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.....331-3276  
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Adoration Chapel, Blaine Comfort.....578-0133

**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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Calendar

#### Sunday, January 21

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 10:30 a.m. RCIA - Rectory Conf Room
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

#### Monday, January 22

- 5:30 p.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. CCD - School
- 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul - Rectory Conf Room

#### Tuesday, January 23

- 7:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting - Church

#### Wednesday, January 24

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

#### Thursday, January 25

- 11:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick following Mass
- 6:30 p.m. HUSH Documentary - Murphy Hall

#### Friday, January 26

#### Saturday, January 27

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

#### Sunday, January 28

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 10:30 a.m. RCIA - Rectory Conf Room
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, January 21-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Marilyn Stoeckle
- 9:30 a.m. Ann Dickman
- 11:30 a.m. Kevin Macke

#### Monday, January 22

- 6:30 a.m. Suetholz Family
- 11:30 a.m. Ray Knochelman

#### Tuesday, January 23-St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Nancy C. Cetrulo
- 11:30 a.m. Jerry Finke

#### Wednesday, January 24-St. Francis de Sales

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention (LH)
- 11:30 a.m. Mary Lou Huth

#### Thursday, January 25-The Conversion of St. Paul

- 6:30 a.m. Robert & Rosemary Jameson
- 11:30 a.m. Bob Hemmer

#### Friday, January 26-Sts. Timothy and Titus

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:20 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon
- 11:30 a.m. Gene Haskamp

#### Saturday, January 27-St. Angela Merici

- 8:30 a.m. Mark Sevilla
- 4:00 p.m. Joe Patronik

#### Sunday, January 28-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Frank Gaudio
- 9:30 a.m. Fred Fischer & Family
- 11:30 a.m. Charles Brungs

### Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for January 27th/28th

#### Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. John & Annette Ward & Family
- 7:30 a.m. Jack & Carol Kirn
- 9:30 a.m. Volunteer
- 11:30 a.m. Joe & Marion Crowe

#### Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-S Osterhage, C-A Wadsworth
- 7:30 a.m. M Maier
- 9:30 a.m. L-T Uthe, C-J Osterhaus
- 11:30 a.m. L-L Clements, C-M Nutter

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. S Gleeson, M Martin, M Pennington, D & J Rechten, M Stoeckle, D & K Bray
- 7:30 a.m. A Kunkel, J & C Brueggemann, C Kirn
- 9:30 a.m. K Fischer, P Fritz, M Fox, G & D Small, C Allison, M Brungs, T Fischer
- 11:30 a.m. D Able, S & R Averdick, P Johnston, R & J Lawson, D & G Travis

#### Servers

- 4:00 p.m. A Martin, C Martin, E Martin
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. R Kluemper, E Kluemper, N Newsom
- 11:30 a.m. A Muck, I Nocero, T Schulte

#### 6:30 a.m. – Servers:

Jan. 22nd-Steve Lorenz Jan. 29th-Don Mai

#### Rosary, Sunday, Jan. 28th at 9:00 a.m.: Fred Summe

#### Highland Crossing, Jan. 28th: Deacon Ralph Grieme

#### Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Tom & Sandy Gleeson
- 7:30 a.m. Nancy Arnold
- 9:30 a.m. Tevis & Theresa Gray
- 11:30 a.m. Ron & Jeanne Lawson

#### Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Della Weis A-Betty Peeno
- 7:30 a.m. F-Paul & Amy Kindt A-Tom Arnold
- 9:30 a.m. F-Karen Hermann & Ann Lynch-Jordan A-Steve & Maria Elkins
- 11:30 a.m. F-Colleen Read & Linda Shelton A-Jim & Rebecca Moening

## Staff Article

### Answer the Call

Today's Gospel reading continues the theme of the preceding Sundays' readings since the Epiphany; ie, Jesus calling His disciples. The message to us is that Jesus is calling us also. We are expected to respond the same way Andrew and Simon and James and John did; immediately and without reservation, dropping everything and becoming His disciple.

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." These are the words of Jesus in the beginning of today's Gospel. Jesus is speaking directly to us from 2,000 years ago, just as if He were standing in our midst today. And He is in our midst today telling us "This is the time of fulfillment". Today; now. Not tomorrow. It is time that we each, individually and collectively, fulfill our calling from Christ to be His disciple. How do we accept His call and be His disciple? We do it by evangelizing all those around us; starting first with those closest to us, as Andrew did with his brother, Simon; then, in ever expansive circles to those around us. We start with our children.

