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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.

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 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 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Calendar

Sunday, April 2

DPAA Follow-Up Weekend
Coffee & Donuts after 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30
Blood Pressure Screenings

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, April 3

5:30 p.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
5:30 p.m. Bridge - Murphy A & B
7:00 p.m. CCD - School

Tuesday, April 4

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

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 a.m. Familia - Murphy A & B
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, April 6

11:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick following Mass
7:00 p.m. Rosary & Benediction - Church

Friday, April 7

11:30 a.m. Confessions after Mass
2:30 p.m. Daisies (MH) - Murphy A & B
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (KR) - Murphy A & B

Saturday, April 8

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

Sunday, April 9

Cans for Kids Collection
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

Friday, April 7-St. John Baptist de la Salle

6:30 a.m. Leo Stamm
8:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Gretchen Sassin

Saturday, April 8

8:30 a.m. Romaine Austing
4:00 p.m. Tom & Sandy Gleeson -
50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, April 9-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Earl Arnold
9:30 a.m. Tom Wissel
11:30 a.m. Lois Stephens

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for April 8th/9th

Gift Bearers

4:00 p.m. Paul & Terry Hellmann
7:30 a.m. Jack & Carol Kirn
9:30 a.m. Paul & Debbie Finke & Family
11:30 a.m. Paul & Mary Lee Scheper

Special Ministers of the Word

4:00 p.m. L-S Sturgeon, C-J Stratman
7:30 a.m. G Harpen
9:30 a.m. L-L Rowekamp, C-D Dickhaus
11:30 a.m. L-C Read, C-G Whitacre

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. S Osterhage, N Stratman, M Stoeckle,
J, A & O Ward, S Gleeson, K Willenbrink
7:30 a.m. Sr. Flo, B Henn, D & B Tepe
9:30 a.m. MA Schuh, C Smith, W & M Witt,
R & T Lonneman, G & D Small
11:30 a.m. L Clements, R & J Lawson, P & ML Scheper,
M Spare, J & M Crowe

Servers

4:00 p.m. J Bayer, M Dowd, I Ward
7:30 a.m. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
9:30 a.m. K Finke, M Finke, R Finke
11:30 a.m. J Carpenter, D Cox, M Cox

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

April 3rd-Don Mai April 10th-Carl Stamm

Rosary, Sunday, April 9th at 9:00 a.m.: Frances Lee

Highland Crossing, April 9th: Deacon Ralph Grieme

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

4:00 p.m. Tony & Diane Eilerman
7:30 a.m. Loretta McKinley
9:30 a.m. Carol Mullen
11:30 a.m. Luke & Missy Hail

Greeters

4:00 p.m. F-Della Weis A-Kathy Bell
7:30 a.m. F-Michelle Wuehsch A-Mike Hodge
9:30 a.m. F-Steve & Maria Elkins
A-Leah Rosing & Kate Michels
11:30 a.m. F-Lawrence & Jacqueline Schuler
A-Gwen & Dennis Travis

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 2-Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Gary Heidrich
9:30 a.m. Thomas Flick
11:30 a.m. Carl & Emma Kuchle Family

Monday, April 3

6:30 a.m. Children of AJ
11:30 a.m. Betty White

Tuesday, April 4-St. Isidore

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Larry Pohlgeers

Wednesday, April 5-St. Vincent Ferrer

6:30 a.m. Intention of JoAnn Glazier
11:30 a.m. Sally Quill Wilson

Thursday, April 6

6:30 a.m. Intention of Margie Christos
11:30 a.m. Rick Bowman

Staff Article

Hope is Alive

Just last week Cincinnati was reeling from the tragic mass shooting at the Cameo Nightclub. From the other side of the world came reports of over a hundred civilian casualties from an airstrike in Mosul. Sadly events like these seem to be occurring more and more frequently. All the while many, if not most of us are dealing with difficult situations in our own lives. I'm always moved by the number of people who come forward for anointing such as at all the Masses last week. I'm once again reminded of a quote given several times by Fr. Mark which I also read recently read in the book, "Resisting Happiness" by Matthew Kelly. It goes something like this..."Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."

It's easy at times for some of us to fall into despair and be tempted to just give up. Others of us might look at a problem and try to solve it on our own without God's help, only to end up falling flat. As I continue to attempt to use the "Jesus Calling" book daily as part of my personal prayer, I'm reminded more and more of our dependence on God and the hope and joy that comes through a more intimate relationship with Jesus. It's times when we're ready to give up hope that we need God the most. Our God gives us the grace to find strength and hope when we turn to Him in prayer. We can draw hope from the Gospel reading both this week (the raising of Lazarus from the dead) and last (the healing of the man born blind). May the God of Hope strengthen and bless us with joy and give us hope in times of sorrow and struggle.

