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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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Calendar

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

Monday, April 10

- 5:30 p.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. CCD - School
- 7:30 p.m. Pro-Life - Murphy Hall
- 7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul - Rectory Conf Room

Tuesday, April 11

- 7:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (PH) - Convent
- 7:00 p.m. Chrism Mass - Cathedral
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Education - School Library

Wednesday, April 12

- 1:30 p.m. School Passion Play - Church
- 3:00 p.m. Confessions - Church
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Murphy A & B

Thursday, April 13

- No 6:30 or 11:30 Mass
- 6:30 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner - Murphy Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, April 14

- Parish Office Closed
- No 6:30 or 11:30 Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Liturgy
- 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Liturgy (Repeated)

Saturday, April 15

- 8:30 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer - Church
- 9:00 a.m. Confessions - Church
- 8:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 16

- 9:00 a.m. No Rosary
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms

Friday, April 14-Good Friday

- 6:30 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
- 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy (Repeated)

Saturday, April 15-Holy Saturday

- 8:30 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
- 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 16-Easter Sunday of the

Resurrection of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Deacon Joe Cleves - 5th Anniversary
- 9:30 a.m. Kay Wissel
- 11:30 a.m. Richard VonHandorf

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for April 15th/16th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. No Mass
- 7:30 a.m. Daryl & Blanche Tepe
- 9:30 a.m. Mike & Laurie Arnold & Family
- 11:30 a.m. **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. No Mass
- 7:30 a.m. T Vogelpohl
- 9:30 a.m. L-L Hudson, C-T Jacober
- 11:30 a.m. L-L Clements, C-M Nutter

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. No Mass
- 7:30 a.m. N Arnold, J & C Brueggemann, C Kirm
- 9:30 a.m. K Fischer, J & P Bramlage, T Fischer, MA Schuh, C Smith, L Stauber, A Wilce
- 11:30 a.m. D Able, J & M Crowe, J & K Elfers, P Johnston, MJ Rose, B Thamann

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. No Mass
- 7:30 a.m. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
- 9:30 a.m. E Kluemper, R Kluemper, E Thaman
- 11:30 a.m. A Donnelly, N Farmer, **VOLUNTEER**

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- April 10th-Carl Stamm
- April 17th-Daryl Tepe

No Rosary, Sunday, April 16th

Highland Crossing, April 16th: Deacon Bob Stoeckle

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. No Mass
- 7:30 a.m. Mike & Ginny Ruberg
- 9:30 a.m. Bob & Chris Ruschman
- 11:30 a.m. Ken & Rachel Heberling

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. No Mass
- 7:30 a.m. F-Daryl & Blanche Tepe
A-Deana & Grayson Gabbard
- 9:30 a.m. F-Natalie & Chris Maier
A-Paul & Debbie Finke
- 11:30 a.m. F-Billy & Erica Santos
A-Jim & Rebecca Moening

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 10

- 6:30 a.m. Vince Michels
- 11:30 a.m. Mary Lee Atkins

Tuesday, April 11

- 6:30 a.m. Raymond Grogan
- 11:30 a.m. Denny Vieth

Wednesday, April 12

- 6:30 a.m. Marilyn Stoeckle
- 11:30 a.m. Joe Patronik

Thursday, April 13-Holy Thursday

- 6:30 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
- 7:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Staff Article

Amazing Grace

A couple of Sundays ago, as well as after the Parish Penance Service, the hymn *Amazing Grace* was sung. I am confident that we are all familiar with the song. But do we know the history of the song? John Newton, an English priest of the Anglican Church, wrote it. He had an interesting life. Born in London in 1725, he was the son of a merchant ship captain. After a few years of school, he went to sea at the age of 11. In 1743 he was "pressed" into the Royal Navy and served on HMS Harwich from which he attempted to desert and for which he received 96 lashes. He contemplated murdering the captain and then throwing himself over the side of the ship to drown. Later when the Harwich was in route to India Newton was transferred to the Pegasus, a slave ship.

Newton quarreled with the crew of the Pegasus and when the ship reached Africa he was left with a slave trader, Amos Clowe, who gave Newton to his wife, Princess Peye of the Sherbro people of Sierra Leon, as a slave. She abused and mistreated him and he called himself a "servant of slaves."

