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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. & 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 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 Parish 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  
Parish Conference Room  
Parish Council-1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Parish 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 Parish Conference  
Room

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Calendar

#### Sunday, February 10

Cans for Kids

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

#### Monday, February 11

- 6:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health - Parish Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. CCD - School
- 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul - Parish Conf Room
- 7:30 p.m. Pro-Life Committee - Murphy Hall

#### Tuesday, February 12

#### Wednesday, February 13

- 1:00 p.m. Symbolon Series - Parish Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. Symbolon Series - Parish Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Murphy A & B

#### Thursday, February 14

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

#### Friday, February 15

#### Saturday, February 16

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

#### Sunday, February 17

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

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, February 10-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Helen & Bob Kramer
- 9:30 a.m. Alice Lynch
- 11:30 a.m. Mary Jean Raispis

#### Monday, February 11-Our Lady of Lourdes

- 6:30 a.m. Bill Poncer
- 11:30 a.m. Brenda Treadway

#### Tuesday, February 12

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Jeff Brown

#### Wednesday, February 13

- 6:30 a.m. Robert C. Cetrulo
- 11:30 a.m. Dewey Ferguson

#### Thursday, February 14-Sts. Cyril and Methodius

- 6:30 a.m. Molly & Jeff Pfalz - Wedding Anniversary
- 11:30 a.m. Jane Menkhaus

#### Friday, February 15

- 6:30 a.m. Mike Poage
- 9:20 a.m. Earl Abeln
- 11:30 a.m. Michael Warning

#### Saturday, February 16

- 8:30 a.m. Karen Everson
- 4:00 p.m. Bill & Chris Janszen

#### Sunday, February 17-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Etta Zembrodt
- 9:30 a.m. Missy Flick
- 11:30 a.m. Robert Bertke

### Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for February 16th & 17th

#### Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m.
- 7:30 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m.

#### Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-O Martin, C-M Witt
- 7:30 a.m. M Maier
- 9:30 a.m. L-L Rowekamp, C-K Jump
- 11:30 a.m. L-J Lawrie, C-M Fritz

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. P Adams, D & K Bray, S Osterhage, M Martin, J & A Ward, S Gleeson
- 7:30 a.m. J & C Brueggemann, B Lewin, R Miller
- 9:30 a.m. K Fischer, M Fox, C Jacober, C Smith, R & T Lonneman, G & D Small
- 11:30 a.m. S & R Averdick, L Clements, J & K Elfers, M Osterhaus, P & ML Scheper

#### Servers

- 4:00 p.m. A Martin, C Martin, E Martin
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. R Robertson, A Weitzel, E Thaman
- 11:30 a.m. T Schulte, B Seither, T Wachs

#### 6:30 a.m. – Servers:

February 11th-Tony Eilerman February 18th-Paul Kleier

Rosary, Sunday, Feb. 17that 9:00 a.m.: Theresa Gray

Highland Crossing, Feb. 17th: Don Able

#### Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. David & Kathy Bray
- 7:30 a.m. Sisters of Notre Dame
- 9:30 a.m. Chris & Natalie Maier
- 11:30 a.m. Bob & Mary Jo Rose

#### Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Lisa Mosley A-Marge Kuhlman
- 7:30 a.m. F-Mike Hodge A-Tom Arnold
- 9:30 a.m. F-Lynn Vieth & Joshua McCoy
- A-Dan & Peggy Summe
- 11:30 a.m. F-Keith & Julie Hopkins
- A-Katie & Ross Graham

## Staff Article

### The Importance of Attending Sunday Mass to “Being Catholic”

A number of years ago I heard of a pastor who was so discouraged by the attendance at Mass by the children in the second grade at the parish school, that he made it a requirement of their First Communion preparations for their parents to bring their children to Sunday Mass each week in order to make their First Communion.

Predictably there was an outcry about this.