I close with some words from the title song of an album I produced for the Pierson-Young Project last year. "And it's ev'ry day we walk these roads unknown. The journey may be long, but we'll never walk alone. My brothers and sisters will walk with me with God as our guide. Hope is, hope is alive."

Christ's Peace and Blessings,
Bobby Fisher,
Director of Music Ministries



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus brings Lazarus back to life after he had been dead and buried in a tomb for four days.

Adults: Why do you think Jesus allowed Lazarus to die and then brought him back to life when he visited his tomb? Can you imagine what the crowd felt when they saw him walk after he had been buried for four days? Have you ever prayed for a miracle and had your prayers answered?

Teens: If you had been at the tomb of Lazarus and witnessed the miracle that Jesus performed would you have believed, thought it was staged, been really scared or just said "thank you."

Children: If you could ask Jesus for one miracle what would it be?

Next Sunday, April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Lent, Cycle A

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week—the week which contains the most solemn observances of our religious Tradition. We begin our Palm Sunday observance with the blessing of palms and hearing the Gospel story of Jesus' entry and welcome into Jerusalem. Very quickly, our Liturgy will remind us of just how short-lived this welcome was. The Gospel reading during Mass is the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of Matthew. (The Tradition is to read the Passion Narrative from the featured Gospel—Matthew this year—each year on Palm Sunday.) The first reading from Isaiah and the second reading from Philippians are always the same, regardless of which year we are in. They set the "mood" for the proclamation of the Passion and for Holy Week.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 26:14-27:66): We are in Cycle A of our Liturgical Year which features the Gospel of Matthew, so today, we have the Passion Narrative from Matthew. The so-called "Passion Narratives" are thought to be the first narratives composed about Jesus, hence their great similarity among the Gospels. They tell the story of Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane, His betrayal, the denial of Peter, the trial, the

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scourging, and the crucifixion. It is thought that the stories describing Jesus' life and ministry were later added to this "Passion Narrative."

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7): In the latter part of the book of Isaiah, Isaiah introduces a character called "the servant." This servant probably stands for an idealized Israel who trusts in God and never fears disgrace. This of course stands in contrast to the way Israel has really behaved. However, this reading comes from that portion of Isaiah that dates to the time of the end of the Babylonian exile. It is full of hope that the people have learned their lesson and that they will move toward identifying with this "servant" that Isaiah describes—and do so with real resolve and perseverance: "I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11): This reading from Philippians is thought to have been at one time an independent hymn or oracle that was incorporated by Paul into this letter. This hymn is called "The Kenotic Hymn" from the Greek word *kenosis* which means "emptying." The words are familiar: "Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself...." This hymn reflects a very developed understanding of Jesus and the meaning of His life, death and resurrection.

Catholic Traditions

Holy Week and Easter Season

Next Sunday is PALM SUNDAY, and we begin HOLY WEEK, the most solemn week of our church calendar of Worship. There are many services and rituals which reflect nearly every aspect of our Church life: The Paschal Mystery, the Scriptures, Vocation (via Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders), the Sacraments, (particularly Baptism and Eucharist), Mission and Service.

On Tuesday (April 11th) our diocese will gather at our Cathedral for the CHRISM MASS. Bishop Foy will bless the Holy Oils that will be used by our diocesan church this year, the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of the Catechumens, and the Sacred

Chrism. At this same Liturgy, the priests of our diocese will renew their promises of priestly service.

The Season of Lent will end on Holy Thursday (April 13th) evening, when we gather for the Holy Thursday "Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper."

The summit of Holy Week, which is also the summit of the entire Year of Worship is the TRIDUUM or "The Three Days." The Triduum presents us with quite an array of the richness of our Scriptural Heritage. The three "services" on these days are actually considered one continuous service. There is no formal dismissal at the end of the service on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

On HOLY THURSDAY, the readings focus on the Eucharist and Christian Service and the connection between the two. Holy Thursday is considered the anniversary of the Institution of the Eucharist by Jesus (First and Second Reading). In the Gospel reading, Jesus, in humble service to His disciples, washes their feet and instructs them to wash one another's feet. In imitation of this act by Jesus, after the homily, the priests wash the feet of members of the community. At this service we also receive the Holy Oils that were blessed at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday. The service ends with a procession with the Eucharist to an altar of repose, followed by adoration until midnight.

