

ST. AGNES PARISH

"Prayerful, compassionate servants to all God's people"



2021
GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

St. Agnes Parish



Dear St. Agnes family,

We at St. Agnes are proud to have inherited a very rich Catholic tradition from our founders 105 years ago. This vibrant history and heritage are sustained by the generous acts of stewardship and service, firmly rooted in the dedication and commitment of our faithful community.

We have grown in numbers by leaps and bounds over the years, both at the parish and school (though that changed currently with new demographics), bearing witness to our Christian ideals. We share our time, talent, and treasure in a selfless manner and by being **prayerful and compassionate servants to all God's people!**

In this year of **St. Joseph**, we are reminded of him as a man of obedience and total dedication in following God's will and plan in his life. Joseph was entrusted with fatherhood to foster Jesus towards fulfilling his plan. Pope Francis said, *"He took on a paternity that was not his own: it came from the Father. And he went ahead with that fatherhood and all it signified: not only supporting Mary and the child, but also raising the child, teaching him his trade, bringing him up to manhood."* Joseph has become a great model for us to imitate as we strive to foster faith in our families, our parish community, and beyond.

The year 2020 has been eventful in many ways, not only for St. Agnes parish and school community, but also for the entire country and world. We have witnessed unprecedented changes, politically and socially, and the pandemic presented a unique challenge on the health front. As we move forward with hopefulness, we need to place our trust in the Lord who can help us overcome evil in the world.

As one united Christian family, let us follow Jesus who continues to lead the Church with a new hope and vigor towards a triumphant future. May the risen Lord be a constant source of inspiration to each one of us in building a deeper and better relationship with Him and our fellow pilgrims on our journey of faith. I am immensely grateful to God and to his faithful community here for being companions in the Lord's vineyard as we journey together!

Fr. Joy Thachil, SAC

St. Agnes Parish

12801 West Fairmount Avenue, Butler, WI 53007-1415

Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday..... 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday and Holy Day Schedule.....see the weekly bulletins

Sacramental Celebrations

Baptism: Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation in which we welcome new members into the Christian faith community. Parents who would like their child baptized need to be registered members of the parish and complete a preparation session. Please contact the Parish Office for dates and times of the next session.

Reconciliation: Held most Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m, in church. Also by appointment. Cluster Reconciliation services are scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Matrimony: Couples planning to be married in our parish are asked to contact the parish priest before making other wedding plans, at least 8 months prior to their desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick & Sick Calls: Please call the Parish Office. Communal anointing is celebrated during all the Masses on one weekend in the fall.

Offices and Telephones

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..... Summer Hours: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

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Christian Formation Office.....262-781-6998

Liturgy & Music.....262-781-6998

School Office.....262-781-4996

Tender Care U. (Day Care).....262-781-5712

Parish Membership

Welcome new members! All self-supporting Catholic adults, 18 years or older and regularly participating in the liturgy here, are asked to register by calling the parish office or seeing an usher for a welcome folder. Registration is required for Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Preparation for First Communion and Reconciliation, 4:00-4:45 and enrollment in the School and Religious Education Programs.

Parish Directory

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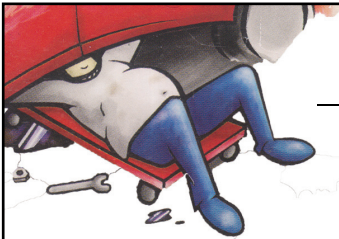
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Athletic Sub-Committee

The St. Agnes Athletic Committee, as a sub-committee of Christian Formation, exists to promote and provide opportunities in athletic activities for all youth in grades 5-12 of St. Agnes Parish. The committee conducts the day-to-day business of the Athletic Program for the school age children in compliance with Archdiocesan policies. This includes, but is not limited to, the recruitment, supervision, and training of coaches, purchasing equipment, and other activities necessary to carry out the goals of the program. The goals of the Athletic Committee are

- to administer the athletic program for the youth of St. Agnes Parish
- to teach and foster development of athletic skills and fundamentals, and incorporate Christian values as part of the education/formation process
- to provide a Christian atmosphere in all athletic programs and activities, incorporating sportsmanship, leadership, and team play
- to provide and promote activities which support lifelong health and fitness.

Building and Grounds Sub-Committee

Members of the Building and Grounds Committee maintain and repair the physical property of St. Agnes Parish. They determine necessary or preventative maintenance and arrange for services and repairs. Depending upon the nature of the work and the cost, they work through either the maintenance department of the parish or the Finance Council.