This is what Pope Francis had to say in a homily on the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, "Jesus did not need to be Baptized, but the first theologians say that, with His body, with His divinity, in the Baptism, He blessed all the waters, so that water would have the power to give Baptism. And then, before ascending to Heaven, Jesus told us to go into all the world to Baptize. And from that day until the present day, this has been an unbroken chain: they Baptized their children, and their children [Baptized] their children, and their children... And so goes the chain of faith! What does this mean? I would just tell you this: you are the ones that transmit the faith [emphasis added], the transmitters, you have a duty to pass on the faith to these children. It's the most beautiful legacy that you leave to them: the faith! Only this. Today, take this thought home with you. We must be transmitters of the faith. Think about this, always think of how to transmit the faith to the children."

Today, the children of our Catholic faith are caught up in the great crisis of faith in our culture. At the end of this article is an internet link to an article entitled "*Why Catholics are leaving the faith by age 10 – and what parents can do about it*". Among other things it states, "In the whole concept of faith, this is a generation that is struggling with faith in ways that we

haven't seen in previous generations." And, "The interviews with youth and young adults who had left the Catholic Faith revealed that the typical age for this decision to leave was made at 13." "Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed, 63 percent, said they stopped being Catholic between the ages of 10 and 17. Another 23 percent say they left the Faith before the age of 10."

This crisis of faith is not just "out there"; it is also right here in our parish and in our local Catholic high schools. This crisis tells us we parents have not been properly evangelizing and catechizing our children. I do not mean that statement as an accusation or condemnation of any parent. We can all do the best we can and still find that our children are being affected by the negative elements of today's culture without our realizing it until after the damage is done. What worked in the past, what we know from our own upbringing does not necessarily work in today's world. We must become better informed and more proactive as individuals, as families and as a parish.

I am very interested in hearing your thoughts on this issue. If you are a parent, what has been the experience in your family? If you are a young person, what are your thoughts about God, Jesus, religion and the Catholic faith? What is happening in your school and among your friends?

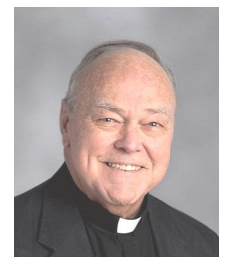
What do you think we can do to combat this crisis of faith? What are you willing to commit of your time and talent to help us do so?

My email address and telephone number are on page 2 of this bulletin or you can write to me at the parish rectory address. Help!

Note: If you are reading this article in the online version of our Parish Bulletin, you should be able to click on this link below and be taken directly to the article. If that does not work, please take the time to type it into the address box of your search engine. It will be worth the effort.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/why-catholics-are-leaving-the-faith-by-age-10-and-what-parents-can-do-about-it-48918>

Your brother in Christ,  
Deacon Ralph



Parish Worship

## Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus begins to preach the good news of salvation and calls for His first apostles to follow Him...and they accepted His invitation to become "fishers of men!"**

**Adults:** If Jesus had asked you to follow Him do you think you would have agreed or had a lot of excuses why not to accept His invite? What good works do you think He is calling you to do with your life at this time? Are you making excuses or are you really trying?

**Teens:** Has anyone ever asked you to join them in some kind of ministry such as working in a soup kitchen...visiting the elderly in nursing homes...tutoring children who need some extra help? How rewarding would that be? If Jesus were to ask you to do this for Him, would you accept?

**Children:** Do you think the apostles knew who Jesus was or did they just think He was someone they admired and looked up to? Who do you admire in your life today? Why?

## Next Sunday, January 28, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

We have a few weeks of the Liturgical Season called "Ordinary Time" between the end of the Christmas Season (the last day is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord) and the beginning of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14th this year).

We are in "Cycle B" this year, and so our Gospel reading on Sundays will usually be from the Gospel of Mark, however there are some exceptions when the Gospel reading will be from the Gospel of John. During Ordinary Time the first reading, from the Old Testament, is chosen because of a thematic relation to the Gospel reading. During Ordinary Time, for the second reading we read semi-continuously from a New Testament letter (currently 1 Corinthians).

