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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,
8:30 a.m. Friday - School Mass
8:30 a.m. Saturday
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, 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 CCD CLASSES:

Held on Sunday during the 11:30 a.m. Mass from September thru April. Contact Jenny Schneider at 392-8261 or jschneider@mchalescatering.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 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory Conference
Room

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar

Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 10:30 a.m. RCIA - Rectory Conf Room
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group - School Cafeteria
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

- 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 25

- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Murphy A & B
- 8:00 p.m. Men's CRHP Team - Murphy Hall

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

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

Sunday, January 29

- 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 22-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Earl Arnold
- 9:30 a.m. Marilyn Stoeckle
- 11:30 a.m. Roy Romes, Jr.

Monday, January 23

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Nancy A. Cetrulo
- 11:30 a.m. William Broering

Tuesday, January 24-St. Francis de Sales

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Intention of Theresa Case

Wednesday, January 25-The Conversion of St. Paul

- 6:30 a.m. Robert & Rosemary Jameson
- 11:30 a.m. Ray Lape

Thursday, January 26-Sts. Timothy & Titus

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Linda Rahe
- 11:30 a.m. Intention of Stephanie Ritz

Friday, January 27-St. Angela Merici

- 6:30 a.m. Tom Meihaus
- 8:30 a.m. Suetholz Family
- 11:30 a.m. Joe Patronik

Saturday, January 28-St. Thomas Aquinas

- 8:30 a.m. Charles Brungs
- 4:00 p.m. Thelma Hackman

Sunday, January 29-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Intention of Elaine Cetrulo
- 9:30 a.m. Fred Fischer
- 11:30 a.m. Joan Mardis

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for January 28th/29th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Paul & Terry Hellmann
- 7:30 a.m. Ron & Janet Muck
- 9:30 a.m. Paul & Janis Flood
- 11:30 a.m. **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-S Gleeson, C-A Wadsworth
- 7:30 a.m. G Harpen
- 9:30 a.m. L-T Jacober, C-L Rowekamp
- 11:30 a.m. L-S Flanagan, C-C Read

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. M Pennington, D & J Rechten, M Stoeckle, M Osterhaus, G Sullivan, K Willenbrink, P Adams
- 7:30 a.m. Sr. Flo, J & C Brueggemann, B Henn
- 9:30 a.m. MA Schuh, MB Scott, C Smith, L Stauber, J VonHandorf, A Wilce, C Allison, M Brungs
- 11:30 a.m. J & M Crowe, J & K Elfers, R & J Lawson, D Able

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. N Hafertepen, S Hafertepen, R Hurst
- 7:30 a.m. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
- 9:30 a.m. L Toebben, S Toebben, G Heberling
- 11:30 a.m. L Heupel, C Hochhausler, E Hochhausler

6:30 a.m. - Servers:

- Jan. 23rd-Jim Bramlage Jan. 30th-Tony Eilerman

Rosary, Sunday, Jan. 29th at 9:00 a.m.: Carl Stamm

Highland Crossing, Jan. 29th: Deacon Bob Stoeckle

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Lee & Pam Ransdell
- 7:30 a.m. Len & Jan Ferguson
- 9:30 a.m. Walt & Martha Witt
- 11:30 a.m. Greg & Debbie Small

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. **F**-Betty Peeno **A**-Geri Sullivan
- 7:30 a.m. **F**-Paul & Amy Kindt **A**-Frank & Bev Hen
- 9:30 a.m. **F**-Karen Hermann & Toni Carle
A-Steve & Maria Elkins
- 11:30 a.m. **F**-Doug & Amy Cribbs
A-Gerrie Brown & Jim Fischesser

Staff Article

Are You Worth Your “Meddle”?

By Msgr. Don Enzweiler

To “meddle” is to involve oneself in a matter without right or invitation. It is imposing one’s self in the affairs of another often with the intention of altering the situation. Meddling is synonymous with unwanted interference. The opposite of meddling is to “let something be” or “to leave it alone”.

