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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday : 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Weekday: 6:30 & 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday,
9:20 a.m. Friday - School Mass
Holy Day: 7:00 p.m. Vigil, 6:30, 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS:

First-time parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class before the child can be Baptized. Classes are held every other month on the second Thursday. Call the Parish Office to register. Baptisms take place every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. except during Lent.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):

Persons wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith or seeking to complete their initiation Sacraments should contact Paula Fritz at 431-1802 or pfritz@saintagnes.com.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard on Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on the first Friday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. or by calling the Parish Office and making an appointment.

MARRIAGE:

Call the Parish Office at least nine months in advance. At least one of the individuals must be a registered parishioner.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:

For those who are homebound or sick and wish to receive Communion, call the Parish Office.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Gather with fellow Brothers in Christ every Saturday morning, 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Saint Agnes Daily Mass Chapel. Enjoy fellowship and the Word of God.

GRADE SCHOOL CCD CLASSES:

Held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during the school year. Contact Anita Dunn, 431-1802 or adunn@saintagnes.com 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 for more information.

MEETINGS:

Athletic Boosters-3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
in the Rectory Conference Room
Board of Education-2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
in the Library/Media (School) Center
Finance Committee-1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. in the
Rectory Conference Room
Parish Council-1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the
Rectory Conference Room
Pro-Life Committee-2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. & Dec. in
Murphy Hall
St. Vincent de Paul Society-2nd & 4th Mondays
at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Conference
Room

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar

Sunday, February 11

- 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

Monday, February 12

- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Pro-Life Committee - Murphy Hall

Tuesday, February 13

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

Wednesday, February 14

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

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

- 5:00 p.m. Fish Fry - Murphy Hall

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 11-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Helen & Bob Kramer
- 9:30 a.m. Jeffrey Brown
- 11:30 a.m. Nancy Egan

Monday, February 12

- 6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 11:30 a.m. Ralph Kuchle & Karen Kuchle Swofford

Tuesday, February 13

- 6:30 a.m. Robert C. Cetrulo
- 11:30 a.m. Audrey Weiskittel

Wednesday, February 14-Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 8:30 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon
- 11:30 a.m. Dick Schieman
- 7:00 p.m. Jeannine Wendling

Thursday, February 15

- 6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 11:30 a.m. Michael Warning

Friday, February 16

- 6:30 a.m. LM "Mike" Poage
- 9:20 a.m. Robert & Rosemary Jameson
- 11:30 a.m. Christine Janszen

Saturday, February 17-The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

- 8:30 a.m. Etta Zembrodt
- 4:00 p.m. Rose Ann Foltz

Sunday, February 18-First Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 a.m. Anita Dodd Connelly
- 9:30 a.m. Intention of Evelyn "Doll" Shields
- 11:30 a.m. Clem Hellmann

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for February 17th & 18th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Paul & Terry Hellmann
- 7:30 a.m. Don & Irene Mai
- 9:30 a.m. Chris & Natalie Maier & Family
- 11:30 a.m. Paul & Mary Lee Scheper

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-A Ward, C-C Hill
- 7:30 a.m. G Dushensky
- 9:30 a.m. L-K Fischer, C-D Dickhaus
- 11:30 a.m. L-K Oberjohn, C-J Lawrie

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. M Stoeckle, D & K Bray, S Gleeson, J Ward, K Middendorf, N Stratman, K Willenbrink
- 7:30 a.m. M Wuensch, Sr. Flo, R Miller, B Henn
- 9:30 a.m. G & D Small, C Smith, D Witt, W Witt, A Dickhaus, M Fox, P Metzger
- 11:30 a.m. D Able, L Clements, J & M Crowe, B Thaman P & ML Scheper, P Johnston

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. M Kaelin, J Collins, E Dowd
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. B Dickhaus, G Eckerle, R Eckerle
- 11:30 a.m. M Summe, P Summe, T Wachs

