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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Calendar

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

Monday, February 19

Parish Office Closed

- 5:30 p.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:30 p.m. Boosters - Rectory Conf Room

Tuesday, February 20

- 7:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (WH) - Murphy A & B

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

- 6:00 p.m. Fish Fry - Murphy Hall

Saturday, February 24

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

Sunday, February 25

DPAA Pre-Announcement Weekend

- 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

Sunday, February 25-Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 a.m. Helen & Bob Kramer
- 9:30 a.m. Thomas McNamara & Heather McNamara
- 11:30 a.m. Marilyn Glating

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for February 24th & 25th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Joe & Nancy Stratman
- 7:30 a.m. Gene & Leslie Koehl
- 9:30 a.m. Bill & Sue Osterhage
- 11:30 a.m. Matt & Paula Fritz

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-L Ransdell, C-S Gleeson
- 7:30 a.m. G Harpen
- 9:30 a.m. L-K Jump, C-L Hudson
- 11:30 a.m. L-G Whitacre, C-C Read

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. J Bayer, P Adams, A Emerson, C Hill, M Martin, S Osterhage, D & J Rehtin
- 7:30 a.m. J & C Brueggemann, C Kirn, A Kunkel
- 9:30 a.m. K Fischer, T Fischer, P Fritz, C Jacober, M Osterhaus, MA Schuh, MB Scott, C Smith
- 11:30 a.m. S & R Averdick, J & K Elfers, R & J Lawson, MJ Rose, B Thamann

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. J Bayer, J Graf, R Graf
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. S Fischer, J Hovan, A Wilson
- 11:30 a.m. B Wirth, H Wirth, G Ackerman

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

Feb. 19th-John Zembrodt Feb. 26th-Tony Eilerman

Rosary, Sunday, Feb. 25th at 9:00 a.m.: Dan Summe

Highland Crossing, Feb. 25th: Deacon Ralph Grieme

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Tom Kramer
- 7:30 a.m. Mike & Ginny Ruberg
- 9:30 a.m. Bob & Chris Ruschman
- 11:30 a.m. Phil & Jen Ryan

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Kathy Bell A-Betty Peeno
- 7:30 a.m. F-Tom Kramer A-Daryl & Blanche Tepe
- 9:30 a.m. F-Steve & Maria Elkins
A-Natalie & Chris Maier
- 11:30 a.m. F-Mike & Heather Monson
A-Tony & Tanya Fischer

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, February 19

- 6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 11:30 a.m. George Weidner

Tuesday, February 20

- 6:30 a.m. Kevin Macke
- 11:30 a.m. Marie Kreutzjans

Wednesday, February 21-St. Peter Damian

- 6:30 a.m. Suetholz Family
- 11:30 a.m. Bill Becker

Thursday, February 22-The Chari of St. Peter the Apostle

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Bob Hemmer

Friday, February 23-St. Polycarp

- 6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 9:20 a.m. Robert & Rosemary Jameson
- 11:30 a.m. Mel Weber

Saturday, February 24

- 8:30 a.m. David Tuemler
- 4:00 p.m. John William Nienaber

Staff Article

Time to Take A Risk

To laugh, is to risk appearing the fool.
To weep, is to risk appearing sentimental.
To reach out to another, is to risk exposing your true self.
To play your ideas, your dreams before the crowd, is to risk their loss.
To love, is to risk not being loved in return.
To live, is to risk dying.
To hope, is to risk despair.
To try, is to risk failure.

But risk must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, and is nothing. They may avoid suffering and sorrow but they simply cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love. Chained to their certitudes, they are a slave; they have forfeited freedom.

Only a person who risks....is free.

Author Unknown

I came across these words several weeks ago as I was going through some old papers. Some of you may remember, the Sunday I greeted everyone at Mass by saying, "Welcome to Saint Henry..." Some of the old papers took me back to my assignment at Saint Henry Parish. I just forgot to return to the present. Anyway...

I think of Lent as a time to risk, a time to risk seeking forgiveness from God and from others; a time to risk returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sometimes we feel like something is missing from life. Maybe the celebration of Penance is what is missing. Push past the fear. Push past the embarrassment. Acknowledge the guilt. Take a step out of your current comfort zone and allow God to touch your heart in a way you will never regret. Make it a time where you re-dedicate yourself, where you renew your intention, to lead a life worthy of the Christian calling.

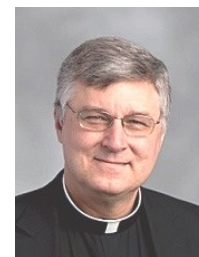
There really is no wrong way to go to confession. Fr. Keene, Fr. Quill, and myself....we will help

you with the words. You will come away with a great burden lifted from your shoulders. You don't have to tell us why you sinned. You don't have to explain yourself. We already know why you sinned. It's the same reason we sin: our imperfect, self-seeking, self-centered human nature.