In 1748 a ship captain who had been sent to look for John Newton by Newton's father rescued him. On the trip back the ship got into a storm off the coast of Ireland. As the ship filled with water Newton called out to God to save the ship and the cargo shifted and stopped the water by blocking the hole that it was coming in through. He said that this incident was the beginning of his religious conversion. He began to read the Bible and other religious works and on March 10, 1748 he accepted the tenets of Evangelical Christianity. He would celebrate this date for the rest of his life. As in all of us his conversion was a work in progress. He returned to the slave trade and in 1748 or 1749 he became ill with fever and professed his full faith in Christ and gave control of his destiny to God. Despite all of this he continued to work in the slave trade until 1754 when he suffered a stroke and gave up seafaring.

Newton worked as a tax collector for a while in Liverpool, England. He had also married in 1750

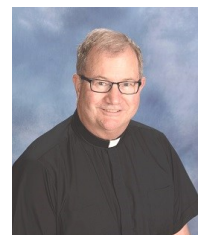
and applied to become an Anglican priest. He was ordained in 1764. It was not until 1788, that he published a pamphlet, *Thoughts on the Slave Trade*, and entered the fight to end the slave trade and slavery. He sent copies to every Member of Parliament and it sold well. Newton also joined the efforts of other Christian abolitionists such as William Wilberforce and Hannah Moore. He was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree by Princeton University in 1792. He lived long enough to see the abolition of the slave trade in 1807. He died in December 1807.

So what? That is an interesting story but what does it have to do with us, Catholic Christians in 2017? First of all it's important to note that Christians were instrumental in ending the horror of slavery. It is true that some Christians supported slavery, but without the leadership of Anti-Slavery Christians it is unlikely that slavery would have ended when it did. Untold numbers of people would have suffered from the evils caused by slavery.

Today all Christians must work to end those things that destroy human life. Today lives are being destroyed by: abortion which does not allow a life to be lived, euthanasia which does not allow a life to be lived to its natural end, and human trafficking which does not allow a life to be lived with the freedom and dignity that is given by God to all people.

Christians of all stripes are being dismissed as being members of a group that is becoming more and more inconsequential as its numbers decline, or are being depicted as a group made up of people who are backward and bigoted. Neither of these descriptions is true, as we know. What is true is that we as Christians, particularly Catholic Christians, are the only voice of God in a world that is in need of the love, peace and the conversion that this world needs. It is incumbent on all of us to make our voice heard and work to change the things that are wrong in this world. We are called to pray and act and show our neighbors the grace that saves wretches like us, all of us.

Deacon Gary Scott



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus is betrayed...tortured...made to carry His cross and then crucified!! Most of His followers desert Him!!

Adults: If you had been present when Jesus was crucified, where do you think you would have been? Mocking Him...watching from afar... ministering to Him with Mary Magdalen and His mother, Mary, or trying to hide so no one would recognize you? Today are you ready to speak out when you feel someone is being treated unfairly?

Teens: We don't hear anything about children or teenagers being present at the crucifixion. Would you have tried to go if you have been living at that time. Do you think Jesus would have wanted teenagers or children there? Why or why not?

Children: Why do you think Jesus was will to suffer and die? Can you do something special for Him this week?

Next Sunday, April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord, Cycle A

Regardless of which year we are in, (A, B or C), the readings for Easter Sunday are always the same. The Gospel reading is the account of the discovery of the "empty tomb" from the Gospel of John. The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (as it will be all Easter Season, weekdays and Sundays). For the Second Reading, there is a choice from either the Letter to the Colossians or First Corinthians.

Gospel (John 20:1-9): This passage is the account from John's Gospel of the discovery of the "empty tomb." In all of the Gospels, there is not a single eye-witness account of the moment of Jesus' resurrection. There are only accounts of the discovery of the empty tomb and then later appearances of the resurrected Jesus. This account of the empty tomb from the Gospel of John seems to have much symbolism. It also raises many questions: Who is this "disciple that Jesus loved?" (His name is never given.) Why does he not enter the tomb right away, but defers

to Peter? Why the attention to the details of the burial cloths?

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43): This passage comes from the first "speech" that Peter gives to Gentiles. It takes place in the home of the Roman centurion, Cornelius. Just prior to this, Peter had a dream which convinced him of the rightness of preaching the Gospel to Gentiles and welcoming them into the community of followers of Jesus. In this address Peter summarizes the purpose of Jesus life, death and resurrection.

Second Reading Option A (Colossians 3:1-4): This reading is from an exhortation to those who are already believers, encouraging them to keep in mind the larger picture, to "think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ is God."

Second Reading Option B (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8): Saint Paul reminds the Church at Corinth that "our Paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Catholic Traditions

Easter and renewal: new oils, new fire, new Paschal Candle, confession and the renewal of Baptismal promises. Much like the season of Spring, with Easter there is a sense of newness and renewal. At some point, all of the holy water, all of the holy oils, all of the "fire" (the tabernacle vigil lamp), the Paschal (Easter) Candle from the previous Easter, and even all of the hosts that are kept in the tabernacle are disposed of.