**Gospel Reading (Mark 1:21-28):** This passage is at the very beginning of the Gospel of Mark. We see from the beginning that Jesus' ministry is astonishing, and all too quickly will become controversial. Jesus is depicted here as one who teaches (and acts) with an authority that comes from within Himself, from God. Apparently this is in stark contrast to religious leaders of His day who normally attributed their authority to others. Like the early witnesses to Jesus' ministry, and all readers of the Gospel of Mark, we are invited to ask ourselves, "What is this? A new teaching with

authority..." and to investigate further by reading on in the Gospel of Mark. Our readings from the Gospel of Mark throughout this year will reveal more of this "teaching with authority" to us... And just who it is that is teaching with such authority.

**First Reading (Deuteronomy 18:15-20):** The Book of Deuteronomy is a collection of texts from various periods in Israel's history. Deuteronomy presents much of this content in the form of "final addresses" given by Moses to the Israelites, just before they cross the Jordan River (without Moses) and enter the Promised Land. This reading is from a section devoted to the organization of the religious life of the community. Roles for priests, judges and kings are described in this section, and as we see in the text of today's reading, prophets. This reading assures the community of the legitimacy of the prophetic tradition in Israel, linking it to Moses himself. "A prophet like me [Moses] will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen."

**Second Reading (1 Corinthians 7:32-35):** In this passage, Paul reflects on the practical value of celibacy. Bear in mind that this is in an age when it was believed that Jesus would return and the world would end in the near future. Then and now, celibacy finds its value as a particular type of witness to the kingdom. Obviously, this does not exclude other types of witnesses, including that of married couples.

## Adoration of Our Lord

Being in the presence of our Lord is the perfect way to meditate on the sufferings He endured for our sins. Visit Him in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



## Bulletin Picture

A "close-up" of Saint Agnes, from the painting in the Mass chapel. Today (January 21) is the feast day of our parish's patron saint. The palms she holds are symbolic of her being victorious in her martyrdom. Martyrs are often depicted with palms. The lilies symbolize the resurrection. The lamb is symbolic of innocence and also the "Lamb of God," Jesus Christ. Saint Agnes is often depicted with a lamb. The name Agnes is close to the Latin word for lamb, *agnus*.

## Weekday Rosary

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

## Stewardship

### Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 01/16/18)	\$717,490
Budgeted Collections (July thru January)	\$777,000
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2017/2018)	\$1,250,000

### Opportunities for Life Collection

This weekend, January 20th-21st, is the weekend designated for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life.

Opportunities for Life is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Kentucky. The ministry is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to offer confidential, non-judgmental emotional support, and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy. Please be generous in your support of this ministry. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for the OFL volunteers and for those the ministry serves. To learn more about the ministry, please call (888) 496-3638.



### Thank you: Be Concerned, Inc.

It is with sincere gratitude that I thank you for the holiday drive you held to support Be Concerned's annual Christmas Store and its other regular programs such as Senior Food Delivery and the Weekend Project Student Hunger initiative in the last quarter of the year. We keep track of our donations by weight and your hard work led to 1,300 pounds being donated to our pantry! This year was a milestone for us as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Christmas Store. This year, over 650 families turned to us for holiday assistance with food and gifts for their children. Thanks again, and know that we are wished you a 2018 full of joy.  
Andrew Brunsman, Executive Director

## We Are His Hands

### Thank you: ACUE

I write to express my sincere gratitude, and that of the Alliance for Catholic Urban Education, for the \$902.30 contribution made by Saint Agnes Church...May God bless your kindness. —Gratefully, Beth Ruehlmann, Director of Development for Catholic Schools

## Saint of the Week

### Saints Timothy and Titus

Saint Timothy was born around the year 17 AD in Lystra, Lycoania (what is now central Turkey). His father was Greek. Timothy was converted to Christianity when Paul and Barnabas visited Lycoania. By



the time Paul returned with Silas, Timothy was a respected member of the Christian community. Timothy, his mother and grandmother were noted for their piety.

Timothy became Paul's disciple and began to travel with him. In the year 52 he went with Paul and Silas to Macedonia. He traveled with Paul some of the time and was apart from Paul at other times. Paul began to rely on Timothy who was becoming his most faithful and trusted companion. He was a shy young man who was subject to frequent stomach ailments and was advised by Paul "to take a little wine for your stomach's sake." Timothy was called to Paul's side for a final farewell while Paul was in prison.

