steve Sviggum, is willing to meet with any and all of the citizens of our state who object to such diversion of tax receipts to support the murder of the unborn. The meeting is scheduled for Room 400 North in the State Office Building at 100 Martin Luther King Drive, a good stone's throw from the State Capitol.** If the crowd is too large for room 400 to accommodate, alternative arrangements will have been made. I encourage attendance though I will not be able to be there myself since I will be undergoing a series of medical tests during most of that morning, tests that would be difficult to reschedule. **In general it's always good to recall that in the world of politics it's the wheel that squeaks the loudest that gets the grease.**

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**A final important word to parishioners who are parents of children and teenagers: the St. Agnes Schools will NOT—repeat NOT—be using the "Talking about Touching" material as part of our participation in the mandated national program to protect children from sexual exploitation. We will be using the vastly more appropriate Arlington-Harrisburg program which incorporates the essential delicacy and discretion that teaching about chastity requires.** This is the program that I am told on good authority Archbishop Flynn himself prefers. As long as I am pastor of St. Agnes parish our school at its various levels will give appropriate instruction on the virtue of chastity, a virtue without which the Kingdom of Heaven cannot be attained, but **secular sex education will have no place in our curriculum.**



### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, March 12

Coffee & Donuts Sponsored by High School Student Group

3:00 PM ~ Vespers and Benediction

#### Monday, March 13

2:00 PM ~ The Rosary is prayed in the Chapel for our schools

6:45 PM ~ Legion of Mary Meets in the Bride's Room ~ All are encouraged to join.

For more information please call Mary Ball at 612-209-5869.

#### Tuesday, March 14

7:30 PM ~ Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by Confession

#### Wednesday, March 15

CCD Classes ~ 7 to 8:15 PM

#### Thursday, March 16

7 to 9 PM ~ Fundamentals of Catholicism, taught by Fr. Altier in Church Hall

#### Friday, March 17

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 am Mass until 5 PM

1:10 pm and 7:30 pm ~Stations of the Cross in the main church

#### Saturday, March 18

Confessions in Chapel

3:30 to 5:00 pm and 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Religious Articles Sale in Church Hall after ALL Masses this weekend

*Remember in Your Prayers Those Who Have Gone Before us and Who Sleep the Sleep of Peace.*

Matilda Wojt.....St. Paul, MN

### Altar Servers Information Connection

Next Sunday, March 19 ,2006: Team 3 will serve. Please be on time.

Stations~ 7:30 PM, March 17: Jacob Scott, Ben Olund, Brian Thauwald.

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, March 13

6:00 am Lisa Adams

8:00 am Orville Foroyce

5:15 PM Richard Rogalski †

#### Tuesday, March 14

6:00 am Lorraine Huelsman †

8:00 am Defeat of the Devil's work

5:15 PM Celebrant's Intention

#### Wednesday, March 15

6:00 am Emily Praska

8:00 am Celebrant's Intention

5:15 PM Poor Souls

#### Thursday, March 16

6:00 am Celebrant's Intention

8:00 am Thomas Michaels

\*9:30 am St. Agnes Priests

5:15 PM Margarte Holman

#### Friday, March 17 ~ St. Patrick

6:00 am Son of Dan Flies

8:00 am Samantha Waggoner

5:15 PM Wendy Nyberg

#### Saturday, March 18 ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

\*8:00 am Father Grabner

5:15 PM Mary Ellen Kelly

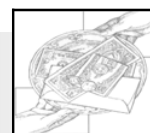
#### Sunday, March 19

6:30 am Mark Schlangen

8:30 am Joseph Borocki

\*10:00 am Mary Jo Feltl and family

12:00 PM For the Parish



### Sunday Offerings Collections for 2006

Amount ..... \$13,445.85  
Red Envelopes.....\$5,912.10