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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday : 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Weekday: 6:30 & 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday,
9:20 a.m. Friday - School Mass
Holy Day: 7:00 p.m. Vigil, 6:30, 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS:

First-time parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class before the child can be Baptized. Classes are held every other month on the second Thursday. Call the Parish Office to register. Baptisms take place every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. except during Lent.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):

Persons wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith or seeking to complete their initiation Sacraments should contact Paula Fritz at 431-1802 or pfritz@saintagnes.com.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard on Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on the first Friday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. or by calling the Parish Office and making an appointment.

MARRIAGE:

Call the Parish Office at least nine months in advance. At least one of the individuals must be a registered parishioner.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:

For those who are homebound or sick and wish to receive Communion, call the Parish Office.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Gather with fellow Brothers in Christ every Saturday morning, 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Saint Agnes Daily Mass Chapel. Enjoy fellowship and the Word of God.

GRADE SCHOOL CCD CLASSES:

Held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during the school year. Contact Anita Dunn, 431-1802 or adunn@saintagnes.com for more information.

PRE-SCHOOL RELIGION:

Held on Sunday during the 11:30 a.m. Mass from September thru April. Contact Stacey Moorhead at 859-907-3667 or staceyscully4@aol.com for more information.

MEETINGS:

Athletic Boosters-3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
in the Rectory Conference Room
Board of Education-2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
in the Library/Media (School) Center
Finance Committee-1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. in the
Rectory Conference Room
Parish Council-1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the
Rectory Conference Room
Pro-Life Committee-2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. & Dec. in
Murphy Hall
St. Vincent de Paul Society-2nd & 4th Mondays
at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Conference
Room

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Calendar

Sunday, December 17

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 10:30 a.m. RCIA - Rectory Conf Room
- 1:00 p.m. No Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Monday, December 18

- 5:30 p.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. CCD - School
- 7:00 p.m. Boosters - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. School Christmas Concert - Church

Tuesday, December 19

- 7:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Reconciliation Service - Church

Wednesday, December 20

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Murphy A & B

Thursday, December 21

- 11:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick following Mass

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

- 8:10 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer - Church
- 9:00 a.m. Confessions - Church

Sunday, December 24

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 1:00 p.m. No Baptisms

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 17-Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 9:30 a.m. Jeannine Wendling
- 11:30 a.m. Jeanne Able

Monday, December 18

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention (J & R)
- 11:30 a.m. Charles Caruso

Tuesday, December 19

- 6:30 a.m. Roger Stephens
- 11:30 a.m. Jan Wagner Kohls

Wednesday, December 20

- 6:30 a.m. Leroy Goetz
- 11:30 a.m. Cleo Sullivan

Thursday, December 21-St. Peter Canisius

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Brendan Sheanon
- 11:30 a.m. Annetta Bishop

Friday, December 22

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Joann Cetrulo Andrews

Saturday, December 23-St. John of Kanty

- 8:30 a.m. Fred Fischer & Family
- 4:00 p.m. Elaine Ewing Harris

Sunday, December 24-Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Earl Arnold
- 9:30 a.m. Christine Janszen
- 11:30 a.m. Francis Meese Ewing
- 4:00 p.m. Deacon Joe Cleves
- 11:00 p.m. Ron Kenning

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for December 23rd/24th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Joe & Nancy Stratman
- 7:30 a.m. Ted & Janis Vogelpohl
- 9:30 a.m. Mike & Laurie Arnold
- 11:30 a.m. Matt & John Fritz

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-M Witt, C-S Gleeson
- 7:30 a.m. T Vogelpohl
- 9:30 a.m. L-K Jump, C-S Elkins
- 11:30 a.m. L-L Clements, C-S Flanagan

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. P Adams, D & K Bray, K Middendorf, A Emerson, S Osterhage, M Pennington, M Stoeckle
- 7:30 a.m. C Kirn, A Kunkel, D & I Mai
- 9:30 a.m. C Allison, K Fischer, T Fischer, P Metzger, L Stauber, J VonHandorf, D Witt, W Witt
- 11:30 a.m. R & J Lawson, P & ML Scheper, J & K Elfers, P Johnston, B Thamann