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- Feb. 12th-Daryl Tepe Feb. 19th-John Zembrodt

Rosary, Sunday, Feb. 18th at 9:00 a.m.: Tony Summe

Highland Crossing, Feb. 18th: Deacon Bob Stoeckle

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Peggy Kovarik
- 7:30 a.m. Loretta McKinley
- 9:30 a.m. Carol Mullen
- 11:30 a.m. Bob & Mary Jo Rose

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Marge Kuhlman A-Geri Sullivan
- 7:30 a.m. F-Mike Hodge A-Tom Arnold
- 9:30 a.m. F-Leah Rosing & Deana & Grayson Gabbard A-Tom Jacober & Lee Stauber
- 11:30 a.m. F-Joe & Marion Crowe A-Drew & Lyn Collins

Staff Article

Strength

Today is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time and both the first reading and the Gospel focus on leprosy. In the ancient world leprosy meant separation. A leper had to remove himself or herself from the community. It had social consequences. It was a powerful symbol of the harm done by sin.

I think we have a tendency to think of sin as something limited to harm we do to ourselves. But the reality is that when we sin we harm not only ourselves, but others around us. Sin has social consequences. If sin becomes acceptable as a feature of human conduct, we all suffer.

But we need not focus on the negative. The opposite of sin: STRENGTH (the root meaning of the word virtue). We are called to be strong people and to form strong communities. We are called to support one another.

Lent is not too distant. We can begin now to pray for a Lent to bring us strength.

Fr. Quill



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus cured a leper and told him to tell no one about the healing...then the leper spread the news of his cure to everyone he met and Jesus could no longer openly enter a town.

Adults: Why do you think Jesus asked the leper not to tell anyone about his healing? Do you think you could have kept the secret if you had been the leper? Why do you think Jesus wanted the healing kept quiet?

Teens: Do you believe in miracles? Has anything ever happened to you or one of your friends that you think may have been miraculous? Ask your parents if they have ever encountered anything miraculous.

Children: If you could ask Jesus to perform a miracle for you what would you ask for? Why?

Next Sunday, February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent, Cycle B

This coming Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday, the day we begin the Liturgical Season of Lent. Each year at Easter we renew our Baptismal Promises. Lent is a time set aside by Christ's Church for the purpose of preparing ourselves to renew these promises. Our Baptismal Promises express our desire for our lives to be configured to Christ's "who though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped, rather He emptied Himself... becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:6-11, Second Reading on Palm Sunday). Prayer, alms-giving and fasting are three "tried and true" disciplines to help us prepare ourselves to live more deeply the life of sacrifice that our Baptismal Promises call us to.

We are in "Year B" and in Year B the Gospel of Mark is featured in our readings at Sunday Mass, though not without exceptions. For the first two Sunday's of Lent, the Gospel is from the Gospel of Saint Mark. For the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, the Gospel reading is from the Gospel of John. In general, during Lent the first reading—from the Old Testament—is always about the history of salvation (One of the main topics of Lenten instruction). In particular, in Cycle B years, the first reading each Sunday is concerned with one of the five covenants of the Old Testament. These Old Testament Covenants prefigure the final covenant in Jesus which we commemorate at the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter). The second reading—from the New Testament writings—is chosen because of thematic relations to the Old Testament and Gospel readings of each particular Sunday.

Gospel (Mark 1:12-15): The Gospel for the first Sunday in Lent is always either Matthew, Mark or Luke's version of Jesus' stay in the desert and His temptations from the devil. In all three of these "Synoptic Gospels" this event occurs just before Jesus begins His public ministry. Jesus is driven into the dessert by the Spirit. He stays (is kept by

Parish Worship continued

the Spirit?) there for “40 days.” In the Bible the number “40” is a number that seems to indicate the time it takes for God’s will to be accomplished. We see the effects of Jesus’ time spent with the Spirit in the desert in His response to temptation, indicating that the Spirit has in fact prepared Him and He is ready for His public ministry which seems to be precipitated by the arrest of John the Baptist. Typical of Mark, details of the temptations are not given as fully as they are in Matthew and Luke.