Occasionally, parishioners may be asked to volunteer their expertise to complete specific projects. All parishioners are encouraged to participate and offer services, such as painting, roofing, masonry, electrical work, and joining the Garden Club.

Christian Formation Committee

The Christian Formation committee's mission is to provide Catholic Christian formation services that invite all members of our parish community to grow in their Baptismal commitment. The Christian Formation committee supports a lifelong commitment to spiritual growth through community interaction, study, prayer, sacramental celebrations, and service. We strive for productive relationships between students, families, catechists, and staff.

The Christian Formation Committee is responsible to:

- Assist in the development of the long-range plans for Christian education/formation of the parish, providing for a comprehensive approach for all ages and stages in life.
- Identify parish needs regarding Christian education/formation programs.
- Develop and recommend to the Pastoral Council educational/formational policies which are consistent with Archdiocesan policies and guidelines.
- Determine budget priorities in the areas of the committee's responsibilities and make recommendations to the Finance Council.
- Develop sources of revenue for the operations of the educational/formational programs in conformity with parish policies and in collaboration with program administrators.
- Advise the pastor/administrator in defining the roles, responsibilities, and relationships (job descriptions) of the educational administrators and regarding educational/formational programs. Committee members may serve on search, grievance, or conciliation committees.
- Facilitate communication and coordination among all educational/formational programs for the parish by reporting to the Pastoral Council, the parish community, the district, and the Archdiocese.

Christian Formation Ministries

Christian Formation Programs for Preschool through Grade 5

The preschool program starts at age three for the children of St. Agnes Parish. Through stories, music, prayers, crafts, and other experiences, the children learn what it means to be special members of God's family.

The Christian Formation Program for grades K5-5 offers formal classes in religion that focus on the child's faith development with emphasis on Catholic Tradition, sacramental preparation, and scripture.

Both the Preschool and Grades K5-5 programs meet weekly from September through April.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is also offered to children ages four through grade 4, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass, three-four Sundays per month, during the school year.

Sacramental Programs for First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in Grade 2. Because there is so much material to learn and study student preparation starts in first grade. All children in Grade 1 must participate in the program in order to receive the sacraments in Grade 2. Sacramental preparation for children older than grade 2 is also available upon request.

Christian Formation Programs for Junior and Senior High Students (Grades 6 through 10)

All students from public schools are offered religious education to provide catechetical and formational experiences, enabling growth in personal faith, religious knowledge, and parish involvement. From September through April, each grade level meets according to the specific format which will accomplish its curriculum. *

Youth Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation (Grade 11)

Students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation experience a special emphasis upon the commitment to faith required for their final Sacrament of Initiation. Sessions focus heavily on the Catholic Christian lifestyle which includes personal prayer, regular participation in the Eucharist, service as a way of following Jesus, and living a life morally consistent with the Gospel and church teachings. A weekend retreat or its equivalent is required. Students must participate in Christian Formation Sessions in their freshman and sophomore years. Those who attend a Catholic high school are excluded until junior year. This program also relies heavily on the involvement of Confirmation sponsors. The students meet on Sundays from September through April. *

Family time programs

Family Time programs are offered about four times per year for the high school students and parents of all Christian Formation students. These programs offer additional formation to supplement the curriculum provided in the classroom setting. Outside speakers are often brought in to provide new perspectives on various topics.

Christian Formation-Adult Education

A variety of opportunities and resources for ongoing catechesis and formation are sponsored for adults, either within the parish, collaboratively with neighboring parishes, or through archdiocesan programs and local Catholic universities. Specific formation opportunities for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Adult Confirmation are also offered. Detailed information is printed regularly in the parish bulletin or may be obtained by calling the Christian Formation office.

*A Family Handbook, with complete calendars for all Christian Formation programs, is published in August of each year, prior to the start of the programs.

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Christian Formation-Youth Ministry

Our goal in Youth Ministry is to lead young people to live as disciples of Jesus in our world today. Youth are provided with opportunities for fellowship, service, ministry, liturgy, and leadership in our parish and the wider community. We accomplish this through social events, service projects (including summer mission trips), retreats, youth assisting at Masses, and the parish Youth Board.