On GOOD FRIDAY the readings focus on the Passion of Jesus, featuring the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of John. We also have the Veneration of the Cross and the reception of Communion (consecrated at the Holy Thursday service the night before).

At the EASTER VIGIL, we begin by blessing the new fire and the new Easter Candle. The Exultet (Easter Proclamation) is sung. We then have a number of readings that outline Salvation History, culminating with the Resurrection of Jesus. We then celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with our Elect and Candidates and renew our Baptismal Promises. We then celebrate the Eucharist.

On EASTER SUNDAY, the readings reflect the joy of the Resurrection. It is in the midst of these readings about the Resurrection that we renew

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our Baptismal Promises.

With Easter Sunday, we begin the "OCTAVE OF EASTER". For eight days we celebrate Easter Sunday. This octave concludes on the Second Sunday of Easter, which was designated as "Divine Mercy Sunday" by Pope John Paul II. This "Octave" designation notes the special solemnity of Easter. The only other Feast in our Liturgical Year that is celebrated with an octave is Christmas.

With Easter Sunday, we also begin the EASTER SEASON (a "week of weeks"), which will last through Pentecost, which is June 4th this year. During Easter Season, for both weekday and Sunday Masses, the first reading will be from the Acts of the Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles is a New Testament book and is thought to be the second volume of a two-volume work composed by Luke. (The first volume is the Gospel of Luke.) The Acts of the Apostles relates life in the early days of our Church.

Incense Alert

We will be using incense at the 4:00 p.m. (Saturday), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses next Sunday.

Easter Flowers: Thanks!

A big thank you to everyone who made memorial gifts for the Easter flowers this year. We had a great response! The order was put in this past week. We look forward to enjoying these flowers during the Easter Season this year.

Did you Know?

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



Lenten Services This Week

Sunday, April 2nd

Stations of the Cross-1:00 p.m. in Church

Thursday, April 6th

Rosary & Benediction-7:00 p.m. in Church

Sunday, April 9th

Stations of the Cross-1:00 p.m. in Church

Adoration Chapel Needs You

The Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel at Saint Agnes Parish is in it's 19th year of continuous operation providing a quiet and peaceful getaway with Our Lord Jesus Christ from the busyness and noise of our modern world. Like any relationship, the more time we spend with Jesus, the better we will get to know Him.

We currently have multiple hours open due to illness, relocation, or re-employment. Would you, your family members, or your prayer group (sharing a time slot works well for some people) be willing to fill one of our vacancies? If so, please contact Blaine Comfort call - 859-578-0133 or email - comfort@zoomtown.com.

Jesus is waiting just for you.

"Come and See." (John 1:39)

Vacant Hours: Saturday, 10-11am; Sunday, 8-9pm; Thursday, 9-10am; Friday, midnight 12-1am; 2-3pm; 3-4pm; 9-10pm.

Adoration of Our Lord

In Eucharistic Adoration, we are not just thinking about God, we are with God! Visit our Risen Lord in Eucharistic Adoration Sunday at 8:00 p.m. through Saturday at 3:00 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Call 496-4149 for more information.



Bulletin Picture

The Eighth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem...As depicted by our 6th graders in their very prayerful and beautiful Stations of the Cross, on March 23rd.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru March)

\$947,345

Budgeted Collections (July thru March)

\$911,000

Actual Compared to Budgeted

\$36,345

Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2016/2017)

\$1,185,000

Stewardship continued

2017 DPAA

“Rise and do not be afraid.” (Matthew 17:7)

We are now in the commitment phase of our 2017 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal (DPAA). Thank you to everyone who has completed a commitment card or made a donation already. Today at all of the Masses, parishioners who have not completed a commitment card will have the opportunity to do so.

The total goal for our diocese is \$2,500,000. Our parish’s share in that goal is \$146,000. To date (March 27th) our parish has received \$44,000 in gifts and commitments from 108 parish households.

As in years past, all funds raised above our goal will be rebated back to parish. These rebates have been a huge help to our parish in maintaining our buildings: replacement windows, painting, HVAC replacement in church, school roof, and more. We plan to use any rebates from the 2017 DPAA to help pay for tuck-pointing of our bell-tower.

Please read the materials you have received in the mail and by email, as well as the articles in the Messenger. Become familiar with the work that the DPAA makes possible. The more you learn about what the DPAA makes possible for people, the more you want to be a part of it. Please pray about your participation in the appeal and for its success for our diocese and our parish. Pray for those who benefit from the appeal as well.