The hierarchy of the Catholic Church, the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Catholic Church, is often accused of meddling in the affairs of others, especially with regards to uncompromising moral positions on things like birth control, abortion, homosexuality, and divorce and remarriage. Baptized Catholics who disagree with such positions make a lot of noise claiming the Church is imposing restrictions that interfere with and obstruct personal freedom. Some Baptized Catholics choose to rebel and publicly stand against what they perceive to be oppressive and overly burdensome.

Catholics who accept and choose some of the Church’s moral teachings and at the same time dismiss and sometimes emphatically reject the more difficult teachings have been referred to as “cafeteria” Catholics. This label is thrown around rather freely and applied rather loosely. Canon Law states that once a person receives a valid Catholic Baptism, he/she is a member of the Church. A person can deny and/or neglect membership but the effects of Baptism cannot be reversed. Even an excommunicated Catholic is still Catholic. All Baptized Catholics are not the same however. There are degrees of faithfulness. Differences come to light by examining and determining individual attitudes, dispositions, intentions, decisions and actions.

To say that a Catholic who accepts and promotes abortion is a “cafeteria” Catholic is a misstatement. It gives an impression that is misleading and inaccurate. Abortion is not an option on the Catholic menu. It is not something the Church offers in its cafeteria, so to speak. A Catholic who contributes to the intentional ending of human life in its earliest stage of development is choosing an option offered by the world, not by the Church.

This person has pitched his/her tent with evildoers. This Catholic is a mortally wounded Catholic for a choice is being made to ingest poison. This individual may choose to be active in areas of Catholic life, participate in the Sacraments, be devout in Catholic

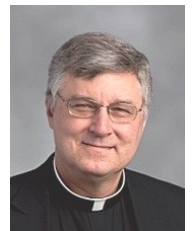
practices. This individual may even impress others and be an example of Christian life. But all this is a false front. On the outside this person seems to have everything together. On the inside, however, there is corruption and death.

This person is a zombie Catholic...already eternally dead without even knowing it. This individual is a “rip-tide” Catholic: devout on the outside...fulfilling obligations, engaging enthusiastically in traditional rituals, very personable to others. And yet on the inside flowing away from what is true and good and holy and faithful. Such a Catholic is swimming in deadly waters and anyone who latches on to this person will be dragged away from the safety of the shore. This person is a Catholic who has defected to the other side. He/she is betraying Jesus Christ.

This individual is a counterfeit Catholic, a lost Catholic, a disobedient, unfaithful, misinformed, unjust, ignorant, immature, dishonorable, immoral, wicked, misguided, unaware and quite possibly a damned Catholic. To say this individual is a cafeteria Catholic is to give credit where credit is not due and it fails to recognize just how far away this person’s actions are from God’s ways. (Just because someone feels close to God doesn’t mean he/she is in truth close to God. We need to be wary of putting too much importance on positive feelings when evaluating our faithfulness to God. Some of the most notoriously violent people in history felt good about themselves and truly believed they were doing nothing wrong. Our knowledge, understanding, reason, our will...these are what orient us, these provide a sound criteria for assessing the truth of God in our lives.)

My intention in saying all this is to alter the situation. A damned Catholic doesn’t have to remain so. New life in Christ is possible through forgiveness. Repent of this mortal, deadly sin. Make amends for harm and damage perpetrated by the willful rebellion and hard-hearted refusal to honor and respect and protect human life. Come back to the good side and take a stand for life.

For the Christian, sin and evil cannot be left alone. It must be acknowledged in all its forms, named for what it is, confronted, denied, renounced and abandoned. Christian meddling, for this purpose, is not out of the question. For some it seems to be intrusion. For the Christian it is salvation. Thank you God for sending Jesus Christ to meddle in human affairs.



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus begins His public ministry and selects His first apostles.

Adults: Jesus tells His followers to "repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" What message was He trying to deliver? What do you think He would say if He was here today? Does anyone really know when the world will end?

Teens: If Jesus invited you to "follow Him" how would you react? Do you think that invitation is still good two thousand years later?

Children: How can you and your friends follow Jesus today?