Endowment Advisory Board

The St. Agnes Day School Endowment Committee (est. 1991) and the St. Agnes Congregation Endowment Committee (est. 1998) accept donations from people who are interested in investing in our parish and in our children's education at its day school. Money donated is invested, and the earnings are used to provide essential non-budget items for parish and school purposes as outlined in the Endowment Fund Decrees, or are reinvested in the funds to provide additional growth.

The Endowment Committee meets bimonthly in the Parish Conference Center on the third Thursdays of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Members of the committee are appointed by the pastor and are required to have expertise in investments, accounting, or related business experience. Any parish member with the interest and skills to contribute as an Advisory Board member is welcome to inquire about joining.

Finance Council

The Finance Council reviews budgetary matters and makes decisions in conjunction with the pastor in all areas of financial planning. Members meet monthly to review financial statements and to consider expenses and requests made by various organizations and committees. At the end of each fiscal year they prepare a financial statement for the parish. Members of the Finance Council work hard to achieve a balanced budget for the parish. Qualified parishioners are appointed by the pastor.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at St. Agnes has been operating successfully for more than 30 years to help people in emergency food circumstances as a result of illness, unemployment, divorce, or other unfortunate situations. It offers short-term emergency assistance. Our Food Pantry is supplied by many faithful St. Agnes parishioners and friends of St. Agnes, local businesses, Scouting troops, Butler postal carriers, Butler Fire Department, Butler Library, Butler Police Department, "Souper" Bowl of Caring, St. Agnes school children, Hunger Task Force, St. Agnes Holly Fair, Food for the Hungry, Inc. (bread supplies), and many patrons at Piggly Wiggly and Metro Market. Their gifts are deeply appreciated and contributions to the Food Pantry are always welcome. The Food Pantry is open on Mondays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. and 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Grief Ministry

This special group offers comfort, support, and prayers for grieving families. They are good listeners who offer one-to-one support and mutual comfort. Members of the Grief Ministry help the newly bereaved by mailing sympathy cards and making phone calls to parish members and families of parish members who have suffered the loss of a loved one. They maintain a list of support groups and grief education presentations in the area. The last two weekends in October, parish members are invited to inscribe their loved ones' names on a butterfly for the banner which is displayed for the month of November. Names are also inscribed in the parish book near the votive candle stand in the back of church. In December, a Remembrance Liturgy and brunch is held for all who have suffered a loss during the year. Memorial angels crafted by members are presented to the families at this time.

Human Concerns Committee

The Human Concerns Committee is made up of St. Agnes parishioners working together to help our parish and our community. They oversee the various seasonal programs such as the Lenten Rice Bowls, Mother's Day Right to Life Rose distribution, Spread the Warmth Sock Drive, and they help with local meal programs, outreach in our community and coordinate the St. Agnes Food Pantry.

Human Concerns Outreach Ministry

The committee's outreach ministry includes reviewing financial requests from both local and global organizations. Our criteria for granting such requests include the submission of financial and mission statements from said organizations. Once a month after requests have been discussed and reviewed, financial donations are made to the approved organizations.

If you are interested in the Human Concerns Committee please join us at one of our monthly meetings for fellowship and to learn more about all we do. All are welcome!

Legion of Mary Ministry

WANTED: People who pray or would be interested in praying the rosary daily. We visit the sick of the parish and members who are hospitalized. We pray The Tesserà, the collection of prayers that accompany our daily rosary. We meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons in the Prayer Room, but would be happy to move to a larger space if enough people are interested. Our group also prays daily for members of our worldwide circle, and they in turn, pray for us. In November, we all pray for the deceased. We'd love to have you join our group!

Liturgy Committee

Our ultimate mission is to live and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our major goal is to enhance the sacramental life of the Catholic Church, by encouraging the active participation of the assembled community in the Eucharistic celebration. We also continue to educate the community about the teachings and traditions of Jesus, as well as the traditions of the Catholic Faith.

We try to address the liturgical needs of the parish, increase the warmth and reception shown to all who attend our liturgy, and improve the quality of our liturgical planning.

We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to serve in any of the ministries coordinated by the committee, including

Altar Servers	Choirs: Centennial & Handbells	Lectors
Altar Society	Environment	Ministers of Hospitality
Cantors	Eucharistic Ministers	

Altar Servers

Boys and girls assist the priest in the celebration of Mass, weddings, funerals, and other ceremonies connected with the Sacred Liturgy of the Church. Servers from both St. Agnes School and the St. Agnes Christian Formation Program are trained to prepare the sanctuary and altar for Mass or other ceremonies. They assist at these ceremonies and also help the priest with cleanup duties in the sanctuary and the sacristy. Altar servers give glory to God by their presence in the sanctuary, and they offer inspiration to the faithful by their participation in the liturgy.