Obviously the parents had not been coming to Mass and did not want to have to now bring their child. One parent exclaimed to news cameras (yes, the TV press showed up) “What does going to Mass on Sunday have to do with First Communion!” The pastor (and I) wanted to cry. This underlines a lack of effective catechesis in this regard, but more importantly underlines a lack of example from the families and parishioners in our parishes.

This issue is not something we are unfamiliar with at Saint Agnes. Not many years ago one of our second grade teachers asked her students how many had gone to Mass the previous Sunday—the Sunday immediately before their First Communion. Out of 25 students in the class, 4 indicated that they had been to Mass on the Sunday before their First Communion.

At Mass on the Sunday during Catholic Schools Week we used to ask all of the current students of our school to stand to be recognized. We discontinued this practice because essentially next-to-none would be present.

Part of the challenge for parish leadership is that now, there are fewer and fewer Catholics who were part of the Church when Mass attendance was strong. It was strong because its importance for being an effective Church was better understood and better appreciated. Mass attendance used to be in the high 80's%. Now it is well below 30%. Among young Catholics it is much lower than that.

For many parents today, regular Mass attendance was not part of their own upbringing. Absent anything meaningful to the contrary,

many Catholics have been catechized about their Church by situation comedies and other cultural mediums whose characters never have any religious dimension to themselves... except when to be the object of ridicule. The practice/example (such as it is) of many Catholics has communicated the concept that Mass and Church is not really important. It is a sort of “extracurricular activity” that is solely between an individual and God. One’s obligations to the Church Christ founded does not factor into the equation at all. The phenomenon and example of going anywhere to seek out the “quickie Mass” apart from one’s actual parish has also caused a disconnect between the celebration of the Sacraments and the community with which one presumably wishes to give witness on a daily basis. (And yes, “quickie Mass” is a term that’s used by some to refer to the Sacramental expression of Jesus death and resurrection, obviously by persons who apparently don’t understand what the Mass is.)

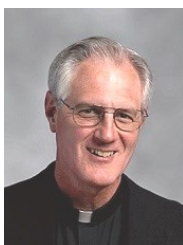
Matthew Kelly’s organization, Dynamic Catholic, has researched much about Catholic practice. Their studies indicate that 7% of the people who identify themselves as Catholic are engaged and committed Catholics. They do most of the “work” of the church.

Naturally, everyone in leadership wonders and dreams about the witness to God’s presence our church could provide, the service to humanity that our Church could provide, and all that God could accomplish through the lives of Catholics, if a much more substantial percentage of Catholics were committed to the practice of their faith and actively engaged in the witness of the Church and its many ministries: Catholic Schools, Catholic CCD programs, Catholic Charities, Catholic Hospitals and Health Care centers, Catholic agencies that serve the poor, etc. The list goes on and on. It is truly amazing what God is accomplishing through the 7%!

Yes Catholicism is demanding. The work that we do as a Church is important and worth doing. And yes it takes great sacrifice to accomplish the work that God calls us to. But the work is worth sacrificing greatly for. The people of God are worth sacrificing greatly for. The lives of holy people show us this. The life, death and

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resurrection of Jesus shows us this. And the Mass, which is a “making present” of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection “in an un-bloody manner” connects us with this. Receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus, present Sacramentally, reminds us that God nourishes us with His very self to respond with “yes!” How can it not be the necessary center of our lives as Catholics?



Father Mark Keene

## Parish Worship

### **Faith Sharing Questions**

**Theme of this week’s Gospel: Peter says “I am a sinful man” and is reassured by Jesus! Then he leaves everything to become His follower!**

**Adults:** Do you think that when Peter, James and John followed Jesus they understood what Jesus meant when He told them “from now on you will be fishers of men?”

**Teens:** If you had been at the lake with Peter and Jesus told you “from now on you will be catching men,” would you have stayed or asked questions? Is there anything in your life today that you accept on blind faith?