Next Sunday, January 29, 2017

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

"Ordinary Time" is so called because the weeks are "ordained" or "counted". This year we have eight weeks of Ordinary Time between the end of the Christmas Season and Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday(March 1st this year). The priest wears green vestments during Ordinary Time, unless there is a special feast. During Cycle A we feature the Gospel of Matthew. During Ordinary Time the first reading, from the Old Testament, is chosen because of a thematic relation to the Gospel reading. For the second reading, we read semi-continuously from a New Testament letter, currently 1 Corinthians.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 5:1-12): The Gospel of Matthew structures its portrayal of Jesus' public ministry around five major discourses. The first of these discourses has become known as "The Sermon on the Mount." The entire Sermon on the Mount runs through chapters 5,6 and 7 in Matthew's Gospel. It is thought by Scripture scholars that Matthew's Gospel was the product of a community of Christians who were also Jewish. Matthew's Gospel depicts Jesus in terms of a "new Moses" and shows Jesus' teaching as the continuation of and fulfillment of the Old Testament. Moses went up a mountain (Sinai) and from there delivered the Ten Commandments. On "the mount", Jesus delivers his expansion/

radicalization of the Law of Moses. The Sermon on the Mount begins with a collection of sayings that have collectively become known as "the Beatitudes" which is this Sunday's Gospel reading. This passage is one of the most beloved and most quoted in all of the Scriptures.

First Reading (Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13):

Zephaniah was a prophet during the decline of the "southern Kingdom" whose capital was Jerusalem. He prophesied against the pro-Assyrian court ministers and the worship of false gods. He knew that not everyone would heed his words, so he focused on the humble of the earth who would form a remnant of a "true Israel" that would inherit the land after the nation's enemies had passed.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:26-31): Paul sets about addressing the issue of divisiveness in the Christian Community at Corinth by reminding them that to begin with, none of them has anything to be proud of or to boast of. The only boast they have, is the one they all share: "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

Week of Prayer For Christian Unity



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18th-25th. The week is anchored by its concluding feast day, The Conversion of Saint Paul on January 25th. Among the most painful episodes in our Christian history are the divisions that exist among the peoples who confess Jesus as Lord and head of the Body of Christ, the Church. One can only imagine the effect upon the world if all Christians loved each other, respected each other and performed works of mercy together (even if not always agreeing). Please pray in a special way for unity among all Christians during the remainder of this special week of prayer.

– Father Mark Keene

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.

Parish Worship continued

Christmas Decorators

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our church look so beautiful this Christmas. Several have commented to me how nice they thought our church looked. Rick Wolking and Steve Lorenz put up the trees and the crib again this year. Walt Witt, Margie and Mike Witt, and Robert, Jacob and Sarah Witt helped decorate the window sills and the balconies in church. Bob Thamann helped with the banners behind the tabernacle and the wreathes on the doors. Daryl Tepe, Pam Overmann and Nancy Bradley helped with watering the poinsettias. And again, a special thanks to all who helped supply the poinsettias in Advent and Christmas seasons by purchasing a poinsettia in the memory of a loved one.

You may have noticed that the figurines in our crèche looked a little “brighter” this year. Since last Christmas they, along with the statues of Mary and Joseph in the sanctuary and the Risen Christ statue that we use at Easter, have been “spruced up” with some cleaning, paint where needed, and final finish. –Thanks to everyone who helped this year to make our commemoration of Christ’s birth so beautiful.
- Father Mark Keene



Blessing of Throats

Friday, February 3rd is the feast of Saint Blaise. We will have the blessing of throats after the 6:30, 8:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses that day. We will also have the blessing of throats after each of the Sunday Masses the weekend of February 4th/5th.



Bulletin Picture

Our beloved Fr. Quill. His 87th birthday was December 29th. The parish staff celebrated it recently at the rectory Happy Birthday Fr. Quill.. And many more!

We Are His Hands

Thanks From Rose Garden Mission

God bless your kindness and goodness! Thank you all so much for your donations of almost \$14,000 in 2016 through your Tithing Fund and Baby Bottle Bank Campaign to support our work here at the Rose Garden Mission. Your continued generosity truly helps us make a significant impact in people’s lives. We pray for you and your special intentions daily.

