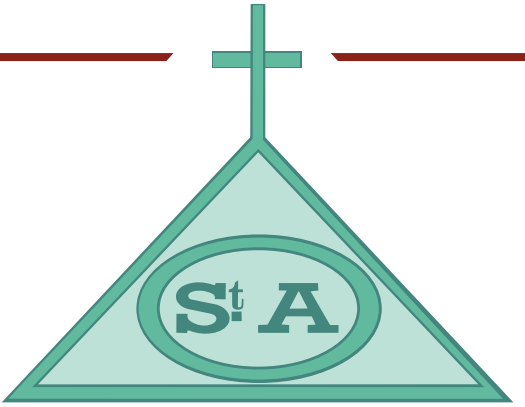


ST. AGATHA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

CELEBRATING 155 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE
AND THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT AGATHA

155 LAT BOŻEJ ŁASKAWOŚCI
I WSTAWIENNICTWA ŚWIĘTEJ AGATY

1871 – 2026

155 Years

Z wiarą, nadzieją i miłością zakotwiczeni w Chrystusie

Anchored in Christ with faith, hope, and love.

APRIL 26, 2026

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Dear Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Agatha Parish,

155 years ago, the biblical seed of St. Agatha Parish was planted in a very small community of Catholics. It is with deep appreciation and gratitude that we honor the early pioneers and the successive generations who shouldered the great responsibility of founding this parish. Through their tireless efforts, they built and preserved this beautiful church, leaving us a sacred legacy to cherish.

They strongly desired Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Their faith and unwavering desire planted and nurtured the seed to its present maturity. May God reward them. Today, we enjoy the grace of God's presence among us—a legacy born from the labor of our predecessors and the dedication of the present generation. Though we come from diverse ethnic origins, we stand united in a single faith in Jesus Christ, guided by the Peter of our time, Pope Leo XIV.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to God for the intercession of Saint Agatha and all our patron saints. Having received many favors through their care, we continue to rely on our Savior's grace to sustain us as we journey toward our heavenly homeland.

Drodzy Parafianie, Dobroczyńcy i Przyjaciele Parafii św. Agaty,

155 lat temu, w bardzo niewielkiej wspólnocie katolików, zasiane zostało biblijne ziarno Parafii św. Agaty. Z głęboką wdzięcznością oddajemy dziś hołd tej małej grupie pionierów oraz kilku kolejnym pokoleniom, które podjęły się ogromnego zadania wzniesienia i otoczenia troską pięknego kościoła w tej okolicy.
Gorąco pragnęli oni obecności Chrystusa w Eucharystii. To właśnie ich wiara i to silne pragnienie zasiały i pielęgnowały to ziarno, doprowadzając je do obecnej dojrzałości. Niech Bóg im błogosławi.
Dziś cieszymy się obecnością Boga pośród nas dzięki ciężkiej pracy naszych poprzedników oraz obecnych pokoleń. Choć wywodzimy się z różnych grup etnicznych, trwamy zjednoczeni w jednej wierze w Jezusa Chrystusa, prowadzeni przez Piotra naszych czasów – papieża Leona XIV.
Składamy Bogu płynącą z głębi serca wdzięczność za wstawiennictwo św. Agaty oraz wszystkich naszych świętych patronów. Otrzymawszy za ich sprawą wiele łask, nadal polegamy na łasce naszego Zbawiciela, która podtrzymuje nas w drodze ku naszej niebieskiej ojczyźnie.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stanislaw Poszwa, S.Chr.

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Dear Father Poszwa and Parishioners,

On the occasion of the 155th Anniversary of Saint Agatha Parish in Saint Louis, I am pleased to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and to the entire parish community as you mark this significant milestone.

Founded by German immigrants and now serving the Polish and English-speaking faithful, Saint Agatha Parish stands as a living witness to the enduring faith of generations who have entrusted their lives to Christ and his Church. This anniversary offers a fitting opportunity to give thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings bestowed upon your parish over the years, and to renew your commitment to the mission of the Church in the present time.

As Pope Leo XIV has encouraged the faithful, Christian communities are called to keep their doors and hearts open to prayer, to listening, and to charity. In this spirit, your celebration is not only a remembrance of the past, but also a renewed invitation to live ever more deeply the communion and mission of the Church.

