

May, 2026

# St. AGNES HOME

Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus

## A note from our Administrator, Angela

Greetings from the Administrator,

May has always been one of the busiest and most meaningful months of the year for me. It is filled with so many special occasions and milestones. These celebrations include Mother's Day, one of my children's birthdays, graduations, confirmations, school dances, end-of-school celebrations, weddings, and the excitement of the upcoming summer break.

As joyful as these occasions are, the days leading up to them can sometimes bring a little havoc, stress, and anxiousness as we try to prepare for everything and make each moment special. Schedules become full, to-do lists grow longer, and it can feel like there is never enough time.

With so much happening, it is easy for the days to move by too quickly, making it hard to slow down and truly take in each special moment. May reminds us how important it is to pause, appreciate the celebrations around us, and enjoy the memories being made. It is also a wonderful time to be thankful to God for the many blessings in our lives; our families, our friendships, and the opportunities to celebrate together.

As we welcome the warmer days ahead and look forward to the summer months, I hope each of you finds joy in all of life's busy moments this month. Take time to celebrate, reflect, pray, and cherish the people and experiences that make this season so special. Blessing to you all this month of May!

### *May Crowning at St. Agnes Home*

*Saturday, May 2, 2026*

*4:15 p.m. in the Chapel*

*Our new Mardi Gras Royalty:  
King Msgr. J and Queen Kathryn  
will crown the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
All are welcome!*





# Chaplain's Corner

Each year the Bishop's Committee on Religious Liberty or freedom in the United States issues an annual report. The report identifies events that have already shaped or will continue to shape --- in good or bad ways religious freedom in our country.

The six areas of critical concern- threats and opportunities --- for religious liberty in 2026 are: 1. Political and anti-religious violence 2. Unjust terms and conditions on federal grants, and unreliability of government 3. Access to sacraments for ICE detainees and immigration enforcement at houses of worship 4. School choice and the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit 5. Repeal of provisions that prevent religious organizations from participating in government programs 6. Further repudiation of gender ideology.

The report is available from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops --- or if interested you can borrow my copy to read and return. Archbishop Carlson

## *An Important and Joyful Update Regarding Sr. M. Theresia of the Most Holy Trinity*

This past Monday, April 27th, was a day of much rejoicing and jubilation for the Sisters, the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and for the entire universal Church!

The Dicastery for the Causes of the Saints shared that Pope Leo XIV signed the decree attesting to our **Sr. M. Theresia of the Most Holy Trinity's** heroic virtue. In other words, Holy Mother Church has now proclaimed her venerable, that is, worthy of public veneration by the faithful.

Sr. M. Theresia (1897-1926) was one of our Dutch Sisters, a Carmelite Sister of the Divine Heart of Jesus, who died laboring for souls here in St. Louis and it is her body that we hope to bring to chapel in the near future.

Please join us in offering prayers of gratitude to the Lord. More information will be forthcoming regarding a public Mass of Thanksgiving!

Stay tuned!

# Happiness & Happenings in Activities



*Activities Team: Debbie, Heather, Kate, Lara and Sienna*



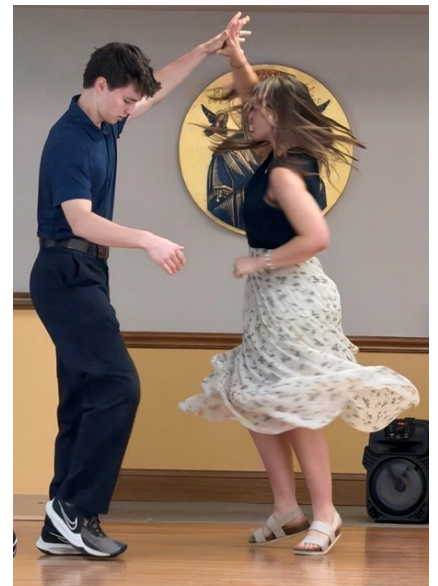
*Heather Beebe*

We're excited to share a new beginning for the Activities Department here at St. Agnes Home!

First, we want to say a heartfelt thank you to our staff, residents and families for your patience and understanding during this time of transition. Your support, kind words, and flexibility have meant so much to all of us.