– Father Mark Keene

International Mission Needs Collection

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Diocesan International Mission Needs Combined Collection. The humanitarian work of Catholic organizations bring the hope and love of Jesus to our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world. Your gifts will serve millions of men, women and children all over the world. If you haven’t made your gift, please drop it in the collection basket today or next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.



Saint of the Week

Saint Vincent Ferrer

The future Saint Vincent Ferrer was born on January 23, 1350 in Valencia, in what is now Spain. He was the fourth son of a noble family and legends surround his birth. It is said that his father had a dream in which a Dominican friar told his father that his son would be famous throughout the world. It is also said that his mother felt no pain at his birth. He was named after the patron saint of Valencia, Saint Vincent the Martyr, whose feast day is January 22nd. Vincent Ferrer would fast on Wednesdays and Fridays, helped the poor and was devoted to the Passion of Christ. He began school at the age of eight and began theological studies at the age of 14.



At the age of 18 Vincent entered the Order of Preachers, better known as the Dominicans. After he entered he was tempted to leave and his parents encouraged him to leave and become a secular priest. He prayed and he practiced penances to overcome these temptations and remained a Dominican. He was ordained a priest in 1379. He received his doctorate in theology while teaching at the University of Lleida in Catalonia, Spain.

In 1378 an event in the Church called the “Western Schism” occurred. This resulted in having three popes at the same time. Vincent was a supporter of Benedict XIII who was from Spain. He supported Benedict until he refused to resign as instructed by both the Council of Pisa (1409) and the Council of Constance 1414-1418. Vincent then encouraged the King of Castile (Spain) to withdraw support from Benedict who was declared a schismatic and excommunicated. The entire affair of the Western Schism caused Vincent to become depressed and seriously ill.

Vincent also was active in preaching throughout Western Europe. While it is said that he only spoke his native Valencian dialect of Spanish, he was blessed with the ability to be understood by the people he was speaking to.

Vincent was also involved in the conversion of

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Spanish Jews to Christianity, including a rabbi who became the Bishop of Cartagena and then the Archbishop of Burgos. Some accounts say that he contributed to anti-Semitism in Spain while others say that he stopped persecution.

Vincent died on April 5, 1419 in Vannes in Brittany and was buried in the Cathedral there. Pope Callixtus III canonized him on June 3, 1455. He is the patron of builders, construction workers, plumbers, fishermen in Brittany and Spanish orphanages.

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This Sunday: have a donut

This Sunday, April 2nd, you are invited to Murphy Hall immediately following the 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses for donuts, fruit, coffee & juice. Sponsors this month are members of our Saint Vincent de Paul Society.



Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood pressure screenings will be taken by nurses from our Parish Wellness Committee after all Masses next weekend.

Cans for Kids Next Weekend

Please remember that next weekend is the monthly collection for "Cans for Kids". Bring in your non-perishable items to donate to a worthy cause through Be-Concerned.

Holy Thursday Pot Luck Supper

Holy Thursday Pot Luck Supper will be on April 13th, with supper being served at 6:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited and asked to bring either a vegetable or dessert dish that will serve 8 to 10 people. To make reservations call the Parish Office at 431-1802 or email parishoffice@saintagnes.com by Monday, April 10th.



Calling All Military

Do you have a family member recently inducted into the US military? The Saint Agnes Armed Forces Committee would like to know about your service person, as the committee is preparing an Easter mailing to the troops. Also, if your service person has a new address, please notify one of the committee members: Tom Jacober 331-1730, Lee Stauber 331-0752 or Joe Perny 609-8781.

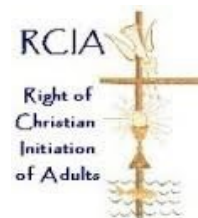


Christian Service Easter Flowers

Volunteers are needed to take a spring flower and an Easter message from Fr. Keene to our nursing home-bound, shut-in, and elderly parishioners. The flowers will be ready by noon on Wednesday April 5th, and can be delivered anytime before Easter. Parish office hours are 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you can help please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email parishoffice@saintagnes.com.

RCIA

This weekend, the RCIA Elect celebrate the Third (and final) Scrutiny. The Gospel for this Scrutiny is the raising of Lazarus. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead as a sign that He had come to give us life in full measure. Please pray that our Elect and Candidates seek life in the Sacraments, the Holy Spirit will increase their faith, hope, and love so that they may have life to the fullest and come to share in Christ's resurrection. Also today, we present our Elect and Candidates with The Lord's Prayer, our prayer of hope that summarizes our entire Christian life. We present these precious words to those entering our Church this Easter as a symbol of passing down our heritage of prayer, learned at the feet of our Savior and nurtured in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within the Church.



