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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### Calendar

#### Sunday, December 31

9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church

#### Monday, January 1

Parish Office Closed

#### Tuesday, January 2

10:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

6:00 p.m. Confessions - Church

7:00 p.m. Parish Council - Rectory Conf Room

#### Wednesday, January 3

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

#### Thursday, January 4

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

7:00 p.m. Rosary - Church

#### Friday, January 5

#### Saturday, January 6

8:10 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer - Church

9:00 a.m. Confessions - Church

#### Sunday, January 7

Coffee & Donuts after 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30

Blood Pressure Screenings

9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church

10:30 a.m. RCIA - Rectory Conf Room

12:30 p.m. 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Murphy Hall

1:00 p.m. Baptisms

7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

#### Sunday, January 7-The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Rob Miller

9:30 a.m. Helen Kramer

11:30 a.m. Tom Wissel

### Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for January 6th & 7th

#### Gift Bearers

4:00 p.m.

7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Parish Youth

#### Special Ministers of the Word

4:00 p.m. L-C Hill, C-Mike Witt

7:30 a.m. G Dushensky

9:30 a.m. L-J Osterhaus, C-J Melching

11:30 a.m. Parish Youth

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. P Adams, D & K Bray, A Emerson,  
M Martin, S Osterhage, M Pennington

7:30 a.m. M Wuensch, J & C Brueggemann, C Kirn

9:30 a.m. G & D Small, C Cleves, P Fritz, C Jacober,  
R & T Lonneman, J VonHandorf

11:30 a.m. L Clements, MJ Rose, J & K Elfers,  
R & J Lawson, P & ML Scheper

#### Servers

4:00 p.m. J Bayer, M Kaelin, N Romes

7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS

9:30 a.m. L Hurst, R Hurst, D Nader

11:30 a.m.

#### 6:30 a.m. – Servers:

January 2nd-John Zembrodt      January 8th-Tony Eilerman

Rosary, Sunday, Jan. 7th at 9:00 a.m.: Theresa Gray

#### Highland Crossing, Jan. 7th:

#### Vocation Chalice Program Participants

4:00 p.m. Bill Boehmer

7:30 a.m. Sisters of Notre Dame

9:30 a.m. Kevin & Carlene Brungs

11:30 a.m. Luke & Missy Hail

#### Greeters

4:00 p.m. F-Betty Peeno A-K Michels

7:30 a.m. F-Tom Kramer A-Daryl & Blanche Tepe

9:30 a.m. F-Jim & Pat Bramlage

A-Tom Jacober & Lee Stauber

11:30 a.m. Parish Youth

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, December 31-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

7:30 a.m. Ralph Weiskittel

9:30 a.m. Richard VonHandorf

11:30 a.m. Lynne Kramer

5:00 p.m. Magdalene Sullivan

#### Monday, January 1-Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:30 a.m. Dec'd of Witt & Meyers Families

1:30 a.m. Walter Pieschel

#### Tuesday, January 2-Sts. Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. Nancy Egan

#### Wednesday, January 3-The Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 a.m. Dodd & Connelly Families

11:30 a.m. William Bohman

#### Thursday, January 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 a.m. Vince Michels

11:30 a.m. Charles K. Sassin

#### Friday, January 5-St. John Neumann

6:30 a.m. All Members of Clay Ministries

9:20 a.m. Special Intention

11:30 a.m. Michael Warning

#### Saturday, January 6-St. Andre Bessette

8:30 a.m. Christine Janszen

4:00 p.m. Marie Kreutzjans

## Staff Article

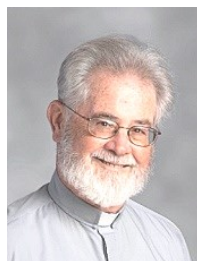
### Dear Friends

So here we are, on the cusp of a new year. It's the perfect day to reflect on the past year's blessings and to set out hopes on those yet to come. Imagine all the families that are doing that very thing today—engaging in this dual vision of the past and the future.

It's not hard to imagine the Holy Family doing the same thing as well. They too, had much to look back on and much to anticipate! Perhaps Mary recalled the angel's words about Jesus at the Annunciation. "He will be called Son of the Most High." Joseph must have remembered his dream when the angel told him to name Mary's son Jesus, "because He will save His people from their sins." Remembering these dramatic interventions must have helped this couple to trust in God's faithfulness and to know that their future was safe in His hands.