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. M Dowd, J Graf, R Graf
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. M Cody, M David, S Fischer
- 11:30 a.m. A Bloemer, D Bloemer, G Heberling

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- Dec. 18th-Don Mai Dec. 26th-Daryl Tepe

Rosary, Sunday, Dec. 24th at 9:00 a.m.: Tony Summe

Highland Crossing, Dec. 24th: Deacon Gary Scott

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. John & Annette Ward
- 7:30 a.m. Mike & Ginny Ruberg
- 9:30 a.m. John & Ellen Zembrodt
- 11:30 a.m. Terry & Sandy Flanagan

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Kathy Bell A-Betty Peeno
- 7:30 a.m. F-Frank & Bev Henn A-Paul & Amy Kindt
- 9:30 a.m. F-Jonathan & Colleen Averdick
A-Todd & Marijo Fischer
- 11:30 a.m. F-Linda Shelton & Eryn Thamann
A-Jim & Rebecca Moening

Staff Article

A Commonly Good Christmas

by **Monsignor Don Enzweiler**

Please pardon my saying this but we (citizens of the United States) have become a mob. In Australia a mob is a flock, a drove, a herd of animals. The mob I'm thinking of isn't so innocent. I'm thinking of a "disorderly crowd causing trouble through violence". The mob I'm thinking of is a group of people acting as individuals who seek personal advantage through unjust means without concern for the common good of the whole. Moral goodness has been abandoned by the many. Whatever is necessary to acquire comfort, power, achievement, reputation is considered fair game in the quest to "get ahead" and/or in the desire to not be left behind.

One of the signs of a mob mentality is caring only for ourselves. The gain we seek, the highest good to acquire, is personal pleasure. For example, in order to serve personal pleasure we are willing to risk the accidental and often unwanted conception of a brand new human being with an immortal soul. Far from taking responsibility for the consequences of our choices and behavior, what do we do? We intentionally destroy by way of violence what we helped create: human life. Such relief is temporary at best. It is not freedom and it is not salvation. No good comes of it as a result. With every abortion the greatest of evils is given an increased foothold in our society. The hardness of heart that is exemplified and cultivated by this act assures that even greater evil is now possible and more than probable.

As I say this, I can hear the walls going up. Certain minds are already rationalizing and defending chosen mind-sets and are dismissing my endeavor to change certain ways of thinking as being a lost cause. Regardless, it is necessary to plow rocky ground with the hope that seeds planted there will germinate, take root, mature, and bear fruit.

Continuing with the abortion example, by way of twisted mental gymnastics the mob mentality, for the sake of easing the guilt of an individual's conscience, denies that the result of conception is the creation of a human being. It is certainly not a child (because it doesn't look like a child), and it has no rights of its own (why should it when it can't survive on its own). And besides, the rights of the "host" human being exceeds the rights of this parasite that is so destructive to the host's health and so disruptive to the host's lifestyle. And the individual desiring to end

what was begun seeks a resolution only to an individual predicament. Who is looking at the big picture? Since 1973, in the United States, this "one time" individual solution has intentionally ended the lives of 58 million created human beings. (In a similar vein, it is hypocritical at best that we go to great lengths to save people from debilitating diseases and terminal illnesses and yet we don't attempt to save perfectly healthy newly created human beings from abortion.)

The big picture is what I'm promoting in this article. Some will not like hearing this, but the good of the community is a more noble aspiration, it is more God-like and divine, than the good of the individual. It doesn't seem to get much air time but the promotion of the common good is the most important human endeavor. The proper ends of human existence is community, living together according to a determined order not just with privileges but with obligations, duties and responsibilities. In other words, if we're going to make this society work, every single one of us has to take on some commitment to accept responsibility for and promote, support and participate in, the "common good". (This goes for family as well. Every member needs to commit to its good for it to work.) The mob mentality blinds us to this necessity. I believe it was Saint Thomas Aquinas who said "Law is the ordination of reason for the common good." (As an aside, Church law is the ordination of faith for the common good.) The mob mentality reduces law to the order that promotes through protection my personal interests.