First Reading (Genesis 9:8-15): This reading from Genesis is from the story of Noah. The setting is after Noah, his family and all the creatures have been in the ark during the “40 days and 40 nights” of rain. God initiates a covenant with Noah and the rainbow is the sign of this new pledge of God to humanity.

Second Reading (1 Peter 3:18-22): 1 Peter is a letter of encouragement to Christians in Asia Minor in the first century. In this passage the writer speaks of the flood in Noah’s time as a pre-figuring of Baptism in Christ.

Lent Begins this Week

A little research shows that the season Lent has a very complicated history. The practice of having a period of fasting before the annual celebration of Easter is very old. In the earliest days of the Church, the weekly Sunday celebration of the Eucharist was seen as THE commemoration of Easter and it was preceded by a day of fast on the Friday of each week. So the Church’s practice of the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday and fasting on Friday are among the oldest of our traditions.

There have been many variations of the season that we now call Lent. An exact count of 40 days does not seem to have been important. In some areas, Sundays were expected to be days of fasting like any other day of Lent. In other areas, Sundays weren’t fast days. In some areas, neither Sundays nor Saturdays were counted, but Lent lasted for eight weeks (8x5=40). One form of Lent consisted of the six weeks before Easter, but

not counting Sundays. These 36 days amounted to a spiritual tithing (10% of the 365 days of the year). Later, to make it 40, so as to be similar to Christ’s 40 days in the desert, four more days were added at the beginning (Ash Wednesday through Saturday).

In our age, with better communications, it is easier for us all to be on the same page. Currently, officially Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the evening of Holy Thursday. If you count all the days -- including Sundays -- that will add up to 44 days. The evening of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Saturday are no longer part of “Lent.” They form what is called the “Triduum” or “the three days” which form the summit of our year of worship, commemorating Jesus’ crucifixion, death and resurrection.

Regardless of the length, the reason for Lent is to provide a time when together as a church we prepare to renew our Baptismal Promises. As a church we will do that at Easter as we commemorate the Paschal Mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection, recalling that in our Baptism we died with Christ so that one day we may share Christ’s resurrection. Our lives, lived united with Christ through Baptism, are lives of sacrifice for others. The ashes with which we begin this season remind us that our lives and this world are ephemeral. Life with God is eternal.

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.



Weekday Rosary

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

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Communion From the Cup, the Sign of Peace, and the Flu

It is always important that we be considerate of others when we might be contagious with a cold virus, flu virus or some other contagion that can be spread through contact. We are always supposed to use good judgement in these matters, whether it is shaking hands with people when we arrive at church and at the Sign of Peace, or receiving Communion from the Cup at Mass. Given the severity of the flu this year, and the extent of the outbreak, these considerations are all the more important. For the time being we will continue to offer the Communion from the Cup, and have the "Sign of Peace." However, if you are aware that you might be sick, please refrain from receiving Communion from the Cup or from shaking hands (a knowing nod of the head or wave of the hand will suffice). All will understand and be appreciative. –Father Mark Keene

Bulletin Picture

Ashes, with which we sign ourselves on Ash Wednesday (February 14th) to remind ourselves of our mortality—"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."—and so the time is NOW to turn to the Lord.

What is the Vocation Chalice?



At the end of each Sunday Mass, the priest and deacon present a "Vocation Chalice" to parishioners who have volunteered to take the Vocation Chalice home with them for the upcoming week. Included with the Chalice, which is usually in a white, cloth bag, is a card on which is printed a special prayer for vocations (diocesan priesthood, religious and diaconate). Those who take the chalice are encouraged to display the Chalice somewhat prominently in their home during the week and to pray the Prayer for Vocations at least once a day, such as before or after the evening meal, sometime when all or at least most of the household is present to pray.