Joseph and Mary weren't the only ones to engage in this dual vision. Simeon shared his vision with them as well. Holding the Infant Jesus he saw the fulfillment of all God's promises and the hope for the future salvation of Israel. No wonder they were amazed! Surely His words rang in their ears as they looked back and ahead. What about us? How was God with your Holy Family this year? Maybe you can ask everyone this question at dinner tonight. Were there times of rejoicing, like a new grandchild? Were there memories of sickness or strained relationships? Try to identify how God has been with you through it all. But don't only look back—look forward too. How has the past year prepared you for the blessings to come? Maybe God is just beginning to unfold something new in your life. How can you embrace it? This is a day to be amazed at God's blessings—and to know that even better things are to come.

God Bless & Happy New Year  
Deacon Bob



## Parish Worship

### Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Mary and Joseph take their infant son, Jesus, to the temple in Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, and there they meet Simeon and Anna, who say amazing things about Jesus.**

Adults: Can you imagine how Mary and Joseph felt when they heard the predictions about their infant Son whom they loved so dearly? Then were told "you yourself a sword will pierce!" What emotions do you think they felt? How confused they must have been? Have you ever felt deep anxiety or concern for one of your children?

Teens: Scripture tells us that after Mary and Joseph had fulfilled the Law of the Lord when they returned to Nazareth and Jesus grew up and became strong and wise, and God was pleased with Him! If you lived in Nazareth at that time would you have been His friend...played ball with Him...went to school with Him, ...spent the night at His home?

Children: Who of your friends today reminds you the most of Jesus? Why? How can you be more like Him?

### Next Sunday, January 7, 2018

#### The Epiphany of the Lord, Christmas Season (Cycle B)

Christmas Season begins on the afternoon of Christmas Eve and ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 13th, this year.) The readings assigned to the Feast of the Epiphany are the same every year, regardless if it is Year A, B or C.

**Gospel Reading (Matthew 2:1-12):** The story of the visit of the Magi is found only in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Like all stories in the infancy narratives (which are found only in Matthew and Luke) the Magi story is full of symbolism and foreboding. The story of the Magi, who were foreigners, shows how Gentiles recognized and understood the coming of the Messiah in nature (the star), yet the people who should have known from their religion ("Herod and all of Jerusalem") fail to understand and so resort

### Parish Worship continued

to trying to kill the child who will be their Savior—even to the point of massacring the innocent. Jesus as an adult will know the same treatment. The word “Epiphany” means “a revelation” or “a manifestation” or “a showing forth” and this feast has long been associated with the revelation of Jesus as a Messiah—the “Christ”—for all peoples, Jews and non-Jews alike.

**First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6):** The historical context for this reading is the end of the Babylonian Exile and the Jewish people returning to their homeland. It is a very hopeful reading reflecting the enthusiasm of the period and the promise of the restoration to prominence of the Jewish nation and religion: “Rise up in splendor Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shine upon you.” The reading features themes of Israel’s role in the salvation of all the world’s peoples: “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.” This is characteristic of Isaiah.

**Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6):** This reading reflects the universalist theme that characterizes the Feast of Epiphany: “that the Gentiles are coheirs (with the Jews), members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.”

### Catholic Traditions

**Epiphany and the Date of Christmas:** The word “Epiphany” means “manifestation” or “revelation” or “showing forth.” In our context, it is concerned with the revelation or manifestation of Jesus to the whole world as Messiah. In other words, Epiphany is not so much about the visit of the three kings, but about who Jesus is as savior of the world (as opposed to the Jewish people only). There is a long tradition that associates three episodes in Jesus’ life with His epiphany: the visit of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord, and the Wedding at Cana (Jesus’ first “sign” in the Gospel of John).

The oldest feast of the church is the weekly celebration of Easter on Sundays—which we still observe—followed by the annual celebration of Christ’s resurrection at Easter. The earliest known

celebrations of Christ’s birth date from the third century in Egypt. It was celebrated on January 6th in Alexandria, Egypt. This date was associated with Jesus’ Baptism which was considered his real “birth” into the world. Thus, in the East, January 6th also became an important feast on which to celebrate the Baptism of Christians.

In the West, December 25th was the date chosen to celebrate Christ’s birth. No one is certain why. One theory asserts that this date was chosen because of its proximity to the winter solstice and the pagan feast of the “unconquered sun” (celebrating the now lengthening period of daylight). Another theory asserts a convergence of the order of nature and redemption. This view places the birth of John the Baptist at the summer solstice (as daylight begins to decrease). John had stated that he (John) “must decrease.” So his conception was assigned to the autumnal equinox, nine months earlier. This view posits Jesus’ conception (six months after John the Baptist’s according to Luke) at the spring equinox and His birth at the winter solstice.

