

2021 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY





5250 Mission Road, Roeland Park, Kansas 66205
913-262-2400

Dear Parishioners,

I sincerely hope that you will find this updated Parish directory both informative and useful throughout the year. I hope too that you and your family see this as a reference and a guide about our Parish. In it you will find, the who, what, where, why, and when of our Parish. This includes a complete listing of our current members. This alone should be of big help to you.

You will note many advertisers in the Guide Book and Directory. These are the businesses that have made it possible to have this Guide Book and Directory at no cost to our Parish including even the mailing. We kindly ask to support them whenever possible.

Since our last Guidebook publication we have gone through unprecedented times. Not only with the Covid 19 virus, quarantining, and shutdowns, but also with racial and political unrest, which has led to demonstrations and violence. With the vaccine presently being administered, may we soon see the end of this pandemic, and may we also pray, desire, and work for the true equality and peace among all peoples.

As you know, St. Agnes is seen by many as the cornerstone of the Johnson County Catholic Community. It is such a pleasure to call St. Agnes home and to be your Pastor. I am grateful that so many parishioners work together and carry on the ministry of Jesus for all of the people here at St. Agnes, and beyond for the greater honor and glory of God.

Many thanks, to our Parishioners, and local business owners who advertise in our directory. Thanks to the office staff at the rectory and countless volunteers for putting this Directory together for us to share information about the Parish and the local community.

God Bless You!

Father Bill Porter,
Pastor

Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., 12 noon and 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Monday - Friday

6:45 a.m.

8:15 a.m. Wednesday during the school year

Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tuesday

After 6:45 a.m.

Holy Day

(Check the bulletin to confirm Mass times)

5:30 p.m. Vigil evening before

6:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

8:15 a.m. on School Days

Confessions

Saturday

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rosary

Sunday

9:35 a.m.

Perpetual Adoration

Perpetual (24 hours) In Adoration Chapel

Baptism

Please call the Rectory to learn about attending baptismal preparation classes and selecting a date for the baptism. Baptisms are generally held after a weekend mass.

Marriage

Contact the rectory at least six months prior to your wedding day. Working with Fr. Bill or Mike Gomez as early in the process as possible will help to ease the planning process.

History of St. Agnes Parish

Since its beginning in 1923, St. Agnes Parish has seen a world of change, both physically and spiritually. Just as our members and buildings have grown, so too has our devotion and commitment to worship. Early parishioners enjoyed worship and fellowship at the first St. Agnes Church on 47th Street, between Booth and Adams Streets. A grade school occupied the first floor, with the church in the basement.

In 1942, the rapidly growing population of Kansas City, particularly in Johnson County, signaled the need for a larger church and school. Katherine C. Roe donated five acres of land at 53rd Street and Mission Road to the parish. The land formed the intersection of three communities - Fairway, Roeland Park and Westwood.

Builders laid the cornerstone of the new St. Agnes Church on April 25, 1942. Despite delays caused by World War II, the church was solemnly dedicated on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1943. The total cost to build and furnish the church was \$85,000.

The St. Agnes School was dedicated in 1947 on five acres of land at 51st Street and Mission Road, also donated by members of the Roe family. To complete the St. Agnes complex, a convent was built west of the church in 1948, followed by the rectory built adjacent to the church in 1952.

As St. Agnes Parish continued to grow, an addition was made to the grade school. Dedicated on August 27, 1961, it contained a library, twelve classrooms, a meeting hall and a chapel that seated 425 people. The meeting hall was named Fr. Condon Hall in memory of Father Arthur Condon, a retired priest much loved by the parish.

Since that time, St. Agnes has made continuous improvements and additions. To provide space for the many spiritual and social activities taking place in the parish, even in the midst of our Pandemic, Mass continued to be celebrated daily. With radio FM 90.5 FM to pick up the audio from every Mass in the parking lot, and Holy Communion brought to those outside, as well as sending Mass as a livestream via our website, Facebook and YouTube. And while all public schools resumed classes in the fall of 2020 virtually in the midst of the pandemic, we continued to educate our students enrolled in the School and School of Religion in person. We are very proud of our Teachers and Parishioners, who in the face of this Pandemic, continued the ministry and the mission of Jesus Christ.

Under the direction of the Pastor, and the many people who volunteer their time and talents, the church continues to grow and flourish. Currently, more than 1,300 families call St. Agnes home. In 2023 we celebrated our 100th Anniversary. We count our blessings for the many among us who give of their time, talent and treasure to make St. Agnes a happy, thriving and faithful Catholic community.

St. Agnes Parish Endowment Fund

The St. Agnes Parish Endowment Fund was established several years ago. The fund is to assist in meeting the continuing financial needs of the parish, the school and its various service programs.

