

St. Agnes Cathedral

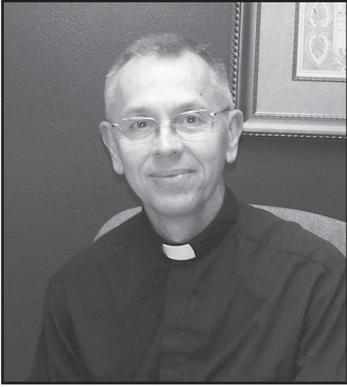
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St. Agnes Cathedral Parish

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Fr. Allen Kirchner
Associate Pastor



Fr. Patrick Mac Tran, CRM
Chaplain to Vietnamese Parishioners

Please note: all parish activities are planned with COVID restrictions as designated by Public Health officials and local government leaders.

St. Agnes Cathedral

Weekend Mass Schedule

Cathedral

Saturday..... 8:30 am and 5:00 pm (Sunday)

Sunday8:30 am - 11:30 am - 5:00 pm

..... 10:00 am - Vietnamese Mass

Weekday Mass Schedule

Cathedral or Chapel

8:30 am Monday through Friday

5:30 pm Monday through Friday

Reconciliation Schedule

Chapel

4:45-5:20 pm Wednesday and Friday

3:30-4:30 pm Saturday

(or ask a priest for an appointment)

Sacraments

Infant Baptism Preparation: When you plan to have your child baptized, please call Fr. Lewis or Iris Bounds at the Parish Office to make preparations. You may contact us before the birth of your child if you wish. There is a pre-baptismal class monthly for infant Baptism.

Marriage Preparation: In the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese the regulations for marriage require that the parish be notified usually six months in advance of the date planned for the wedding. The importance of this sacrament requires sufficient preparation in a pre-marriage program. Please contact Fr. Lewis or Fr. Allen at the Parish Office, 831-3565.

Sacrament of the Sick: When facing serious illness, please call Sr. Elizabeth Ann at the Parish Office, 831-3565.

Dear Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral,

As I begin my 40th year as a priest, I am not sure where the last year went. With that said the last five months have been most challenging of my priesthood. Covid 19 has taken most of the ways we as priests minister to the people: nursing homes, our ministry at the hospitals, our work at St. Agnes Grade School and my work/ministry with the theater at Springfield Catholic High School and even our different parish organizations. I have had to try in my old age to find different way to minister and connect with people. Hopefully a vaccine will be found by the end of the year and we can somewhat come back together in a normal worship life.

I invite you to stay in touch with your organizations and ministries and our Buzz Book will help, because that is the true purpose for the Buzz Book. Please do your best to be an active member of our community of faith, reaching out in a true effort of fellowship. Being an active member of a family, a school, a business or a parish means that you are involved. I challenge each of us, young or old, male or female to not just take up space in a pew on Sundays, but to be involved in your parish, and be active in ministries: extraordinary ministers, lectors, choir, bell choir, ushers, servers, PCCW, and St. Agnes Knights of Columbus.

I cannot encourage you enough to actively participate in some of the activities and organizations in the Parish. This seems to be the best way in which people develop a sense of belonging in a large community. For additional information about our Parish activities please watch the weekly bulletin, call the Parish Office, or come by the office for a Parish Directory. Our Parish staff is here to help you and to be supportive of you as best we can . . . knowing that all of us are in need of the blessings of our God.

Many years ago our Diocese made the decision to keep our Cathedrals in the downtown areas of both Springfield and Cape Girardeau. Let us work together to be an effective Catholic presence and an important part of the revitalization of our area of Springfield.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Lewis, Rector

Mission Statement

*St. Agnes Cathedral Parish,
a sacramental community,*

*is sent forth with compassion to witness
to God's word and loving presence.*

*We recognize our responsibilities to Catholic education.
We embrace our diversity and place in the Springfield
community to provide service especially to poor
and vulnerable persons.*

A Brief History Of St. Agnes Cathedral Parish

Springfield, Missouri, was once home to the Delaware, Kickapoo, and Osage Indian tribes. In the 1830's settlers came to the Springfield area to escape crowded cities, lured by plentiful natural resources and cheap land.