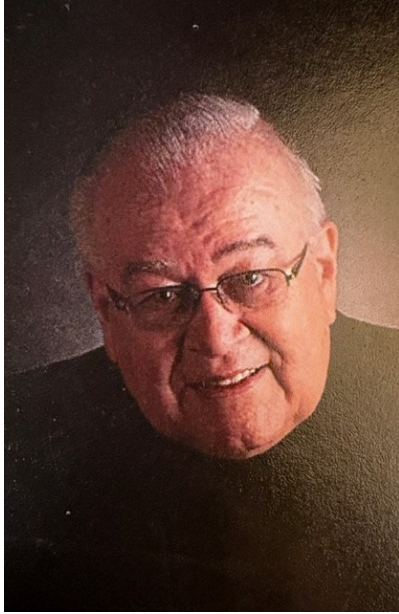
We're happy to introduce our Activities team! Heather Beebe has stepped into the role of Activities Director and is already bringing great energy and care to the department. Alongside her are Lara, Debbie, Kate, and Sienna—an amazing group who are dedicated to making each day meaningful and enjoyable for our residents.

This team has been working hard behind the scenes—jumping in where needed, learning the ropes, and keeping activities going strong. We are so grateful for their desire to make it a great day at St. Agnes Home.





# *Reverend Monsignor Robert L. Jovanovic*



Celebrating 65 years  
Ordination to the Priesthood  
Ordained a Priest March 18, 1961



***Above:** Msgr. Jovanovic celebrating Mass with the help of Deacon Sigillito.*

***Left:** Msgr. surrounded by love from his friends from our Nursing staff.*



**MOMENTS *in* BLOOM**

NATIONAL SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK® • MAY 10-16, 2026

***“Moments in Bloom”*** reflects how everyday acts of compassion, connection, and teamwork grow into meaningful experiences for residents, families, and staff. It celebrates the idea that big and small moments, when nurtured, can flourish to help residents live life to the fullest and with purpose.

St. Agnes Home has a fun week planned for staff and residents to celebrate the special moments we are blessed with each day caring for our residents!

# *Nursing Notes*

## **Greetings from the Nursing Department,**

We do have some news to share.

Dr. Wittenauer is part of Mercy Post-Acute Care and Long-Term Care, a group of dedicated physicians and nurse practitioners who focus on caring for the elderly. They serve several facilities, and there have recently been some changes within the group. Providers have been reassigned internally.

Effective May 4th:

Dr. Julie Wittenauer has been, and will continue to be, our Medical Director (praise God—we are so very grateful!). She will continue to make quarterly visits to St. Agnes Home in this role.

Now for the change: Dr. Chislom Eze will become the Primary Care Physician for those who are currently under Dr. Wittenauer's care. Dr. Eze will be assisted by Erning Duan, Nurse Practitioner. Contact information will remain the same. Dr. Eze and Erning will be coming to St. Agnes Home, with their regular days to be determined.

We extend a warm welcome to Dr. Eze and Erning as they join St. Agnes Home—welcome!

Gabby Giamanco, NP, is being assigned elsewhere. We are very grateful for the time Gabby has spent at St. Agnes Home, providing compassionate and thorough care. April 29th will be her last day with us. Thank you, Gabby, for being a part of St. Agnes Home.

Congratulations to Msgr. Jovanovic, who celebrated 65 years as a priest with a beautiful celebration at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish. Deacon Sigillito was able to assist him, and many of our staff were able to join in the celebration. (see photos on left page)

We also extend our congratulations to staff members who are getting married. Day-shift nurse Hannah Buenker will be married on May 25th, and April Feazell, our night-shift CNA on the first floor, was married in April. We truly have much to celebrate!

May is the Month of Mary, and we will begin with our May Crowning. One of the duties of our King and Queen on May 2nd will be to crown Mary (no, they will not need to climb a ladder—we will enlist one of the Sisters!). During this month, we also remember all of our mothers and thank them. Being a mother is a very special, powerful, and unique gift from God, allowing her to share in the gift of life. May all mothers be blessed in a special way this May.