Altar Society

The Altar Society was started more than 55 years ago. Its original purpose was to pray for vocations and launder and mend liturgical garments worn by the priests and servers. The list of needs grew and included everything from hosts, wine, and altar cloths to vestments.

In early 1960, the society opened a gift shop and began catering funerals.

The Society continues to provide many services, including

- Catering for daytime funerals and evening funerals no later than 6:00 p.m. (Volunteers are often needed to make cakes, etc.)
- Laundering the altar cloths and purificators (used at Mass to wipe sacred vessels)
- Sewing and embroidering Baptismal gowns used at Baptism
- Servicing the vigil light stands

Contrary to popular opinion, the Altar Society is not an “older ladies” organization. All parishioners are welcome to join, including men!

Cantors

Cantors provide leadership in the sung prayer of the community. Their primary role is that of psalmist as they sing the proclamation of the psalm. They also sing other scriptural texts in the liturgy as well as lead the assembly in responses, acclamations, hymns, and songs. A good singing voice, heart for worship, and public presence are important gifts for this ministry.

Choirs: Centennial Choir and Handbells

“Sing a new song unto the Lord!” At St. Agnes, singers and instrumentalists joyously celebrate Christian life and liturgy. The Centennial Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on alternate Sundays, and other Masses occasionally throughout the year; the Bell Choir rings out the glory of God with handbells at various liturgies. The choirs practice and participate at liturgies, September through May. In addition, many music lovers lend their talents to sing and play instruments at weddings, anniversaries, and other parish events. Parishioners are urged to join and make beautiful music.

Environment

Environmental enhancement is the aim of this group. Church decoration is their primary focus. The changing liturgical seasons continually challenge their creative resources.

Because decorating for special occasions such as Christmas and Easter require extra help, talented volunteers are recruited on an “as needed” basis. If you are an artist or craftsperson, one who likes to sew, or just an interested person willing to donate your talents, please call the parish office. You needn’t be an “expert,” just willing.

Eucharistic Ministers

It is an honor and a rewarding, spiritual experience to be able to offer the body and blood of Christ to one’s fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are always in need of more Eucharistic ministers. Your task would be to distribute the sacred body and blood at weekend and holy day liturgies. Training is provided to help ministers feel comfortable in their service. Ministers are scheduled according to their Mass preferences and in conjunction with the schedules of the other family members who serve as lectors, altar servers, ministers of hospitality, etc. Ministers serve approximately once every 3 to 4 weeks.

We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the value of Eucharist in your life.

Lectors

Lectors accept the privileged role of proclaiming God’s word to His people. They prepare readings prayerfully and practice public speaking to encourage the congregation to listen, understand and reflect the joy and hope of God’s word. Lectors read at Sunday and holyday liturgies. Parishioners of high school age or older interested in this ministry are always welcome.

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)

Men and women who usher at St. Agnes greet, attend, seat, and care for people attending services. Their duties include the distribution of prayer and song materials, the reservation of pews for groups, management of the table with hosts and wine, collection of donations, distribution of items needed for services, occasional selection of gift bearers (wine and hosts), distribution of bulletins, and the preparation of the church before and after liturgies.

Prayer Network

“More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.” (Tennyson)
The St. Agnes Prayer Network exists simply to pray for people in need, to offer them comfort and assure them that the prayers of many people can make a difference. Anyone inside or outside the parish may phone in a request for prayers. This request is given to one person on the prayer chain. He or she then calls the next person, and the request is relayed to all in the prayer network. Many people call back to thank the group because God has answered their prayers. The Prayer Network is always open to anyone either for requests for prayers or for people willing to pray.

St. Agnes School

St. Agnes School believes every student is uniquely created in the image of God and is a co-participant in building God’s kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven.

We are –

- grounded in Gospel values and Church teachings.
- distinguished by our constant pursuit of academic excellence.
- dedicated to our responsibility to partner with families in educating the whole child–intellectual, social, moral, and aesthetic.
- a curriculum endorsed and aligned with the welcoming and accessible to every student and family that wishes to attend.
- a haven of safety and security where every person is supported physically, socially, and emotionally.