This "program" was begun by the Knights of Columbus who provided the Chalices. Deacon Joe Cleves led the initiative to get it started at Saint Agnes. Families and individuals at Saint Agnes have been taking a Vocation Chalice home and praying for Vocations in this special manner since 2003.

If you are interested in being a part of this program and taking a Vocation Chalice home and praying for Vocations, please contact the Parish Office (431-1802 or parishoffice@saintagnes.com). Thank you.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 02/05/18)	\$792,961
Budgeted Collections (July thru February)	\$881,000
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2017/2018)	\$1,250,000

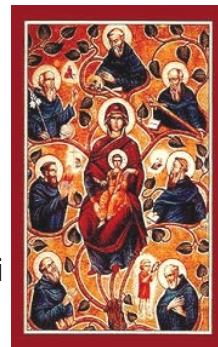
Please Recycle This Bulletin

In the spirit of concern for the environment and Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudate Si - On Care For Our Common Home*, please recycle this bulletin. – Fr. Mark Keene

Saints of the Week

Seven Founders of the Servite Order

In 1233 A.D. seven men, cloth merchants of the Italian city of Florence, left their businesses and secular lives behind to go to a nearby mountain, Monte Senario, to live a life of poverty, penance and prayer. These seven men, Buonfiglio del Monaldi, Giovanni di Buonagiunta, Amadeus of the Amidiei, Ricovero dei Lippi-Ugguccione, Benedetto dell' Antella, Gherardino di Sostegno and Alessio de' Falconieri dedicated themselves to Mary under her title of Mother of Sorrows. As laymen they were accustomed to



Saints of the Week continued

meeting regularly and by their devotion to the Mother of Jesus they adopted the virtues of hospitality and compassion.

Sometime in the 1240's the seven men had their order approved by the Bishop of Florence. They called it The Order of the Servants of Mary (or the Servites). It is one of the five original mendicant orders of the Catholic Church; the others are the Franciscans, the Dominicans, the Carmelites and the Augustinians. (Mendicants are orders that depend directly on charity for their livelihood.) Upon approval of the order the members decided to live under the Rule of Saint Augustine.

In 1276 Pope Innocent V, following an ordinance of the Second Lateran Council, suppressed the Servite order but he died before it could be carried out. Following the death of his successor the next Pontiff, Pope John XXI, permitted the order to continue and Pope Benedict XI finally approved the order officially in 1304. By this time six of the founders had died and only Alessio de'Falconieri remained alive. He died on February 17, 1310 and this date became the feast day of the seven founders of the Servites.

Parish News

Did You Know?

You already know that Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, but do you know how that date is determined? It is determined by the day of Easter, which is the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the March equinox. Once that day is found, you count backwards 40 days (not counting the Sundays) and you land on a Wednesday and that Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we are highly encouraged to attend Mass and openly acknowledge our frailty and sinfulness. When we receive the ashes, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins and that during the season of Lent we will correct our faults, purify our hearts, and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy. Have a blessed Lenten season!

Family of God

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

Clark Patrick McCormack

Child of Patrick & Monica McCormack

Owen Lee Seibert

Child of Mark & Nicole Seibert

Thank You

Thank you for the many prayers and well wishes received from so many parishioners during my illness and recovery. I was deeply moved and encouraged. My illness was a God-journey with many gifts and lessons of love. Prepared for the most serious outcome, I was at peace because of God's grace. Please continue to keep the sick and suffering in your prayers, entrusting them to God's mercy and love. May Saint Agnes continue to be blessed with such faith-filled parishioners and leadership.

With sincere gratitude,

Theresa Gray

Saint Agnes Fish Fry

Be sure to "Catch" the Saint Agnes Fish Fry February 16th, 23rd, March 2nd and 9th from 5-9 p.m. in the church undercroft.

