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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

**BAPTISMS:**

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

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

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

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

**MARRIAGE:**

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

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:**

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

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

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

**GRADE SCHOOL CCD CLASSES:**

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

**PRE-SCHOOL RELIGION:**

Held on Sunday during the 11:30 a.m. Mass from September thru April. Contact Stacey Moorhead at 859-907-3667 or [staceyscully4@aol.com](mailto:staceyscully4@aol.com) for more information.

**MEETINGS:**

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Calendar

#### Sunday, March 24

##### DPAА Commitment Weekend

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

#### Monday, March 25

- 5:30 p.m. First Place 4 Health - Parish Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. CCD - School
- 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul - Parish Conf Room

#### Tuesday, March 26

- 7:30 a.m. First Place 4 Health - Parish Conf Room

#### Wednesday, March 27

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

#### Thursday, March 28

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

#### Friday, March 29

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

#### Saturday, March 30

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

#### Sunday, March 31

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

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 24-Third Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 9:30 a.m. Alice Lynch
- 11:30 a.m. Dorothy Bankemper

#### Monday, March 25-The Annunciation of the Lord

- 6:30 a.m. Dodd & Connelly Families
- 11:30 a.m. Tim Gronotte

#### Tuesday, March 26

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Mary Jean Raispis

#### Wednesday, March 27

- 6:30 a.m. Dolores Pieschel
- 11:30 a.m. Paul Michels

#### Thursday, March 28

- 6:30 a.m. Bill Poncer
- 11:30 a.m. Mary Jean Raispis

#### Friday, March 29

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of James Rahe
- 9:20 a.m. Suetholz Family
- 11:30 a.m. Brenda Treadway

#### Saturday, March 30

- 8:30 a.m. Charles Keltz
- 4:00 p.m. Martha Schuh

#### Sunday, March 31-Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 a.m. Special Intention
- 9:30 a.m. Gary Heidrich
- 11:30 a.m. George Fraundorfer

### Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for March 30th & 31st

#### Gift Bearers

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

#### Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-S Osterhage, C-S Sturgeon
- 7:30 a.m. T Vogelpohl
- 9:30 a.m. Kitty Fischer
- 11:30 a.m. L-M Fritz, C-J Lawson

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. T & D Eilerman, K Middendorf, J & A Ward, M Pennington, K Willenbrink, S Gleeson
- 7:30 a.m. Sr. Flo, D & I Mai, C Kirn
- 9:30 a.m. M Fox, C Jacober, MB Scott, C Allison, P Metzger, D Witt, W Witt, Volunteer
- 11:30 a.m. P Fritz, D Able, S & R Averdick, L Clements, LA Ernst, P & ML Scheper

#### Servers

- 4:00 p.m. W Michels, N Romes, E Dowd
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. G Eckerle, R Eckerle, D Nader
- 11:30 a.m. A Dilbert, R Ehlman, J Fritz

#### 6:30 a.m. – Servers:

March 25th-John Zembrodt April 1st-Jim Bramlage

#### Rosary, Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 a.m.: Tony Summe

#### Highland Crossing, March 31st: Don Able

#### Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Tom Kramer
- 7:30 a.m. Mike & Ginny Ruberg
- 9:30 a.m. Walt & Martha Witt
- 11:30 a.m. Danny & Gwyn Whitacre

#### Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Julie Durstock A-Beatrice Cornett
- 7:30 a.m. F-Judy Anderson  
A-Michelle & George Dushensky
- 9:30 a.m. F-Karen Hermann & Joshua McCoy  
A-Tom Jacober & Lee Stauber
- 11:30 a.m. F-Billy & Erica Santos A-Mark & Amy Higgins

## Staff Article

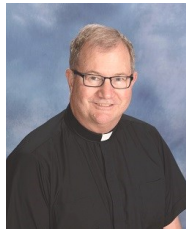
### We Can Count on God

We rely on so many things these days: our cars, our appliances among many other things. I rely on my computer to write the Saint of the Week and articles like the one I have this week. When I started my computer today to write those things I watched in dismay as it did nothing. I tried to restart it, nothing. I let it sit for awhile and started it again, still nothing. Fortunately I was able to tap this out on my iPad.