New oils are blessed each year during the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

The first thing that is done at the Easter Vigil is the blessing of a new fire. The new fire is then used to light a new Paschal Candle which is blessed and which will be used throughout the coming year.

During the Easter Vigil, holy water will be blessed for the Baptism of this year's catechumens/elect. This water will be used to sprinkle us after we renew our Baptismal Promises. This holy water

Parish Worship continued

will also be used in the fonts at church, which were emptied on Good Friday.

Any remnants of the Blessed Sacrament (Consecrated hosts or Consecrated wine) that are left after the Good Friday service are to be consumed or properly disposed of (buried). At the Easter Vigil, the Eucharist is celebrated and the remaining Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle and the tabernacle vigil light (which has been extinguished since Holy Thursday evening) is lit.

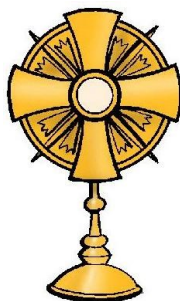
The renewal of one's Baptismal Promises is also a motivation for some to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a way of readying themselves ("wiping the slate clean") for this new beginning at Easter.

In many ways, the season of Lent and our Lenten observances have been directing us toward the renewal of our Baptismal Promises. In this sense, we are in solidarity with our "Elect" who will be making their Baptismal Promises for the very first time. It is by our Baptism that we enter the Sacramental life of the Church and so become part of the corporate witness of the Church, which itself is a "Sacrament" to the world. Baptism is never a private matter or a matter solely between the one Baptized and God. By Baptism, we place our lives in union with the lives of all other Christians, who are the Church, who have pledged to live lives in witness to and service to Christ. This is discipleship. The Baptism that we share with one another, we share with Christ, so like Christ, we should support one another in our vocations.

Adoration of Our Lord

"Truly, You are the Son of God."
(Matthew 14:33)

Saint Agnes' Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel is open from Sunday at 8:00 p.m. through Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Please commit to an hour with Jesus. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



Holy Week: Be a Part of It!

Holy Week begins today, Palm Sunday. The most solemn holy days of the year are this week... The most solemn Liturgies are this week. Be a part of your parish's commemorations of these days... Be a part of your parish's worship and thanksgiving to God:

- Palm Sunday: We commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem and we proclaim the Passion of the Lord according to Matthew
- The Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (Tuesday evening, 7:00 p.m.): Priests renew their promises of priestly service to our diocesan church (Diocese of Covington) and the Holy Oils that will be used this year are consecrated (Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens, Sacred Chrism).
- Holy Thursday (Pot luck supper at 6:00 p.m., Mass begins at 7:30 p.m.): We commemorate the Institution of the Eucharist (the Mass). We recall that Jesus washed His disciple's feet, and so we should wash the feet (serve) of others. Eucharistic Adoration in the Mass chapel until midnight.
- Good Friday (Services at noon and repeated at 7:00 p.m., Stations at 1:30 p.m.): We proclaim the Passion of the Lord according to John, offer special prayers for the peoples of the world, venerate the Cross and receive Holy Communion.
- Easter Vigil (at 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening): We Bless the new fire; Proclaim the beautiful *Exultet*; Recall Salvation History through readings, responsorials and prayers; Celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation, and; Celebrate the Eucharist.

Did you Know?

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



Incense Alert

We will be using incense at the 4 PM (Saturday), 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses today and on Easter Sunday.

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Chrism Mass: All Can Attend

Bishop Foys encourages all the Faithful to join him and the priests and deacons of our diocese for the Chrism Mass at our Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, on Tuesday evening, April 11th, at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be held that evening beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Vespers

Bishop Foys encourages all the Faithful to join him and the priests and deacons of our diocese for Solemn Vespers and Benediction for Divine Mercy Sunday at our Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, on Sunday, April 23rd, at 3:00 p.m.



Eucharistic Adoration will begin that day immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral and continue until the Vespers. Confessions will also be heard before and during the Vespers

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Today, April 9th, is the last Sunday for this school year that we will have the Liturgy of the Word for Children. We will resume in the fall. We thank Michelle Schulte for her leadership in making this possible. We also thank all who have volunteered to serve as catechists. Please see the announcement elsewhere in this bulletin regarding our need for catechists and how to volunteer.