We achieve this through –

- daily prayer and religious instruction integrated across the school day.
- weekly Mass, sacraments, and celebration of holy days.
- teachers and a school community whose work is focused in the identity of Jesus Christ.
- a curriculum endorsed by and aligned with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to support national and state standards and benchmarks.
- experiential learning at every level for students to become skilled, engaged, and ethical citizens in a global community.
- instruction in art, music, physical education, and Spanish for development of the whole child.
- an athletic program that encourages fitness, vitality, fun, and skill development through interscholastic play in a variety of sports.

- co-curricular programs in choir, drama, hand bells, forensics, Student Council, and other special interest activities.
- working and learning as *One Family* in Jesus Christ.

School Advisory Council

- The St. Agnes School Advisory Council is a sub-committee of the Pastoral Council. Members of the School Advisory Council include parishioners, parents, and a faculty representative. Ex-Officio members include the pastor, the school principal, and a Pastoral Council liaison.
- The St. Agnes School Advisory Council is a group of parishioners, selected through a discernment process, who, along with the pastor and principal, are dedicated to the promotion and welfare of Catholic education. The School Advisory Council exists as a subcommittee of the Pastoral Council to support the viability, sustainability, and growth of the school. The School Advisory Council is accountable to the Pastoral Council and, as such, operates under its constitution and bylaws. As an advisory body, the School Advisory Council assists with policy development and identifying and expressing the goals of the parish community, as well as budget planning and public relations.

Home and School Association

The purpose of the Home and School Association is

- to serve as an integral part of the school and parish community
- to provide a support system for quality educational programs
- to promote effective communication and cooperation between parents and educators
- to advance the spiritual and educational formation of adults in the school community
- to provide well-planned programs of information and interest to parents
- to encourage high standards of family life
- to create a greater appreciation of Catholic education
- to organize appropriate activities to promote Catholic community.

The responsibilities of the Home and School Association are

- to promote participation and engagement by all St. Agnes School families
- to organize and facilitate fellowship opportunities throughout the academic year such as Spookghetti Dinner, family dances, Catholic Schools Week activities
- to initiate and support activities in line with Catholic social teachings such as collecting supplies and funds for the St. Agnes Food Pantry
- support student participation during special school day events, such as special holiday programs, career days, Forward Exam, breakfasts, and Catholic Schools Week activities
- to provide opportunities for student celebration of liturgical holidays and other special events

- to organize appreciation days for faculty and staff
- to coordinate and collect donations of food, snacks, beverages, plates, napkins, and cups for school events
- to take photos at school events
- to follow the fiscal policies of the Office for Schools and Archdiocesan Finance office.

The officers and general membership are responsible directly to the school principal in school-based situations.

Tender Care University - Extended Care Before & After School

Tender Care University (TCU) gives parents the assurance that their child is being cared for by experienced staff members. The hours of operation are from 6:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We also offer a morning preschool program on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Children from preschool age through 8th grade are eligible to use the services provided by the extended care program.

The TCU program stimulates the child to grow in self-esteem, self-expression, and Christian values and also reinforces school learning.

Children are exposed to a wide variety of leisure time activities: daily physical activities such as gym games, outside play, computer, arts and crafts, board games, movies, and homework.

TCU is always looking for volunteers. This is a great way for high school students to earn service hours.

For more information on St. Agnes preschool/day care program, please contact Dawn Meyers at 262-781-5712 or meyersd@stagnesparish.org

Stewardship Committee

The St. Agnes Parish Stewardship Committee will create or continually re-affirm a vision that will be shared with and authorized by the Pastoral Council. It will be kept alive through communication with all parish members and acted upon by all committees, ministries, and staff. Our current vision is that we are “United in Gratitude for God’s gifts.”

The stewardship committee’s goals are

- to develop or support a vision for the St. Agnes Pastoral Council
- to develop and implement a plan to continually educate the parish community about Stewardship
- to increase the percentage of participation of the St. Agnes Parish members in all aspects of stewardship
- to annually assess the need for parish volunteers and will coordinate through the Pastoral Council and its standing committees’ implementation of the volunteer participants

Stewardship Sub-Committee: Community Fellowship

Community Fellowship's goal is to build community through small and large group gatherings and events to provide maximum, intergenerational parishioner involvement. As a committee, we try to meet a variety of people's needs. The current events we host include

- Welcoming Sunday - an opportunity for parishioners to gather after Mass for fellowship on the fourth Sunday of the month and welcome and register new parishioners.
- The Holly Fair annual arts and crafts fair held in November.
- Parish Festival weekend of fun and games for all.
- Volunteer Brunch to show appreciation for all those who give of their time and talents.
- Occasional receptions for the parish as needed.