As I thought about all of this I started to realize that there is nothing on this earth that we can count on 100%. Things occur that can cause expected things not to happen. Things breakdown like my computer, people forget, traffic problems emerge and on and on. We have all been on both sides of this situation.

God is different. God does not breakdown. God does not get stuck in traffic. God is always there. The one thing that we all can depend on is God. That being said, God is not like a light switch which we can control. God is God and will work in God's own time but God will be there nonetheless. We can count on God.

Deacon Gary Scott



## Parish Worship

### Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus tells His followers to reform and repent or they will all perish!**

**Adults:** If you had to identify one area in your life that needs "reform" what would it be? How can you begin the process of reform?

**Teens:** Do you have any "bad habits" in your life that you need to change? What steps can you take to get rid of bad habits?

**Children:** Can you think of some "good deed" you can do today for people in your life?

### Next Sunday, March 31, 2019 The Fourth (*Laetare*) Sunday of Lent, Cycle C

We are in Cycle C and so our Gospel readings this Lent are from the Gospel of Luke, specifically Luke's texts on conversion. During Lent, the first reading—from the Old Testament—is always about the history of salvation. The second reading—from the New Testament writings—is chosen because of thematic relations to the Old Testament and Gospel readings.

The fourth Sunday in Lent is also known as *Laetare* Sunday. As *Gaudete* Sunday announces that we are better than half-way through Advent, *Laetare* Sunday tells us that we are more than half-way through Lent. As with *Gaudete* Sunday, the Liturgical color for *Laetare* Sunday is rose.

**Gospel (Luke 15:1-3,11-32):** This reading is the "Parable of the Prodigal Son" which is found only in the Gospel of Luke. It is certainly one of the most memorable stories and teachings in all of the Bible. A theme in the Gospel of Luke (and the Acts of the Apostles which has the same author) is the inclusivity of Jesus' teaching and of God's love. It is the father in this story that is truly prodigal in his great love for both of his very different sons. As prodigal as this earthly father's love is for his sons, infinitely more so is our heavenly Father's love for us.

**First Reading (Joshua 5:9,10-12):** After being delivered from Egypt by Yahweh, the Israelites—led by Moses—wondered in the desert for "forty years." After this, Moses died and Joshua took his place as leader. It is Joshua who actually leads the Israelites into the Promised Land. This reading describes the first Passover for the Israelites after entering the Promised land. Since they have now reaped their first harvest from the land, the manna from heaven with which God has sustained them for the past forty years will cease.

**Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5:17-21):** This reading seems to pick up the themes of reconciliation found in this Sunday's Gospel reading—the Prodigal Son. Going further, St. Paul says we are "ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us." Through the ages,

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Parish Worship continued

the revelation of God's reconciliation with the world continues to be revealed through the lives of disciples of Jesus Christ. This reconciliation finds a very special expression through the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

### Anointing of the Sick Next Sunday

For a number of years now we have celebrated the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also called *Laetare* Sunday. We will be having the Anointing of the Sick at all of the Sunday Masses next Sunday, March 31st, in lieu of the homily. Persons who are dealing with serious illness in their lives, chronic or acute, physical, mental, emotional, spiritual or moral, are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament and receive the anointing. It is for all manner of healing. If you know someone who might benefit from the Sacrament, please let them know about it. If they need help with transportation, please offer to bring them. –Father Mark Keene

### Bulletin Picture

The Rite of Election was held at our Cathedral on March 10th. Pictured here, after the Rite are our Elect, their sponsors and catechists:

FIRST ROW: Father Keene, Anita Dunn (wife and sponsor of Elect, Larry Dunn), Elect Larry Dunn, Ken Bresser (Sponsor of Larry Dunn).