Come for a night of fellowship, fun and FISH! Fish dinners, beer/soft drinks and baked goods will be available. Carry-out will also be available. If you are interested in volunteering please go to <http://signup.com/go/LEJjQC>. See you at the Fish Fry!!



Calling All Bakers

The Saint Agnes Odyssey of the Mind teams are hosting the bake sale at the Saint Agnes Fish Fry on February 16th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Odyssey of the Mind is a newly formed after school activity that focuses on team building and creative problem solving. We could use help filling the baked goods tables! Any donated baked goods can be dropped off that night or you can contact Joan at joanthamann@yahoo.com to make other arrangements. Thank you for your help!

Parish News continued

Pro-Life Committee Meeting

The Pro-Life Committee will meet this Monday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Hall. We will be sharing Pro-Life news and discussing upcoming events. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Youth Group Valentine Gathering

Saint Agnes Youth Group invites teens to a Valentine's Gathering today, February 11th in the school cafeteria. Grades 7th & 8th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and high schoolers from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A perfect day to show love to Christ! Share your faith with other teens while having fun and food. For further information contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com.



For Those Interested in Volunteering

Here is what you need to do:

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

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

Big Blue Bash

Saint Agnes School Parent Teacher Organization is hosting the 18th Annual Big Blue Bash Fundraising Event. The proceeds from this event go directly to the school's PTO. This year the event will be held on Friday, March 23rd at The Gardens of Park Hills from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. The Big Blue Bash Committee will be selling \$10 CASH! CASH! CASH! raffle tickets for a chance to win \$5,000. Please support the Big Blue Bash event through this raffle. Tickets are available at the Parish Office and will be included in your parish event invitation. Look for your invitation to the event in February.



Covington Catholic Honor Roll

First Honors: Cody Thomas, Michael Collins, Kyle Richards, Blaine Ritz, Paul Thelen, Jackson Witt, Kevin Finke, Mitchell Franxman, Johnathan Graf, Matthew Allison, Paul Allison, Mason Brewer, John Burke, Nicholas Collins, Nicolas Flesch, Neil Green, John Lawrie, Peter Maier, William Ryan, Jacob Schulte, Bo Stoll, Evan Wessels, Jacob Bayer

Second Honors: John Bessler, Mason Kinsella, Alexander Moore, Dominic Russo, William Schulte, Jacob Witt, Thomas Deere, Harrison Porras, Matthew Dowd, Matthew Kaelin, Daniel Bloemer, William Bright, Jacob Deere, Benjamin Dickhaus, Russell Graf, Andrew Kennedy, Anthony Kraemer, Charles Metzger, Matthew Schwartz.

Faith Formation

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

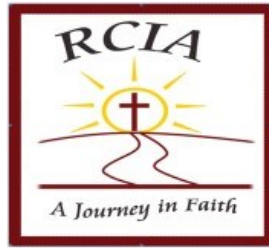
"The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

Faith Formation continued

RCIA

Next weekend, February 17th/18th, our RCIA catechumens will celebrate the Rite of Sending in our parish at the 9:30a.m. Mass. Across the world, Catholic Bishops on the First Sunday of Lent welcome those sent by the parish to gather with their sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election. The Rite of Sending, celebrated in the parish, offers the parish community the opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the catechumens have made, to express approval of their recognition and readiness to enter the Catholic Church, and to send them forth to our bishop with assurance of the parish's care and support. Please pray for our RCIA catechumens, Justin and Brandon, as they celebrate this last major Rite and so begin a period of more intense spiritual preparation before entering the Church at the Easter Vigil.



FORMED

In the month of February, FORMED offers us many opportunities to have A Lent to Remember. We will be doing our Parish Lenten small groups through FORMED, but there are many opportunities for you to deepen your faith on your own time. Please spend time getting to know the Lord better this Lent with FORMED. Watch *Gifts From God: Confession or Symbolon* series, or read *The Power of Silence* by Robert Cardinal Sarah, or listen to *My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent* by Bishop Robert Barron, or watch with your children the Cat.Chat series. If you have not registered for FORMED yet, go to www.formed.org and enter code 7CWP2N and follow the instructions. If you are having trouble registering, please call or email the Parish Office at 431-1802 or pfritz@saintagnes.com.