Several Catholics also came to Springfield and soon requested a priest. Archbishop Peter Richard Kendrick of St. Louis finally sent Father Graham in 1866. Father Graham celebrated Springfield's first Mass on March 6, 1866, in the home of William Dailey. He built Springfield's first Catholic church and established Immaculate Conception Parish.

The coming of the Atlantic-Pacific Railroad in 1870 brought German and Irish workers and a larger Catholic population. The railroad tracks along Water Street, in what was then south-central Springfield, created a major division of Immaculate Conception Parish. Many families moved to homes in south Springfield following the turn of the century. This only accentuated the railroad tracks as a division between south and central Springfield. The railroad tracks were seen as "menace to life and limb" to those members of Immaculate Conception who had to cross them in order to attend Mass and other parish functions.

At that time more than 20 passenger trains traveled those tracks daily. Fearing danger to their school children crossing the tracks, parishioners to the south established a school at South and Elm Streets. In 1906 H. A. and L. S. Meyer purchased a house to be used as a school. It was staffed by two Sisters of Loretto and because of its rundown and depleted condition the school was referred to by the children as "the Stable of Bethlehem." This was the original St. Agnes Elementary School.

At this time nearly 100 families of Immaculate Conception Parish lived south of the railroad tracks and approximately 80 families of the parish lived north of the railroad tracks. Because of the existence of St. Agnes School and because of the number of Catholic families living south of the railroad tracks, lay leaders of the south Springfield families requested that a separate and independent parish be established.

As members of the Diocese of Kansas City, the 100 families living in south Springfield petitioned Bishop John J. Hogan to establish a parish for them. Bishop Hogan reacted favorably to the request and established for these families a new parish to be called St. Agnes. This was in 1908.

Since there was no church building, the members of the parish leased the vacant Central Congregational Church building for one year. Fr. Dennis J. O'Driscoll became the pastor pro-tem of the new St. Agnes Parish. He arrived in Springfield on September 18, 1908, and celebrated Mass for the first time on the last Sunday of September.

Father O'Driscoll's stay at St. Agnes was less than three months. Then Father J.M. Sheridan became pastor.

St. Agnes Cathedral
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- 1909 - The land for St. Agnes Church and rectory was purchased for the price of \$16,000. The contract for construction of the new church was awarded to Landers and Davis in September. Construction costs were set at \$27,850.
- 1910 - On Thanksgiving Day, November 24, Bishop F. Lillis, Bishop of Kansas City, dedicated the new church. In this same year the school, established in 1906 at South and Elm Streets, was moved to its new location on parish property.
- At its beginning in 1906 the grade school had 35 students with two Sisters of Loretto as their teachers. Eight years later in 1914 the school enrolled 175 pupils and had five Sisters of Loretto teaching. Within the same period the number of Catholic families rose to 200.
- 1916 - The success of the elementary school brought about the establishment of St. Agnes High School.
- 1921 - Stanley Uthwatt, with the help of Bernard Schahuber, created the stained glass windows "Our Lady of the Lilies" and "Saint Agnes."
- 1935 - A fire in the basement damaged the wooden floor in the sanctuary. It was replaced with a concrete floor.
- 1941 - The facilities of St. Agnes High School, presently the Catholic Center, were dedicated. During the years of World War II, the old high school was used as a U.S.O. Center. Following the war it was used as a parish recreation center and later taken down.
- 1954 - The first televised religious service from a church in Springfield was broadcast on television. This was the Christmas Midnight Solemn High Mass from St. Agnes. Previously this was done only in television studios.
- 1956 - The public announcement was made of the creation of the New Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. St. Agnes Church was designated as St. Agnes Cathedral. St. Mary's Church in Cape Girardeau was co-cathedral of the diocese. Bishop Charles H. Helmsing, former auxiliary bishop of St. Louis, was installed as first bishop of the new diocese in St. Agnes Cathedral on November 28.
- 1958 - The present St. Agnes Elementary School was constructed.
- 1986 - St. Agnes Chapel was built during the renovation of St. Agnes Cathedral and the old grade school was taken down.
- 1987 - Multi-car garage built for use by the priests.
- 2004 - Opening of The Well of Life Food Pantry in cooperation with the Center City Christian Outreach.
- 2008 - Year long celebration of the Parish Centennial and publication of "South Of The Tracks" written by parishioner, Sally Lyons McAlear.