– Mother Seraphina Marie, fdm

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 01/17/17)	\$713,069
Budgeted Collections (July thru January)	\$735,000
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2016/2017)	\$1,185,000

Giving Tree: Thanks From Birthright

Dear Parish Members, on behalf of the Board of Directors and all of the members of Birthright of Greater Cincinnati, we thank you for your participation in our Annual Christmas Giving Tree. We have been wonderfully blessed with donations of diapers, clothing and \$1,500.00 in cash. As you know, we could not continue our work if not for donations such as yours.

– Margie Frommeyer, Board Chairman

DPAA 2016 Rebate

We have reached our parish goal of \$139,000 for the 2016 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. All moneys donated now are rebated back to Saint Agnes. This past week we received our first rebate check: \$2,261.64. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this success! These rebated funds will be used to help pay for the tuck-pointing of the bell tower which we have scheduled for later this year.

– Father Mark Keene

Saint of the Week

Francis de Sales



Francis de Sales was born on August 21, 1567 in Savoy (now part of southeast France). He was born into a noble family who gave him the name Francis Bonaventura after two Franciscan saints. His father wanted his eldest son to be a magistrate and so he tailored his education toward that end.

In 1583 Francis went to a Jesuit college in Paris to study rhetoric and humanities. He also studied the skills necessary to be a gentleman such as riding, fencing and dancing. He was welcomed into the homes of the nobility of Paris and was described as handsome, reserved and quiet.

The next year Francis attended a talk about predestination and he became certain that he was bound for Hell. This idea stayed with him for three years and caused him to become ill for some time. In 1586 or early 1587 he went to a Parisian church that had an icon representing a “Black Madonna” and said the *Memorare* and consecrated his life to the Virgin Mary and became a tertiary of the Minim Order.

In 1588 Francis completed his studies in Paris and went to the University of Padua in Italy to study law and theology. He also had Father Antonio Possevino, a Jesuit and a Papal diplomat, as his spiritual director. It was at this time that he decided to become a priest. In Italy he made a pilgrimage to the shrine of the Virgin Mary’s house in Loreto. When his studies were completed he returned to Savoy and he became a lawyer. His father also secured several important positions for Francis and chose a wealthy woman to be his bride. Francis refused and told his father that he wanted to be a priest. His father first refused to accept Francis’ decision but the Bishop of Geneva intervened. Francis signed over his inheritance to his brother and was ordained in 1593. He became the Provost of the Cathedral Chapter of Geneva.

Six years later, in 1599 he was promoted to be Coadjutor Bishop of Geneva. He was sent on a mission to Henry IV of France and was also invited to give Lenten sermons at the Chapel Royal. The morals of Henry’s court were very bad but Henry became attached to Francis and is reputed to have said, “A rare bird this Monsieur de Geneve (Francis de Sales), he is devout and also learned; and not only devout and learned but at the same time a gentleman. A very rare combination.” In France he also met Cardinal Berulle, a mystic and founder of the French school of spirituality. He was also the confessor of Madame Acarie (the foundress of Discalced Carmelites in France). He was consulted on the order and he also consulted people at court.

In 1602 Francis was consecrated Bishop of Geneva but could not reside there because the city was controlled by Calvinists. He lived in Annecy, France. As bishop his diocese became renowned for efficiency, energetic clergy and knowledgeable laity. As bishop he also worked closely with the Capuchins in his diocese and they made him an official associate of the Order, the highest honor for a non-Capuchin. Francis also became a spellbinding preacher and an ascetic. He said, “He who preaches with love, preaches effectively.” In 1610 he and his friend, the widowed Baroness Jane Frances de Chantal, founded the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary.

In December 1622 while traveling with the Duke of Savoy, he suffered a stroke and died on December 28th. He was buried in Annecy on January 24th, which is his feast day.

Francis de Sales is well known for his writings, most notably, *Introduction to the Devout Life*. This book was written specifically for lay people and is still very readable today. He also wrote *Letters of Spiritual Direction* and his Lenten sermons are available in a book.

Francis de Sales is the patron of writers and journalists. He is also the patron of Cincinnati, Ohio, Catholic Press, Columbus, Ohio, confessors, and deaf people among other things. The life of Saint Francis de Sales is very interesting and you are encouraged to learn more about the man called the “Gentleman Saint.”

