

*Mass Intentions:*

Saturday, January 23 at 9:00 a.m.: The intentions of **Lindsey Ammar**.  
Saturday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m.: This Mass is available.  
Tuesday, January 26: Repose of the soul of **Dick Odom**.  
Wednesday, January 27: Repose of the soul of **Jack Petty**.  
Thursday, January 28: The intentions of **Christian Malone**.  
Friday, January 29: The intentions of **Cindy Giraud**.

Who is the Saint looking over me? Thank you Jesus for sending them to me!

**Saint Agnes’ Story**

Agnes was very young - 12 or 13 - when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. It is not certain how she was killed, but likely by burning or by the sword. Of all the virgin martyrs of Rome during these times of Christian persecution, Agnes has been held in high honor since the fourth century. We celebrate her memory on *January 21*.

The writings of Pope Damascus tell us that immediately after the Roman edict against Christians was written, Saint Agnes consecrated her life to Christ. Agnes may have been the daughter of a Roman noble family, and they would have had to consent to this. Legend has it that Agnes was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. (In these times it was customary for girls to marry at twelve to fourteen years of age.) Among those she refused one reported her to the authorities for being a Christian. She was arrested and confined to a house of prostitution. Another legend is that a man who looked upon her lustfully lost his sight and had it restored by her prayer. Saint Agnes was soon condemned, executed, and buried near Rome. In her honor a basilica was built in the 4th century where she is buried, and it stands to this day.

**Reflection.** Like that of Maria Goretti in the 20th century, the martyrdom of a virginal young girl made a deep impression on a society enslaved to a materialistic outlook. And, like Agatha who died in similar circumstances, Agnes is a symbol that holiness does not depend on age, experience, or human effort. It is a gift God offers to all.

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The fifth Sunday of the month is Anointing of the Sick

A ritual of healing appropriate not only for physical but also for mental and spiritual sickness will be **January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Please remain after Mass for the sacrament that gives strength, courage, and peace to fight through **sickness** and see the healing of God.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Jan. 19:** 7:00p.m. Parish Council  
**Jan. 30 & 31:** Anointing after each Mass.

**Altar Society Project**

If you would like to participate in the Altar Society’s candle wicking stitch project for quilt blocks, stop by the Office or contact Linda Buster at 208-756-7526.



**A custodian for the Parish Hall, Office and Rectory is needed by the end of January.**

Jane Feldhausen will be resigning in order to pursue other interests. We thank her for her many years of service to the Pastors and Parishioners of St. Charles Parish.

Please contact Ronda in the office if you think that you might be interested.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38*

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

**CARES Act Tax Incentives Extended—With a Small Boost**

A couple of key provisions of the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act were extended into the new year (and, in one case, increased). Here’s what the new stimulus package means for you in 2021.

**Tax Incentives When You Give to Charity:**

- 1. An expansion of the universal charitable deduction for cash gifts**  
The universal charitable deduction has not only been extended but given a well-deserved upgrade. **The new deduction is \$300 for single filers and \$600 for married couples filing jointly.** This is available to taxpayers who take the standard deduction. This tax incentive is available for cash gifts to qualified charities (but not to supporting organizations or donor advised funds).