Endowments are special financial gifts placed in the fund to be invested, and only the income from the fund will be used specifically for parish and school needs. The Endowment Fund will be administered by a seven-member board, consisting of the Pastor, the Parish Business Manager and 6 parish members appointed by the pastor. The Funds will remain an asset of the St. Agnes Endowment Fund.

To get more information about the fund, its purpose and how you can make gifts, call Mike Gomez at 913-766-9758.

Staff Members

Father William Porter - Pastor
Fr. Edward Ahn – Sacramental Assistance
Mike Gomez - Director of Parish Ministries & Business Manager
Mike Verquer - Bookkeeper
Teresa Youngstrom - Parish Secretary
Kristen Rioux - Music Director
Jennifer Hense - School of Religion
Phil Rodgers - Manager of St Agnes Cafeteria
Darin Astor - Maintenance
Marc Pineda - Maintenance

St. Agnes Grade School

Jane Sullivan - Principal
Darin Hansen - Director of Technology
Kris Calomino - School Secretary
Katelyn Spielman - School Nurse

Parish Phone Numbers

St. Agnes Rectory 913-262-2400
Rectory Fax Number 913-262-1050
St. Agnes Grade School 913-262-1686
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St. Agnes Parish website www.stagneskc.org

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| Mike Gomez | Laura Rodgers |
| Janna Willhaus | Brian Ashworth |
| Jane Sullivan | Jennifer Hense |
| Kristen Rioux | Keith Krull |
| Jennifer Tylicki | Mark Kellerman |

Finance Council

2020-2021

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| Fr. William Porter | Tim Burger (Chair) |
| Rebecca Arthur | Laura Rodgers |
| Mike Verquer | Mike Engle |
| Tim Burger | John Mundy |
| John Hense | Ralph Schmidt |
| Mike Gomez | |

School Council

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| Fr. William Porter | Margaret Kelly (Chair) |
| Mike Gomez | Jane Sullivan (Principal) |
| Chris Castrop | Sarah Dee |
| Dave Hoebelheinrich | Dave Semro |
| Jackie Leon | Jo Green |
| | Jennifer Tylicki |

Parent Teacher Organization Officers

2020-2021

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| Vacant | Co-President |
| Bett Choi | Secretary |
| Shannon & Jeff Benes | Treasurer |

Buildings & Grounds Committee

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| Fr. William Porter | Brian Ashworth (Chair) |
| Michael Gomez | Darin Astor |
| Tim Janssen | Chris Castrop |
| Scott Enyart | Ken Low |

Parish Organizations 2020-2021

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| Women of St. Agnes | Laura Rodgers |
| Knights of Columbus | Keith Krull |
| P.T.O | Vacant |
| CYO..... | Mark Kellerman |
| Religious Education | Jennifer Hense |
| R.C.I.A. | Beth Vance |
| Finance Committee | Tim Burger |
| Perpetual Adoration | Chris & Ashley Brown |
| Music | Kristen Rioux |
| Liturgical Ministries | Mike Gomez |
| Eucharistic Ministers | |
| Mass Servers | |
| Lectors | |
| Sacristan | |
| Food Kitchen | Norm & Jeanne Cruse |
| Food Pantry..... | Knights of Columbus (Gary Long) |

Calendar of Events

Feast Day of St. Agnes January 21st - Depending on the day it falls, the Altar & Rosary Society host an evening in honor of St. Agnes. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. The feast day is observed at the 4:30 p.m. Saturday mass followed by a light meal and a talk or guest speaker in the Parish Center.

Auction - A fun-filled evening for everyone and a fundraiser for the school. This event has been heralded as the “best in the community” and is usually held on the 3rd Saturday in February. Many needs have been met over the years as this provides on average 10% of the school’s operating budget.

Catholic Schools Week - A special week of activities for students promoting education in a Catholic school. Catholic Schools Week is held the last week of January. It kicks off with all the Masses the Sunday before being led by school students. The Knights of Columbus provide a pancake breakfast after the morning Masses. The week is filled with many other activities during the week that help demonstrate the benefit of a Catholic education.

Fish Fry - Held on Friday nights during Lent excluding Good Friday. Very popular among the whole community and a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends. Our John Roe Council Knights of Columbus provide a wonderful meal with a variety of fish selections and sides.

Tributes to Mary - May Crowning by the school held in the month of May. A Living Rosary by the School of Religion students held in October.

Fall Festival - This parish-wide event takes place annually on the third Saturday of September on the parish grounds. It starts with Mass, followed by outdoor family festivities, including good food and drinks, music for dancing, games for the children, a chili contest, wine toss, and bingo!

Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers - Learn and prepare to give Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist to the community of faithful on Sundays and Holy Days. They also take communion to the sick at home or in hospitals.

