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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (EF)

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CHURCH OF  
SAINT  
AGNES

### Clergy

Rev. John L. Ubel, Pastor

Rev. John Paul Erickson, In Residence

Rev. James McConville, In Residence

Rev. Timothy Cloutier, In Residence

Deacon Harold Hughesdon

Deacon Bernard Pedersen

Deacon Nathan Allen

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:15 p.m. (anticipated), with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

6:30, 8:30, 10:00 a.m. (Latin High Mass), 12 Noon

The 10:00 a.m. Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month will be offered in the Extraordinary Form (1962 Missale Romanum)

### Weekday Masses

8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday (Saturday—Sung Latin Mass)

5:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday

During school year, additional Sung Mass 9:30 a.m. most Thursdays

### Holy Days of Obligation

Watch bulletin for Mass and Confession schedules

### Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays following Novena

Thursdays before First Fridays: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### Adoration and Devotions

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Rosary

7:30 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual

Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Chapel) at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 3:00 p.m. Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

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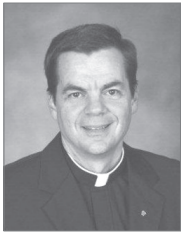
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## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

### Taking the Gloves Off: Protesting The HHS Decision and its Assault on Religious Liberty



We knew it was coming, but held out a glimmer of hope that perhaps the conscience clause would be modified to ensure that no Catholic institution would be forced by the government to provide health plans to employees that funded contraceptive coverage, some of which are abortifacients. Personally, I was not at all surprised with the decision, ignoring the strong protests of many faith based organizations, not only Catholic ones. The decision's implementation was delayed until August 1, 2013 (cleverly taking it off the table during an election year), but no one paying the least attention will be fooled. Kathleen Sebelius, director of the Department of Health and Human Services, audaciously declared:

I believe this proposal strikes the appropriate balance between respecting religious freedom and increasing access to important preventive services...The administration remains fully committed to its partnerships with faith-based organizations, which promote healthy communities and serve the common good.

If this constitutes being "fully committed to its partnerships," Catholics have grounds to seek a declaration of nullity! Even some of the criticism of this decision rang hollow, such as that from University of Notre Dame President Rev. John Jenkins: "This would compel Notre Dame to either pay for contraception and sterilization in violation of the Church's moral teaching, or to discontinue our employee and student health care plans in violation of the Church's social teaching." I wonder how he feels today about the honorary Doctorate he awarded to President Obama in 2009? Or consider the Catholic Health Association. During the Health Care debate of two years ago, the CHA came out in support of Obamacare in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, naively believing that appropriate conscience protections would be in place. Sister Carol Keehan was "disappointed" in last week's HHS decision: "This was a missed opportunity to be clear on appropriate conscience protection," Sister Keehan said. Not exactly "fightin' words," Sister! This weak response only reinforces the CHA's irrelevance in this debate. It is time to take the gloves off.

Thankfully, the U.S. Catholic Bishops are in fact hitting back, and hitting hard. At the morning Mass prior to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Cardinal-designate Dolan of New York preached a strong homily in which he urged those in attendance to remain strong of heart: "From a human point of view, we may be tempted to surrender, when our government places

conception, pregnancy and birth under the 'center for disease control,' when chemically blocking conception or aborting the baby in the womb is considered a 'right' to be subsidized by others who abhor it." He also released a statement in his capacity as President of the USCCB: "In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences."

There is one sure way to prevent this regulation from taking effect on August 1, 2013 – and that is November 6, 2012. Capisci? Be informed. The USCCB website has excellent and up to date resources on this and all related religious liberty issues. This horrible decision might in the end mobilize Catholics to stand up and make their views known more clearly, that we will not stand for this unprecedented attack on our religious liberty. Politicians who support this, do so at their own peril come Election Day. Stay tuned, this story is far from over.

- ♦ The Saint Agnes Red and White Benefit Dinner is just two weeks away, Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful way to support our parish school. I have been particularly pleased to see in attendance, not only alumni and parents of current/past students, but also members of the parish who do not have children enrolled at our school. Their participation and support is a beautiful tribute to Saint Agnes, as they offer their support for the work we are doing. This year we will honor Mr. John Nasseff, a key benefactor who has helped to strengthen our financial standing through his support of the Padre Pio Scholarship program.
- ♦ Representatives from Total Life Care Centers will be on hand after Mass, as announced, to distribute baby bottles in which you are encouraged to deposit loose change. You are encouraged to bring the bottles back the weekend of February 11-12<sup>th</sup>. Believe me, the coins all add up, and your donations support a most worthy pro-life organization.
- ♦ Our Friday evening Saint Agnes Centennial Lecture series begins this Lent, now less than one month away. We have assembled an outstanding slate of local and national speakers who will speak after Stations of the Cross in Schuler Hall. Please mark your calendars and keep an eye out for posters and bulletin inserts.