SECOND ROW: Tim Brookbank (husband and sponsor of Elect Cheryl Brookbank), Elect Cheryl Brookbank, Christ Wilson (Sponsor of Cheryl Brookbank), Paula Fritz (RCIA Coordinator and Catechist).

### 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.



### Weekday Rosary

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

### Adorers Needed

The Adoration Chapel is in need of adorers for the following hours:

Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays at Noon

Fridays at Noon, 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

If interested call Don Able at 513-403-5242.

### Easter Flowers: Gifts in Memory Of

Easter Season lasts from Easter Sunday (April 21st this year) through Pentecost Sunday (June 9th this year). In past years we have used Easter Lilies, Mums, Hydrangeas, Azaleas and English Ivy to decorate our Sanctuary. We would like to continue this tradition.



Again this year, we would like to finance these flowers as we did at Advent/Christmas by providing the opportunity for people to donate flowers in memory of someone. Memorials can be made at two levels: \$40 and \$25, corresponding to flower sizes/prices.

If you would like to donate one or more of the Easter Flowers as a gift to the parish or in memory of someone, please clearly mark your gift and put it into the regular Sunday collection, or send your gift to the Parish Office. Please remember to indicate the memorial intention. The memorial intentions will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. All donations must be received by Monday, April 1st.

Thank you very much! –Father Mark Keene

### Stewardship

### Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 03/18/19)

\$916,188

Budgeted Collections (July thru 03/18/19)

\$931,419

Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2018/2019)

\$1,258,000

## Stewardship continued

### 2018 DPAA: We Made It!

Our parish goal for the 2018 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal (DPAA) was \$155,900. Last summer we appeared to reach our goal with \$159,689 in gifts and pledges, or \$3,789 over our goal. However, as of March 8th, 2019 we had received \$151,194 or \$4,706 under our goal. An appeal was made at the end of the Masses two weeks ago, explaining that we had till the end of March to reach our goal and asking parishioners to consider helping to push us over the top.

The response has been great and as of March 19th, we had received \$5,370.00. I have been both humbled and gratified by the response of the parishioners who responded so graciously. Thank you very much! Now that we can put the 2018 DPAA to bed, let's get to 2019 DPAA.

– Father Mark Keene

### 2019 DPAA

***Our Citizenship is in Heaven*** (Philippians 3:20)

Last Sunday we viewed the video featuring Bishop Foy and some of the beneficiaries of our Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal (DPAA). I was impressed by many aspects of the video this year: our diocesan support of ministry to Hispanic people, to those who are incarcerated and their relatives, to those who benefit from our Saint Vincent de Paul Society... I was encouraged by Bishop Foy's observation that through all the troubles in our world, our country and unfortunately our church, our support of the DPAA has never wavered. I am very proud of the ministries and services our church tries to provide, both on the parish level and the diocesan level.

Also last Sunday, our parish DPAA chair, Jay Whittle spoke about the appeal and Saint Agnes. I found his analysis helpful. It gave us some concrete steps that we all can consider taking to help us achieve our goal for this year.

The diocesan goal this year is \$2,550,000. Our parish's share in this diocesan goal is \$158,400.



If you have already completed the pledge card that you should have received two weeks ago, "Thank you!" If you are still contemplating whether to participate, I encourage you to do so and to do so generously. The cause is very good.

Today, March 24th, is Commitment Sunday for the DPAA. During Mass, everyone will have the opportunity to contribute to the 2019 DPAA by completing a pledge card and/or making a gift.

– Thank you, Father Mark Keene

### Valentines Dance Report

Last month our parish held its second annual Valentine's Dance with the music group Retro. It was a great evening socially. It was also very successful financially.