Sin is more than a wrong opinion or a temporary glitch in behavior. It entails the corruption of our being. Even the most minor infraction affects something deep within us. With each sin something changes within. The light dims ever so slightly. The gap between created and Creator widens just a smidgen more. The risk of confessing our faults is worth the restoration of our life in God's grace.

If you want to give something up for Lent, give up your fear. Give up your resistance. Give up your sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May we all find our way back to the love of God.

Msgr. Don Enzweiler



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus prayed and fasted in the desert for forty days. After forty days He announced that the time of "fulfillment" was now! What did He mean by that?

Adults: Can you pray for forty minutes without taking several breaks? Do you think Jesus suffered a lot during those 40 days or was He simply trying to discern what His Father wanted of Him? Do you ever ask for guidance that you will know what the Lord wants you to do with your life?

Teens: When Jesus was in the desert, He was tempted by Satan. How often does Satan tempt you? Can you think of how you can best deal with temptation?

Children: Can you imagine living with wild beasts in a desert? How scary would that be? Try to think of one sacrifice you can make and offer to

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Parish Worship continued

Jesus today. Maybe you could give up a TV show or skip dessert or call someone you know who needs some “cheering up.”

Next Sunday, February 25, 2018 Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle B

Each year at Easter we renew our Baptismal Promises. These promises reflect our commitment to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to strive literally and figuratively to embody His teachings in our individual lives and in our life as His Church. Lent is a time set aside by Christ's Church for the purpose of preparing ourselves to renew these promises. It is helpful to keep this in mind as we study the readings during Lent.

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 reading is from Mark. For the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, the Gospel reading is from John. 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 Cycle B, the first reading each Sunday is concerned with one of the five covenants of the Old Testament, which point to 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.

Gospel (Mark 9:2-10): The Gospel for the second Sunday in Lent is always either Matthew, Mark or Luke's version of the “Transfiguration” event. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up “a high mountain” where they glimpse Jesus in His glorified (resurrected?) state. The scene depicted in the Transfiguration has parallels and contrasts with the crucifixion. Both are on mountains. On the Mount of the Transfiguration Jesus is revealed in all His divinity: glorified between Moses and Elijah, clothed with light, and the voice of God affirms Jesus. On the mountain of Calvary, Jesus is revealed in all His humanity: crucified between two thieves, naked and God

gives no answer at all to His cries of abandonment. It is helpful to look at these events more in terms of theology than history. The Transfiguration and the Crucifixion must be taken together in order to have a fuller understanding of who Jesus is in His divinity AND humanity. Over the centuries—but particularly during the first four centuries—there were great disputes over the human nature and divine nature of Jesus. In general, groups tended to deny the human nature of Jesus. However, other groups denied the divine nature of Jesus. Through it all, the church has always held that we have to hold to both natures as being manifest in Jesus. The Nicene Creed expresses the conclusion of this debate. The Transfiguration and the Crucifixion are Scriptural examples of why we have always held to this belief. (Interestingly enough, the Gospel of John does not describe a separate Transfiguration event. In John, Jesus on the cross on Calvary is at the same time both the Crucifixion and the “Glorification” of Jesus, revealing both His humanity and divinity.)

First Reading (Genesis 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18): The first reading on the second Sunday of Lent is always about Abraham. This year's first reading relates the strange story of God's request that Abraham sacrifice his son. This story is meant as a demonstration of Abraham's faith in God. This faith is vindicated in the covenant that God makes with Abraham, as described in the conclusion to this reading.

Second Reading (Romans 8:3-34): The second reading relates words of encouragement: That God's love for us—a love that allowed God to give us His Son—could never waver or betray us: “If God is for us (which of course He is) then who can be against us?”

Adoration of Our Lord

Lent can be a time of giving and giving up. The Lord our God's real presence is with us, and His command is very clear. Give some time and worship Him in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



Parish Worship continued

Communion From the Cup, the Sign of Peace, and the Flu: Use Good Judgement

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 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

What is the Vocation Chalice?

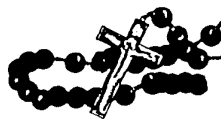


At the end of each Sunday Mass, the priest and deacon present a "Vocation Chalice" to parishioners who have volunteered to take the Vocation Chalice home with them for the upcoming week. Included with the Chalice, which is usually in a white, cloth bag, is a card on which is

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.