As you gather for the Holy Masses of Thanksgiving and the anniversary festivities, I join you in prayer, asking the Lord to continue to bless your parish abundantly and to sustain you in faith, hope, and charity for the years to come.

With my prayerful good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Christophe Pierre
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April 26, 2026

Dear Parishioners of St. Agatha Church,

With hearts full of gratitude and celebration, I congratulate you on the 155th anniversary of St. Agatha Church. What a beautiful milestone! Today, we rejoice in the countless blessings God has poured upon your parish community.

For 155 years, St. Agatha Church has stood as a living witness to faith, hope, and love. Generations of faithful have gathered within its walls to pray, to celebrate the sacraments, to support one another, and to grow in their relationship with Christ.

This anniversary is a time of joyful remembrance and hopeful renewal. As you celebrate, may you give thanks for the past, cherish the present and look forward to the future. May your parish continue to be a place where hearts are lifted, lives are transformed, and God's love is made visible to all.

May the Lord bless St. Agatha Church and all its faithful members. May your joy continue to shine brightly, drawing others ever closer to Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Mitchell T. Rozanski

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
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Przewielebny Współbracie Administratorze, Księże Stanisławie,
Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie - Parafianie z Kościoła pw. Świętej Agaty w Saint Louis!

Po ubiegłorocznym Jubileuszowym Roku Nadziei, rok 2026 jest wyjątkowym w wielu wymiarach. Ogłoszony jako Rok Łaski w Kościele Rzymskokatolickim, przynosi nam Jubileusz 200-lecia Kościoła Archidiecezji Saint Louis wraz z Jubileuszem 155-lecia Waszego duchowego domu - Kościoła i Parafii pw. Świętej Agaty. W tym radosnym czasie, miłosierny Bóg przypomina nam, że potrzebuje czystości i otwartości naszych serc, aby mógł napełniać je darem swojej łaski. Wtedy dopiero ludzkość, Kościół powszechny i lokalny - wspólnoty parafialne, rodziny i indywidualne osoby - w duchu jedności i pokoju – w pełni będą mogli żyć tą prawdą naszej wiary, konieczną do zbawienia.

Święty czas wymienionych we wstępie Jubileuszy, będziemy lepiej przeżywać wsłuchując się we wskazówki naszych duchowych ojców - Pasterza Kościoła Rzymskokatolickiego, Następcy Świętego Piotra, Papieża Leona XIV (po raz pierwszy w historii jest nim Amerykanin z Illinois), jak i Pasterza Kościoła lokalnego w USA, którą to misję sprawuje wśród Was Arcybiskup Mitchell T. Rozanski (Amerykanin polskiego pochodzenia). Jak podpowiadają nasi współcześni Apostołowie, a powołani przez Boga z rodzin imigrantów, dla których Ameryka stała się drugą Ojczyzną i miejscem duchowej formacji, tegoroczne Jubileusze mają być *„czasem refleksji, świętowania i odnowy dla spadkobierców dziedzictwa Chrystusowej misji na ziemi"* (Abp. M.T. Rozanski).

W duchu radosnego dziękczynienia, czyńmy zatem refleksję nad dziedzictwem wiary, języka ojczystego, kultury i tradycji naszych przodków, a pielęgnowanych przez nas w teraźniejszości dla przyszłych pokoleń. Jako jedna Rodzina łącząca wspólnoty rodzin z domostw w stanie Missouri oraz z duchowego domu w Kościele lokalnym Archidiecezji Saint Louis – Parafii pw. Świętej Agaty, świętujmy, szeroko otwierając drzwi do domów naszych serc, by przyjąć łaskę Bożą. Odnawiajmy swoje zobowiązania: oczyszczania naszych serc i zrywania z lękiem - *„Otwierania szeroko drzwi Chrystusowi!"*. Zachęcał nas do tego Wielki Polak, Święty Papież Jan Paweł II, który błogosławił tej ziemi i nam, a który patronuje Polskiej Szkole Sobotniej. A wszystko po to, aby mogła rozlewać się moc łaski Bożej w nas i tam, gdzie z misją posyła nas miłosierny Pan. *„Nie lękajmy się!"* być kontynuatorami dziedzictwa przekazanego nam przez misjonarzy z różnych części Europy - świeckich i duchownych. Niosąc krzyż emigracji, to w sercach polskich katolików brzmiało: *„Polska zawsze wierna"* (*„Polonia semper Fidelis"*). Odczytujmy i pielęgnujmy też wielki dar łaski Bożej, jakim jest posługa „misjonarzy dla Polonii" z Towarzystwa Chrystusowego. Osobiście jestem za ten dar szczególnie wdzięczny Panu Bogu, gdyż przez osiem lat byłem Waszym duszpasterzem, dopomagając w życiu sakramentalnym, w drodze do świętości i wieczności, współdzieląc radości, troski i prace administracyjno-renowacyjne.