Income:	\$5,162
Expenses:	\$2,537
Profit:	\$2,625

Of the profit, \$262 was deposited into our School Endowment Fund. (In the last couple of years we have been trying to commit 10% of our fund-raisers to our school endowment fund.) The remaining profit of \$2,363 was deposited into our parish building fund to help pay for anticipated maintenance costs, such as completing the tuck-pointing of the convent building. Thank you to everyone who supported the dance. A special "thank you!" to Shelly Sandfoss for organizing it again this year. (FYI, we are considering having a Halloween Dance this fall.)

– Father Mark Keene

### International Mission Needs Collection

The International Mission Needs Collections will be conducted in our Church next week. This Collection supports five Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The agencies provide things like food to the hungry, workshops and seminars to parishioners so they can live their faith amid challenging circumstances, help with pastoral care, and so much more. Your support helps missions throughout the world. Your gift will help give hope to Jesus in Disguise. Please give prayerful consideration to the Collection next weekend and give generously from your heart.

## Parish News

### Wedding Banns

Il-Alison Kloska, Saint Agnes &  
Daniel O'Conner, Saint Anthony

### Deacon Ralph

Parishioners have inquired about Deacon Ralph Grieme. Last summer, Deacon Ralph had to undergo a series of surgeries in an attempt to try to save his left leg. Things began with an infection in his toe. Deacon Ralph has diabetes. He also has kidney problems which require him to undergo peritoneal dialysis at least twice a day. In the end, Deacon Ralph had to have his entire left leg amputated. He has been recovering since then in various rehabilitation facilities. Currently he is at Woodcrest Nursing Home. Apparently his leg is healing. As you might imagine, this whole ordeal has been emotionally stressing in the extreme for both Deacon Ralph, his wife Carolyn, and his family. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

### Saint Agnes Fish Fries

WGRR Fish Fry Tour with Rockin' Ron will be at Saint Agnes this Friday, March 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for our last fish fry of the year in the church undercroft. Please bring gently used clothing to donate to St. Vincent de Paul.

Food service will be from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come for a night of fellowship, fun and FISH! We will have fried fish on the world famous Sub Station II buns, baked salmon, shrimp, pizza and new this year will be soup. Desserts will also be available for sale. Carry-out will also be available. If you are interested in volunteering please go to <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2704905/false#/invitation>.

See you at the Fish Fry!!



### Big Blue Bash News 2019

Saint Agnes School Parent Teacher Organization is hosting the 19th Annual Big Blue Bash Fundraising Event. **The Big Blue Bash "Together**

**in Blue" will be held on Friday April 5th at the Cincinnati Club from 6:30pm to midnight.** All parishioners, school parents, potential new school parents, teachers, and staff are encouraged to attend. Your attendance at the event is the best way to ensure we can continue to host this school community fundraising event.

The Big Blue Bash's biggest raffle is the CASH! CASH! CASH! Raffle. Tickets are \$10 for a chance to win \$5,000. Please support the Big Blue Bash event through this raffle. Tickets are available at the Parish Office, the school office 261-0543, on-line at [bbb2019.givesmart.com](http://bbb2019.givesmart.com) or by emailing [saintagnesbigbluebash@gmail.com](mailto:saintagnesbigbluebash@gmail.com).

Silent Auction and Raffles are available on-line at [bbb2019.givesmart.com](http://bbb2019.givesmart.com). Register TODAY! The Silent Auction catalog will be available for shopping by Friday, March 29th. Register now to bid for your favorite items from home, work, or school. Check the website often, new donations arrive everyday! Please share the link with family and friends. Wish to donate? Contact [saintagnesbigbluebash@gmail.com](mailto:saintagnesbigbluebash@gmail.com).

### Lenten Healing Harp Concert

Join us for an hour of beautiful, soothing harp music with Roman Catholic therapist and theologian, Dr. Diane Schneider ([www.harpofofhope.com](http://www.harpofofhope.com)) on Sunday, April 7th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Dr. Diane tours in the US and Canada to provide her services free to prisons and psychiatric facilities. A free-will offering will be requested to support her work.