Just like the parts of the same body function together in mutual interdependence, as members of this society, as members of our parish church, we must work together for the benefit of the whole, of the community. No one gets a mulligan on this. No one is excused from this undertaking. It is sad but I believe it's true that the only talk heard regarding the need to protect and promote the common good, the only voice heard amidst all the voices in the world, is the voice of the Catholic Church saying "advocating for and contributing to the common good is essential to the Christian life." (Which brings up other consequences of the mob mentality: a lack of toleration of a religious spirit and the rampant pursuit of material means to feed the hunger for personal pleasure. Atheism plus materialism equals self-destruction which translates to destruction of our society from the inside out.)

If there is anything that needs to be reborn in our minds and hearts this Christmas, it is a concern for and a re-commitment to, the common good. Think of it as a gift given to our children and grandchildren. From my home to yours, have a commonly good Christmas!

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: John the Baptist gives witness to Jesus with His preaching and prepares the people for Jesus' coming.

Adults: What do you think John the Baptist meant when he said he was the voice of one crying in the desert "make straight the way of the Lord!" Can you think of anyone today who reminds you of John the Baptist...someone who tries to prepare you for the birth of Jesus?

Teens: If John the Baptist were alive today what do you think he'd be doing...living as a monk, feeding and sheltering the homeless, maybe being an itinerant preacher? How would you and your friends respond to him?

Children: Can you ask your parents what your own Baptism was like...did you cry, did you have a party, how old were you? Do you know who your godparents are?

Next Sunday, December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday, of Advent, Cycle B

The readings for Mass for both the Sunday and the weekdays of the last eight days before Christmas (beginning December 17th) turn toward accounts of the events leading up to the actual birth of Jesus 2000 years ago. These readings are more along the lines of what we associate with Christmas: the first coming of Christ. For most of the season of Advent (until December 17th), the readings more explicitly remind us that we are a people who live in the "in-between times" of Christ's comings. We use readings concerning the first coming of Christ to remind ourselves that we should be vigilant with regard to the second.

This year the fourth Sunday of Advent gives way immediately to Christmas Eve and the Christmas Season. We still observe the fourth week of Advent when Christmas Eve falls on the fourth Sunday, though it lasts only a day.

Gospel Reading (Luke 1:26-38): In a Cycle B Year, the Gospel reading is usually from the Gospel of Mark, however this Sunday is an exception. The Gospel reading for the fourth Sunday of Advent is always from the Gospel writings that are concerned with Jesus' birth. There are no such writings in the Gospel of Mark (or John). These writings are only found in Luke and Matthew. These writings are referred to as the "Infancy Narratives" and they are believed to be the

last stories to become part of the Gospels as we have them. Recall that the Gospels went through various stages of editing before they were edited in the form we now have them. The Infancy Narratives contain many of the themes of Jesus' life as an adult. This Sunday's reading is the account of the Annunciation, where the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be the mother of a son who will be named Jesus. The story is about Mary's openness to this wondrous new direction God is asking her to take in her life. In this she is a model for all disciples and a model for the Church. Echoing the annunciation stories of Hannah (mother of Samuel) and the mother of Sampson in the Old Testament, we are taught that God is once again making an initiative. God is doing "something new" in human history.

First Reading (2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16): In this reading we hear how King David wished to build a "house" (read "Temple") to house the "Ark of the Covenant" which was being kept in a tent from the days when the Jewish people were a nomadic people. The Ark contained the Ten Commandments and some of the manna with which the Jewish people were fed after the Exodus. The Ark was equated with God's presence among the people, much as the Tabernacle is in a Roman Catholic Church today. Through Nathan the prophet, God asks with some irony how David is going to build a house for God, after all, look at all that God has done for David. God goes on to promise that David's "house" (that is, his family lineage), through an heir (later understood as Jesus) will rule forever.

