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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

**BAPTISMS:**

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

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):**

Persons wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith or seeking to complete their initiation Sacraments should contact Paula Fritz at 431-1802 or [pfritz@saintagnes.com](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 CCD CLASSES:**

Held on Sunday during the 11:30 a.m. Mass from September thru April. Contact Jenny Schneider at 392-8261 or [jschneider@mchalescatering.com](mailto:jschneider@mchalescatering.com) for more information.

**MEETINGS:**

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

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Calendar

#### Sunday, February 19

Men's CRHP Weekend

- 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 20

**Parish Office Closed**

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

#### Tuesday, February 21

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

#### Wednesday, February 22

- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Murphy A & B

#### Thursday, February 23

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

#### Friday, February 24

#### Saturday, February 25

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

#### Sunday, February 26

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

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, February 19-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Earl Arnold
- 9:30 a.m. Tom Meihaus
- 11:30 a.m. Leo Stamm

#### Monday, February 20

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Marie Kreuzjans

#### Tuesday, February 21-St. Peter Damian

- 6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 11:30 a.m. Bill Becker

#### Wednesday, February 22-The Chair of St. Peter

- 6:30 a.m. Doran Reed
- 11:30 a.m. Betty White

#### Thursday, February 23-St. Polycarp

- 6:30 a.m. Meckleburg Family
- 11:30 a.m. Mel Weber

#### Friday, February 24

- 6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 8:30 a.m. Paul Michels
- 11:30 a.m. Ralph Kuchle & Karen Kuchle Swofford

#### Saturday, February 25

- 8:30 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon
- 4:00 p.m. Intention of Ed & Martha Schuh & Family

#### Sunday, February 26-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Estelle McGrath Cetrulo
- 9:30 a.m. Fred Meyers
- 11:30 a.m. Francis Meese Ewing

### Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for February 25th/26th

#### Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Joe & Nancy Stratman & Family
- 7:30 a.m. Bob & Paula Zembrodt
- 9:30 a.m. Tony & Tanya Fischer & Family
- 11:30 a.m. Sam & Maureen Wood

#### Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-S Osterhage, C-S Sturgeon
- 7:30 a.m. G Harpen
- 9:30 a.m. L-L Rowekamp, C-T Uthe
- 11:30 a.m. L-C Read, C-L Clements

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. J, A & O Ward, J Bayer, T & D Eilerman, A Emerson, S Gleeson
- 7:30 a.m. N Arnold, J & C Brueggemann, C Kirm
- 9:30 a.m. G & D Small, C Allison, M Brungs, C Cleves, T Fischer, M Fox, P Fritz
- 11:30 a.m. B Thaman, D Able, S & R Averdick, J & M Crowe, J & K Elfers

#### Servers

- 4:00 p.m. A Martin, C Martin, E Martin
- 7:30 a.m. R Hurst, **2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
- 9:30 a.m. L Smith, E Thaman, W Ziegler
- 11:30 a.m. J Meek, **2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### 6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- Feb. 20th-Don Mai
- Feb. 27th-Daryl Tepe

#### Rosary, Sunday, Feb. 26th at 9:00 a.m.: Theresa Gray

#### Highland Crossing, Feb. 26th: Deacon Bob Stoeckle

#### Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Steve & Teresa Schrage
- 7:30 a.m. Sisters of Notre Dame
- 9:30 a.m. Kevin & Carlene Brungs
- 11:30 a.m. Danny & Gwyn Whitacre

#### Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Aneta Biernat A-Betty Peeno
- 7:30 a.m. F-Mike Hodge 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-Jim Fischesser, Tony & Tanya Fischer

## Staff Article

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Fifth Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, especially the Sermon on the Mount, answers the question, "How does God expect me (all of us) to live each day?" The Sermon on the Mount is comprised of the Eight Beatitudes, the admonition to the Apostles to be "the salt of the earth," "a light to the world" and a "city on a mountain"; in other words, to be an example to all on how to live. It also consists of Saint Matthew's seven Antitheses. These are the propositions that Jesus states in last weeks and this weeks Gospel where he says, "You have heard it said...." and then contradicts that statement with his own clarification or refinement of the point with "But I say to you.....".

His statements are all perfections of the Mosaic Law, the Ten Commandments given to Moses and the Israelites on Mount Sinai. The guideposts that God, in His wisdom and love, gave us for how to live our lives to the fullest, with the greatest satisfaction and unimaginable rewards. The clearest way back to Him for all eternity.