**Children:** If you could go fishing with Jesus what would you talk about with Him?

### **Next Sunday, February 17, 2019**

#### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C**

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 6th this year). The priest wears green vestments during Ordinary Time, unless there is a special feast.

We are in Cycle C, and so our Gospel reading this year will feature the Gospel of Luke. 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 (Luke 6:17, 20-26):** This reading contains Luke’s version of the Beatitudes. Jesus is speaking on a “stretch of level ground” and so this talk has been dubbed “The Sermon on the Plain.” In Matthew’s version of the Beatitudes, Jesus is speaking on a mountain and hence the talk is called “The Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew’s Gospel. Luke seems to further underscore his beatitudes by including a list of “Woes” as well.

**First Reading (Jeremiah 17:5-8):** Old Testament writings often make use of contrasts between two types of people, “the wise man” vs. “the fool” for example. In this reading, Jeremiah contrasts between “the one who trusts in human beings” and “the one who trusts in the Lord.” Perhaps he is reflecting his own bad experiences when his trust in men was violated, or perhaps he is pointing to the political realities of his days, when Judah’s leaders seemed more inclined to trust in alliances with other nations rather than trust in God and doing what is right.

**Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20):** In this reading Paul reflects on the reality of the resurrection of Christ as the basis for believing in the resurrection of the dead, and hence the basis for Christian faith.

### **Bulletin Picture**

Deacon Bob Stoeckle. This past Wednesday, February 6th, was the 20th Anniversary of Deacon Bob’s Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. We have been blessed to have the services of Deacon Bob here at Saint Agnes for all 20 years of his ministry. Congratulations Deacon Bob! Thank you for your service to our parish! Thank you for answering God’s call. We also acknowledge Deacon Bob’s wife Millie, who has supported him so whole-heartedly all these years, through his discernment, his formation and his ministry. You both are blessings to Saint Agnes.

### **Weekday Rosary**

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



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### Adoration of Our Lord

*"But, who do you say that I am? You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* (Matthew 16:15, 16)

The Most Blessed Sacrament is the God Man Jesus Christ in the fullness of His divinity and humanity. Our faith centers on this Truth, and is not up for debate. Do you believe or do you need help in your unbelief? Please sign up for an hour with the Living God in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Call 496-4149 for more information.



## Stewardship

### 2018 Contributions Statements

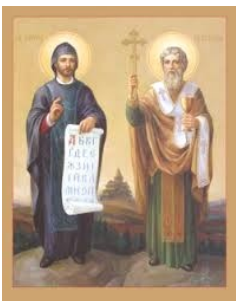
The contribution statements for 2018 have been either emailed or mailed. If you did not receive your statement please contact the Parish Office at 431-1802 or [parishoffice@saintagnes.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintagnes.com).

### Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 02/04/19)	\$753,104
Budgeted Collections (July thru 02/04/19)	\$788,000
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2018/2019)	\$1,258,000

## Saints of the Week

### Saints Cyril and Methodius



Two Greek brothers were responsible for evangelizing most of Eastern Europe. These two brothers were Cyril and Methodius. Cyril was born either 827-828 and his brother, Methodius, was born between 815-820. Their father died when they were very young and the brothers and their other siblings were raised

by a high official of the Byzantine Empire. After school Cyril became a priest while Methodius became a deacon and did not become a priest until he was approximately 47 years old.

Cyril took part in a diplomatic mission to the Islamic leader in what is now Iraq and later a mission to the Khazars in what is now Armenia. Then in 862 the brothers began the mission that would be the hallmark of their lives. In that year Prince Ratislav of Great Moravia (now in the Czech Republic) requested missionaries to evangelize the Slavic people. They began by translating the Bible into what is known as Old Church Slavonic which was the first literary Slavic language (still used in the liturgies of some Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches) and they also developed the Glagolitic Alphabet, which is the father of the Cyrillic alphabet (named after Saint Cyril), which is today the alphabet of Russia and several other Eastern European nations.