Titus was a Greek from Antioch and was born during the First Century. He studied Greek philosophy and poetry. He was converted by Paul and became his interpreter and secretary and accompanied him on his travels as Timothy did. Paul trusted Titus enough to send him to Corinth to settle problems with the Church there. Paul also sent him to organize collections for the support of Christians in Jerusalem. Titus was known as a peacemaker. He was also an excellent administrator and missionary. On a trip to the island of Crete, Paul was disturbed by the state of the Church there. Paul ordained Titus bishop, which Saint John Chrysostom said showed the trust that Paul had for Titus. After Crete, Titus rejoined Paul and then later travelled to Dalmatia (the coast of the former state of Yugoslavia).

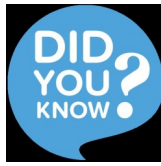
Timothy, according to the Letter to the Hebrews, was imprisoned at least once. According to legend he was killed at the age of 80 for trying to stop a procession honoring the goddess Diana. How Titus died is not known. It is believed he died on Crete between the years 96 and 107.

Both are venerated on January 26th, the day after the celebration of the Conversion of Saint Paul, January 25th, because of their close relationship with Paul. Timothy is the patron of those suffering from stomach ailments and Titus is the patron of Crete.

## Parish News

### Did You Know?

There was an electrical outlet recently installed in the handicap pew on the annex side by the Memorial Board. This was done in case anyone needs to plug in any type of device while attending Mass, such as an oxygen tank.



### Oktoberfest Results

We have the finalized numbers for our 2017 Oktoberfest. Our profit is \$77,122. Ten percent of this will go to our Tithing Fund for Outreach. Five percent will go to our Athletic Boosters, and 85% of the proceeds will go to help fund our parish school. Another big "thank you" to all who helped to organize the Oktoberfest, volunteered, or supported it in any way. – Fr. Mark Keene

### Smiles and Miles

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 recently. 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. – Fr. Mark Keene

### Valentine Dance

Mark your calendar and join us for a Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 10th from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. in Murphy Hall. Music will be performed by RETRO. Cash bar, snacks, and casual dress. Tickets are \$10 each and this will definitely be a good time. Contact Shelly Sandfoss at [shellysandfoss@gmail.com](mailto:shellysandfoss@gmail.com) or 859-240-2452 for tickets.



### Attention Parishioners

Please consider joining the Greeter Ministry. It is an easy and fun family ministry. Just come to Mass about 20 minutes early on your scheduled day and welcome your parish family as they gather for Mass. If you like, you can "try it out" for one Sunday only. Just let me know at which Mass you would prefer to be a greeter sometime between the dates of March 3rd and June 24th. The hope is that you'll find it rewarding and want to be added to the regular schedule. If you are interested, please contact Colleen Read for more information and to sign up by January 28th. – [cread67@twc.com](mailto:cread67@twc.com) or 859-445-5022.

### Attention Greeters

Thank you for your service to this ministry! Please send in unavailable dates for March 3rd through June 24th. A response by January 28th is appreciated. I will be working on the next schedule in February. Please email or call your requests to [cread67@twc.com](mailto:cread67@twc.com) or call me at 859-445-5022.

### HUSH

Saint Agnes Pro-Life Committee will be hosting a showing of HUSH on



Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. in Murphy Hall. This 100 minute documentary is directed by a 'pro-choice' woman who works with a 'pro-life' executive producer and a 'neutral' producer to present a film that is 'pro-information' for all women. Their goal is to provide truth for the sake of women's health. Visit the website to learn more and to see the film trailer: <http://hushfilm.com>. This information is vital for all women - so spread the word!

Admission is free and there will be snacks and refreshments. RSVP is appreciated, however not required. Contact Mary Beth at [jacobber@fioptics.com](mailto:jacobber@fioptics.com) or 859-630-4586.

### Youth Group Welcomes All

Youth Group will meet on Sunday, January 28th from 4 to 6 p.m. for junior high and 5 to 7 p.m. for high school in the school cafeteria. Welcome Jesus into your heart as you share faith with other teens. Fun, food, fellowship, and faith are the ingredients of Youth Group. All teens, grade 7 to 12 are invited. Hope to see you there. Learn more about the summer youth trip. Further info contact Anita Dunn at [adunn@saintagnes.com](mailto:adunn@saintagnes.com).