Z okazji Jubileuszu 155-lecia Parafii i Kościoła pw. Świętej Agaty w Saint Louis modlę się, aby Święta Patronka, w której życiu objawiła się moc Bożej łaski orędowała za Wami, Drodzy Księże Współbracie Administratorze oraz Parafianie -Siostry i Bracia w Chrystusie. Niech uprasza opiekę Bożą nad Waszym duchowym domem, Rodziną Parafialną i Szkolną, składającą się z wielopokoleniowych i wieloetnicznych rodzin katolickich z Doliny Mississippi. Na dalsze lata Waszej pięknej drogi z Chrystusem, życzę głębokiego pragnienia czystości i otwartości serc, by nasz miłosierny Bóg mógł napełniać je swoją łaską, dzięki czemu - w duchu jedności i pokoju - w pełni będziecie mogli żyć tą prawdą naszej wiary, konieczną do zbawienia. *Szczęść Boże!*

Z głębokim uznaniem, wdzięcznością i serdecznymi gratulacjami!
Pozostaję, oddany Wam w Chrystusie, Królu Wszechświata,

Ks. Hubert Zasada SChr

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April 2026

Dear Parishioners of Saint Agatha Church,

On behalf of Archbishop Rozanski, the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, and the Northern Vicariate, I wish to convey our congratulations of 155 years as a parish! As you know, we are currently celebrating our Bicentennial. As we reflect on 200 years, we are ever mindful of the diversity within our Archdiocese and the gift that the Polish community has been to the larger Catholic community.

It is an honor for me to be present with you as you celebrate. Please know of my ongoing prayers as you continue your journey as a parish, and may God bless you, the many priests who have served you over the years, and all those who have gone before, marked with the sign of faith!

God bless,

Very Reverend Scott Jones

Episcopal Vicar, Northern Vicariate

Solemn Thanksgiving Holy Masses
Uroczyste Msze Święte Dziękczynne

Saturday, Apr. 25, 2026, Vigil 4:30 PM English

Main Celebrant and Homilist
Very Reverend Scott Jones
Episcopal Vicar

Sunday, April 26, 2026, 8:00 AM English

Main Celebrant and Homilist
Very Reverend Scott Jones
Episcopal Vicar

Sunday, April 26, 2026,10:00 AM Polish

Main Celebrant and Homilist
Very Reverend Tomasz Sielicki, S.Chr.
Former Superior General of the Society of Christ

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
Christus Vincit – Song

WELCOME
Rev. Stanisław Poszwa, S.Chr.
Parochial Administrator

Gentle Women – Song

GRACE
Rev. Paweł Jamróz, OP

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
Rev. Stanisław Poszwa, S.Chr.

O Blessed Agatha – Song

ADDRESS BY
Very Rev. Scott Jones
Very Rev. Tomasz Sielicki, S.Chr.

Ave Maria – Song

COMMENTS BY GUESTS

ARTISTIC PROGRAM
Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Marie Therese Florek
Mr. and Mrs. Karl and Bridget Zimmerman

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION
President of The Parish Council
Mr. Sylwester Napiorkowski

BENEDICTION

DOOR PRIZES AND GAUDIUM

IMPORTANT EVENTS FROM HISTORY...

WAŻNIEJSZE WYDARZENIA Z HISTORII...

The history of St. Agatha Parish dates back to the year 1871. The end of the Civil War, only six years previously, had given stimulus to redevelopment of the new sections of the city of St. Louis. One of these was the neighborhood of the present St. Agatha Parish. Among the new arrivals were many Catholics of German descent who found themselves far removed from their mother parish of Saints Peter and Paul Church. Clearly a new parish was needed to serve the good of the people.

Reverend J. A. Stroombergen was assigned to start canvasing the area. After experiencing poor health, a new priest, Rev. Hy Leygraaff, was given the task. His first official act was to purchase a piece of ground at 9th and Utah. A building was constructed which served a threefold purpose of church, school and rectory. Laying the cornerstone took place on October 29, 1871, in the presence of many clergy and the entire parish and many visitors.

