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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar

Sunday, February 5

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
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Monday, February 6

- 5:30 p.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 5:30 p.m. Bridge - Murphy Hall
- 7:00 p.m. CCD - School

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

- 9:00 a.m. Familia - Murphy Hall
- 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, February 9

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

Friday, February 10

Saturday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 12

- Cans for Kids Collection
- 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, February 5-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Kathleen Finck
- 9:30 a.m. Rita Benkert
- 11:30 a.m. Intention of Matt Fritz

Monday, February 6-St. Paul Miki

- 6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 11:30 a.m. Deacon Joe Cleves

Tuesday, February 7

- 6:30 a.m. Don & Irene Mai - 58th Wedding Anniver.
- 11:30 a.m. Intention of Pat & Joe Stautberg

Wednesday, February 8-St. Jerome Emiliani;

St. Josephine Bakhita

- 6:30 a.m. Cy Zembrodt
- 11:30 a.m. Grace White

Thursday, February 9

- 6:30 a.m. Keltz Family
- 11:30 a.m. Nick Kreutzjans

Friday, February 10-St. Scholastica

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 8:30 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon
- 11:30 a.m. Dennis Vieth

Saturday, February 11-Our Lady of Lourdes

- 8:30 a.m. Lydia Mae McCarthy
- 4:00 p.m. Dick Schieman

Sunday, February 12-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Tom Meihaus
- 9:30 a.m. Jeffrey Brown
- 11:30 a.m. Intention of Pam Moffett

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for February 11th/12th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Ken & Kathi Middendorf & Family
- 7:30 a.m. Jack & Carol Kirn
- 9:30 a.m. Mike & Laurie Arnold
- 11:30 a.m. **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-C Hill, C-O Martin
- 7:30 a.m. M Maier
- 9:30 a.m. L-T Uthe, C-D Dickhaus
- 11:30 a.m. L-M Fritz, C-G Whitacre

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. L Wilder, J Bayer, A Emerson, S Gleeson, M Martin, K Middendorf, M Osterhaus, M Pennington
- 7:30 a.m. D & I Mai, J & C Brueggemann
- 9:30 a.m. A Dickhaus, P Fritz, C Jacober, M Fox, R & T Lonneman, MA Schuh, MB Scott
- 11:30 a.m. L Clements, S & R Averdick, J & M Crowe, J & K Elfers, P Johnston

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. J Graf, R Graf, R Hurst
- 7:30 a.m. A Judy, M Judy, **1 VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
- 9:30 a.m. E Kluemper, R Kluemper, J Reese
- 11:30 a.m. B Hail, K Hail, J Hovan

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

Feb. 6th-Paul Kleier Feb. 13th-Steve Lorenz

Rosary, Sunday, Feb. 12th at 9:00 a.m.: Tony Summe

Highland Crossing, Feb. 12th: Don Able

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Bill & Janet Rolf
- 7:30 a.m. Mike & Ginny Ruberg
- 9:30 a.m. Chris & Kim Auberger
- 11:30 a.m. Bob & Lauren Thamann

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Marge Kuhlman A-Aneta Biernat
- 7:30 a.m. F-Daryl & Blanche Tepe A-Frank & Bev Henn
- 9:30 a.m. F-Carl & Carol Allison A-Jim & Pat Bramlage
- 11:30 a.m. F-Colleen Read, Allison & Faye Dilbert A-Gwen & Dennis Travis

Staff Article

On Being Pro-Life

Our Gospel reading this week states, "You are the light of the world...Just so, your light must shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." In our first reading the Lord says: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own...If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday."

As I reflect on these readings I continue to give thanks for the tremendous love and generosity of the people of Saint Agnes and how we as a parish let our light shine. Saint Vincent de Paul Society, our food pantry, Christian Service, Family Promise, and participation in the Pro-Life March in Washington are primary examples of how we live the Gospel. God is good!

In looking at this week's readings and how they speak in light of events that have recently taken place in our country and in our world, I conclude my article by sharing these words below from Fr. James Martin SJ. May we pray for each other, our families, our parish, our communities, our nation, and our world.

Christ's Peace and Blessings,
Bobby Fisher, Director of Music
Ministries



"I AM PRO-LIFE. That means that I'm also pro-social justice. That means that I am not only for the dignity of the human being from the moment of conception, but I am also for the dignity of the human being until the natural end of life. For life does not end with birth. A person who is truly pro-life is pro-all life, pro every stage of life, pro every stage of life for every person. For all life is sacred, because all life is created by God.

That means that I support anything that helps a person live a full, healthy, and satisfying life, in

every part of the world. So I am for care for the poor, for a living wage, for affordable health care, for adequate housing, for a humane work environment, for equal pay for women, for generous child care, for the support of the aged and the infirm.