The readings for both Sundays point out that God's wisdom is greater than our wisdom and, more importantly, it is greater than the wisdom of our age and culture. This is very important for us to recognize because the culture of our age is nearly always in direct contradiction to God's wisdom. In our current culture everything is about "me" or "I". What do I want? What will make me happy? What do I need? In reality the secret of life is that "it is not about "you"". It is always about "others". God made us to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this world and to spend eternity with Him in the next. He also made us to love our fellow human beings, friends and foes alike, and to find ways to serve them and assist them to also get to heaven with Him. We do this by bringing them to Christ and His Church. Nowhere is there a focus on "me" or "I".

Jesus ends his admonitions to the Apostles by telling them, "So be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." I think such a statement is so

overwhelming to us that we just let it go in one ear and out the other; thinking, "I cannot be perfect so why try." It is true we will probably fall short of that perfect goal, but that is no reason to ignore Jesus' instruction. Last week Sirach and Saint Paul advised us to trust in God's wisdom and not that of our current age. With trust in God and the graces that gives us, anything is possible and we will be far closer to perfect than if we follow the wisdom of our current culture.

So, the lessons of the Sermon on the Mount are that we are to trust in God, embrace His wisdom and strive for perfection in following the guideposts He gave us to reach our fulfillment and happiness with Him. Jesus has shown us the way. I would like to hear your thoughts about these readings. Please call my cellphone or send me an email message. My contact information is on page 2 of the bulletin.



Deacon Ralph Grieme

## Parish Worship

### Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus tells His disciples that they should love those who do evil to them...it is not enough to only love those who also love you.**

**Adults:** Who in your life has hurt you so badly that you feel you cannot be friends anymore? How can you reconcile this relationship? Are you willing to try?

**Teens:** Jesus tells His disciples to share what they have with their enemies. How can you follow this precept? What can you share with someone who needs a friend?

**Children:** Jesus tells us to love our enemies. Is there someone you think of as an enemy? How can you show them love?

### **Next Sunday, February 26, 2017: The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A**

We have a few weeks of the Liturgical Season called "Ordinary Time" between the end of the Christmas Season (the last day is the Feast of the

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Parish Worship continued

Baptism of the Lord) and the beginning of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1st this year). The priest wears green vestments during Ordinary Time, unless there is a special feast. The season is called "Ordinary" because it is "ordained", that is, counted, second Sunday, third Sunday, etc.

We are in cycle A, and so our Gospel reading this year will feature the Gospel of Matthew. During Ordinary Time the first reading, from the Old Testament, is chosen because of a thematic relation to the Gospel reading. For the second reading, we read semi-continuously from a New Testament letter, currently 1 Corinthians.

**Gospel Reading (Matthew 6:24-34):** The Gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus as giving five major discourses in the course of his public life. The first of these discourses has become known as "The Sermon on the Mount" and the entire discourse runs through chapters 5,6 and 7 in Matthew's Gospel. This passage begins with Jesus teaching his disciples, "No one can serve two masters.... You cannot serve God and mammon." However, the tone changes. The greater part of this passage consists of Jesus' beautiful teaching on God's providence, encouraging his listeners (and us) to trust in God's providence. This means getting one's priorities right. The passage concludes with: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides."

**First Reading (Isaiah 49:14-15):** The words of this passage were written for Jewish people at the end of the Babylonian exile, who may have concluded that God had forgotten them. The "Promised Land" was the outward sign of their covenant with God and having lost that land (temporarily as it turned out), many concluded that God had forgotten the covenant and them. Isaiah's words in this passage would be consoling to them: "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you."

**Second Reading (1Corinthians 4:1-5):** In this passage Paul teaches that the Christians at Corinth should regard him (Paul) and any other

minister of the Gospel as "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." As such, Paul is trying to both present his credentials as a legitimate minister of the Gospel, but not make himself the center of some following or cult, as apparently some in the church in Corinth were doing at this time.

### Adoration of Our Lord

**Why Eucharistic Adoration?** To adore Him and give Him the honor which is due to Him. Please sign up for an hour in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



### Bulletin Picture

The statue of Mary in the "courtyard" surrounded by the church, the parish offices and the rectory.

