

## Faith Community of St. Agnes, St. Louis, St. Margaret

### 1. Who are we as an ACC?

- We are a three-parish cluster of St. Agnes in Roscoe (125 people), St. Margaret in Lake Henry (196 People), and St. Louis in Paynesville (1070 people) a total of 1391 parishioner.
- We have about 50% attendance from of our registered parishioners. We have many summer visitors that attend all three parishes.
- We are located on the southern/central edge of the diocese bordering the New Ulm Diocese. Our communities (especially Paynesville, the hub church) is quite ecumenical with a large ELCA Church, an active United Methodist, Assembly of God, Evangelical Free congregations, and some smaller Bible based churches.
- We have three Masses, one in each parish. All of them have crying babies. (young families)
- We have been served by Father Glenn for 15 years.
- We have 2 active weekly rosary groups that have about 40 people between the 2.
- Our religious education program has 235 students in grades 1-10. They meet on Wednesday afternoons and evenings.
- 2 active bible studies each with about 10 people in each one.
- We have 94 hours of weekly Eucharistic adoration
- We have many active volunteers. We have 40 extraordinary Eucharistic ministers and about 30 lectors and over 40 religious education teachers (including children's liturgy of the word during Sunday Mass)
- We serve approximately 40 at elder facilities.

1. What is one thing we are proud of as we build bridges with one another? Our parishioners cross borders in ministry and in church attendance.
2. Our biggest struggle was implementing change when our priest of 22 years retired. Father Glenn had to take a lot of guff, people got mad, quit and 15 years later they all got over it.
3. How are we listening? By being available in the hub town.
4. In what ways are we nurturing a Eucharistic Spirituality? Adoration (94 hours) Homebound communion/ and to the Assisted Living and Nursing Home, and our rosary groups.
5. How are we investing in the call and formation of leaders now and for the future? We have an active seminarian and a new priest that came out of our parishes in the past 5 years. Hannah has her graduate degree from St. John's through the YTM program and is a Master lay ecclesial minister, and have money allocated for continuing education for parishioners. 40 religion teachers that are being formed.
6. Our priority is to begin bereavement ministry in the early part of 2024.