In September 1872, the parish school was opened with one lay teacher and two Sisters of the Most Precious Blood. The following year, those sisters were housed permanently on the first floor of the new school building, and the pastor was moved into a new rectory which was also built in 1872.

Father Leygraaff, having accomplished all this initial important work, left after three years to assume a professional chair at the Salesianum Seminary in Milwaukee. He was followed by Rev. William Hinssen, in 1874, who spent nine years at St. Agatha Parish beautifying the church with a high altar, two bells, a new organ and numerous statues, vestments and sacred vessels. By 1879, only eight years after its founding, St. Agatha Parish numbered 300 families.

In 1883, a new rector was appointed, Farther Henry Schrage. He purchased ground on the corner of 9th and Utah for a new church. Excavation began on October 14, 1884, and on April 12, 1885, the new church was dedicated. He was at the parish for 27 years and passed away in 1911.

On April 7, 1893, the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood moved into a new house at the northwest corner of the property. They had lived for many years on the crowded first floor of the school. The sisters happily moved into a spacious and practical building which would be their home and the Mother House of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood since it served as a center of operation for the young community of sisters then gaining a foothold in the archdiocese.

The year 1896 is notable for two great events. In that year, the present rectory was built. Another important event that year was the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the parish on October 25, 1896.

Near the turn of the century, in 1899, growing pains attacked the parish. The church had become too small to accommodate the growing number of families and its six-hundred and fifty schoolchildren. Fr. Schrage had wisely planned for this in 1884. It was now comparatively easy to enlarge the church by building a transept and new sanctuary, thus enlarging the building and at the same time rendering it architecturally complete.

Since school enrollment had rapidly increased by 1900, the old school was too small.

A new school was begun on March 10, 1909, and was completed by Thanksgiving. The occasion was perfect timing and was celebrated with an elaborate musical program for almost 1500 people.

After Fr. Schrage's passing, Fr. George Geers was assigned to St. Agatha Church 1911-1918. For many years he worked zealously and efficiently and was known for his kind disposition. He held an active role working with the children and the young men of the parish by the organization of the Men's choir, Catholic Knights of America and the Drama Club. After being struck with a sudden illness, he passed away in April, 1918.

By 1918, St. Agatha was beginning to enter what was called the "Golden Age" under the pastorship of Fr. Otto T. Siesener. It would be impossible to estimate properly the influence he exerted upon the people of the parish. Under his leadership there were sixteen different lay organizations and societies active at St. Agatha's. He served for twenty-two years as the pastor. The Golden Jubilee of the parish was fittingly observed during his term in 1921, first with a complete redecoration of the church and then a grand celebration on Sunday, October 23, 1921.

The summer of 1926 saw extensive improvements to the school hall to help render the building fireproof. Two new bells were installed in the clock tower in September 1928, which summoned the faithful to divine services at St. Agatha. During the summer of 1937, the church was again redecorated. Fr, Siesener gave much of his time and thought to this project and the results were beautiful. In 1939, Fr. Siesener was elevated to Monsignor. In late February 1941, this saintly pastor of St. Agatha passed away. It was during the year of the Seventieth Anniversary of the Church.

In June of 1941, The Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Glennon appointed the Rev. James Ehlenz the new pastor. Upon his arrival, Fr. Ehlenz found his special work would be in the general improvement of the parish properties. He began by repairing and improving each building as needed. Throughout the following year, extensive improvements were made in the school building, including thorough cleaning and painting, new flooring, light fixtures, a public address system in all the classrooms and a completely new kitchen in the upstairs hall of the school. The ladies of the parish could now serve 500 people at one time during picnics and parish festivities. In the summer of 1945, this renovation project was completed. Improvements were also made in the church. The communion rail was moved outward and lowered, steps were eliminated, the pulpit was cut down and moved onto the sanctuary thus giving a better view of the altar. A new Tabernacle was built into the altar, and a "Baldachin" was installed above, making the altar conform more closely with the prescriptions of the Liturgy. All was done in preparation for the Diamond Jubilee - 75th Anniversary in 1946. A special addition for this anniversary was the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at the main entrance of the church. Fr. Ehlenz was pastor of St. Agatha for ten years until his death 1951.