- 2009 - St. Agnes Cathedral has one of the highest memberships of its history with over 1,300 families in the parish (about 3,500 members).
240 students are enrolled in St. Agnes Cathedral Elementary School.
130 students are enrolled in the Parish School of Religion.
Multiple volunteers at St. Agnes Cathedral Church and School.
St. Agnes Cathedral is a member of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks, and the Center City Christian Outreach.
- 2010 - St. Agnes Cathedral commemorates and celebrates the 100th year of the completion of the church building. The publication of the book “South of The Tracks” by Sally McAlear is republished.
- 2011-2012 - Structure of Cathedral and school buildings was assessed and improved.
- 2013 - New storm window coverings for the stained glass windows provided by the children of Florence and Fred Eck.
- 2014 - Separate heating and air conditioning for the chapel; roof on Well of Life building
- 2016 - Revised front entrance to the Cathedral to include a gathering space and a ramp.
- 2017 - Replaced carpet in the Cathedral; repainted sanctuary and installed LED lighting in the sanctuary
- 2018 - Installed new doors at the front and north side of the church; installed new front door to provide better security for the school at the Jefferson Street entrance; a Grotto was constructed by the Vietnamese Community
- 2019 - Took down the Loretto House; constructed a new storage building for Parish and school and added a fire hydrant; Vietnamese Community installed the Grotto with a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Vane (our Blessed Mother holding the child Jesus).

Our Patroness: St. Agnes

304 A.D.

Feast Day: January 21

St. Agnes was a Roman girl who was only thirteen years old when she suffered martyrdom for her Faith. Agnes had made a promise, a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was very great and she hated sin even more than death! Since she was very beautiful, many young men wished to marry Agnes, but she would always say, “Jesus Christ is my only Spouse.”

Procop, the Governor’s son, became very angry when she refused him. He had tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promises, but the beautiful young girl kept saying, “I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe.

He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!” In great anger, Procop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy.

Next he sent her to a place of sin, but an Angel protected her. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. Yet, Agnes was as happy as a bride on her wedding day. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself. “I would offend my Spouse,” she said, “if I were to try to please you. He chose me first and He shall have me!” Then she prayed and bowed her head for the death-stroke of the sword.

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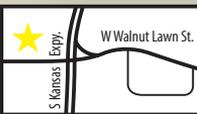


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Ministries Liturgical Ministry

School Children's Mass: Students from St. Agnes Cathedral School celebrate Mass together Monday, through Friday at 8:30 am during the school year. All are invited to attend.

Altar Servers: Boys and Girls of the parish (4th grade and older) assist the priest at Mass and other liturgical celebrations in the parish. Training sessions are provided.

Choirs: Adult, Youth, and Adult Hand Bell Choirs help spread God's love through music and song during Masses and diocesan celebrations.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Assist the priests with distribution of Holy Communion during Parish Liturgies. Opportunities open for taking Holy Communion to the homebound, nursing homes and hospitals. Training provided.

Lectors: Proclaim the Word of God/Sacred Scripture at Parish Liturgical celebrations. Training provided.

Musicians: Individuals play instruments during Mass and other special Liturgical events. Auditions are required.