Weekday Rosary

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



Bulletin Picture

The presentation of the check from the proceeds from the Smiles and Miles event last September. The check was presented this past December. Proceeds are used for tuition assistance for Saint Agnes School, teachers' needs, and our Athletic Boosters' programs. Pictured left to right: Mr. Richard Hoyt, our principal, Father Keene, John Schaffstein and Eileen Schaffstein.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 02/12/18)	\$835,058
Budgeted Collections (July thru February)	\$881,000
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2017/2018)	\$1,250,000

We Are His Hands

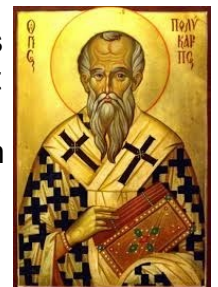
Rose Garden Mission

The commitment of your parish to support the work we do at the Rose Garden is overwhelming. Thank you so much for our 2017 donations of almost \$16,000 through your monthly tithing and your special fund-raisers. Your generosity and the support and assistance we receive from individual parishioners truly help us make a significant impact in the lives of the people we serve... We pray for you and your special intentions daily. God Bless You! –Mother Seraphina Marie, fdm

Saint of the Week

Saint Polycarp

The exact date of Polycarp's birth is not known however it is believed that he was born in A.D. 69. He was born in Smyrna, now Izmir, a city on the west coast of Turkey. Very little is known of his life but it is believed that he was ordained a bishop by Saint John the Evangelist. He is considered one of the three main Apostolic



Saint of the Week continued

Fathers of the Church, along with Saint Ignatius and Saint Clement of Rome. The Apostolic Fathers are authors of writings that, although not included in the New Testament, were very important in the early Church and are important now for an understanding of the early Church.

Polycarp is famous for his writings, which are some of the earliest that survived in the Church. He wrote a letter to the Philippians, now known as Polycarp's Letter to the Philippians. The letter is a warning against apostasy (abandonment of the faith) and encourages good works by Christians. A letter to him is included in the Letters of Saint Ignatius.

Of the few things that are known about Polycarp outside of his writings concerns a visit to Rome where he met with Pope Anicetus (later a saint). They met to discuss certain differences between the churches in Asia and those in Europe. One area of difference was the date of Easter. The Asian church based the determination of Easter on the Jewish Passover celebrating it on the same day regardless of the day of the week that it occurred, while the European church celebrated it on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is March 21st (as we do today).

Another early work on Polycarp is the Martyrdom of Polycarp written shortly after his death. It describes Polycarp's death at the hands of the Romans. He was martyred for refusing to burn incense to the emperor. He is reported to have asked, "How can I blaspheme my King and Savior? Bring forth what thou wilt." He was burned at the stake but the flames would not burn him so then he was stabbed. His feast day is February 23rd and he is honored because of his writings.

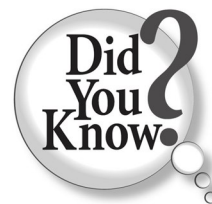
Parish News

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Did You Know?

This week at school, students will participate in a program called Everybody Counts in which they learn about the obstacles individuals with physical and mental disabilities face every day. The children will learn to understand the experiences of the visually impaired through Braille instruction and walking with a cane. They will learn about being hearing impaired by learning sign language. They will also get a better idea of developmental handicaps by experiencing motor impairment and eye-hand coordination problems. This program helps the students become more aware and more accepting of those with all kinds of challenges and/or disabilities. The hope is that students take the things they learn with them into our community.



Respect Handicapped Parking Spaces

We have a number of parking spaces designated for handicapped persons. We have done this to facilitate their ability to be with us for Mass and other worship services in our church. Please respect these designations. Obviously, if you need to use one of these spaces, we truly want you to. If you do not need to though, please leave them for those who do. Thank you.

—Father Mark Keene

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 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 Tom Rasp, the parish Business Manager at 431-1802 ext. 356.

Parish News continued

Saint Agnes Fish Fry

Be sure to "Catch" the Saint Agnes Fish Fry February 23rd, March 2nd and 9th from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. (with food service stopping at 9:00 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/LEJJJQC>. See you at the Fish Fry!!

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).



Faith Formation

RCIA

Today our RCIA catechumens celebrate the Rite of Sending at Saint Agnes in which they confirm their desire to make final preparations to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil and we as their parish family give them our approval and assurance of our care and support. This afternoon, they will celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral with Bishop Foys. It is appropriate that our catechumens, Justin and Brandon, who have been called by Christ and claimed by Christ to enter Heaven, be recognized by our Bishop, who is a sign of the unity of our particular Church. From this point forward, they are no longer called catechumens, but are called the "Elect." Please pray for our Elect and their sponsors as they enter this final period of intense spiritual preparation for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.



FORMED

In the month of February, FORMED offers us many opportunities to have A Lent to Remember.