With a variety of volunteers, we hope to offer "something fun for everyone!"

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides comfort to individuals and families. We serve the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the community. With compassion and discretion, St. Vincent de Paul members offer immediate help to people in need. We provide food, clothing, and access to furniture and appliances. We offer short term help with rent and utility bills and provide information and direction about community resources. To become a member or make a donation, contact the Parish Office.

Scouting

Many scouting programs are established at St. Agnes, sponsored by the Home and School Association and staffed by volunteer parents and friends. The programs offer challenges and opportunities to interested young people. Cub and Boy Scouts are part of the Potawatomi Area Council. Girl Scouts are part of the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Wisconsin Council. (GSWISE)

Scouting promotes and develops leadership qualities by instilling moral values and teaching responsibilities to God, country, family, and self. Meetings are held for activities, projects, and skill-teaching sessions. Weekend outdoor programs allow scouts to apply the skills they learn at meetings. Scouts participate in hiking, camping, adventure trips, and other outdoor activities. As they learn skills, they advance through the scouting ranks.

Interested young people from first grade and up, along with their families, are encouraged to become involved in these worthwhile groups.

Boy Scout Troop 72

Boy Scout Troop 72 has been affiliated with St. Agnes for more than 50 years. The troop is involved in several service projects associated with the parish, including the annual Holly Fair and Scouting for Food which benefits the St. Agnes food pantry. Troop activities include at least one outing per month, such as rock climbing, golf, skiing, whitewater rafting, and of course, camping. The highlight of the year is the annual camping week held at Long Lake Boy Scout camp in July where the troop members can work on any of more than 50 merit badges.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting helps girls learn responsibility and leadership skills while having fun and learning life skills. The Girl Scout program at St. Agnes begins in K5 with Daisies and progresses through Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors. Throughout the year, troops work through Girls Scout Journeys, as well as earning petals and badges. Girls also work on various service projects throughout the year. Some of the fun activities include a father/daughter event, mother/daughter event, annual nut sale, annual cookie sale, international fair, St. Agnes Girl Scout lock-in, council activities, and summer day camp at Camp Winding River.

We encourage all girls to consider joining Girl Scouts.

A Little History Lesson on our Beginnings

In May 1914, Archbishop Sebastian G. Messmer, recognizing the growth in population that was spurred by the opening of the Butler railroad yards, announced that a new parish would be organized in “New Butler.”

Father Joseph Delaney was appointed pastor of the new parish, which would serve 30-40 families. George and Jennie Clarke donated land for the new church, and St. Agnes was chosen as its patroness in honor of their eldest daughter.

A barracks church was erected in one day during the summer of 1914, and a parish picnic was held. Annual picnics quickly became a tradition. Construction of a permanent church began in late spring 1915 and proceeded rapidly. The church was dedicated December 19, 1915.

St. Agnes School began in September 1915. Classes were first held in a local hotel and, finally, in two rooms at the rear of the new brick church. The first teachers were Agnes Clarke and Jessie Hayes. The Sisters of Mercy arrived to teach at St. Agnes in 1921 and remained until 1926.

Lay teachers were hired again until four Notre Dame sisters arrived in 1928. The school was forced to close from 1934 to 1942 due to the Great Depression. When it reopened in 1942, Notre Dame sisters returned.

Expanded facilities were needed for the school, and an attempt was made to haul an existing barracks to the church property. It collapsed along the way and, in 1943, a four-room school was erected on a site north of the church.

The housing surge and the migration to the suburbs that followed World War II resulted in unprecedented growth for St. Agnes. Between January 1948 and August 1951, 150 families registered as new parishioners, virtually doubling the size of the parish. As school enrollment increased from 235 in 1951 to nearly 1,000 in 1963, an ambitious building program was undertaken to accommodate the growing congregation.

School facilities were expanded in 1952, 1957 and 1962. Construction in 1957 also included a new church, which we occupy today, and a convent. The 1943 school was demolished to provide space for the 1962 addition.

In October 1962, Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council, which significantly increased the involvement of lay members of the parish. The first Parish Council at St. Agnes was organized in January 1970.

The original brick church was razed in 1979 in order to erect a parish activity center. Stained glass windows, crafted by a group of parishioners, were completed in 1988 and are installed in the church.

St. Agnes celebrated its centennial in 2015 as a faith community.