To help us pray and reflect in this holy season of Lent, Diane will include commentary on the Lenten Scriptures, and stories of hope from her work, while calming and quieting our hearts and souls with inspirational music. A reception will follow in the vestibule, and her therapeutic harp CD's will be available.

We encourage you to bring friends and family who are under stress, anxious, or struggling with medical issues. Children who are old enough to quietly enjoy a concert are very welcome.

## Faith Formation

### RCIA

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent and the First of three Scrutiny Rites for our RCIA Elect, Cheryl and Larry. These Rites are celebrated to help deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (RCIA 141). The Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then heal, all that is weak, imperfect, or sinful in the Elect's hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is strong, upright, and good. They are celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. The Scripture readings for the Scrutinies ordinarily come from Cycle A of the Lectionary: the Gospel story of the Samaritan women at the well, the Gospel story of the healing of the blind man, and the Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus. Also today, the Church presents the Creed to all those seeking initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Creed is the ancient text that expresses the heart of our Church's faith and prayer. As the Creed recalls the wonderful deeds of God for the salvation of the human race, it provides the vision of the Elect with the sure light of faith (RCIA 147).

As Cheryl and Larry celebrate these Rites we are reminded that we also need to reflect on our own sins and our own need for God's mercy and grace. Please continue to pray for Cheryl and Larry as they prepare to be received into the Church this Easter.

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

### The Catholic Faith Explained

This Lent discover the big picture of the Catholic faith, and how to live it! Saint Agnes is presenting *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith* as our Adult Faith Formation series every Wednesday through April 17th at 1:00 p.m., repeated at 7:00 p.m. "Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along

with it, going through the motions. Others simply walk away." [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).

This Lent, commit to learn and live your faith. Symbolon: Knowing the Faith explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will "inform our minds and inspire our hearts."

[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

Come, join us in the parish conference room for this free series whenever you have time. For more details, please email [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com) or call the Parish Office at 431-1802.

### FORMED

**Lent 2019 IS THE PERFECT TIME TO JOIN FORMED.ORG! DO YOU KNOW WHAT**

**FORMED IS?** Our parish has received the gift of an online subscription to **FORMED**, which offers multiple Catholic resources for each of us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others. **FORMED** includes faith based movies, documentaries, books, audios, and children's resources, all beautifully presented to help you and your children grow in your love, understanding, and zeal for our faith. Lent is a wonderful time to commit to growing in your faith so that you can know, love, and serve the Lord more intently each and every day. **Please register (free) for FORMED by going to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), clicking the Enter Code box in the upper left section, entering the access code 7CWP2N, and then following the instructions.** Jesus is inviting you and your family to a deeper union with Him this Lent. Please respond YES today and register for **FORMED!**

### Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book, *The 4 Most Important Things* how saying 'I love you,' 'I'm sorry,' 'I forgive you,' and 'Thank you' can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End"

[www.usccb.org/endoflifecare](http://www.usccb.org/endoflifecare)



## 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.

For further information, call the Department of Catechesis and Formation at 392-1533.

For information concerning Marriage Preparation courses, visit our website:  
[family.covingtondiocese.org](http://family.covingtondiocese.org).

## Diocesan News

### Memorial Mass for Loss of a Child

A memorial Mass for any person who is grieving the loss of a child will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28th at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Burlington. The Mass is for parents, grandparents, family members and friends of those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, early infant death, illness, suicide, accident, or any other reason. The Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Covington is sponsoring this service and wishes to emphasize that all people, not just Catholics, are invited to attend this Mass. Information on local support groups will be available at a reception following the Mass. For more information, please contact the Pro-Life Office at 392-1500.

### Healthcare Professionals - Catholic Medical Association

The Saint Teresa of Calcutta and Saint Faustina Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, Diocese of Covington, monthly meeting for all healthcare professionals is held the 4th Thursday at Divine Mercy Parish, Bellevue, beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m., dinner and meeting follow.