In the fourth century, the East adopted December 25th as the day to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Magi, and adopted January 6th for the Baptism of Jesus and the Wedding Feast of Cana. In the West, Jesus’ birth was remembered on December 25th, and the visit of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord, and the Wedding at Cana were observed in association with January 6th. In our current Roman Catholic Lectionary and Missal, the Nativity of Jesus is observed on December 25th. Depending on the country, Epiphany is observed on either January 6th (12th day of Christmas) or the second Sunday after Christmas. The Baptism of the Lord is observed on the third Sunday after Christmas. In year C, the Gospel for the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord is the Wedding Feast at Cana. (See *Sourcebook for Seasons and Sundays*)

### Weekday Rosary

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



## Parish Worship continued

### Bulletin Picture

“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.” (Luke 6:38) The fruit of the 2017 Giving Tree. Thanks to everyone who worked and prayed for the success of this outreach effort.

### Adoration of Our Lord

*“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep.”* (John 10:11)

Get to know the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us. He waits for our visit in the Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Call 496-4149 for more information.



### Adorers Needed

There are several vacant spots for the Adoration Chapel:

Tuesday - 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Friday - 2, 3, 6 & 7 p.m.

If you are interested in signing up for any of these hours, please contact Blaine Comfort at 578-0133.

### Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel 20th Anniversary Celebration

On the first weekend in 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. There is a sign-up poster board in the back of church. 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](mailto: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.

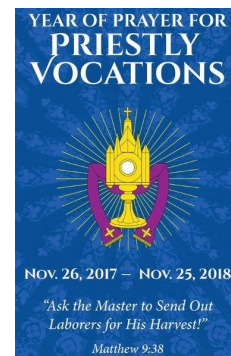
### Celebration Anniversary Luncheon:

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 Saint Agnes Parishioners for making this celebration possible.

### Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Parishioners should have received a letter from Bishop Foy describing this year. Included with the letter was a prayer card with the Prayer for Vocations that we will be praying at Mass. Please use this card in your household to pray for vocations this year. If you lost your card or want more for your personal and/or family use, please contact the Parish Office. *Please personally encourage men to consider a vocation to the priesthood.* Let us all strive to support a culture in our church that is much more supportive of vocations! – Fr. Mark Keene



## Stewardship

### Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 12/22/17)	\$588,951
Budgeted Collections (July thru December)	\$652,000
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2017/2018)	\$1,250,000

### 2017 Donations

All donations for 2017 must be received in the Parish Office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd.

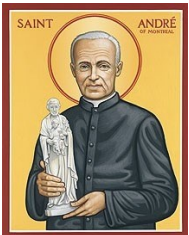
## We Are His Hands

### Saint Augustine Parish Center Report

Saint Augustine Parish Center in City Heights is one of the organizations that our parish supports through our commitment to parish tithing. Currently, we take 9% off the top of our Sunday collections and allocated it for outreach programs. Of that, 6.5% (\$500-\$600/month) is sent to the Saint Augustine Parish Center. We recently received a report from Anika Smith the Director.

## Saint of the Week

### Andre Bessette



Andre Bessette was born Alfred Bessette in the small Canadian town of Mont-Saint-Gregoire in Quebec on August 9, 1845. He was such a frail child that he was “conditionally” Baptized. He was the eighth of 12 children. His father

was a carpenter and lumberman and in 1849, due to economic factors, the family moved to the city of Farnham in Quebec. In 1854 a falling tree killed Andre’s father and three years later his mother died of tuberculosis. Andre was

an orphan at the age of 12.

His parish priest noticed that the young Andre was a devoted and religious young man and sent him to the Congregation of the Sacred Cross in Montreal with a note that said, “I am sending you a saint.” He was rejected by the order because of his health. However the Bishop of Montreal intervened and he was accepted. He entered the order in 1872 where he took the name of Andre. He made his final vows on February 2, 1874. He was 28.

Andre was given the job of porter, the brother who meets and interacts with the public. He was stationed at Notre Dame College in Cote-des Neiges, Quebec. This is a very important position and many porters have become saints. He said, “when I joined the order the brothers showed me the door and I remained 40 years.”