## Parish News

### Baseball

Registrations for baseball, machine pitch and T-ball are being accepted until January 30th. Registration forms can be sent through kids mail care of Brian F – 5W. Sign up forms are available via the website [www.saintagnes.com](http://www.saintagnes.com) and click on the School link. **As a guideline only:** Instructional teams (T-ball and machine pitch) will begin practice in early April and games begin around the first week of May. Once the games start, practice usually stops. Instructional games are tentatively scheduled on Wednesday or Thursday evening and the season lasts about 8 weeks. 8U-14U teams generally start practice in early March (weather permitting) with league games starting in mid April and going through June. Teams will generally practice one night per week and play 1-2 games per week (approximately 14 league games). Practice schedules/nights are not known until teams are formed and coaches are determined. Any other questions, please contact Paul Finke via email at: [paulf@willismusic.com](mailto:paulf@willismusic.com) or by phone a 859-814-4979. Teams will be participating in the Crosstown Baseball League again this year.



## Christian Outreach

### Opportunities for Life

Opportunities for Life maintains a 24 hour statewide hotline offering life affirming hope and help to those in turmoil due to an untimely pregnancy. For more information call 1-800-822-5824. Or, locally call the Catholic Charities at 581-8974 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Volunteers Needed

Opportunities for Life needs YOU. A girl facing a difficult decision regarding the life of her unborn baby needs YOU. A baby whose mom is thinking about abortion needs YOU. You can help her and her baby. Opportunities for Life is a ministry of the Kentucky Catholic Bishops serving abortion vulnerable women and men. Volunteers offer hope, compassion, options counseling and resources to callers who find the courage to seek help. Volunteers are needed to staff the 24 hour helpline from their homes. If you have a heart for life affirming ministry, please call (888)496-3638 to learn more about this ministry and a training workshop in your diocese



## Faith Formation

### RCIA

Our RCIA candidates know that loving Jesus requires a change in our relationships, in our use of our possessions, in what we celebrate, in what we mourn, in how we live each day. They are learning that if we choose to wholeheartedly follow Jesus nothing in our lives will be untouched. Please pray that our candidates will have the courage to continue to follow Jesus into the Catholic faith.



### Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?" Find out in "What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion: [www.bit.ly/friend-considering-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-considering-abortion).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

## School News

### Legislation to Help Catholic Schools

A Scholarship Tax Credit program will increase tuition assistance for students who attend non-public elementary and high schools, including Catholic schools. This legislation provides students with the opportunity to access the classroom that best suits their needs.

### Tell your legislator to co-sponsor House Bill 134 and Senate Bill 36! You can make a difference.

Contact your legislators today by:

1. Call the legislative hotline at 1-800-372-7181 and leave a message with your representative and senator. Tell them to co-sponsor House Bill 134 and Senate Bill 36 because a scholarship tax credit program provides educational opportunities for Kentucky students.
2. Send you representative and senator a message about the importance of co-sponsoring HB 134 and SB 36 by visiting [www.votervoice.net/CCKY/Home](http://www.votervoice.net/CCKY/Home).

## School News continued

### Junior High Science Fair

It's that time again! The Science Fair will take place on January 31st. This is a wonderful event which cuts across all curricula and is a wonderful public display of what exciting things our Saint Agnes junior high students can accomplish. In order to accomplish this evening, it takes a village. Many volunteers are needed. Please contact Jorja Kremer at [jkremer@saintagnes.com](mailto:jkremer@saintagnes.com) for more information.

### 529 Funds Eligible For K-12 Education

Some recent changes to 529 Plans effective January 1, 2018:

#### 529 Contributions

- Contribution rules remain the same.
- All contributions must be made with cash, so accounts are funded with after-tax dollars.
- Anyone who gifts to a 529 Plan on behalf of the child can contribute up to \$14,000 per year, per child. This means that a married couple could potentially gift up to \$28,000 per child per year.
- There is also a special rule in that allows someone to "supercharge" contributions, by making a lump-sum gift to a 529 Plan to cover up to five years of contributions at one time. This means that someone could contribute up to \$70,000 at once. If they decide to "supercharge" contributions, then they must wait to contribute again based on the amount of the contribution (i.e., if \$70,000 is contributed they must wait 5 years, \$56,000 must wait 4 years, \$42,000 must wait 3 years, and so on).
- Some states have a limit on how much on beneficiary can have in a 529 Plan at any given time. That limit is typically around \$300,000, but it can vary from state to state. This total includes contributions and earnings, so if the total reaches over that amount then no additional contributions can be made.