### Did you Know?

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



### Stewardship

#### Status of Sunday Collection

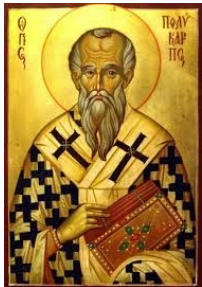
Actual Collections (July thru 02/13/17)	\$805,475
Budgeted Collections (July thru February)	\$821,000
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2016/2017)	\$1,185,000

#### Contribution Statements for 2016

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

## 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 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 is the oldest description of a Christian martyrdom after the account of the death of Saint Stephen in the Acts of the Apostles. 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 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.

### Parish Breakfast Next Sunday: Help Us Test Our New Kitchen

Next Sunday, February 26th, we will be having a parish breakfast, beginning after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome and there is no charge. The menu isn't fixed yet, but it's looking like we will be serving pancakes, sausage/bacon, etc. We have just completed the upgrades to the kitchen area for Murphy Hall and we want to give it a good test before the fish fries which start on March 3rd. Come and enjoy! -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](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 Tom Rasp, the parish Business Manager at 431-1802 ext. 356.



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### RCIA

Do you hear God's call to you today? Do you believe that you are holy, that you are "the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16) What does that mean to you? Jesus instructs us to "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matt. 5:48) How are you responding to His instruction? Our RCIA catechumens and candidates are responding to God's call to be holy by seeking to know, love, and serve Him more fully through the Catholic faith. They are exploring what Jesus' instruction means to them and how they can change their lives to become the person that God created them to be. We are all challenged today to be open to the ways God is calling us to change our lives so that we may truly and perfectly belong to Him. Please continue to pray for Katie, Josh, Cheryl, Heather, Melissa, Tyne, and Lee as they journey toward the Easter Sacraments.

If you know anyone or if you yourself are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith please email [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com) or call the Parish Office at 431-1802.



### Saint Agnes Fish Fry

Be sure to "catch" the Saint Agnes Fish Fry on March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th from 5 to 11 p.m. in the church undercroft. Come for a night of fellowship, fun and FISH! Fish (fried and baked) and fried shrimp dinners, beer, soft drinks and baked goods will be available. Carry-out is also available. Watch upcoming bulletins for volunteer information. See you at the Fish Fry!



### Parish Needs List

Below is a list of items currently needed by parish ministries, Liturgies or programs that are not included in the parish budget for the current year.

If you have the talents, time and/or items needed please consider making them available to the parish or you may wish to assist in their purchase.

For more information contact Deacon Ralph Grieme by email at [rgrieme@saintagnes.com](mailto:rgrieme@saintagnes.com) or [rgrieme@gmail.com](mailto:rgrieme@gmail.com) or by phone at 513-477-0307.

#### MASS RELATED

1. Greeters are needed for all Masses.
2. Gift Bearers are needed for all Masses.
3. Communion Ministers are needed for 7:30 Mass. (Diocesan Training is required.)
4. Ushers are needed for all Masses.
5. Some one to water and tend flowers in church

#### OUTREACH RELATED

1. Saint Vincent de Paul needs volunteers to help the poor.
2. Bereavement Ministry needs volunteers to meet with families to help plan the funeral for a loved one.
3. Nurses are needed to check blood pressure of parishioners on the first Sunday of the month.

#### SCHOOL RELATED

1. All kinds of supplies for use in the classrooms.

#### YOUTH GROUP

1. Bi-weekly sponsors of cookies, brownies and snacks. Donations to help the leader when materials are needed.

### Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

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### Big Blue Bash News 2017

Big Blue Bash "Anchors Away" is on Friday, March 31st at "The Gardens" in Park Hills and begins at 6:30 p.m. This is the largest fundraiser for Saint Agnes School and all parishioners are encouraged to attend.



The Big Blue Bash's biggest raffle is the **CASH! CASH! CASH! Raffle**. Raffle tickets are just **\$10**. You could win **\$5,000** on March 31st. You can purchase tickets from any school family, by contacting the School Office (261-0543/[office@saintagnes.com](mailto:office@saintagnes.com)) or at the Parish Office.

**Silent Auction Donations needed!** You can help by donating items to our silent auction. Some ideas include: kid games, kitchen items, gift certificates, event tickets sports equipment, and man-cave décor. We appreciate any donation. Donations can be dropped off at the School Office or contact Heather Ramsey at [h.ramseyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:h.ramseyfamily@gmail.com).

**Event Sponsorships.** We are looking for event sponsors ranging from \$100 to \$500 which will include various benefits per level. For more information contact Moreen Nienaber at [moreen.nienaber@gmail.com](mailto:moreen.nienaber@gmail.com).