Lectors - Lectors read the Word of God, during liturgies and communal penance services. Lectors lead the assembly in Holy Day and Lenten services. They also read the Responsorial Psalm at any Mass where there is no cantor. They read the Prayers of the Faithful and any announcements just before the Recessional song at Mass.

Altar Servers - Servers learn to assist the priest who performs the Mass and brings the Eucharist to the people. This is an important role in helping the Priest to lead the congregation in prayer. Altar server training begins in 5th grade and all servers are scheduled quarterly. Our servers assist the Priest during Sunday and weekday masses as well as weddings, funerals and designated prayer celebrations through the year.

Ushers - Ushers help seat the congregation at Mass, take up the collection and then help put God's house in order after Mass. If interested in serving our Lord and our community in any of these ministries please contact Mike Gomez, 913-766-9758.

Music Ministries

Adult Choir - The choir includes people of all ages who sing at weekend liturgies as well as Christmas Eve and Day, Mass, Easter Vigil, Holy Week services and other liturgical functions throughout the year. The choir rehearses weekly during the school year. All are welcome to participate in this music ministry.

Cantors - Cantors help lead the congregation at all weekends and special Holy Day Masses. A prospective cantor should be able to sing well and read music, as he/she needs to be able to help the rest of the church with singing.

Organists/Pianist - St. Agnes Church is fortunate to have several organists/pianists who play regularly at Sunday Masses. Most play 2-3 times per month and are asked to help out during Holy Days including Easter and Christmas.

Please call Kristen Rioux at 913-766-9755 if you are interested in participating in any of our music ministries.



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Christian Formation Ministries

St. Agnes Religious Education serves parish children, grades Kindergarten through eighth who attend public schools. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 11:00 to 11:50 a.m., September through May and include sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. All school-aged children in the parish who do not attend St. Agnes Catholic School are expected to attend. Sacramental preparation is a two-year commitment. Teachers and aides are always needed to work with the children weekly and the assistance of volunteers is needed occasionally to help out with special projects and celebrations. Teenage volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and all those working regularly in classrooms must be VIRTUS trained. The faith formation of our children relies greatly on the generosity of our dedicated parishioners! Contact: Jennifer Hense at hense.jennifer@stagneskc.org.

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Catechumenate Program) is centered on those who, having never been baptized, wish to inquire into the Catholic Faith. It is also for those who, having been baptized in another Christian denomination, wish to inquire into the Catholic Faith Community. It is also for those who have been baptized in the Catholic faith but never catechized, and wish to become an active participant in their church. The group meets weekly starting in September on Tuesday evenings. Each candidate is assigned a sponsor. The process is meant to lead to conversion of mind and heart, culminating in the celebration of the sacraments of initiation: Baptism (for those not baptized), Profession of Faith (for those already baptized), Confirmation, and Eucharist; at the celebration of the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Contact Beth Vance at bethavance4@gmail.com.

RCIA Sponsor - Sponsors work with adults in the Catechumenate Program who are considering becoming Catholic. Beth Vance at bethavance4@gmail.com.

Marriage and Family Life

Marriage Preparation - To help couples prepare for marriage, both in secular matters as well as spiritual matters. They are taken through all the acceptable training approved by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, so that they may be married at St. Agnes, or any other Catholic church of their preference. If you are planning to get married in the next year, please contact Fr. Bill or Mike Gomez at the rectory, 913-262-2400 to inquire about our marriage preparation.

Young Married Couples Group - Share life events, share good times, share your story, meet old and new acquaintances. Interested? Contact Megan Flynn at church@stagneskc.org.

Young Adult Group – Similar to the Young Married group, share life events, share good times, share your story, meet old and new acquaintances. Interested? Contact Jade Baker at youngadults@stagneskc.org.

Mothers of Young Children - Looking for an opportunity to step out with or without your child with fellow parishioners. Maybe share some tips and tricks? Contact Robin Cutcliff at stagnesmoyc@gmail.com.

Caring Ministries

St. Mary's Food Kitchen - Each month, usually the 30th day, we gather the food donated by parishioners and take it to the Food Kitchen at 6th and Nebraska in Kansas City, Kansas. There we prepare the food and begin serving by 11:15 a.m., finishing at about 1:00 p.m. We serve anywhere from 250-500 meals each month. Contact: Norm or Jeanne Cruse, 913-963-4716.

Stephen Ministry - It is a one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. For more information contact Teresa Elder at 913-530-0128.

Spiritual Ministries

Perpetual Adoration - Adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament is available to everyone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. The Lord invites us to come before Him to receive the blessings and peace only He can give. For more information contact the Rectory office, leave your contact information and a member of the Ministry will contact you shortly.