In Christ,

Rev. John L. Ubel  
Pastor

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### Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions For February 2012

**General Intention:** Access to Water

That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

**Missionary Intention:** Health Workers.

That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.



## THIS WEEKEND AT SAINT AGNES

### TLC Baby Bottle Campaign

Total LifeCare, which has its office in the convent, will be conducting a Baby Bottle campaign this weekend. Please pick up a bottle at the exit after Mass, and let the whole family drop in their cash, coins or checks and bring it back in two weeks. Thank you for supporting the fight against abortion.

## CHORALE AND ORCHESTRA NOTES

*Missa Brevis in F, K192*

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

This is only the fifth time the Chorale will be singing this wonderful Mozart Mass. Monsignor Schuler, our founding director, suggested this Mass and the *Missa Brevis in D, K194* as excellent additions to our repertoire before his death in 2007. This Mass was composed in 1774 when the great Mozart was only 18. This is one of his shorter (*Brevis*) Masses but is certainly a complete work for chorus, orchestra and soloists. The editor of our score, Arthur Mendel states, "The work is one of the miracles of music – a miracle of brevity and of childlike simplicity of spirit."

The Chorale is a non-profit organization and depends on the generosity of donors. Please send contributions to: Twin Cities Catholic Chorale, P.O. Box 4234, St. Paul, MN 55104. Some of our contributors have asked about sponsoring the music for a specific Mass on a given Sunday. If you might be interested, please contact Virginia Schubert, the Chorale's President, at [chorale@stagnes.net](mailto:chorale@stagnes.net).

### Schedule of 10:00 a.m. Masses

**Twin Cities Catholic Chorale and Orchestra**

Sunday, February 5 Joseph Haydn, *Nelsonmesse*

Sunday, February 12 Franz Schubert, *Mass in A-flat*

Sunday, February 19 Joseph Haydn, *Paukenmesse*

## VOCATIONS

### Diaconate Inquiry Sessions

Thursdays, February 16, 23, and March 1, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 10, 8:00-11:30 a.m. Sessions held at the Saint Paul Seminary, Brady Education Center, Room 105. Wives of married inquirers should attend if possible. To register contact Patty McQuillan at [patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu](mailto:patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu) or 651.962.6891. For details contact Deacon Joseph Michalak at [jtmichalak@stthomas.edu](mailto:jtmichalak@stthomas.edu).

### Andrew Dinner - February 20

Priests and Brothers of the archdiocese invite Catholic men, age 16 to 35, to Evening Prayer and dinner with Archbishop Nienstedt on Monday, February 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. Contact the Vocation Office at 651.962.6890 or [stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org](mailto:stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org). Reservations are needed one week in advance, no later than February 13.

## SAINT AGNES SCHOOL

### Kindergarten Round Up

We invite you to attend our upcoming Kindergarten Round-Up with your prospective Kindergarten student on Thursday, February 9, 2012. Come to meet our teachers, share in story time, and enjoy a snack while you learn more about the full-day kindergarten program at Saint Agnes School. We support parents in their primary role of educators for their children. We are confident in the strong faith environment and comprehensive education we provide for all students. Choose one of two convenient sessions to attend including: 1:00-2:30p.m. or 4:30-6:00 p.m. No RSVP is necessary. Questions may be directed to the Admissions Office 651.925.8803.

## NEWLY CONFIRMED

Congratulations to our newly confirmed. We are so proud of you! May you faithfully and courageously go forth and preach to all nations. (Confirmed Names listed as middle names.)

*Matthew John Bosco Boeser*

*Mary Clare Joan of Arc Burke*

*Lauren Mary Magdalene Carle*

*Nicolas Anthony of Padua Cronk*

*Christopher Juan Diego Devora*

*Randall Francis Xavier Dickerson*

*Julia Colette Doerr*

*Daniel Dominic Farrell*

*Francis Martin de Porres Floeder*

*Anna Therese of Lisieux Fossand*

*Bridget Rita of Cascia Geerts*

*Mary Cecilia Gross*

*Maria Catherine of Siena Heesch*

*Jonah Padre Pio Hintgen*

*Anna Mary Mother of God Hobbs*

*Daniel Patrick Humphrey*

*Maria Anastasia Humphrey*

*Samuel John the Beloved Koessl*

*Kathryn Kateri Tekakwitha Kueppers*

*Madison Marcella Lanning*

*Wyatt Peter the Apostle Lanning*

*Emily Elizabeth Ann Seton Luke*

*Dominic Sebastian Maslow*

*Shannon Kateri Tekakwitha McNamara*

*Jacob Gregory Rose*

*Madison Elizabeth of Hungary Sandquist*

*Maria Philomena Schraeter*

*Rita Gianna Beretta Molla Schreier*

*Joseph Maximilian Kolbe Shearer*

*Harper Joan of Arc Skulley*

*Clare Damian of Molokai Tichawa*

*Peter Padre Pio Vaske*

*Veronica Perpetua Yurek*

*Joseph Francis of Assisi Zona*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 29