If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or if you know anyone who might be interested, please contact our parish at pfritz@saintagnes.com or call 431-1802.

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Pro-Life Meeting

The Pro-Life Committee will meet on Monday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Hall. We will be sharing information and preparing the baby bottles for the upcoming Baby Bottle Campaign in May. All parishioners are welcome to attend!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The last Children's Liturgy of the Word class for this school year will take place at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 9th. We are in need of volunteers to help with this program for next school year. It takes very little time, and lesson books are provided. If you have a child participating in Children's Liturgy of the Word, please consider volunteering to help one Sunday a month to enable this program to continue. Contact Michelle Schulte at michelle.r.schulte@gmail.com for more information.



Covington Latin Honors

First Honors: Philip Bright, Robert Bright, Allison Geiger, Frances Geiger

Second Honors: Katherine Hammerle

Stair-Lift

A parishioner has a used riding stair-lift available that they are willing to donate to someone in the parish. It is a Thyssenkrupp Access Citia BOS Stair-Lift. It is 8.5 years old, and was lightly used for about 5 years. It is electric with battery back-up. It needs a new battery, and will need to be re-assembled, including reconnecting a few wires. It is a left-hand mount (from the top of the stairs, it rides up/down the left side), but may be able to be switched to right mount. The original Owners Manual, Wiring Diagram and Installation manual are available. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@saintagnes.com or 431-1802.

Attention All Virtus Users

During the month of April, ALL accounts will be open or un-suspended. If you are not up-to-date on reading your monthly bulletins you can do so during August.



If you have any questions please contact Beth at the Parish Office at 431-1802 or parishoffice@saintagnes.com.

The Diocese requires all Virtus users to have a background check done through Selection.com. To do this, go to www.virtus.org and enter your username and password. Click on the "Toolbox" tab. In the column on the left, click on "Selection.com Background Check" and it will walk you through the process. There is a one-time fee of \$25. If you're not sure if you've already done your background check through Selection.com, please contact Beth at the Parish Office (431-1802/parishoffice@saintagnes.com).

For Those Interested in Volunteering Here is what you need to do:

1. Go to www.virtus.org and create an account.
2. Sign up for and attend a Live Training Session. Sessions are listed on the Virtus website. **Saint Agnes will be hosting a Session on Thursday, March 30th at 6:00 p.m. Register 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).

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261-8899

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19 Banklick St. Florence
525-2166

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Spiritual Adoption

Month 8—Developing Baby

“I like to listen to my Mommy’s voice!” Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother’s womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother’s voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby’s mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.



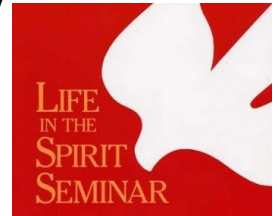
Faith Formation

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering.” Visit www.goo.gl/fvSEYp for 10 ways to care for loved ones approaching life’s end.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

The Mustard Seed Community of the Diocese of Covington is offering a 1-day Life in the Spirit Seminar on Saturday, April 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Saint Pius X Church, Edgewood. This will be a dynamic and interactive experience of prayer, inspirational talks, witnesses, praise/worship music, and fellowship. Be nourished, healed and empowered by the Holy Spirit! Open to adults and youth 7th grade and older. There is no fee to attend; a free will offering will be collected. Register with Mark at 859-991-3860 or online at www.charismaticnky.com.



Diocesan News

Discernment Dinner

Tonight (April 2nd) there will be a Discernment Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory of the Cathedral. Bishop Foys and Fr. Andrew Young invite any men, high-school age and older, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to attend. These dinners are held on the First Sunday of every month and usually last about an hour and half. Please contact Fr. Andrew Young in the Vocations Office for more details. If you would like more information, or if you know someone who might be discerning a vocation, please contact Father Keene (859.431.1802 or mkeene@saintagnes.com). We all have a duty to encourage and pray for vocations.

Sisters of Notre Dame

Spring is finally here and soon it will be time for Spring Cleaning! The Sisters of Notre Dame are in need of new and gently used items for their 95th Annual 4th of July Festival. We are looking for services, sports items, jewelry, gift certificates, antiques, or anything you can think of. Re-gift to the Sisters! If you have items that you would like to donate please call Margie at 392-8229 or email mschnelle@sndky.org. Items can be dropped off during the day at 1601 Dixie Highway in Park Hills or arrangements can be made for pickup.