Bulletin Picture

Our Mass Chapel set up to serve as the Chapel of Repose. After the commemoration of the Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening, the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession to the Chapel of Repose where people can come and "Wait with the Lord" until midnight. All encouraged to come and spend some quite time with the Lord on Holy Thursday evening. Parents are especially encouraged to bring their children, even if only for a few minutes.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 04/03/17)	\$960,977
Budgeted Collections (July thru April)	\$999,000
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2016/2017)	\$1,185,000

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. The total goal for our diocese is \$2,500,000. Our parish's share in that goal is \$146,000. As of March 31st, the last date we have figures for, 272 of our parishioners have made gifts and commitments totaling \$89,463. This leaves a balance of \$56,537.

As in years past, all funds raised above our goal will be rebated back to parish. We plan to use any rebates from the 2017 DPAA to help pay for tuck-pointing of our bell-tower. This work will begin this month.

Naturally, we hope all will participate. No gift is too small. If you need a commitment card, please contact the parish office (431-1802) or check the foyers in church. Please pray about your participation and for those who benefit from the appeal as well. –Father Mark Keene

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

Please be generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

We Are His Hands

Sisters of Notre Dame–Uganda

Mission: Says Thank You!

Dear Father Keene and St. Agnes Parishioners, Thank you so much for the \$7,500 you contributed to our fund to replace/build additional water tanks at our mission in Buseesa, Uganda.

We take water for granted, but for the people of Uganda, water is a precious treasure. During the three months of the rainy season we collect water in the many water tanks on the property. During the next three months, we rely on the water in these tanks. Then the cycle repeats. On March 25th, eleven women from Uganda and our East Africa Delegation joined the sisters in Buseesa, Uganda, with the idea of becoming Sisters of Notre Dame. Their residence area in the convent requires some renovation and the construction of two additional water tanks. Your donation will help to make this possible. You are remembered in the prayers of the sisters.

Gratefully, Sr. Mary Margaret Droege, SND,
Director, Uganda Mission Office

*Thank
You*



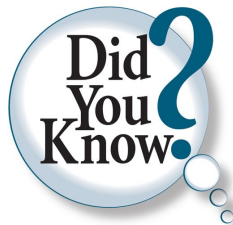
Parish News

We would like to introduce a new, recurring feature, "Did You Know..." This segment of our bulletin will highlight facts, people or good deeds going on around the parish that you may not know about or do not get the attention they deserve. We hope you enjoy learning a little bit more about your parish.

Did You Know

When new missalettes arrive, the 6th grade students and their teacher, Rosemary Mullen, change out all of them, which is approximately 650. They also take the time once or twice a month to clean up the pews by picking up garbage and straightening up the prayer cards and missalettes.

Thank you 6th graders and Mrs. Mullen.



Wedding Banns

I-Lauren Stieritz & Patrick Ashley

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 14th.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass. If interested please contact Deacon Bob at the Parish Office, 431-1802 or parishoffice@saintagnes.com.

Deacons' Anniversary

This Thursday (April 13) is the 4th Anniversary of the Ordinations of Deacon Ralph Grieme and Deacon Gary Scott. We congratulate them on this anniversary and say "thank you" for their service to our Diocese and our Parish. In addition to helping at Saint Agnes, our deacons help the Sisters of Notre Dame by assisting at times with their Liturgies. They also have a Communion Service at Highland Crossing on Sundays for those who cannot make it to Mass.



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!

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.



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RCIA

This weekend we enter the most Holy Week of our Liturgical Year. Our Holy Mother Church provides us with the opportunity to receive so many graces and blessings to prepare for our Easter celebration. For our Elect and Candidates, this Holy Week marks their final days of preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. From the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday evening, to Holy Thursday's Last Supper, through Good Friday's immersion into Christ's passion and death, to the Easter joy of the Resurrection, we celebrate the fullness of our faith and intimately unite ourselves with Jesus. Please pray for our Elect - Cheryl, Katie and Joshua - and our Candidates - Heather, Melissa, Tyne, and Lee.

Please put the Lord your God first in your life this week and join our parish family in celebrating the richness of our faith. Come to our Holy Week Services. Come to the Easter Vigil celebration and welcome our Elect and Candidates into the Catholic 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.



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 today, 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.



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 April.** 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, July 27th 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).

Parish News continued

Villa Madonna Honor Roll

First Honors: Conrad Smeltzer

Second Honors: Liam Wall, Anna Wagner

St. Xavier Honor Roll

First Honors: John Fritz



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. Except for re-assembly, it is in good condition. The riding rail is approximately 13 feet long, but can possibly be shortened. 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.

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Christian Outreach

Opportunities for Life

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Faith Formation

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her." Find out more in *10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting*: www.goo.gl/MkBfb9.

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. 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

Sisters of Notre Dame

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.