God bless you all, Sr. Mary Faustina and the Nursing Staff

# May 2026

| SUNDAY                                                                                                       | MONDAY                                                                                                                              | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                         | WEDNESDAY                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 26<br><b>National Nursing Home Week 10-16</b>                                                                | 27                                                                                                                                  | 28<br>                                                                                       | 29                                                                                                |
| 3<br>9:00 Mass<br>10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts                                                                   | 4<br>7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:15 Needlework Club<br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:00 Pool Noodle Hockey<br><b>DeSmet Final Day</b>       | 5<br>7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Chocolate for the Heart & Soul - Stories of Compassion - SH<br>1:15 Rosary followed by Perpetual Help<br>2:15 Cinco de Mayo Party - SH | 6<br>7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 May Day Flowers<br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:15 Bingo             |
| 10<br><b>Mother's Day</b><br>9:00 Mass<br>10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts<br>1:00 Adoration<br>4:15 Vespers & Bene. | 11<br>7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:15 Needlework Club<br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:30 Mother's Day Tea Social                            | 12<br>7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 The Language of the Fan - SH<br>1:15 Rosary followed by Perpetual Help<br>2:15 Ukulele Singalong                                      | 13<br>7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Learn the Lady of Fat<br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:15 Bingo      |
| 17<br>9:00 Mass<br>10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts<br>1:00 Adoration<br>4:15 Vespers & Benediction                  | 18<br>7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:15 Needlework Club<br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:15 The Baker's Table - Italian Anginetti Cookies - SH | 19<br>7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Tea & Poetry - SH<br>1:15 Rosary followed by Perpetual Help - <b>ML</b><br>2:15 Ice Cream Social<br>6:45 Holy Hour w/ the Sisters     | 20<br>7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Lives of Saints<br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:15 Bingo            |
| 24<br>9:00 Mass<br>10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts<br>1:00 Adoration<br>4:15 Vespers & Benediction                  | 25<br><b>Memorial Day</b><br><b>9:00 Mass</b><br><b>10:30 Needlework Club</b><br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:15 <b>Honoring of Veterans</b>    | 26<br>7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Butterfly Origami<br>1:15 Rosary followed by Perpetual Help<br>2:15 Food Council<br>3:00 Resident Council                             | 27<br>7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Book Club<br>10:30 Library<br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:15 Bingo |
| 31<br>9:00 Mass<br>10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts<br>1:00 Adoration<br>4:15 Vespers & Benediction                  | 1                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                 | SEE V                                                                                             |

| WEDNESDAY                      | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                      | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                          | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                |                                                                                                                                               | <b>First Friday</b><br>9:00 First Friday Mass,<br>Followed by Adoration<br>11:00 Rosary<br>3:00 Happy Hour - Tom<br>T<br>4:45 Vespers &<br>Benediction          | <b>First Saturday</b><br>8:30 Chaplet of Divine<br>Mercy<br>9:00 First Saturday<br>Mass, followed by<br>Confession<br>2:00 Singalong<br>4:30 May Crowning |
|                                | 7                                                                                                                                             | 8                                                                                                                                                               | 9                                                                                                                                                         |
| se<br>Day                      | 7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Bus Trip -<br>Andy's Frozen<br>Custard<br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:15 Manicures &<br>Mimosas for Moms<br>and More | 7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Origami Booklets<br>for Prayer Cards/Learn<br>about Julian of Norwich<br>- SH 1:15<br>Rosary<br>3:00 Happy Hour - Matt<br>D | 8:30 Rosary<br>9:00 Mass<br>10:30 Bingo w/ the<br>Order of Malta <i>(up in<br/>Physical Therapy<br/>Room)</i><br>2:00 All Level Painting<br>& Music - SH  |
|                                | 14                                                                                                                                            | 15                                                                                                                                                              | 16                                                                                                                                                        |
| se<br>about Our<br>Fatima - SH | 7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Rosary Making<br>w/Lara - SH<br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:15 Movie - Babette's<br>Feast                            | 7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Rummikub - 3rd<br>FL 1:15<br>Rosary<br>3:00 Happy Hour - Gene<br>T                                                          | 8:30 Rosary<br>9:00 Mass, followed<br>by Confession<br>2:00 Coloring & Music<br>- ML                                                                      |
|                                | 21                                                                                                                                            | 22                                                                                                                                                              | 23                                                                                                                                                        |
| se<br>of the                   | 7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Bus Trip - Our<br>Lady of the Snows -<br>SH<br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:15 Movie - The Quiet<br>Man               | 7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 King's Corner<br>Card Game - SH<br>1:15 Rosary<br>3:00 Happy Hour - Mark<br>R                                               | 8:30 Rosary<br>9:00 Mass<br>10:30 Bible<br>Study/Scripture<br>Sharing - ML<br>2:00 Sainly Cinema -<br>Finding Fatima                                      |
|                                | 28                                                                                                                                            | 29                                                                                                                                                              | 30                                                                                                                                                        |
| se<br>Club<br>y Visit          | 7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Paper Birds<br>Craft<br>1:15 Rosary<br>2:15 Movie - The<br>Scarlet Pimpernel                              | 7:00 Mass<br>9:30 Exercise<br>10:00 Rummikub - 3rd<br>FL 1:15<br>Rosary<br>3:00 Happy Hour -<br>Michael S                                                       | 8:30 Rosary<br>9:00 Mass<br>10:30 Learn about St.<br>Joan of Arc - SH<br>2:00 Sainly Cinema -<br>The Bells of St.<br>Mary's                               |