Second Reading (Romans 16:25-27): This passage is the doxology with which Saint Paul concludes his Letter to the Romans. "To Him who can strengthen you, according to my Gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages, but now manifested through the prophetic writings... to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen!"

Adoration of Our Lord

"I am the Lord, your God, who grasp your right hand; it is I who say to you, fear not, I will help you. (Is 41:13)

Our Lord is always ready to help us, but we must ask Him. Share your fears and hopes with the Lord Jesus who waits patiently for your visit. Visit Him in the Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration

Chapel. Please commit to an hour with Him. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



Parish Worship continued

Bulletin Picture

First Reconciliation was celebrated on December 5th with the children who will be making their First Communion next May. The Scriptural theme for the evening was, "Let your light shine!" The children were given a votive candle which was lit from the Easter Candle as a remembrance of the evening. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) has a close connection with Baptism, as both are "Sacrament of Rebirth and Renewal." The votive candle is an echo of the Baptismal Candle the children received at their Baptism.

Weekday Rosary

The Rosary is prayed in Church every weekday at 11:00 a.m.



Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel 20th Anniversary Celebration

On the first weekend of January, 2018, Saint Agnes Parish will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary of Continuous Eucharistic Adoration in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. How blessed we are to have had Jesus available to us in this way all day, every day for the last 20 years. Several activities have been planned to honor the occasion. Consider this your invitation to participate in one or all of the activities mentioned below.

40 Hours Devotion. The weekend celebration will appropriately begin with 40 Hours Devotion. Commencing on Friday, January 5th immediately after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the main body of the church and remain exposed until 7:15 a.m. on Sunday morning, January 7th (with two periods of reposition for Saturday morning and afternoon Masses). Please consider signing up for an hour of adoration during these 40 hours. We are requesting at least two adorers for each hour. A sign-up poster board will be available in the back of church beginning this weekend, December 17th. This is our most urgent need as we would like to fill our slots as soon as possible. To sign-up for an hour, use the sign up board or email Blaine Comfort at comfort@zoomtown.com.

Celebration Anniversary Mass. The Mass celebrating the 20th Anniversary will take place at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 7th. Please

consider attending this Mass as a show of appreciation for 20 Years of Continuous Eucharistic Adoration.

Celebration Anniversary Luncheon. Immediately following the Anniversary Mass, there will be a **free**, catered luncheon in the undercroft (Murphy Hall) honoring all those who participate or have participated and hoping to inspire those who would like to participate in the practice of Eucharistic Adoration. The entire parish is invited. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 431-1802 with the number of people attending.

Thank you St. Agnes Parishioners for making this celebration possible.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 12/11/17)	\$518,965
Budgeted Collections (July thru December)	\$652,000
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2017/2018)	\$1,250,000

Please Recycle This Bulletin

In the spirit of concern for the environment and Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudate Si - On Care For Our Common Home*, please recycle this bulletin,
-Fr. Mark Keene

Saint of the Week

Saint John of Kanty or Saint John Cantius

This future saint was born on June 24, 1390 in Kety, a small town in southern Poland, to Stanislaw and Anna Kanty. He attended Krakow Academy and in 1418 was awarded a doctorate in Philosophy. While preparing for the priesthood he taught at his alma mater, the Jagiellonian University (alma mater of Pope John Paul II). During this time he also attained a Doctorate of Theology. He became a Professor of Theology and held that post for the rest of his life. He studied by copying out scripture, theological tracts and other theological and scholarly



Saint of the Week continued

works. He also worked in physics and, with others, helped develop the theory of impetus, which deals with force and motion and was a precursor to the works of Galileo and Newton.

While in Krakow John of Kanty also was well known for his care of the poor, particularly poor students. He was very frugal and lived only on what was necessary to sustain his life. The rest of what he had was given to the poor. During his life he made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and four pilgrimages on foot to Rome. He died on December 24, 1473 at the age of 83. His body was interred at the College Church of Saint Anne in Krakow and is a popular pilgrimage site.