In the 1950-1960's, when Interstate 55 was built, many families moved out of the area. I-55 cut through the neighborhoods and knocked out many houses. With the expansion of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, much of the people's property was acquired by the company. School attendance declined and St. Agatha School closed permanently in 1973. This occurred during the pastorships of Fr. Vincent Schuler 1951-1963 and Fr. Edward J. Clohesy 1963-1983. The Sisters of the Precious Blood remained at the parish convent and began their new mission by serving the poor and aged.

In 1978, when John Paul II was elected pope, there was a revival at St. Agatha Church. In the years that followed, each of the pastors, Msgr. Bernard Granich and Fr. James Rodis, set their goals and made their niche within St. Agatha. Because of Msgr. Granich's love for Latin, St. Agatha became one of the great success stories of the papal indult. In 1984, The Tridentine Mass began to be celebrated on Saturdays. After the Pope John Paul II's broadening of the indult, in 1988, St. Agatha was authorized to hold the Tridentine Latin Mass on Sundays. The parish began to flourish. What had been a parish in decline then had seen the return of large numbers of children and young families. Archbishop Justin Rigali was one of the supporters and celebrants of the Tridentine Mass at St. Agatha.

Under the leadership of Fr. Rodis, the Tridentine Mass continued and at one point in time, St. Elizabeth's Day Care Center, for adults, occupied the main floor of the school. The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood were caretakers of this center. Fr. Rodis continued the upkeep of the parish buildings at this time. Tuckpointing around the four buildings was done, the parking lot was resurfaced and more parking was created. When Fr. Rodis retired in 2004, the parish was given to the priests of the Institute of Christ the Sovereign King. In January 2005, the Institute was called to take care of St. Agatha Church by Archbishop Raymond Leo Burke. After a six month stay, in July of 2005, they were relocated to St. Francis de Sales Church.

Members of St. Louis' Polish community were looking forward to a new parish home following a years-long dispute between the Archdiocese and the Board of Directors of St. Stanislaus Kostka Polish Parish in north St. Louis.

In response to significant legal disagreements with the Board, Archbishop Raymond Burke established a Polish Apostolate to provide a spiritual home for those faithful to the Bishop of Rome. This Apostolate was served by Father Adam Hurbanczuk, a native of Poland. For the first few months of 2005, Sunday Mass, in Polish, was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church in downtown St. Louis.

On July 1, 2005, a parish reorganization took place in which the community moved from its shared space at St. John's to St. Agatha Church in South St. Louis.

During Fr. Hurbanczuk's short term at St. Agatha, he laid a foundation for the new St. Agatha parish, joining the two communities there, English and Polish.
Under his leadership the Polonia Library was opened at the school building and The John Paul II Polish School was established. In October he resigned from serving in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and moved to the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut.

Archbishop Burke then entrusted the new parish to Fr. Czeslaw Litak, who came from the diocese of Tarnow, Poland. Fr. Litak was nominated pastor in November 2005 and was officially installed in January 2006. During his installation, a parish and finance council was also presented to the community. Under Fr. Litak, St. Agatha's family registration consisted of 120 Polish families and 60 English. There was great enthusiasm and the people began to take care of the church and its campus making improvements and repairs. In August 2007, a painting of Our Lady of Czestochowa was unveiled in the main sanctuary of the church. The painting was done by local artist, Ireneusz Szelag.

In 2011, the library was relocated from the school building to the cafeteria area in the basement of the church. On October 30, 2011, St. Agatha celebrated its 140th Anniversary. The Holy Mass was presided by Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke. The concelebrants were Bishop Edward Price, Bishop Robert Hermann, Msgr. Michael Turek, Msgr. Ted Wojcicki and Rev. Czesław Litak. A reception followed at the Grbic Banquet Hall.

In 2012, Fr. Litak celebrated his last Mass at St. Agatha Church on August 19, 2012. His term came to an end, and he went back to his native diocese in Poland.
After Fr. Litak's departure, Archbishop Robert Carlson entrusted the parish of St. Agatha to the Society of Christ Fathers.

On September 2, 2012, Fr. Hubert Zasada began his pastorship at St. Agatha Church. In 2015, Fr. Hubert relocated the Divine Mercy Picture from the side entrance to the main altar above the tabernacle. On April 3, 2016, the painting of St. Pope John Paul II was installed, unveiled and blessed. The painting was done by the same artist above, Ireneusz Szelag. During Fr. Zasada's term, many projects

were undertaken to improve the school building and rectory basement. New fences were installed around the church property. The Donor Tree was established inside the church to give a place to memorialize benefactors. During his term, The St. John Paul II Polish School had the highest enrollment.