School News

Box Tops for Education

This is a program to earn "free money" for our school. Many products have little Box Tops coupons on the package, which can be turned in to earn cash for our school. Each coupon is worth 10 cents, but they add up fast. The past few years, we've earned nearly \$2,000 for our school. We are preparing for the spring turn-in, so this is a great time to drop off the Box Tops you've been collecting in the collection basket or to the school. Thanks for your support!

Christian Outreach

Opportunities for Life

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

Diocesan News

Thinking About the Priesthood?

Today, February 11th, there will be a Discernment Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory of the Cathedral. Bishop Foys and Fr. Andrew Young invite any men, high-school age and older, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to attend. These dinners are held on the First Sunday of every month and usually last about an hour and half. Please contact Fr. Andrew Young in the Vocations Office for more details (392-1500). If you would like more information, or if you know someone who might be discerning a vocation, please contact Father Keene (431-1802 or mkeene@saintagnes.com). We all have a duty to encourage and pray for vocations.

Diocesan News continued

Diocesan Priesthood Information Event at Saint Agnes

On Thursday evening, February 15th, our parish is hosting a Diocesan Vocation Event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Bishop Foys and the vocations directors for our diocese will be here, along with priests from our parish and diocese. There will be a time of prayer, followed by a meal and time to ask questions about the diocesan priesthood. If you would like to attend this informal, information-providing and prayerful gathering, please contact the parish office. No commitment is expected and it will be a good opportunity to meet with our Bishop and priests and to ask questions and get to know some of the others who are considering a vocation to the priesthood. If you know of someone who might be interested in this information, please let them know about this opportunity. The knowledge that others are supportive of you when you are exploring this possibility is very encouraging. Let us all work to engender an atmosphere in Christ's Church that is supportive of His call to the diocesan priesthood. If you have any questions, please contact Father Keene (431-1802 or mkeene@saintagnes.com). Thank you!

Diocesan Youth Day at TMC Basketball

All high school students of youth groups of the diocese and their high school guests are invited to be the guests of Thomas More College on Saturday, February 17th to see the Lady Saints play Washington and Jefferson at 1:00 p.m. and the men of the same colleges play at 3:00 p.m. at the Connor Convocation Center on the college campus. Attend either game—or both—no charge. Accompanying adult admission is \$5 and seniors \$2. Free parking. This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Covington Office of Catechesis and Formation and the Diocesan Youth Advisory Board.

Worldwide Movement to Protect Mothers and Children

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers to help end the injustice of abortion in their local communities.

With God's help, over the last 10 years, in 741 cities across 47 nations, 13,998 babies have been saved, 170 abortion workers have converted and 90 abortion centers have been closed -- so far!

The next campaign begins Ash Wednesday, February 14th and ends Palm Sunday, March 25th. To be successful, we need YOU to commit to prayer times at the very place where innocent lives are ended - Planned Parenthood, 2314 Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati, any hour between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily.

Kickoff Rally - today, Sunday, February 11th at 3:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood. All are welcome. To learn more contact: Mary Clark, 513-791-4039/cincy40days@fuse.net and visit www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Next Weekend: check their website for upcoming 2018 weekends in Cincinnati, OH. Register online at www.wwme.org or call 513-251-1940.

Retrouvaille

For couples in troubled marriages, Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of three months. Contact: www.cincyretrouvaille.org or call 513-456-5413.

New Beginnings

A faith-based support group, New Beginnings provides separated and divorced individuals the opportunity for healing and growth. In this group, participants find new understanding of themselves and their relationships and gain courage to discover new life.

All sessions are at Catholic Charities in Latonia. Registration is required. Call 392-1500 ext. 1529.