PLEASE USE THIS AS A GUIDE.

WEEKLY ACTIVITY SHEET FOR CHANGES AND ADDITIONS.

**Mass Intentions for May 2026**  
**St. Agnes Home Chapel**

1. **First Friday:** For our living and deceased benefactors, and for our deceased residents
2. **First Saturday:** For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life
3. **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:** For the Jacob Full Family (Requested by Rod)
4. Fr. Vincent Kim – RIP (Requested by Kim)
5. Paul Ring, Jr. – RIP (Requested by John and Mary Jane)
6. Clare Genovese (Requested by Peter)
7. *For Archbishop Carlson's Intentions*
8. Don Ross (Requested by Peter)
9. Ethel Becker – RIP (Requested by Barry)
10. **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day:** For all mothers, living and deceased
11. Barbara Ring – RIP (Requested by Paul and Kathy)
12. Ann Gahn – RIP (Requested by Jan and Don)
13. Sr. Mary Joseph – RIP (Requested by Peter)
14. Sr. M. Immaculata
15. Dewie and Mavis Gaul – RIP (Requested by Laurie)
16. Sr. M. Grace Augustine
17. **The Ascension of the Lord:** For the intentions of residents, children, families, and staff of St. Agnes Home and Carmelite Child Development Center
18. Dan and Betty Koenig Family
19. Bernice Probst – RIP (Requested by Renee)
20. For the canonization of Bl. Maria Teresa of St. Joseph
21. *For Archbishop Carlson's Intentions*
22. Jim Maglione – RIP (Requested by Mary Lou)
23. For employees with birthdays this month: Rhyann, Hannah, Ena, Brent, Keli, Sharon, ~~Juslene~~, Maria, Desiree, Nasheda, Bethsaida, Faith, Allison
24. **Pentecost Sunday:** For the intentions of Mother Karla Marija and the General Council and Sr. Anna Maria and the Provincial Council
25. **Memorial Day:** For all veterans, military men and women, and those who gave their life defending our country
26. Paul Marke – RIP (Requested by Ray and Pat)
27. Mary Metzger – RIP (Requested by Jan and Don)
28. *For Archbishop Carlson's Intentions*
29. For the Sucher/Leonard Family (Requested by Mike and Jackie)
30. Sr. M. Angela Therese of the Holy Family – RIP
31. **The Most Holy Trinity:** For children and residents with birthdays this month: Declan, Phyllis, Thomas, Mary Lou, Mary Elizabeth, Alice, Betty

**Mass Intentions for May 2026**  
**Msgr. Jovanovic**

1. Sr. Maria Giuseppe (Nameday)
5. Guadarrama Serrano Family (Requested by Manuel)
7. Norma Bright – RIP (Requested by Betty)
12. Joseph Kochanski – RIP (Requested by Jack and Julie)
14. Fr. Vincent Kim – RIP (Requested by Kim)
19. For our living and deceased benefactors
21. Ed Berra – RIP (Requested by Peg)
26. Levi Oakley – RIP
28. Audrey Massingle (Requested by Carol)

***Suggested Mass stipend is \$10.00.***  
***Please note that every attempt is made to honor mass intentions for specific dates or months. However, due to the number of requests, this is not always possible. Thank you for understanding!***



## **St. Agnes Home Liturgical Schedule**

### **Mass Times**

Monday - Friday ~ 7:00 AM  
Saturday/Sunday/First Friday ~ 9:00 AM  
Special Feast Days & Holidays ~  
see Activity Calendar

### **Rosary**

Saturday 8:30am—before Mass  
Monday - Friday ~ 1:15 PM

### **Fatima Devotions**

1st Saturday of the Month ~ 4:30 PM

### **Perpetual Help Devotions**

Tuesdays ~ after 1:15PM Rosary

### **Adoration**

First Friday ~ After 9:00 AM Mass until 4:45  
PM Benediction  
Sundays ~ 1:00 PM until 4:15 Vespers &  
Benediction  
(No Adoration on the Sunday following  
First Friday)

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\*Liturgical Schedule subject to change.\* See  
Weekly Activities Sheet.