That means I support caring for the marginalized among us; the refugee and the migrant, the homeless, the person with disabilities, the single mother, women who are abused, minorities of every kind who are persecuted, and all who feel left out, lonely, ignored."

Fr. James Martin, SJ

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus tells His disciples to do good deeds and to let the others see their good works.

Adults: Why do you think Jesus wanted His disciples to let everyone know of the good deeds they were performing...to let their light shine for all to witness?

Teens: If Jesus were to appear to you today and tell you to let your good deeds be known...would you be able to follow His request or would you find it hard to identify what good deeds you have performed?

Children: What "good deeds" can you do this week for your parents and friends?

Next Sunday, February 12, 2017: The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

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 (March 1 this year). The priest wears green vestments during Ordinary Time, unless there is a special feast. The season is called "Ordinary" because it is "ordained", that is, counted, second Sunday, third Sunday, etc.

Parish Worship continued

We are in cycle A, and so our Gospel reading this year will 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 5:17-37): The Gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus as giving five major discourses in the course of his public life. The first of these discourses has become known as “The Sermon on the Mount.” It begins with the Beatitudes and the entire discourse runs through chapters 5,6 and 7 in Matthew’s Gospel. The passage for this Sunday is substantial. It comes not too far after the Beatitudes. It is believed that the Gospel of Matthew was written by and for Jewish Christians. There is a lot of Jewish imagery in Matthew that Jewish Christians would relate to. In this passage, Jesus teaches that he has not “come to abolish the Law [of Moses] or the prophets....but to fulfill.” He goes on to say that “not the smallest letter or smallest part of a letter will pass from the Law.” Jesus warns his listeners (and us) that their righteousness must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus then presents several teachings from the Law, but then radicalizes them further, in effect equating anger with murder and lust with adultery. Jesus also gives a hard teaching with regard to marriage and its permanence. The reading concludes with a teaching about not taking oaths: “let your ‘yes’ mean ‘yes’ and your ‘no’ mean ‘no.’”

First Reading (Sirach 15:15-20): The Book of Sirach is one of the “Wisdom Books” of the Old Testament. It is also known by the Latin name *Ecclesiasticus*, which means “Church book,” indicating its popularity among the Christian faithful. The book is largely a collection of wisdom sayings, given by a wise father/teacher (named Sirach) to his son/disciple. Sirach considers the Law of Moses a revelation of Divine Wisdom itself. This passage affirms the idea of free will and speaks of free will in a way that would remind a listener of Moses in the book of Deuteronomy. Sirach then reminds his pupil that the eyes of God are all-seeing.

Second Reading (1Corinthians 2:6-10): In this passage Paul speaks about God’s wisdom: “not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age...rather, mysterious and hidden.” Paul goes on to quote Isaiah (64:3): “What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed...”

Bulletin Picture

From 1930-1954 our parish was a chapel attached to the Cathedral Parish. In fact, the parish office still gets mail addressed to “Saint Agnes Chapel.” In 1954 Saint Agnes became a parish in its own right. Today, February 5th is the anniversary of the dedication of our current Church (1939). The annex that extends to Sleepy Hollow Drive was added in the mid 1960’s. The picture on the cover is of the church our parish used from 1930 to 1939. Please see the photo in the main foyer to get an idea of what our current church looked like back then.

Adoration of Our Lord

“I have called you by your name, though you knew Me not. I am the Lord and there is no other.” Isaiah 45:4, 5
The Lord knows you. How well do you know Him? Meet the Lord in the Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Come visit Him. Call 496-4149 for more information.



Did you Know?

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

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru January)	\$750863
Budgeted Collections (July thru January)	\$735,000
Actual Compared to Budgeted	\$15,863
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2016/2017)	\$1,185,000

Stewardship continued

Contribution Statements for 2016

Contribution Statements for 2016 were sent out via email or postal mail. If you did not receive your statement, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@saintagnes.com or 431-1802.

School Endowment Fund

The Monsignor John Francis Murphy Endowment Fund for Saint Agnes School was begun by Msgr. Murphy who was pastor at Saint Agnes of 1982-92. It was named for him after his death in 2001. This endowment has been funded in large part to several very generous bequests from parishioners and others, including Msgr. Murphy himself. The endowment also has received many other donations and memorials. At present, the endowment fund provides \$28,000/year for the operation of our school. It helps reduce what we have to charge for tuition and so benefits every family with children in our school.

Please consider a gift to the fund. Just clearly mark your gift for the "School Endowment Fund" and put it in the collection or mail it to the rectory. You can also donate online through *Faith Direct* (see the article elsewhere in this bulletin). When making your will and doing other estate planning, please consider making the endowment fund the beneficiary of a bequest, of life insurance or of an IRA. —Fr. Mark Keene

We Are His Hands

NDUEC Says "Thank you!"