Respect Life Ministry - A ministry to promote, support and grow a “Culture of Life” in St. Agnes Parish through prayer, education, public witness and material support. We coordinate activities with Kansans for Life, Wyandotte Pregnancy Center and Project Gabriel. Our meetings are held quarterly. For more information contact the Rectory office, leave your contact information and a member of the Ministry will contact you shortly.

Parish Ministries

Rectory Receptionist - Volunteers serve as receptionist in the rectory office answering the phone, taking messages, greeting visitors and performing other clerical tasks. We also have a dedicated number of volunteers who help get out large mailings. Contact Mike Gomez at the rectory, 913-766-9758.

Buildings & Grounds - Volunteers who provide assistance for special repair, upkeep, or light maintenance as needed. Volunteers also mow the grass, trim the bushes, and plant the beautiful flowers around Mary's Grotto. Project Days - Volunteers work together along side our Buildings and Grounds Committee to perform occasional projects on the church grounds or within the buildings of the complex. Projects can range anywhere from cleaning, painting or light construction tasks throughout our complex. For more information contact the Rectory office, leave your contact information and a member of the Ministry will contact you shortly.

Special Events and Liturgical Arts Committee - The Special Events Committee helps with a variety of dinners and receptions for various Parish activities, and the Liturgical Arts Group decorates the church at Christmas, Easter and throughout the liturgical season. For more information contact the Rectory office, leave your contact information and a member of the Ministry will contact you shortly.

Knights of Columbus - John Roe Council 3020, (honoring John Roe, a pioneer of this area), was established in St. Agnes Parish in 1946, at the prompting of the Pastor. Today, the Knights of Columbus can be seen passing out Tootsie Rolls during the annual Tootsie Roll drive to benefit people with intellectual disabilities, helping out at the School Auction, and the Fall Festival. Hosting pancake breakfasts in the Parish Center, or serving up some fabulous fish at our Lenten Fish Fry dinners. The Knights of Columbus also handle many other projects for the parish, as well as charitable work for the community - all while serving God, making friends, and having fun! All men of the parish are invited to join this vibrant and rapidly growing group. They meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner followed by their meeting held in the "Alley" in the school. Contact Keith Krull at keith.krull@gmail.com, or stop any of the Knights and ask them for more information when you see them.

Women of St. Agnes serve Christ and the parish. We pray for its members, living and deceased, the entire parish community, and the worldwide Church. We care for the church by weekly cleanings and through the maintenance of the altar, the sacristy, and the vestments. We collect dues and hold various fundraisers to help purchase items such as: chalices, communion cups, altar linens, hosts and vestments. We provide comfort to families of the deceased of our parish through the hospitality of funeral luncheons. We promote social programs such as Bunko, Bridge, and day trips. We sponsor spiritual and educational programs, including mini-retreats. Within the Altar & Rosary Society we have extensions of many smaller circles of women who meet throughout the month to promote Christian fellowship. The Altar & Rosary Society meets on the first Friday of each month in observance of the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We meet from August to May of each year. Members pray the Rosary and assist at the Mass. A meeting follows, which enriches the spiritual lives of its members, through informative and educational speakers, and concludes with business. All women of the parish are considered members of the St. Agnes Altar & Rosary Society. All women are encouraged to become active members by attending the monthly Rosary, Mass and meeting. Membership dues are \$10 a year, payable each April. The Altar & Rosary Society provides a great opportunity to form spiritual friendships, and fellowship for women seeking to help the church, serve others, and enhance personal relationships with God. Please consider being an active part of this wonderful treasure of prayer and service. Contact Laura Rodgers at lrogers@cbiz.com.

Youth Sports

Athletic Program (CYO) - Under the leadership of the Athletic Committee, sports are offered for 4th through 8th grade children in the parish and St. Agnes School for football, volleyball, basketball and track. The program offers basketball for high school students not formally in the high school program. Contact the St. Agnes Athletic Director at rams_cyo@stagneskc.org.

Catholic Offices and Agencies

Catholic Church Offices (Chancery).....913-721-1570
12615 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, Kansas 66109

- Archbishop's Office
- Chancellor's Office
- Administrative/Human Resources
- Archives
- Call to Share Office
- Catholic Schools Office
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- Human Development & Rural Life Office
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- Liturgy Office
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Catholic Charities913-621-1504

Catholic Community Services

- Abstinence
- Infant Adoptions/Pregnancy Counseling
- Emergency Foster Care
- Foster Grandparents
- Home Health Care
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- Marriage & Family Counseling
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- Volunteers

Johnson County Family Life Resources

Linda Porter..... 913-319-2406

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Catholic Cemeteries 913-371-4040

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