John of Kanty was beatified in 1676 and canonized in 1767. His feast day was originally October 20th. In the 1969 revision of the General Roman Calendar his feast day was moved to December 23rd, to be closer to the actual day of his death, December 24th. He is the patron of students, the countries of Poland and Lithuania, the Jagiellonian University and the Diocese of Bielsko-Żywiec in Poland. There are churches named for him in every area where Poles immigrated. In 1998 the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius was founded in Chicago.

Parish News

Early Bulletin Deadline

Due to the upcoming holiday season, the bulletin for December 31st must be sent early. The deadline for the December 31st bulletin is Thursday, December 21st at 1:00 p.m..

Parish Office Holiday Schedule

In observance of Christmas, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th.



In observance of New Years, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st.

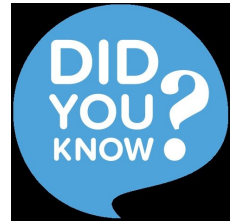
Wedding Banns

Il-Lauren Warning, Saint Agnes & Robert Feather



Did You Know?

Besides the Giving Tree and the stockings that the church fills for City Heights and Welcome House, our school children conduct their own service projects during Advent.



Their projects will help the children at the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home and Be Concerned. They are donating money to buy warm pajamas and slippers for the residents at DCCH and donating non-perishable food items to Be Concerned, who assists low-income families in Northern Kentucky by sending Weekend Power Packs home with students who are food-insecure. These service projects help teach the students the meaning of Christmas and touch the lives of those in need.

Smiles and Miles Report

Our annual *Smiles and Miles 5K Run/Walk in Memory of Maria Schaffstein* was held last September on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Also held was the *Frog Hop in Memory of Katie Stewart*. The event was successful in every way. A check was presented to the school after the Mass with the school this past Friday. Thank you to all who participated (362 runners/walkers) and to all who helped (80 Volunteers) with this event, especially the organization committee: Lynn Abeln, Jacquie Bauereis, Ryan Cruse, Nancy Downing, Stephanie Fieler, Stephanie Freihofer, Bob Ink, Andy Kennedy, Rob Peterson, Mike Pfennig, Josh Randolph, Eileen & John Schaffstein, Samantha Stewart, Annette Ward, Donna Wessels. A special thanks to Bob Ink for his leadership. The proceeds (\$11,914.51) will be used for scholarships to Catholic High Schools, tuition assistance to Saint Agnes School, the School Endowment fund and for teachers' needs in Saint Agnes School. -Father Mark Keene

Christian Service: Christmas Flowers

Volunteers are again needed to deliver a flower and a Christmas message from Fr. Keene to our shut-in, nursing home bound and elderly parishioners. The flowers are ready and can be picked up and delivered any time before Christmas. The Parish Office is staffed from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you can help, please call the office at 431-1802 to make sure there are still flowers to be delivered.



Parish News continued

Greeters Needed

Greeters are needed to welcome all those who will worship with us at our Christmas Masses (December 24th at 4:00 & 11:00 p.m. and on December 25th at 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.) and New Year's Masses (December 31st at 5:00 p.m. and January 1st at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.). Please call or email Colleen Read if you are willing to be a Greeter, 445-5022 or cread67@twc.com.

Giving Tree

We will be assembling the Giving Tree gifts today after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. It takes lots of hands to complete this task! The stockings will be delivered to Welcome House today. Next Saturday, December 23rd, we will gather at 9:00 a.m. at the rectory to load up our cars and trucks and take the gifts to City Heights to be delivered to each resident's door. All are welcome to help.



December Youth Group Meetings

Youth Group is scheduled to meet this Sunday, December 17th. Pray and be thankful for the birth of our Lord. Grades 7th and 8th come from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and high school come from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Join us in the school cafeteria.

Witness the Love of Christ Through Service

This concept in our mission statement has been a focus point of efforts to provide volunteer service efforts. One such effort is to extend prayers, thoughts, greetings, and help to those facing challenges in life.