On March 18, 2018, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to a group of students from the parish by Bishop Antoni Dlugosz, Auxiliary Bishop from Czestochowa, Poland. The same year the Polish Community solemnly celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Poland's Independence on November 11, 2018. In February 2020, Fr. Hubert Zasada was given a new assignment in Pompano Beach, Florida.

On February 5, 2020, on the feast day of St. Agatha, Fr. Stanislaw Poszwa, S. Chr. began his ministry as Parochial Administrator of St. Agatha Parish. In March of 2020, due to Covid, the government and local authorities imposed many restrictions on the faithful people. Church activities were limited. St. Agatha stayed open.

In 2021, the parish celebrated its 150th Anniversary. Because of the existing restrictions, the parish modestly celebrated this special occasion. It was memorialized by the installation of a memorial plaque at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

During the "All-Things New" archdiocesan parish reorganization, St. Agatha remained open and is still serving the faithful Polish and English Catholics of the St. Louis area.

On February 1, 2025, the Most Rev. Mark Steven Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis with concelebrants Fr. Stanisław Poszwa, S. Chr., and Fr. Paweł Jamróz, OP, administered the sacrament of Confirmation for the students of John Paul II Polish School.

In 2025, the Sisters of the Precious Blood completed their mission at St. Agatha parish. During the weekend of May 17-18, the community expressed heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Sisters of the Precious Blood. Sisters Loretto Maes, Joan Klaas and Clare Ann Litteken, and many others who answered the call to religious life from St. Agatha parish served the community so lovingly and faithfully as teachers and in various appointments. The sisters were present here serving, working and praying at St. Agatha parish from1872 until July 2025.

On February 5, 2026 - the Feast of St. Agatha - our parish community joyfully inaugurated a **Jubilee Year**, marking a historic **155th Anniversary** of our Catholic faith.

Observed on April 26, the **Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday** - was formally designated as a Day of Thanksgiving, marking a significant occasion for community reflection and festive celebration.

SUCCESSION OF PASTORS AND PARISH PRIESTS:

Rev. J. A. Strombergen 1871

Rev. Herman Leygraeff 1871-1874

Rev. William Hinssen 1874-1883

Rev. Henry Schrage 1883-1911

Rev. George Geers 1911-1918

Rev. Msgr Otto T. Siesener 1918-1941

Rev. James Ehlenz 1941-1951

Rev. Vincent Schuler 1951-1963

Rev. Edward J. Clohessy 1963-1983

Rev. Msgr Bernard Granich 1983-1990

Rev. James Rodis 1990-2005

Rev. Michael Schmitz 2005-2005

Rev. Adam Hurbanczuk 2005-2005

Rev. Czeslaw Litak 2005-2012

Rev. Hubert Zasada, S. Chr., 2012- 2020

Rev. Stanislaw Poszwa, S. Chr., 2020 – present

WITH SINCERE THANKS

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone
who joined us for this historic Jubilee.
This celebration was made possible through
the devotion and faith of our parish community,
with special thanks to the Parish Council
and Parish Finance Council
for their dedicated leadership and support.





PRAYER TO ST. AGATHA

Lord God, you showered heavenly gifts on Saint Agatha.
Hear the prayers of those who recall her devoted life
and who ask her to intercede for them in their necessity.

(*Share your intention and reflect*
for a few moments…)

Help us to imitate her virtues during our earthly life
and enjoy eternal happiness with her in heaven. Amen.

Saint Agatha, pray for us.

MODLITWA DO ŚWIĘTEJ AGATY

Panie Boże, obdarzyłeś niebiańskimi darami
świętą Agatę.
Wysłuchaj modlitw tych, którzy wspominają jej ofiarne
życie i proszą ją, aby wstawiała się za nimi w ich potrzebie.

(Zastanów się przez kilka chwil
i podziel się swoją intencją …)

Pomóż nam naśladować jej cnoty podczas naszego
ziemskiego życia i radować się z nią
wiecznym szczęściem w niebie. Amen.

Święta Agato, módl się za nami.

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TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

Großer Gott, wir loben dich

We praise Thee, O God

Ciebie Boga wysławiamy