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**Tune in to Channel 6 to watch  
Mass and devotions live.**



**BISHOP HEELAN  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**



The Varsity Choir from Bishop Heelan High School made a special stop at St. Agnes Home during their bus trip from Sioux City, Iowa—and what a gift it was. They didn't just sing for us; they truly knocked our socks off. Each piece was more impressive than the last, with a repertoire that ranged from sacred music to lively pop selections.

At the conclusion of their performance, one student asked the director if they could offer just one more song—*The Our Father*. The choir gathered in a circle around our residents and shared this final, beautiful hymn, inviting everyone to join in. It was a moving and memorable moment for all. What a joyful surprise that they chose St. Agnes Home for their visit—a truly happy accident!



## ST. AGNES HOME RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

**Employee of the Month** recognizes employees who exemplify what it means to be “warmed by HIS love” and provide exceptional care and service to the Home, the residents and each other. Their daily efforts show that they remember to “See God in all; Serve God in all; and, Love God in all.”

Lara’s name will be added to the Employee of the Month plaque. She will have a special parking spot on our premises and will receive a gift card prize. Congratulations, Lara!

### ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT



## TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK

Staff, residents and family may utilize Employee of the Month and Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork recognition programs to recognize outstanding efforts by our staff. Ask about submission forms at the front desk.

Receiver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Giver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Receiver's Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Using any of our **Core Values**, how did this employee show that “Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork?”

**Humble:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Responsible:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Warm:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The employee receiving the form should place it in the recognition box near the front desk or the employee breakroom by the timeclock. Three winners will receive \$25 gift cards.

**May winners:** *Congratulations to the following employees who won \$25 gift cards for showing that **Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork**:*

|           |         |                                                                  |
|-----------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reena B.  | Dietary | Residents says she is kind, thoughtful and has a caring heart!   |
| Marijo D. | Nursing | Positive attitude and pulling together to care for the residents |
| Hawa B.   | Nursing | Filling in for a C NA to ensure our residents are cared for      |

## Easter Egg Hunt with St. Agnes Home & Carmelite Child Development Center



Welcome to students from St. Joseph and Visitation Academies during the month of April and May. They will be working alongside Activities, Dietary and Carmelite Child Development Center. The girls are looking forward to meeting residents and children, enjoying conversation, playtime and having some laughs and fun at the various activities.

During the summer months, you will also meet students from Cor Jesu Academy who will be volunteering as part of their LASTING project.



Thank you to Fisher and Calvin from Desmet Jesuit High who spent Monday afternoons at St. Agnes Home this entire school year. They were excited to lead our inaugural 'pool noodle table hockey game' which ended up being a huge hit with our residents. Their final event on May 4 will be one last game of hockey!





### RESIDENTS:

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Mary Lou O. | 01 |
| Sissy C.    | 04 |
| Tom V.      | 07 |
| Betty E.    | 20 |
| Phyllis W.  | 26 |
| Alice T.    | 30 |



### EMPLOYEES:

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| Hannah B.  | 01 |
| Ena G.     | 02 |
| Brent N.   | 08 |
| Kelli R.   | 08 |
| Sharon N.  | 09 |
| Juslene L. | 12 |
| Desiree S. | 17 |
| Nasheda C. | 20 |
| Betsy V.   | 25 |
| Faith K.   | 27 |



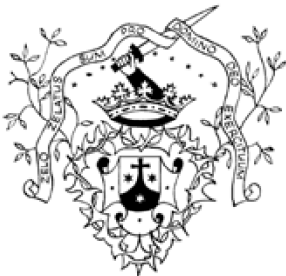
### **To our newest residents:**

Patricia C.  
Mary G.  
Marty M.  
Ruth T.  
Dan V.

*We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of our resident who has passed away:*

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

*Barbara McCarthy*



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