Knowing each person facing health or other life challenges is not as easy as we might think. Yes, we have our prayer line and prayer intention book, but these are anonymous in most cases. We are reaching out to all members of Saint Agnes. Please, if you know of friends, neighbors, or family in need of prayers, cheerful greetings, or help, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@saintagnes.com or 431-1802. Then we can forward information or give them the number/address of a person in the ministry needed. We wish to reach out through prayers, cards, visits, and needs as necessary.

Attention All Virtus Users

The December bulletin posted on December 3rd and is due on January 7th. Please check your account monthly. **During the month of December, ALL**



accounts will be open or un-

suspended. If you are not up-to-date on reading your monthly bulletins you can do so during December. If you have any questions, please contact Beth at the Parish Office (431-1802 or parishoffice@saintagnes.com).

For Those Interested in Volunteering

Here is what you need to do:

1. Go to www.virtus.org and create an account.
2. Sign up for and attend a Live Training Session. Sessions are listed on the Virtus website.
3. Run a background check through Selection.com. Do this through your Virtus account by clicking on the Toolbox tab and click "Selection.com Background Check" in the upper left column.
4. Contact Msgr. Don Enzweiler at the Parish Office to set up a 15 minute meeting. He will give you two forms that you need to complete.
5. Once all of the above is done and the Diocese processes your forms, you will receive an email stating your account is now "active" and you will be able to volunteer.
6. To remain "active" you will be required to read a monthly bulletin and answer a question regarding the bulletin.

If you have any question about the process, please contact Beth at the Parish Office (431-1802 or parishoffice@saintagnes.com).

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Parish News continued

Parish Needs List

Below is a list of items currently needed by parish ministries, Liturgies or programs that are not included in the parish budget for the current year.

If you are able to help or have any questions please contact Deacon Ralph Grieme by email at rgrieme@saintagnes.com or rgrieme@gmail.com or by phone at 513-477-0307.

MASS RELATED

1. Greeters are needed for all Masses.
2. Gift Bearers are needed for all Masses.
3. Communion Ministers are needed for 7:30 Mass. (Diocesan Training is required.)
4. Ushers are needed for all Masses.

OUTREACH RELATED

1. Saint Vincent de Paul needs volunteers to help the poor.
2. Bereavement Ministry needs volunteers to meet with families to help plan the funeral for a loved one.

YOUTH GROUP

1. Bi-weekly sponsors of cookies, brownies and snacks. Donations to help the leader when materials are needed.

Faith Formation

Attention Cursillo Alumni

As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary! — Saint Thomas Aquinas

Come join the Restoration Retreat as we ask for guidance from the Blessed Virgin Mary as we journey on our Fourth Day.

Come join us at Saint Anne's Retreat Center
Women's Retreat Weekend:

Friday 01/26/18 at 5:30 p.m. to Sunday
01/28/17 at 12 p.m.

Men's Retreat Weekend:

Friday 02/02/18 at 5:30 p.m. to Sunday
02/04/18 at 12 p.m.

Contact Ellen or Nut Zembrodt (859-331-3598) or Diane Eilerman (859-341-4342), Pat Johnston (859-331-0673), Mary Jo Rose (513-260-2323) Phil (513-305-7273) or Jen (859-322-0071) Ryan, or restoration859@gmail.com. Cost is \$155 per person.

RCIA

In our Gospel today we hear that the Jewish priests were searching for the Messiah and asked John the Baptist: "Who are you?" (John 1:19). John tells them that he is preparing them for the Messiah; "I am the voice crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord'" (John 1:23). Are you watching and preparing for Jesus to come to you in your life? Jesus often comes to us when we least expect Him and through people and ways we least expect. When he comes and we recognize Him, it is pure gift! As our RCIA catechumens journey through Advent, they are focusing on recognizing Jesus in the unexpected and praising Him for this gift. As you come to know the Lord better this Advent and prepare your home with gifts for your loved ones at Christmas, remember that you can give no better gift than the gift that God has given us: His Son, Jesus. Make a plan to come to Mass as a family on Christmas. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you this Christmas. Then, invite them to inquire into our RCIA process (see the front of our bulletin or website or call 431-1802).