We are so very grateful for our generous donation of \$567.06 for the month of December and the donation of \$974.35 for the month of January. During the past month, we took time to reflect on the wonderful mission we are involved in with the children and families at Notre Dame Urban Education Center. HOPE is the prevailing theme. Hope is what continues to encourage and uplift those who have needs. It is with that hope they

believe that life will get better... Because of your very generous donations we can continue our mission and bring hope to the children and families in the urban area. We are so grateful for your support of our program. Know that we pray that many blessings will be yours. Gratefully, Sr. Reinetter Kroger, SND, Sr. Lynette Shelton, SND

Saint of the Week

Paul Miki and Companions (26 Martyrs of Japan)

In 1549 Saint Francis Xavier, Father Cosme de Torres S.J. and Father Juan Fernandez arrived in Kagoshima, a city on the southern tip of the island



of Kyushu, at the very southern tip of Japan to begin missionary activities in Japan. The local ruler who hoped for increased trade with the west originally gave them permission. The addition of Christians was also hoped to diminish the influence of the Buddhist monks. This did not last long.

The Imperial Japanese government was concerned about Spanish colonialism and began to see the presence of the missionaries as a precursor to colonialism. Persecution began and Christianity was banned.

Paul Miki was born in 1562 to a wealthy Japanese family. He was educated by Jesuits and joined the Jesuits becoming a renowned preacher. He was arrested along with 25 other Catholics, (four Spaniards, one Indian, one Mexican, along with two other Japanese Jesuits and 17 Japanese laymen, all Franciscans, including three boys. The Japanese lay people were Third Order Franciscans). Paul Miki and his companions were marched 600 miles to Nagasaki where they were crucified and then speared.

Persecution in Japan continued off and on until 1632 when 55 Catholics were martyred in Nagasaki. Christianity was officially outlawed. Catholicism was forced to go underground. Japanese Catholics memorized the Bible and the Liturgy because it was dangerous to own printed

Saint of the Week continued

words. Lay leaders conducted services. After the reopening of Japan in the mid 1800's Catholic missionaries returned and found a community of "hidden Catholics" or Kakure Kirishitan.

Pope Urban VIII beatified Paul Miki and his companions in 1627 and Pope Pius IX canonized them in 1862. Although they were martyred on February 5th, that feast day was taken by Saint Agatha, so their feast day was made February 6th.

Parish News

Family of God

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

Margaret Teisl Deye
Child of Brian & Ann Deye



This Sunday: have a donut!



This Sunday, February 5th, you are invited to Murphy Hall immediately following the 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses for donuts, fruit, coffee & juice. Sponsors this

month are the members of the Mike Moffitt Basketball Tournament Committee.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood pressure screenings will be taken by nurses from our Parish Wellness Committee after all Masses this weekend.

Cans for Kids Next Weekend

Please remember that next weekend is the monthly collection for "Cans for Kids". Bring in your non-perishable items to donate to a worthy cause.

New Parishioners (January)

Welcome the newest members to Saint Agnes Parish:

Mrs. Rosemary Miller
Mr. Matt Nachazel
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan & Molly Olexia
Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Kendra Pryse
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew & Eryn Yanick

Deceased of our Parish (January)

Please pray for the family and friends of the following parishioner who recently passed away:

Mrs. Lynne Kramer
Mr. Todd Stetter

RCIA

In today's readings, Jesus challenges us to recognize our God-given gifts and use them to shine His light into our world. Others who see goodness in our actions will come to know the love of Jesus personally and give praise to God. In

RCIA today, we are discussing the Sacrament of the Eucharist which nourishes and strengthens us all the days of our lives to follow Jesus and accept His challenge to share our gifts and be His light in the world. Please pray for Katie, Cheryl, Joshua, Heather, Melissa, Lee and Tyne as they journey closer to full Communion in the Catholic Church.

If you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about our Catholic faith, be a light to them and invite them to contact our parish at pfritz@saintagnes.com or call the Parish Office at 431-1802.



Diocesan Ski Trip

Saint Agnes Youth Group is going on the Diocesan Ski Trip on February 11th. Information and forms are on the bulletin boards in Church. We will have a bus leaving at 5:45 p.m. and returning by 12:00 a.m. Contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com for more information.

Parish News continued

Scholarship Tax Credit Program in Kentucky: A Help For Catholic School Families

In Kentucky, wealthy families can choose the classroom that best meets their children's needs regardless of whether it is in a public or nonpublic school. Low and middle income families often lack the resources for the same opportunity. That is why House Education Committee Chair Representative Bam Carney (R-Campbellsville) and State Senator Ralph Alvarado (R-Winchester) filed legislation (HB 162 & SB 102) that would create a Scholarship Tax Credit program in Kentucky.