Sacrament of the Sick: For those whose health is seriously impaired, those about to undergo surgery, those who are elderly and weakened by age, or those children who are mature enough to be comforted by it. After Masses on one Sunday in Advent and Lent, this sacrament is offered to whomever presents themselves. Directions are given by the priests following each Mass

Ushers/Greeters: Men, women and high school youth welcome parishioners attending weekend Masses and help with greeting parishioners, seating and collections.

Vietnamese Sunday Mass: A Mass celebrated in the Vietnamese language on Sunday morning at 10:00 am in the Cathedral.

Prayer Opportunities

Eucharistic Adoration: Parishioners are encouraged to spend an hour praying before the Lord during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Monday, 9:00 am to 5:20 pm.

Prayer Line: This network of parishioners is contacted by phone/email to include specific and special needs in their private prayer. Also, intentions for the sick of the parish are listed in our weekly bulletin (Prayer List).

Private Prayer: Time spent in prayer at home, church (chapel open daily 8:00 am to 6:00 pm), work or anytime for the intentions of the sick, the poor, our world, your family and the parish family.

Faith Formation

I Love My Parish Strategic Planning Committee: A group whose focus is to energize St. Agnes parish and create a community of faith for all. For more information contact Gary Herman at 314-808-1165 or herms10210@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Held during the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday mornings. Children in preschool through 2nd grade will leave Mass to hear the word of God in an age appropriate manner. CLOW is held throughout the school year.

Parish School of Religion (PSR): Faith formation for children of the parish. Children in kindergarten through 8th grade. These classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:00 in the parish school. All children are welcome whether they attend Public school, Catholic School or are home schooled. The PSR program will also work with families who may have any special needs.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): This program is the Christian initiation and formation for those who wish to become Catholic. All classes are held on Monday evenings. We also include adult Catholics seeking to be confirmed.

Springfield Area Catholic Schools: There are four Catholic Elementary Schools, and a Catholic high school: Immaculate Conception, St. Agnes Cathedral, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Joseph Academy and Springfield Catholic High School.

St. Agnes Cathedral School: The school is part of the Springfield Catholic School system. St. Agnes classes consist of 3 and 4 year old Preschool through 8th grade. Our mission is to prepare our students to meet the challenges of the future rooted in the values and teaching of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. We are funded by tuition, donations, fund-raising, and parish subsidies. Volunteers are always welcome. Many questions may be answered by visiting our website: www.scschk12.org and clicking on St. Agnes.

Vacation Bible School: Held during the summer for one week to help our children come together for faith formation. This program is done jointly with the other Catholic parishes in Springfield.

Confirmation: Is a two-year program at St. Agnes Cathedral. According to Diocesan recommendations Confirmation will occur during 8th grade and include those in high school who have not been confirmed. The first year can be fulfilled by attending Catholic School, Parish School of Religion or through home-schooling. During the second year, all students will come together to attend sessions, go on a retreat and complete service.



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First Reconciliation: Normally children receive the sacrament during 2nd grade in the fall of the year, but we will work with families who may have special circumstances. Children who plan to receive the sacrament should be enrolled in the Catholic School system or in the PSR program the year prior to the reception of the sacrament.

First Eucharist: Children and families are preparing the children for the reception of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Children who plan to receive the sacrament should be enrolled in the Catholic School system or in the PSR program the year prior to the reception of the sacrament.

Infant Baptism: Parents are asked to meet prior to their child's Baptism for instruction. Contact may be made prior to the birth. Contact Father Lewis or Iris Bounds to begin the process.

Baptism for older children: If you have a child who has not been baptized as an infant, St. Agnes has special information which will help prepare them for the sacrament.

Marriage Preparation: In our diocese the regulations for marriage require that the priests be notified usually six months in advance of the date planned for the wedding. The importance of this sacrament requires sufficient preparation in a pre-marriage program.