The Catholic Medical Association is a growing professional organization that is committed in supporting physicians and healthcare professionals in offering health care in conformity to Christ the Divine Physician. As Catholics we are called to integrate the teaching and principles of our faith into our personal and professional lives. The Catholic Medical Association provides an excellent opportunity to grow in the knowledge and practice of your Catholic faith and at the same time to give support as well as receive support from other Catholic physicians and health care professionals. For more information visit [www.cathmed.org](http://www.cathmed.org).

### Volunteers Needed at Be Concerned

Be Concerned is looking for volunteers to help in the pantry, warehouse, and thrift store of its Covington location. We need people to assist customers selecting their groceries in the pantry, sorting and stocking in the warehouse and thrift store, building senior food boxes, and tidying up the building. We also need drivers for morning, afternoon, and evening runs, both on a weekly basis and as fill-ins for regular drivers who are not available. For more information, call Dan Clifford at 859-291-6789 or email [dan.clifford@beconcerned.org](mailto:dan.clifford@beconcerned.org).





## Diocesan News continued

### St. Elizabeth Hospice

St. Elizabeth Hospice regularly hosts orientation classes for those who wish to volunteer. The classes explore issues on death and dying as well as the overall concept of hospice care.

There is no cost or obligation to volunteer for those attending hospice training. Classes are held throughout the year. The first session can be completed on your own time and ending with a final day-long or evening session at the Carol Ann & Ralph V. Haile Hospice Center at 483 South Loop Road in Edgewood. To register call Debbie Holloran, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 859-301-4622 or email at [debbie.holloran@stelizabeth.com](mailto:debbie.holloran@stelizabeth.com). Registration is required as class size is limited.



### Foster Care & Adoption Meeting

There will be a Foster Care & Adoption Information Meeting at DCCH Center for Children & Families on Tuesday, March 26th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This meeting will focus on the requirements and process of becoming a foster parent and/or foster to adopt parent as well as what DCCH has to offer. There will be a chance to ask any questions you may have about foster care & adoption. If you would like to receive more information please contact Natalie Hemmer at 859-331-2040 ext. 8659 or [nhemmer@dcchcenter.org](mailto:nhemmer@dcchcenter.org).

### 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 by calling 392-1500 ext. 1529. The next ten-week session is on Thursdays from March 28th to May 30th.

### Cov Cath Grade School Football

Sign up for Cov Cath's Colonels Youth Football (CYF) for 3rd through 8th grade now through April 30th. CYF practices and plays home games on the Cov Cath fields. All teams play in the GCYL (Greater Catholic Youth League) with the parish schools feeding Elder, Moeller, Roger Bacon and LaSalle. To register on-line or to get more information, see our website at [www.covcath.org](http://www.covcath.org), click on Athletics, click on Colonels Youth Football or email Bob Morris, CYF President, at [bmorris@covcath.org](mailto:bmorris@covcath.org). We will also have a walk in sign-up day on Saturday April 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the gym foyer at Cov Cath.

### Marriage Preparation Programs

Information regarding the marriage preparation programs offered by the Diocese of Covington is available on the diocesan website [www.covdio.org/catechesis-formation](http://www.covdio.org/catechesis-formation). Under "Quick Links" select "Programs for Engaged Couples." it is also found by clicking on the "Family Life Ministry" link. A brochure is available to download, however dates are no longer listed. See our site for more information.

All diocesan marriage preparation programs are offered regularly. However, it is crucial that engaged couples register for these programs at least 2 to 3 months prior to the program dates (generally 9-12 months before the wedding date). More information can be found at [www.covdio.org/catecheisis-formation](http://www.covdio.org/catecheisis-formation).

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Check the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website for upcoming 2019 weekends in Cincinnati, OH. Register online at [www.wwme.org](http://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](http://www.cincyretrouvaille.org) or 513-456-5413.