In 867 the brothers were called to Rome to settle a jurisdictional dispute with the Archbishop of Salzburg, Austria and the Bishop of Passau, Germany. They were well received in Rome, the city in which Cyril died. Methodius returned to his work and was made Archbishop of both Great Moravia and Pannonia (made up of parts of Hungary, Austria, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia), which gave him authority in those areas but continued the dispute with the Archbishop of Salzburg. Methodius died in 885. After the death of Methodius his assistants continued the missionary work he and his brother had begun among the Slavic people.

The feast day for the two brothers has been all over the calendar but in the change of the Roman calendar in 1969, the date was moved to February 14th, the anniversary of Cyril's death. In Orthodox countries the date is either May 11th or May 24th, while in the Czech Republic and Slovakia the date is celebrated on July 5th. The brothers are patrons of unity between Orthodox and Roman Catholics, the countries of Bulgaria, Macedonia, Czech Republic, and Slovakia. In 1980 Pope John Paul II named them co-patrons of Europe along with Saint Benedict of Nursia. Let us remember on this day the Church in Eastern Europe where the faith of the people was eroded by 40 years of Communist rule.

## Parish News

### Family of God

We welcome into the Family of God the following infant who was Baptized recently at St. Agnes:

Lorelei Rose Haysley

Child of Joshua & Claire Haysley

### First Place 4 Health

Looking for a way to make weight loss a permanent, healthy change in 2019 and not just a New Year's resolution that is broken all too easily? We are convinced that we can only achieve balance in every area of life by putting our relationship with Christ first.



First Place 4 Health is medically sound, Christ centered, and Biblically based. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be given unto you as well." (Matthew 6:33) Freshly revised and updated new materials will help us achieve balance in every area of life by putting our relationship with Christ first. Through community we turn from a relationship with food to a relationship with each other cemented by our love for Christ.

Why not "come and see?" A no obligation information meeting will be held in the Parish Conference Room on Monday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Nancy Bradley at 859-803-2002 or [nancybradley47@hotmail.com](mailto:nancybradley47@hotmail.com).

### SVDP Food Pantry



January has proved to be a very busy month for our Saint Agnes conference. We have had 25 calls for assistance this month so our pantry is a little bare. Please grab a blue bag after Mass and return it at your convenience. There is a note inside each bag listing our current needs. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support.

### Pro-Life Meeting

The Pro-Life Committee will meet this Monday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Hall. We will share and discuss several topics and events. All parishioners are welcome to attend!

### Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower

The Pro-Life Committee would like to thank you for participating in the Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower. The Rose Garden Home Mission in Covington, the recipient of your shower gifts, received 2,604 gifts, which included diaper, wipes, clothing, bibs, as well as \$245 in monetary gifts. A gift of 8-10 cases of shampoo, conditioner and body wash was also made. Your gifts, which are so greatly appreciated, will help the Mission with their work of helping mothers and their babies.



### For Those Interested in Volunteering at Saint Agnes Here is what you need to do:

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

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

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## Electronic Offertory Giving with *Faith Direct*

Do you often find yourself without your checkbook or envelope on Sunday mornings? Join other parishioners who have already enrolled in *Faith Direct* for automated giving to Saint Agnes. There is no cost to you and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. This method has reduced the handling of cash and checks in the parish office and has proven to be a safe and secure method of making a church offering. Enroll today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code, **KY493**, or pick up an enrollment form at any of the church entrances to get started! If you have any questions, contact Pat Cunningham, the parish Business Manager at 431-1802.



## Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will be at Saint Agnes in Murphy Hall on Tuesday, March 19th. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: Carotid Artery (plaque buildup - a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation - irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women.



Register online today at [www.lifescreeing.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifescreeing.com/communitycircle) and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your preferred appointment

Faith Formation

## RCIA

Today's Scriptures describe God's call: He calls Isaiah, He calls Paul, He calls out to Peter. We believe that the Lord calls each of us to go out into deep waters with Him.