Hospitality

Coffee and Donut Sundays: Following the 8:30 am Sunday Mass while PSR classes are in session, parishioners gather to socialize and become acquainted with one another.

New Families Ministry: The We Are Called Ministry invites new parishioners/families to attend a get together and meet other parishioners. A packet of important information about the parish and a Buzz Book are mailed to the homes of new parishioners as soon as they register in the parish.

Service Groups and Ministries

Card Outreach to Shut Ins: The name of a nursing home or homebound parishioner is supplied to persons sending cards. Each person is contacted by card in order to extend the parish family greetings. Bereavement cards are also sent to grieving families.

Center City Christian Outreach (CCCO): This is an ecumenical endeavor involving eight Christian churches who "collaborate to witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice, and make no distinction toward those served, because in them we see the face of Christ." The Well of Life Food Pantry, located at 418 Kimbrough, is a project of the CCCO. Volunteers are welcome.

Cleaning: A group whose focus is to help keep God's house clean. For more information contact Sr. Elizabeth A. Weiler, ASC at 831-3565.

Decorating: A group whose focus is to assist in decorating the church environment for various liturgical season and celebrations during the year. For more information contact Fr. Lewis at 417-831-3565 ext. 102 or lhejna@sta-cathedral.org

Funeral Luncheon: St. Agnes Cathedral offers a Bereavement Luncheon in the Dining Room for the family of the deceased. Volunteers are called to provide items for the meal.

Holy Communion to the Sick: Commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are assigned to bring the Sacrament on a regular basis to nursing homes, homebound and hospitalized parishioners.

Knights of Columbus, St. Agnes Council #13682: Is an organization of practicing Catholic men. The K. of C. help support Catholic education, Special Olympics, Catholic Charities and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Throughout the year they also sponsor Sunday morning breakfasts once a month, (September-May), and a Lenten Fish Fry. The council meets monthly.

Mail Crew: Group of volunteers meet on Friday morning to staple inserts into bulletins. They also meet to mail out correspondence to parishioners as needed.

Parish Health Ministry: Health Care providers plan activities for health/wellness awareness including blood pressure screening, presentations, education about community resources, and loaning out medical equipment. They also host annual flu shot clinics and take parishioners who do not have family members nearby to help them to doctor/dental appointments.

Seniors/Unlimited: Senior members are invited to come on Mondays at 1:00 pm to play cards or other games. They also meet for a meal occasionally to maintain and strengthen relationships.

St. Agnes Home and School Organization: Home and School is comprised of parents, teachers and administration. Meetings are held periodically throughout the school year. Our primary goal is to provide a forum of communication for parents, teachers and administration. It is also the goal of this organization to financially supplement the school budget to further benefit our students. We also sell SCRIP gift cards at the school to benefit Home and School.

St. Vincent De Paul Society: The St. Agnes Cathedral Conference of the Society is part of a worldwide lay organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor. This group meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. St. Agnes parishioners also support the ministry of Grace Methodist Church to the poor and homeless.

We Are Called: This ministry calls upon all of us to deepen our faith and to re-evangelize ourselves so that we may share the light of God's love with each other and with the world.

Catholic Youth Ministry

Camp Re-New-All: A summer camp experience for children Grades 5 through 9 to learn about God, themselves, and what it means to be Catholic. Campers can deepen their relationship with God while interacting with other campers and staff members, surrounded by the beauty and nature of southern Missouri. Anyone grade 10 through adult may serve as Staff.

Diocesan Youth Conference: Held in late March or early April. Open to high school students of the parish. The Conference features a nationally known speaker, workshops, and spiritual development. This weekend brings together youth from across the diocese.

National Catholic Youth Conference: The event is held every 2 years in November for high school students in a designated city. Youth volunteers are always needed. Participation by adults requires completion of the Diocesan VIRTUS Program.

Steubenville Youth Conference: Each year our youth who are entering high school through the senior year are eligible to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference held at the MSU campus in Springfield. Youth will need to sign up by Feb to attend this summer conference.