Scholarship Tax Credits help level the playing field for all Kentucky families. The program would establish a nonrefundable tax credit for individuals and businesses who donate to scholarships funds for Kentucky families so that they can afford the cost of nonpublic school tuition or other important educational services.

In his recent apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* ("The Joy of Love"), Pope Francis set forth that education is the "primary right" of parents. This is not simply a task for the parents to accomplish, but rather an "essential and inalienable right." The government's role is to support parents in the exercise of this right, not to replace them. While the government offers educational opportunities, "parents themselves enjoy the right to choose freely the kind of education - accessible and of good quality - which they wish to give their children in accordance with their convictions."

In accordance with these principles, the Catholic Conference of Kentucky has joined with a broad coalition of educators, parents and business leaders who are working diligently to bring a Scholarship Tax Credit program to Kentucky. We will be spending the months of January, February and March advocating for this issue in the state capitol.

As a Catholic and citizen of the Commonwealth, you have a critical role to play in passing this legislation. State lawmakers need to hear that

their constituents support this legislation and want it prioritized during the 2017 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. You can reach your state representative and state senator by calling the Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 (1-866-840-6574 for Spanish). If you do not know your state legislators, the operator on the line will assist you in getting the message to the correct representative and senator.

The time has come for Kentucky to join the 30 states across the country that create opportunities for families who need a nonpublic school option for their children. Your voice will make a difference for Kentucky families. Please call your state representative and state senator today and ask them to support Scholarship Tax Credit bills HB 162 and SB 102.

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.



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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.



New Guide Book & Directory

Look in your mailbox for our new Guide Book & Directory. It should be arriving in the coming week.

The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our congregation. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise. If you are interested in advertising next year, contact amandavogt@guidebookpublishing.com for more information.

Please familiarize yourself with the ministries and organizations at our church located in the front of the book.

Spiritual Adoption

Month 6—Developing Baby

“I’m sitting up straight now!”

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. She sits up straight now to accommodate her internal organs which have moved into their final place in her little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don’t forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort.



Faith Formation

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

Our relationship on earth are meant to help us and others grow in perfect love. We are meant to depend on one another, serve each other in humility, and walk together in times of suffering. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Program Flyer, www.goo.gl/sYADTw

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. 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.

School News

Catholic Schools Week

We have celebrated Catholic Schools Week throughout this past week here at Saint Agnes and throughout the United States.

The theme of Catholic Schools Week is "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The benefits of Catholic education to both its students and to our world are seemingly endless. Currently, there are 176 Dioceses educating over 2 million Catholic school students in preschools, elementary and secondary schools in the United States. 99 percent of those secondary students graduate from high school. And based on the average public school per pupil cost of \$12,608, Catholic schools save our nation more than 24 billion dollars a year.

I like to think that Saint Agnes embodies a "Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service" each day. As stated in our parish mission statement we do "teach our faith as the first priority in our school." We are also committed to a well-rounded, rigorous education, with an outstanding instructional faculty. And we are committed to outreach in both our local and global communities.

At the conclusion of Mass today, some of our students are passing out some "spiritual notes" to you, our parishioners. During this week each of our students has "offered" up prayers or an act of service to thank you for your support of Saint Agnes School. Thank you and God bless you and God bless our school!

Rich Hoyt,
Principal, Saint Agnes School

Labels for Education

Their program is winding down this year. If you have any leftover labels that you've forgotten to turn in, or if you're still finding them on the products in your closet, now is the time to turn them in. We have earned many art and athletic supplies through this program over the years and are sad to see it come to an end.

Box Tops for Education

It's turn-in time again! The spring deadline is approaching. Please send in all those Box Tops you've collecting to earn "free money" for our school. Each coupon is worth 10 cents and they add up fast - we earn around \$2,000 for our school each year through this program. They do have expiration dates, so please send them in to the school or parish office regularly so we can turn them in before they expire. Thank you for your support of this program!



Diocesan News

Monthly Discernment Dinners

On the first Sunday of every month, Bishop Foys and Fr. Andrew Young will be hosting a Discernment Dinner at the Cathedral Rectory (1140 Madison Ave, Covington, KY 41011) for any men (high school age and older) who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, open to the possibility of a vocation, or who simply would like to have questions answered about the priesthood or the seminary. These dinners begin at 6:30 p.m. and usually last about an hour to an hour and half.

The Discernment Dinners give men an opportunity to meet others from our area who are discerning, build up fraternity among themselves, and also provide an informal atmosphere to have any questions attendees may have about discernment, the seminary, or the priesthood answered.

For ease of planning and to assist any men who may be wanting to mark their calendars, here are the dates for these dinners over the next few months: Feb. 12th (moved back a week due to the Super Bowl); March 5th; April 2nd; May 7th; June 4th; July 2nd; Aug. 6th; Sept. 3rd; Oct. 1st; Nov. 5th; and Dec. 2nd.