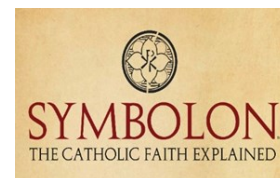


What does that mean in your life? Through daily prayer we listen to the Lord, and through prayer the Lord will reveal to us what He is asking of us at this point in our lives. Our RCIA catechumen, Cheryl, has heard the Lord call her to a fullness of faith and she is responding to His call through her faithfulness to the RCIA process. Please keep her in your prayers as she journeys toward full initiation into the Catholic Church.

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

## The Catholic Faith Explained

Discover the big picture of the Catholic faith, and how to live it! Saint Agnes is presenting *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith* as our Adult Faith Formation series on Wednesdays through April 10th at 1:00 pm, repeated at 7:00 pm, (skipping Ash Wednesday).



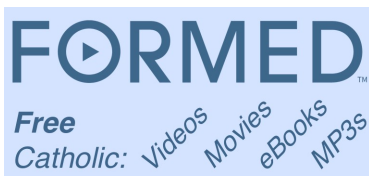
"Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along with it, going through the motions. Others simply walk away. *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith*, is presented by the most trusted and compelling teachers and filmed around the world with stunning cinematography. *Symbolon* explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts."

[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Come anytime! Each week presents a new topic of our faith!

To join us for this free series please email [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com) or call the Parish Office at 431-1802, or just come.

Faith Formation continued

**FORMED**  
DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT FORMED IS?  
HAVE YOU  
REGISTERED YET?



Our parish subscribes to **FORMED**, which offers multiple Catholic resources for each of us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others. **FORMED** includes faith based movies, documentaries, books, audios, children’s resources, all beautifully presented to help you and your children grow in your love, understanding, and zeal for our faith. **Please register for FORMED by going to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), clicking the Enter Code box in the upper left section, entering the access code 7CWP2N, and then following the instructions.** Jesus needs you and your family to know and share His Good News!

**Young Adult and Adult Faith Formation Bible Study Classes**

Ten individual workshops will be offered at the Curia Office Building (12th and Madison, Covington, across the street from the Cathedral). Father Timothy Schehr is the presenter. These workshops will provide the Young Adult and Adult learners with a more in-depth understanding of specific books of the Bible during 2018-20. This is a wonderful opportunity for the people of the diocese to learn more about their Catholic Bible. The sessions are scheduled for Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Each workshop will cover one book of the Bible. The cost is \$35 for each session. One does not need to attend all sessions. The next session, on the First Book of Kings will be offered beginning on March 5th. For more information see the brochures in the foyers of church, or email [catechesis@covdio.org](mailto:catechesis@covdio.org) or go to the website: <http://www.covdio.org/catechesis-formation/>

To register call Marian West at 859-392-1500, ext. 1533, or register online, <https://www.covdio.org/scripture-study-for-young-adults-and-adult-faith-formation>. At the bottom of the page is a link to take you to the online registration page.

**Word of Life Bulletin Brief**

“When violent crime impacts a community there is a temptation to respond with anger and vengeance. But the Gospel calls for rehabilitation, reconciliation, and restoration and teaches us to respect the dignity of all human beings, even those guilty of committing horrendous crimes.”

“Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities”  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

**Spiritual Direction Info Session**

Will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sisters of Notre Dame, 1601 Dixie Highway. Do you want to deepen your prayer life? Are you curious about spiritual direction? Come for a day of discernment about entering into spiritual direction, either individually or in a group. Deadline for registrations is February 18th. Hosted by the Sisters of Notre Dame and Congregation of Divine Providence. For more information go to [www.sndky.org/newsfeed/entry/spiritual-direction-info-session-474/](http://www.sndky.org/newsfeed/entry/spiritual-direction-info-session-474/).