Parish News

Family of God

We welcome into the Family of God the following infants who were baptized recently at St. Agnes:

Grace Mae Janszen

Child of Joe & Laura Janszen

Isla Marie Tanner

Child of William & Jill Tanner

Attention Greeters

Thank you for your service to this ministry! The next schedule for March 4th/5th to July 1st/2nd will be done in the beginning of February. Please contact Colleen Read (cread67@twc.com or 859-445-5022) to let her know of any dates your are not available. Keep in mind, Easter is April 16th. There will be no 4:00 p.m. Mass on that Saturday. If you would like to greet at the Easter Vigil (8:30 p.m. on April 15th), please contact Colleen.

Second Grade Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. is the meeting for second grade parents about First Eucharist. We meet in the annex section of Church. Time is spent on understanding the Eucharist in our own lives and on how to build an appreciation of Eucharist in the little ones. Meeting ends by 8:00 p.m.

Men of Saint Agnes

The next Men's Christ Renews His Parish weekend is February 18-19, 2017. This weekend is open to all men associated with the parish and/or school. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a stress-free weekend that includes spiritual renewal and fellowship. The weekend takes place from Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon and all activities are on the Saint Agnes campus. Please join those who have already made the commitment for a great weekend. For more information, please contact Matt Stevens at mstevens@amfin.com or (513) 304-9089; or Dan Melching at danmelching@fuse.net or (859) 393-7888.

Baby Shower

We have been praying for our spiritually adopted babies for 5 months now! To celebrate this half way point in our babies development, we are having a baby shower for the Rose Garden Home Mission this weekend, January 21st/22nd. If you forgot your gift, you can bring it to church immediately after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Gifts can also be dropped off at the Parish Office. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to the Rose Garden Home Mission. Please see below for shower gift ideas.

Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower

Next Weekend: January 21st & 22nd

Shower Gift Ideas

For Baby

blankets	outfits	sleepers	sleep sack
onesies	bottles	bibs	mittens
washcloths	socks/booties		toy/rattle
teethers	pacifiers	diapers	wipes
play mat	baby wash/lotion/shampoo		
carrier	infant bathtub		
infant friendly stuffed toys			

For Mom

mommy magazines	body wash/shower gel
sanitary pads	hair shampoo/conditioner
misc. hygiene	diaper bag/carry all

New or Gently Used Items

stroller/car seat (no older than 5 years)
Pack n Play
bassinet

Shower gifts (unwrapped please) can be put by or in the bassinet by the Baptismal font or dropped off at the Parish Office. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to the Rose Garden Home Mission.

Questions: please call Mary Beth Scott (586-4017)

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

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Parish News continued

RCIA

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells us to “repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” He travels throughout Galilee calling disciples to proclaim the good news with Him. Jesus invites us today to commit ourselves to Him through repentance and making the kingdom of heaven a reality in our daily lives. In RCIA we study Jesus’ teachings and connect them to our daily living. We reflect on how Jesus is calling us to use our gifts and talents for His greater honor and glory in our world. Please pray for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates, Katie, Cheryl, Joshua, Heather, Melissa, Lee and Tyne, that they will persevere in their growing relationship with Jesus and His holy, Catholic Church.

If you or someone you know would like to explore the Catholic faith, please contact Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com or call the Parish Office at 431-1802.



Science Fair Judges Needed

Saint Agnes School will be having our School Science Fair in the gym on Wednesday, February 1st. 7th Grade topics are in the life sciences (Anatomy, Microbiology, Genetics, Zoology, Botany, etc.) and will take place from 4:30-6 p.m. 8th grade topics are in the Physical and Earth Sciences (Chemistry, Physics, Aerodynamics, Electricity and Magnetism, Geology, Weather, Ecology, etc.) and will take place from 6:30-8 p.m.

If you have a background or experience in any of the Life, Physical, or Earth Sciences, we need your help. As a Science Fair Judge, you will be provided with a brief orientation, clear guidelines, and a form for judging projects. You will judge display boards that students have created to explain their projects. A light meal will be provided.

To volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bridget Gruner (bgruner@saintagnes.com) or Mrs. Jorja Kremer (jkremer@saintagnes.com).