Andre Bessette is widely known for his devotion to Saint Joseph. He encouraged devotion to this saint to all that he met. He visited the sick with oil from a lamp in the chapel, which he rubbed on the patient. He also prayed for the sick. Many were cured, but Brother Andre refused to take credit. He also began an effort to erect a chapel to Saint Joseph at the Notre Dame College.

While at the college an epidemic broke out nearby. Brother Andre volunteered to nurse the sick. Not one person died. More and more people came to him, so many that the authorities became nervous. Andre always said, “I do not cure, Saint Joseph cures.” He eventually needed three secretaries to answer the mail he received. In 1924 construction began on Saint Joseph’s Oratory, a basilica near the original chapel that Brother Andre built.

Brother Andre died on January 6, 1937. Over a million people passed by his coffin at his visitation. His body minus the heart lies in the Oratory of Saint Joseph; his heart is preserved there in a reliquary. His heart was stolen in 1973 and recovered a year and a half later.

Brother Andre was beatified by John Paul II on May 23, 1982 and canonized in October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI. He is the first and only saint from the Congregation of the Holy Cross. His feast day is January 6th.

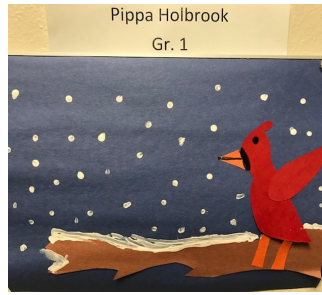
## Parish News

### Parish Office Closed

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

### Did You Know?

Pablo Picasso said, "All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once they grow up." Our Art teacher, Gina Eckerle, is trying to keep them artists as long as possible. Mrs. Eckerle tells her students that art is learning about themselves and the beauty inside of them that's just ready and waiting to be tapped into! During Art, children are free from academic pressures and are encouraged to use the creative part of their brains. When given a project, the students are encouraged to be creative and add their own ideas. The halls of school are lined with their artwork, and there is a feature in the weekly school newsletter recognizing some artists of the week and their artwork. This is a way to spotlight students who have a creative skill rather than an academic or athletic ability. Take the time to check out their artwork in the school newsletter that is emailed weekly. You might be amazed!



### Wedding Banns

Il-Mallory Hopper, Saint Agnes & Daniel Neeley



### First Thursday Rosary

First Thursday Rosary for New Year! Join in prayer with others on January 4th for First Thursday Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Enter via the annex door. Start the New Year seeking Mary's help.

### Save the Date

Save the date for February 10th from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. in Murphy Hall, the parish is hosting Retro, a cover band. Details to follow in the new year.

### Youth Group 2018

Start your New Year with other teens in Youth Group. Share your faith openly, feel support, have fun, enjoy friends, eat great food. First meeting of 2018 is Sunday, January 7th in the school cafeteria. Junior high meets from 4 to 6 p.m. and high school meets from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring a friend!



### 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](mailto: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.

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### For Those Interested in Volunteering

Here is what you need to do:

1. Go to [www.virtus.org](http://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](mailto:parishoffice@saintagnes.com)).

## 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 01/28/18 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](mailto:restoration859@gmail.com). Cost is \$155 per person.

## RCIA

At Christmas, God gave us the greatest gift we can ever receive, His Son, Jesus. God also gave us the perfect example of family life in the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Our scriptures today remind us that the virtues of compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness, and love are timeless values for family life. Our RCIA catechumens are seeking to become members of our Catholic family. Through your prayerful example, please share with them these values within our Catholic family here at Saint Agnes. Please warmly welcome them at Sunday Mass and at our parish activities, and keep them in your daily prayers.



Invite someone new to join us in the RCIA to learn more about becoming a member of our Catholic family. Today, please remember to thank God for the gift of your own family and your parish family.

**If you know anyone who is seeking to learn more about our Catholic faith please have them inquire about the RCIA process at Saint Agnes. See the front inside page of our bulletin or website for details or call 431-1802.**

## Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing."  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End"

## Diocesan News

### Thinking About the Priesthood?

On January 7th there will be a Discernment Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory of the Cathedral. Bishop Foys and Fr. Andrew Young invite any men, high-school age and older, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to attend. Please contact Fr. Andrew Young in the Vocations Office for more details. If you would like more information, or if you know someone who might be discerning a vocation, please contact Father Keene (431-1802 or [mkeene@saintagnes.com](mailto:mkeene@saintagnes.com)).



*Merry Christmas*

from SAINT AGNES



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