#### 529 Distributions

- Distributions can be taken out for **qualified educational expenses** without incurring tax on either the contributions or the earnings. This includes things such as tuition and books.
- Distributions that are taken out for non-qualified expenses may be taxable. The earnings on non-qualified distributions are taxed as ordinary income in addition to a 10% federal tax penalty (and potentially a state penalty also).

- **Distributions for education through post-secondary (i.e., anything through high school)** can be made for qualified educational expenses up to \$10,000 per student per year for tuition at a public, private, or religious elementary or secondary school.
- Distributions for post-secondary education can be made for qualified educational expenses in any amount as long as it is qualified and eligible for reimbursement.
- If a scholarship is awarded to a beneficiary, then only those qualified educational expenses that are NOT covered by the scholarship are eligible to be distributed.

Please remember that this information is not meant to be taken as tax advice. Please make sure that you consult a qualified tax specialist before you proceed.

### Lower Tuition Payments

Is your family looking for a way to help with school tuition payments to a Diocesan school? Working Reds and Bengals games with like-minded parents can assist. Contact Mikkie Martin at 513-257-6904 or [fullhousemom4@gmail.com](mailto:fullhousemom4@gmail.com).

## Diocesan News

### Winterfest 2018

Prince of Peace Montessori presents Winterfest 2018. A celebration of local restaurants and music. Please join us for our largest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, January 27th from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Hosted at Notre Dame Academy. Event features dinner by the Bite, cash bar, DJ, dancing and silent auction. Tickets are \$30 each. Please join us! Tickets can be purchased at <http://popcov.com/parents/parent-association/winterfest/>. Your support is greatly appreciated!

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

You're invited to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. The upcoming weekends are:  
- February 9th-11th at Holiday Inn Eastgate, Cincinnati, OH  
- April 20th-22nd at Church of the Ascension, Kettering, OH (this is a non-residential weekend—couples will go home each evening and return in morning)  
Contact Dave or Jan Stockelman, 513-251-1940.





## A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!



### Week One — Where Are You?

What are we to do with guilt? Should it be ignored, or does it present an opportunity we don't want to miss? The truth is, God seeks us out when we have sinned, not to scold or punish us, but to offer us his healing and his forgiveness. It's certainly true that God is omnipotent and just, but before all else he is our loving, merciful Father.

This week, login to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and watch *A Lent to Remember*, Episode 1.

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***A Lent to Remember; A Lenten Encounter with Mercy*** - Join us this Lent at Saint Agnes for a four-week video-based study on [formed.org](http://formed.org) featuring the Augustine Institute original production, ***A Lent to Remember***, a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of mercy in the Sacrament of Confession. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you with open arms this Lent!

Saint Agnes will offer this five-week, small group Lenten prayer experience beginning the week of February 18th. We are hoping to have groups meet at group members' homes. Your group may decide to rotate homes or meet at the same place each week.

If you would like to participate, please complete this form and place it in the collection box or return to the Parish Office by Monday, February 5th. If you prefer, you may instead e-mail your preferences to [mosterhaus8@gmail.com](mailto:mosterhaus8@gmail.com).

Please complete one form if you are interested in participating as a couple.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please number 1, 2, and 3 your preferred days/times for a small group study. We will try to honor first choices if at all possible.

Monday:	morning: _____	afternoon: _____	evening: _____
Tuesday:	morning: _____	afternoon: _____	evening: _____
Wednesday:	morning: _____	afternoon: _____	evening: _____
Thursday:	morning: _____	afternoon: _____	evening: _____
Friday:	morning: _____	afternoon: _____	evening: _____
Saturday:	morning: _____	afternoon: _____	evening: _____
Sunday:		afternoon: _____	evening: _____

Please circle yes or no:

Will you be willing to lead/host a group?                      Yes                      No

(We will offer a very brief training for those willing to lead the week before meetings start.)

Please contact Maureen Osterhaus if you have any questions: [mosterhaus8@gmail.com](mailto:mosterhaus8@gmail.com) or 859-803-0458.