Care Packages to Military Personnel

One of the lesser known projects of our parish is the care packages that we send to men and women in the military who have connections to our parish. We have been doing this since Tom Jacober approached me in the weeks after the September 11, 2001 attacks. Tom recalled how much such packages meant to him when he was in the service (Korea I believe). Since then, Tom, and a number of other parishioners have put these packages together and mailed them at Christmas, Easter and July 4. The packages contain newspapers, treats and personal care items. We recently received the following from one of the families:

Dear Father, A care package from St Agnes arrived yesterday. I wanted to reach out and let you know how much the packages mean to us. Ray and I both attended St Agnes School. Father Murphy married us on December 28th 1990 and we left for Ft. Rucker, Alabama on December 29th. We returned to Baptize our children with family and consider St Agnes home. We have lived in Alabama, Tennessee, Germany, Georgia, Florida, Massachusetts, Ohio and have just relocated to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. The packages have found us in most of these locations. Ray is away from home often and the items in the boxes have accompanied him all over the world. We enjoy the fact that the cards from your students are coming from many of our friend's children. The bulletin is still filled with names and sponsors of our classmates at St Agnes, Notre Dame and Covington Catholic. We have taught our children that they are part of a Catholic Community no matter where they move, go to school or ultimately settle. However, St. Agnes has been a constant in our lives. We have returned for Baptisms, weddings, funerals, and their Grandparents, (Ray and Peggy Smith), 50th wedding anniversary at your parish. Please forward our thanks to the people who continue to make us feel part of the St Agnes Community. Each package is a piece of home and we can not thank you enough. Merry Christmas, Ray, Stephanie, Andrew and Sarah Smith

Parish News continued

Baseball

Registrations for baseball, t-ball, and machine pitch are being accepted until February 10th. Registrations received after February 10th are not guaranteed a roster spot and will only be accepted as needed to fill rosters. Registration forms can be sent through kids mail care of Will M – 5R. Sign up forms are available via the website 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 tentatively scheduled on Wed or Thurs. evening and the season last about 8 weeks. 8U-14U teams generally start practice in early March (weather permitting) with league games starting in mid to late April and going through June. Teams will generally practice one night per week and play 1-2 games per week (approx. 16 league games). Practice schedules/nights are not known until teams are formed and coaches are determined. Any other questions, please contact Joe Michels via email at Joem@Michelsconstruction.com or by phone at 859 344-8045. Teams will be participating in the Crosstown Baseball League again this year.



Faith Formation

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

“From each tiny child waiting to be born, to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection...Let’s ask God to make us channels of His loving mercy.”

—Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Chairman
USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
2016 Respect Life Month Statement

Attention Cursillo Alumni

Saint Patrick prayed, “*Christ before me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right side, Christ on my left side.*”

Are you looking for a way to find Christ again or just continue your 4th day? Come join the **Restoration Retreat** at Saint Anne’s Retreat Center as we strive for a closer relationship with Christ. Men’s weekend: January 27-29, 2017. Women’s weekend: February 10-12, 2017. Retreats begin on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and continue until Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Father Michael Barth, Deacon Tim Britt and Deacon Steve Durkee will be the spiritual leaders. Contact Nut and Ellen Zembrodt at 331-3598 or restoration859@gmail.com.

Diocesan News

Day of Prayer and Penance for Life

Bishop Foys has declared January 27, 2017 as a Day of Prayer and Penance for Life in the Diocese of Covington to mark the anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision legalizing abortion in the United States. Every church in our diocese will remain open during the day to allow the faithful to pray for an end to abortion, to pray for all those affected by the tragedy of abortion, and to pray for the 50 million children murdered by abortion.

Every parish will also expose the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time on this day. Here at Saint Agnes, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from immediately after the 11:30 a.m. Mass until 3:00 p.m.. The children of our grade school will be praying the Rosary beginning at 1:45 p.m.

Bishop Foys has also designated ten churches in our diocese to host a Holy Hour for Life beginning at 7:00 p.m. the evening of January 27th. The complete list of churches can be found in the Messenger, but those closest to Saint Agnes are Blessed Sacrament and the Cathedral. All are strongly encouraged to attend. We must all do our part to protect the dignity of the human person and ensure the inalienable right to life for all—especially children.