**Catholic Men’s Conference**

The tri-state’s largest Catholic Men’s Conference of 2019 is coming soon, featuring Mark Hart, Trent Horn and Justin Fatica! Please join us for the 2019 E6 Catholic Men’s Conference, which will be taking place on Saturday, February 23rd at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (only 35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). Last year, over 1200 men attended the conference and this year we want to fill every seat in the building. We cordially invite every man to attend this 4th annual event. Please join us for inspiring talks, Confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. We pride ourselves on presenting a quality, substance-driven, inspirational and faith-filled event that will change men’s lives and help equip them to be the men Christ calls them to be. Do not miss this! Tickets are on sale now at [www.e6catholicmensconference.com](http://www.e6catholicmensconference.com).



## Faith Formation continued

### Opportunity for Men

Do you sense something is missing in your life? Do you feel if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled and maybe even a better person? Come to the Men's Welcome Retreat (formerly Christ Renews His Parish), hosted by Saint Joseph Church, Crescent Springs, February 23rd & 24th. After the weekend you will feel recharged and refreshed. It starts early Saturday morning and ends Sunday afternoon — it's worth it and free. For information call Eric Kiely at 859-801-1014 or Rich Zimmer at 859-6300-1492.

## Diocesan News

### KY Legislature: Scholarship Tax Credit Update

The Catholic Conference of Kentucky (CCK) has worked alongside EdChoice KY over the past few years as part of its efforts to pass a Scholarship Tax Credit program. EdChoice KY recently released its 2018 Educational Choice poll results. The poll found that a majority, 62 percent, of Kentucky voters, support Scholarship Tax Credits. This support crossed party lines, with backing from registered Independents (69% support), Democrats (56% support), and Republicans (67% support). For a more detailed explanation of the poll questions and results contact Father Keene ([mkeene@saintagnes.com](mailto:mkeene@saintagnes.com))

This information will be very important as legislators return for the 2019 session of the Kentucky General Assembly. All of the 2018 Scholarship Tax Credit sponsors who ran for reelection in November prevailed. The polling data showing broad support will empower them to make the case to the Kentucky General Assembly that this issue is bipartisan and deserves to be prioritized and passed in 2019.

Please share this exciting news with your friends and family and take every opportunity to encourage your state legislators to support Scholarship Tax Credits.

### Tools For Your Spiritual Life

Sacramentals, Tools for your Spiritual Life...Fr. Bob Rottgers, exorcist for the Covington Diocese, will give a talk at Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Fort Thomas, KY on Sunday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. Included in his talk will be intriguing true stories of the powerful protection of the Epiphany Blessing for your home (instruction kits for the blessing will be given out!) Everyone is welcome. No tickets required - a free-will offering will be taken. Questions, call (859) 441-3438.

### Pancake Breakfast

A pancake breakfast will be held at Notre Dame Academy cafeteria on Sunday, February 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Proceeds go to the SND Uganda Mission. Sponsored by the Ludlow Knights of Columbus.



### NDA Softball Tryouts

Come join the Panda softball family! Tryouts are open to all 7th and 8th graders from Notre Dame Academy feeder schools and parishes. Tryouts will be held February 15th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and February 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in NDA's gym. For questions email coach Joe Stephenson at [stephensonj@ndapandas.org](mailto:stephensonj@ndapandas.org).

### Scavenger Hunt at NDA

Join in all of the "Pandamonium" at the 6th & 7th Grade Scavenger Hunt at Notre Dame Academy on Friday, February 15th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Don't miss this afternoon of games, the NDA Scavenger Hunt, food and more! Please return the registration form for this event before February 13th. You can find the registration form online at [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org). For more information contact Katie Caccavari at 859-292-1829. We hope to see you there!

### Julie Learning Center

Julie Learning Center in Park Hills, a preschool ministry of the Sisters of Notre Dame, is now holding open enrollment for four and five year olds for the 2019-2020 school year. For more info visit [www.julielearningcenter.com](http://www.julielearningcenter.com) or call 392-8231.