Scouting: Groups for both boys and girls are sponsored by the School and Parish.

Youth Group: In an effort to provide our young people of the parish with an opportunity to expand their faith, the youth of the parish meet regularly to discuss Scripture, for Adoration, service projects and of course for fun and food. Youth Group is open to youth in grades 8 through high school.

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW): This group is affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women. They are a service organization that meets to promote companionship, spiritual growth, and personal enrichment. All women of the parish are welcome and encouraged to participate. We encourage women of the parish to participate in small groups such as:

St. Anne's Group: This is a Moms group for St. Agnes Parishioners that meets 4 times during the school year to talk about parenting as a Catholic mom and to plan the Breakfast with Santa and Easter Egg Hunt events. For more information, contact Lindsay Paulsell at 417-866-5038.

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St. Martha's Group: We meet the first Wednesday of the month (September-June) for Mass at 8:30 (those who are able), followed by our meeting at 9:15 in the dining room. The group's focus is to grow spiritually, build friendships and seek ways to serve the parish and community. St. Martha's provides support to the newly widowed in the parish, assists at Crosslines on the fourth Tuesday of the month, and plans the Women's Day of Recollection and weekend retreat. We also assist with PCCW receptions and we serve lunch at Harmony House on the second Saturday of the month. We encourage women of PCCW to join us.

Women of Faith: offers an opportunity for women of the parish to pray and socialize together on a monthly basis. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at LifeHouse for noon Mass followed by lunch at a restaurant or member's house. Women of Faith volunteer to coordinate parish and diocesan receptions and have various service projects throughout the year. The group welcomes new members anytime throughout the year. Contact Katie Williams at 417-883-5181 for more information.

Parish Annual Events

Parish Bazaar: Come and join us for a weekend in November to share fellowship while viewing the vendor's wares. We could use help setting up before and taking down after the event.

Parish Picnic: This event is held each June and is a fun time for the whole family. There are organized activities for adults and children, and a pot luck meal on the parish grounds. This is another opportunity to meet fellow parishioners.

PCCW Garage Sale: Clean out your garages, basements and closets to help the parish financially. It is usually held in the Catholic Center Gym in the spring. Help is always needed to pick up, price, sell items and clean up.

Parish Fund Raising Activities

Help us prepare for the unexpected expenses.

Bingo: So much more than a game of chance, our 60 volunteers work one or two evenings a month providing a Catholic presence, understanding listeners, and a convivial evening every Wednesday of the year to our Bingo players at the Bingo Emporium. Many players come every week, some from out of town. There are 19 games to challenge our players and many money prizes to entice them, but some also will laughingly say "I'm just donating to worthy causes tonight." Many come early, get their supper from the concession stand, win money on event tickets, and visit during the two hours before Bingo games begin.

SCRIP: This program provides gift cards to be purchased at face value. A rebate from the company provides St. Agnes with Tuition Assistance money. We have cards on hand to grocery stores (some with gas stations), restaurants, department and home improvement stores for 36 local businesses plus on-line purchases. The SCRIP cards are available in our parish office during the hours it is open.

Amazon Smiles: By simply shopping at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates a percentage of select purchases to favorite charities. Select St. Agnes Cathedral as your favorite charity and the church will receive a check for these purchases!

Office and Administrative Assistance

Finance Office Volunteers: Help with counting and depositing money, replacing envelopes in pews, mailings, filing and archiving financial records, inventorying, and running cost analysis on office supplies.

Office Volunteers: Office hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm. Generally volunteers are asked to choose morning or afternoon hours and indicate areas of interest (filing, shredding, census work, preparing mailings, etc.)

Parish Go-fers: This is a prestigious position requiring the ability to go get stuff. Please let us know if you have a truck or car, when you would be able to “make a run,” and how much notice you need.