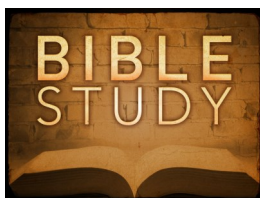
We will be doing our Parish Lenten small groups through FORMED, but there are many opportunities for you to deepen your faith on your own time. Please spend time getting to know the Lord better this Lent with FORMED. Watch *Gifts From God: Confession or Symbolon* series, or read *The Power of Silence* 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Faith Formation continued

Bible Study

Faith Formation Catholic Bible Study Classes for adults and young adults — All sessions are scheduled for Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning March 6th. Each workshop will take three evenings and will cover one book of the Bible. The study will begin with the Book of Numbers, and with enough interest, continue through the Book of Revelation. Our guest presenter is the Reverend Timothy Schehr, Ph.D., from the Athenaeum of Ohio, Mt. St. Mary Seminary of the West.



The cost to participate in each book of the Bible is \$35. All sessions will be held in the Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, located in the Diocese of Covington Curia, 1125 Madison Ave. To register online, or for more information, please visit the diocesan website at www.covdio.org/scripture-study-for-young-adults-and-adult-faith-formation or email registration to catechesis@covdio.org or call 392-1500 ext. 1526. A brochure listing the first ten courses is available on the above website.

Women's Retreat

A Women's Retreat for ladies ages 18 and over: Spa for The Soul - Preparing Our Hearts for Holy Week will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Saint Pius Church, 348 Dudley Road. Cost is \$20 and includes continental breakfast, lunch and appetizers. Register online at catholiceventsnky.blogspot.com click on register. Register by Friday, March 17th and receive a \$5 discount. Contact Laura McGlinchey at 859-443-6981 or lmcglinchey@gmail.com for additional information.

Men's Retreat:

Abandonment to Divine Providence

Deacon Dave Profitt will be leading a men's retreat March 9th - 11th on "Into Your Hands, The Path to Abandonment." Topics will be centered on the power of abandonment to divine providence,

developing trust in God, knowing yourself by knowing God. The retreat will be at St. Anne Retreat Center in Melbourne, KY. The cost will be \$150 and will include all meals. For additional information or to register, visit our website at www.stanneretreatcenter.org or call Laura Fagin at 859-441-2003 or lfagin@covdio.org.

Adult Faith Education Opportunities

On March 3rd & 10th we will be hosting Fr. Ray Enzweiler as he teaches Bioethics. His classes will be in Murphy Hall. On March 10th we will also have Fr. Andrew Young teaching Introduction to Scripture. He will be in the Rectory Conference room. Both are 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Course details and registration is available at www.covdio.org/catechesis-formation or call 392-1500 ext. 1526 to register.

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"Many parents want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift," www.usccb.org/perfect-gift

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.

Project Rachel

Make peace with your past. Come back to God, who is Love and Mercy! If you or someone you know has had an abortion experience, please call our confidential hotline today, 859-392-1547 or confidential email, projectrachel@covdio.org. Peace and forgiveness await you. Contact us today.



Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL)

PAL meets every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities. It provides continuing education and support, at no charge, for parents with a son, daughter or spouse suffering from addiction to alcohol or drugs. Contact Laura Jackson at 859-581-8974 or www.covingtoncharities.org for more information.

Diocesan News

Pancake Breakfast - Today

The Sisters of Notre Dame invite you to a Pancake Breakfast today, Sunday, February 18th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Proceeds benefit the Sisters of Notre Dame Mission in Uganda, East Africa. All are welcome!



Seminary Live-In Weekend Opportunity

Every semester the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, offers a unique opportunity for high-school (juniors and seniors) and college age men to experience the prayer life, classes, and communal life of the seminary. Live-In Weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, the college seminary formation program, as well as opportunities for recreation, sports, and simply getting to know seminarians. The Weekend is free of charge and includes all meals and housing. The Spring 2018 Live-In Weekend will be held from Thursday, March 15th until Saturday, March 17th. Fr. Andrew Young, Vocations Promoter for the Diocese of Covington, will be leading the group from our Diocese to the Live-In. Anyone interested in taking advantage of this unique opportunity should call Fr. Andrew at 392-1500 or (606) 584-7565 or email ayoung@covdio.org for more information and to register for the weekend.

Sandy Hook Initiative

Our diocese is excited to host Alissa Parker, mother and co-founder of Safe and Sound: A Sandy Hook Initiative, at the Cathedral on February 21st from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Covington Catholic Spaghetti Dinner

Covington Catholic's annual Spaghetti Dinner and Fine Arts Festival will be on Sunday, February 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the school. A performance by the award winning CCH Chamber Choir will take place before dinner at 3:30 p.m. and music during dinner will be provided by the Covington Catholic and Notre Dame Academy band.

The Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner includes salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Tickets at the door are \$8.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 3 to 9. Pre-ordered tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 3 to 9 and may be ordered by credit card on the Covington Catholic website at www.covcath.org/dinnertickets. Pre-ordered tickets are available through February 21st and will be held for pickup at the door on the day of the event.