Please remember in your prayers our RCIA catechumens, Justin and Brandon.



Word of Life Bulletin Brief

He is *always* with us. Jesus promised this when He gave the disciples the same mission He gives to each of us: Go...walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us."

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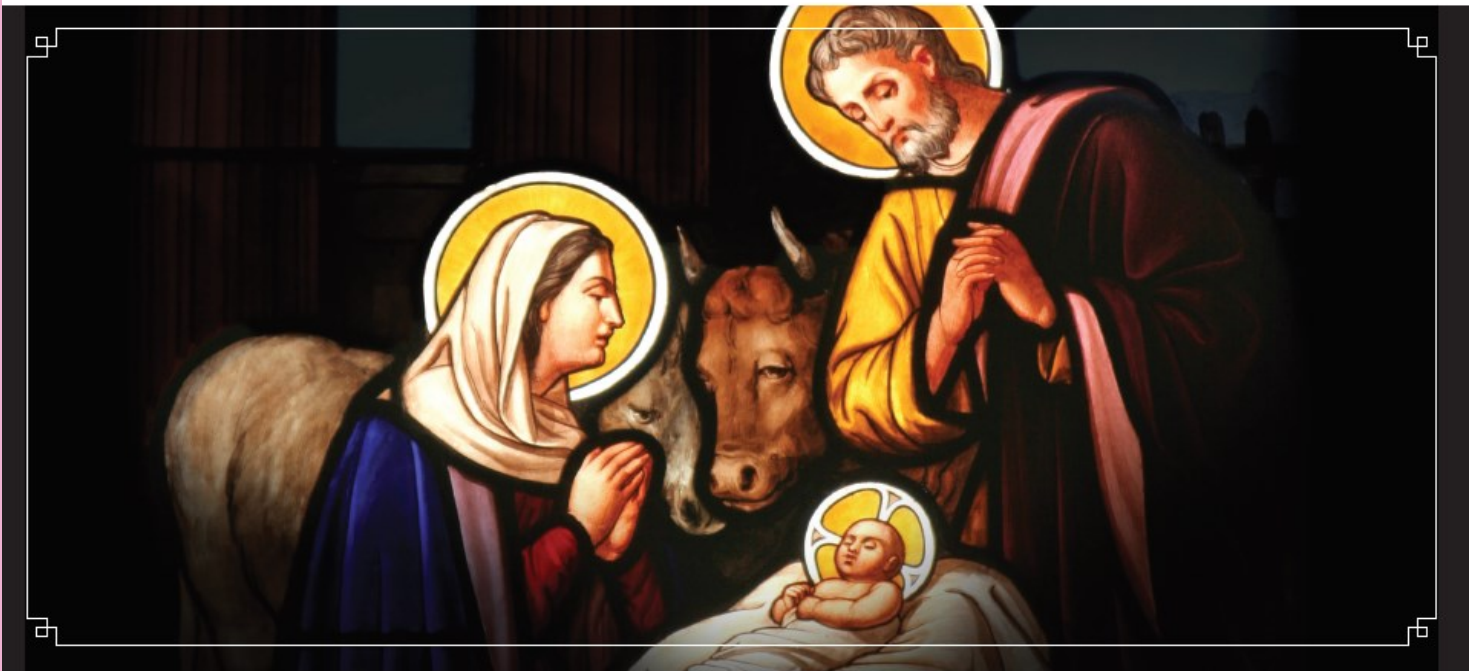
Diocesan News

International Nativity Sets Display

Again this year, Nativity Sets (over 130) from around the world (64 countries) will be on display at Bishop Brossart High School (4 Groves Street, Alexandria, KY). The display is free and open to the public on the following days: December 17th (today), 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and December 24th, 9:00 p.m. to 12 Noon. This display has gotten very good reviews from people from Saint Agnes who have seen it in years past. Visiting this display in a good Advent/Christmas activity for the whole family.

Merry Christmas

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