Catholic Community Civic Community

Beginning Experience (BE): “Coping With Life Alone” is a six-ten week pre-weekend program, designed for those whose loss is new and for those not yet ready for the Beginning Experience weekend. The “BE Weekend Retreat” is designed to put a gentle closing on your former marriage with renewed hope for the future. The program helps participants to deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Dates are published in the bulletin.

Catholic Charities of Southern MO - LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home: Provides homeless pregnant women a safe, loving environment where they receive the resources, education and training to give them and their babies a chance at a better life, either through parenting or adoption. Volunteers are needed in many programs and services i.e. office work, accept and organize in-kind donations, teach special skills to LifeHouse clients, offer professional skills in areas such as IT, marketing, graphic design, and work on special events. Contact Jill Bryant, Volunteer Coordinator at 417-720-4213 or jbryant@ccsomo.org. Check the website at www.ccsomo.org for current donation needs such as diapers, hygiene items, etc.

Crosslines: Is a cooperative ministry sponsored by the Council of Churches that provides referrals and services to families in crisis situations. Services include, but are not limited to: providing food, Christmas Toystore, Holiday food baskets, diapers, coats, etc. See www.crosslines.org for more information about services and volunteer opportunities.

Rare Breed Youth Services: Offers free and confidential services to homeless, runaway and at-risk youth in Springfield, ages 13 through 24 who need help. Rare Breed helps eliminate homelessness, sexual exploitation and abuse by offering support services and opportunities so they can safely become self-sufficient. Rare Breed helps move youth from streets to stability—a win-win outcome for our entire community.

Ministry Contacts

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Card Outreach.....	Marjory Ray
Cathedral Choir.....	Kevin Otradovec
Center City Christian Outreach (CCCO).....	Ron Enos
Children’s Liturgy of the Word	Iris Bounds
Cleaning.....	Sr. Elizabeth A. Weiler, ASC
Communion to the Sick.....	Sr. Elizabeth A. Weiler, ASC
Confirmation.....	Iris Bounds and Father Allen Kirchner
Crosslines.....	Ron Enos
Decorating	Father Lewis Hejna
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Father Lewis Hejna
First Eucharist	Iris Bounds
First Reconciliation	Iris Bounds
Funeral Dinners	Sr. Elizabeth A. Weiler
Greeters	Gary Herman
Home Bound Visiting	Sr. Elizabeth A. Weiler
Home and School Association.....	Lindsay Paulsell
I Love my Parish Committee.....	Gary Herman

Infant Baptism Father Lewis Hejna & Iris Bounds
Knights of Columbus.....Ben Francka
Lectors Father Lewis Hejna
Mail CrewHelen Rapp
Marriage Prep Father Lewis Hejna and Father Allen Kirchner
Office of Accounting Connie McNabb
Office Volunteers..... Helen Rapp
Parish Bazaar Mary Seibert
Parish Council Steve Lobdell
Parish Council of Catholic Women Regina Nixon
Parish Health Ministry..... Elizabeth Schatz
Parish Picnic.....Parish Council
Prayer Line.....Noreen Wooldridge
Parish School of Religion (PSR)Iris Bounds
Rare Breed Allen & Pat Rues
Reception CoordinatorKatie Williams
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)Father Allen Kirchner
Scouting
 Boy Scouts.....Will Scruggs
 Cub Scouts..... Ronnie Bell
 Girl Scouts..... Suzanne Cronkhite
SCRIP Gift Cards Connie McNabb
Seniors Unlimited Sr. Elizabeth A. Weiler, ASC
St. Agnes Cathedral School Lindsay Paulsell
St. Anne’s Group Lindsay Paulsell
St. Vincent De Paul SocietyRon Enos
Ushers Father Lewis Hejna
Vacation Bible School.....Iris Bounds

Vietnamese Mass..... Father Patrick Mac Tran, CRM
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Well of Life.....Dick Harris
Women of Faith.....Katie Williams
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