### For Those Interested in Volunteering

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 Msgr. Don Enzweiler at the Parish Office to set up a 15 minute meeting. He will



5. give you two forms that you need to complete.
6. 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)).

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

#### You Can Help Make It Happen!

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

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

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

In accordance with these principles, the Catholic Conference of Kentucky has joined with a broad

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coalition of educators, parents and business leaders who are working diligently to bring a Scholarship Tax Credit program to Kentucky. We will be spending the months of January, February and March advocating for this issue in the state capitol. As a Catholic and citizen of the Commonwealth, you have a critical role to play in passing this legislation. State lawmakers need to hear that their constituents support this legislation and want it prioritized during the 2017 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. You can reach your state representative and state senator.

- You can call the Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 (1-866-840-6574 for Spanish). If you do not know your state legislators, the operator on the line will assist you in getting the message to the correct representative and senator. You can find your local representative and senator by visiting [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov) and clicking "Who's My Legislator."
- You can send your representative and senator a message about the importance of co-sponsoring HB 162 and SB 102 by visiting [www.edchoiceky.com/take-action](http://www.edchoiceky.com/take-action).
- You can find the e-mail address of your representative and senator by visiting <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/whoswho/email.htm>. Send them an email about the importance of co-sponsoring HB162 and SB 102.
- E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR LEGISLATORS FOR MOST PARISHIONERS: House District 65, Arnold Simpson: [Arnold.Simpson@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Arnold.Simpson@lrc.ky.gov), House District 63, Diane St Onge: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Messages/H063.aspx> Senate District 23, Christian McDaniel (District 23): <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Messages/S023.aspx>

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

## School News

### Labels for Education

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

### Box Tops for Education

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



## Faith Formation

### Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us."

Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus*, [www.goo.gl/uwk5e4](http://www.goo.gl/uwk5e4)  
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### Lenten Journey

**Looking for a good way to begin your Lenten Journey this year?** The Charis "Who Do You Say That I Am?" retreat is for women and men in their 20's and 30's and is presented by a Team of Young Adults and the Sisters of Notre Dame on March 3rd-5th. The retreat affords the opportunity to connect with other young adults exploring their faith, to encounter Christ's humanity, and to grow in your faith in Christ. For more information, visit [www.Charis.org](http://www.Charis.org) or contact Sister Ruth Lubbers, SND at [smrlubbers@gmail.com](mailto:smrlubbers@gmail.com) or 859-392-8118.



## Faith Formation continued

### Ash Wednesday - Day of Recollection

On March 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sisters of Notre Dame Provincial House. Cost is \$20 for the retreat and lunch. Speaker is Sr. Marla Monahan. If interested in coming, please call Sr. Jean Marie Hoffman at 859-392-8239 or email [jhoffman@sndky.org](mailto:jhoffman@sndky.org).



### Lenten Retreat for Women SPA for the Soul

Join us for a Lenten Women's Day of Reflection - celebrating the strength and beauty of women, daughters of the merciful Father. The retreat will be held on Saturday, March 4th at Saint Joseph Parish, Noll Hall, Crescent Springs. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 payable at the door and includes continental breakfast, lunch and appetizers. Register online by Tuesday, February 28th and receive a \$5 discount. Register at <http://spaforthesoulky.blogspot.com>. For additional information, please email [spaforthesoulky@gmail.com](mailto:spaforthesoulky@gmail.com) or call Laura at 859-443-6981.

## 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.

### Family Life Ministry

#### Support Group for Divorced/Separated

Registration required. Call 392-1591  
Thursday's at 7:00 p.m.

#### Always Our Children

For parents and families of gay/lesbian children.  
Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
All meetings take place at Catholic Charities.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.covingtoncharities.org) for more information.

## Diocesan News

### DCCH Center for Children and Families

Ever thought about changing the life of a child by becoming a foster or adoptive parent? Feel free to come to an informational event to learn more or explore other ways to help God's children on Tuesday, February 28th, 6:30 p.m. at William E. Durr Library in Independence. Visit [www.DCCHCenter.org](http://www.DCCHCenter.org) or contact Sarah Lusher at [SLusher@DCCHCenter.org](mailto:SLusher@DCCHCenter.org) or call 859-331-2040 ext. 8659.

### SND Pancake Breakfast

Today, Sunday February 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. come and enjoy a pancake breakfast held at Notre Dame Academy cafeteria. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Sponsored by the Ludlow Knights of Columbus for 21 years! All proceeds benefit the Sister of Notre Dame Mission in Uganda.