Donut Sale sponsored by the Children's Choir  
 Latin I (Brides) ..... after 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Kent) ..... 11:30 p.m.  
 Vespers and Benediction (Chapel)..... 3:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group (meet in GS gym) ..... 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Monday, January 30 | Catholic Schools Week

Legion of Mary (Bride's Room) ..... 6:15 p.m.  
 Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts (Cafeteria) ..... 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Men's Club (Schuler) ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 31 | Catholic Schools Week

Rosary (Chapel) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Confessions ..... following 7:30 Novena  
 Chorale Rehearsal (Choir Loft) ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 1 | Catholic Schools Week

Youth Religious Education (School) ..... 6:30-7:45 p.m.  
 John Crudele Talk (Schuler) ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, February 2 | Catholic Schools, Grandparents Day

All School Mass ..... 9:30 p.m.  
 Classroom Visits (Grade School) ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Lunch with Students ..... 11:30 a.m.  
 Rosary for Catholic Schools (Convent Chapel) ..... 12:00 p.m.  
 Talent Show (Gruden) ..... 1:00 p.m.  
 Children's Choir Rehearsal (Schuler) ..... 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
 Latin II (Brides) ..... 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
 Adult Faith Formation (Brides) ..... 7:00-8:15 p.m.

### Friday, February 3

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the  
 8:00 am Mass until 5:00 p.m.  
 Jason Adkins Talk for grades 7-12 (Bandas) ..... 1:30 p.m.  
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Chapel) ..... 3:00 p.m.  
 Catholic Young Adults (Sports in GS gym) .. 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, February 4

Weekly Church Cleaning ..... after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 Confessions ..... 3:30-5:00, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### The Sacrament of Penance

Students of Saint Agnes School in 2nd grade and older are preparing to go to Confession for the first time on Thursday, February 23 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Religious Education students will make their first Confession on Wednesday, February 29, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Penance.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in your prayers those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:

*Dolores Bjerke*

Welcomed into the Church through Baptism:

*Benedict Joseph Adkins*

Son of Michael & Cynthia Adkins

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Marguerite Myszka (B)  
 5:15 p.m. Michele VanHouten (B)

### Tuesday, January 31 | Saint John Bosco, priest

8:00 a.m. Leo Scheuring †

### Wednesday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Rev. Robert Altier  
 5:15 p.m. John Kampa †

### Thursday, February 2 | Candlemas, Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Ray Garcia †  
 9:30 a.m. E. Patrick Harrigan †

### Friday, February 3 | First Friday; Saint Blaise, bishop & martyr; Saint Ansgar, bishop

8:00 a.m. John and Anita Burns  
 5:15 p.m. Avis Burns †

### Saturday, February 4

\*8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Tom Smolik Family †  
 5:15 pm Philip Brown †

### Sunday, February 5 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Septuagesima Sunday (EF)

6:30 a.m. George & Dorothy Kordiak  
 8:30 a.m. S.T. & Lorraine Scully †  
 \* 10:00 a.m. James Lynch †  
 12:00 p.m. *Missa pro populo* (For the People)

Anniversary (B) Birthday † Deceased \*Sung High Mass

## ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 4

#### 5:15 p.m. Mass

Ned O'Sullivan, Christopher Ethier, Jack Boeser,  
 Simon Skemp, Matthew Boeser, Jonah Hintgen

### Sunday, February 5

#### 8:30 a.m. Mass

Peter Minwegen, Christopher Minwegen, Max Minwegen,  
 Frances Minwegen, Patrick Kobbermann

#### 10:00 a.m. Mass

Cameron Swanson, Kurt Greene, Nicholas Conroy,  
 Thomas Kostuch, John Rose, William Kostuch,  
 Jacob Rose, John Schmitt, Thomas Conroy,  
 Matthew Swanson, Ross Wright, Joseph Galush

#### 12:00 Noon Mass

Viet Pham, Ted Burke, Joseph Lindgren,  
 Anthony Peterson, Michael Karadza

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS

### Collections for January 22, 2012

Sunday Envelope/Plate	\$ 12,599.05
Automatic Contributions	\$ 3,305.71
Total	\$ 15,904.76