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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.

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 for more information.

PRE-SCHOOL RELIGION:

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

MEETINGS:

Athletic Boosters-3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
in the 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 EASTER

Calendar

Sunday, May 5

No Coffee & Donuts
No Blood Pressure Screenings
9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
10:30 a.m. RCIA - Parish Conf Room
11:30 a.m. First Communion During Mass
1:00 p.m. No Baptisms
7:00 p.m. CCH Concert - Church
7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

7:30 a.m. First Place 4 Health - Parish Conf Room
7:00 p.m. May Crowning - Church

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

11:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick following Mass
7:00 p.m. Rosary - Church
7:00 p.m. Baptism Prep Class - Parish Conf Room

Friday, May 10

Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 5-Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
9:30 a.m. Alice Lynch
11:30 a.m. Richard Cardosi

Monday, May 6

6:30 a.m. Dan Cahill
11:30 a.m. Bill & Fran Sommerkamp

Tuesday, May 7

6:30 a.m. Robert Bertke
11:30 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, May 8

6:30 a.m. Intention of James Rahe
11:30 a.m. Krista Kaelin

Thursday, May 9

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Bill Poncer

Friday, May 10-St. Damien de Veuster

6:30 a.m. Terry McClure
9:20 a.m. Joan Zeis
11:30 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon

Saturday, May 11

8:30 a.m. Charles Brungs
4:00 p.m. Krista Kaelin

Sunday, May 12-Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Corinne Gaudio & Bertha Kirn
9:30 a.m. Jane Menkhaus
11:30 a.m. Michael Warning

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for May 11th & 12th

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-O Martin, C-C Hill
7:30 a.m. M Maier
9:30 a.m. L Rowekamp
11:30 a.m. L-J Lawson, C-M Fritz

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. M Martin, P Adams, K Middendorf,
M Pennington, M Stoeckle, S Gleeson,
J & A Ward
7:30 a.m. L Ferguson, B Henn, R Miller, Sr. Flo
9:30 a.m. J & P Bramlage, M Fox, P Metzger,
G & D Small, T Fischer, C Jacober
11:30 a.m. P & ML Scheper, J & K Elfers, L Clements,
J & M Crowe, P Fritz

Servers

4:00 p.m. A Martin, C Martin, E Martin
7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
9:30 a.m. M Cody, A Tignor, S Toebben
11:30 a.m. W Leach, A McClure, R McGonigal

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

May 6th-Don Mai May 13th-John Zembrodt

Rosary, Sunday, May 12th at 9:00 a.m.:

Fred Summe

Highland Crossing, May 12th:

Don Able

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

4:00 p.m. Lee & Pam Ransdell
7:30 a.m. Len & Jan Ferguson
9:30 a.m. Tevis & Theresa Gray
11:30 a.m. Ken & Rachel Heberling

Greeters

4:00 p.m. F-Julie Durstock A-Juliette Gorman-Smookler
7:30 a.m. F-Tom Kramer A-Mike Hodge
9:30 a.m. F-Jonathan & Colleen Averdick
A-Tony & Tanya Fischer
11:30 a.m. F-Colleen Read & Beatrice Cornett
A-Gwen & Dennis Travis

Staff Article

On Letting Go

As a church musician/music director Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter, is one of the absolute highlights of the year for me from a liturgical and musical perspective. Beginning on Palm Sunday we journey with Jesus in His triumphal entry into Jerusalem and share in the reading of His Passion. On Holy Thursday we enter into the Last Supper where He initiated the Eucharist and gave us the example of service in the washing of the feet. On Good Friday we again remember His Passion and death as we walk along with Him on the Way of the Cross. Then on Holy Saturday we keep vigil in darkness as we hear stories of the history of our faith and sing various psalms. When the lights come on we sing the Gloria as we celebrate our anticipation of the Resurrection. During this service we welcome our neophytes into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. Finally on Easter Sunday we fully celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. There is a lot of beautiful music at these liturgies that is special to just this time of year. Along with our music ministers I was very excited to share this music with our parish.

Two weeks before Good Friday, I started coming down with what I thought was a cold. Rather than getting better I kept feeling worse and by Wednesday before Holy Thursday I was diagnosed with pneumonia. I was immediately put on strict rest and as a result ended up having to miss all of the Triduum and Easter services.

It would be easy to ask God, "Why did you let this happen at this time of all times?" However, instead of anger, a sense of peace came over me. I used this time off to rest and to pray. It renewed my perspective and understanding of how dependent we all are on God and that we shouldn't just rely on our own strength and resources. This time also gave me a renewed appreciation and sense of gratitude for the people in my life, my family and friends, especially our Saint Agnes Music Ministry community. I was able to use this time to more deeply pray in petition for members of our music group who are going through health issues more

serious than my own.

In looking back on this experience I'm especially moved by how God worked through our music ministry. In my absence a number of our music ministers stepped into various leadership roles. Everyone worked together as a team. I've heard from various group members, from Fr Mark, from staff members, and from a number of parishioners that the music was beautiful at every Triduum and Easter liturgy. God is good! Although this was definitely not the time of my choosing to be sick like this, I believe God used this to teach me a valuable lesson on letting go and trusting God. I also believe that God used this experience to work through my fellow music ministers, building confidence, renewing faith, and strengthening us as a group. In our Gospel reading this week Jesus tells Peter and the other disciples in the boat to cast their nets. In an act of trust they do this and end up catching an abundance of fish. May God free us from whatever nets may be holding us back. May God give us the freedom to cast our nets in order to catch whatever blessings God may have in store.

Easter blessings,
Bobby Fisher
Director of Music Ministries



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus reveals Himself to some of the apostles as they were fishing and had caught nothing the whole night.

Adults: Who "fished" for you and drew you into believing in the risen Jesus? How do you experience the risen Jesus in your daily life? How can you get closer to Him?

Teens: Who has helped you affirm your belief in the risen Savior? Is there someone in your life that you can help?

Children: Why do you think Jesus kept asking His apostles "do you love me?" Who do you love in your life? How would you answer Jesus if He asked you if you loved Him?

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parish Worship continued

Next Sunday, May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C

During the Easter Season, in all three years (Cycle A, B and C) the First Reading comes from The Acts of the Apostles and we read about the early, post-resurrection days of our church. In Cycle C years, the Second Reading is from the Book of Revelation. In all three years the Gospel reading on the Fourth Sunday of Easter presents Jesus as the "Good Shepherd." Hence this Sunday is also referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday."

Gospel (John 10:27-30): The fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The Gospel reading always reflects the image of Jesus as a good shepherd. In this passage from the Gospel of John, Jesus tells of how His sheep (disciples) are attuned to His voice and how they follow Him, indicating the depth of their knowledge and trust in Jesus, their shepherd. Jesus speaks of how He gives His sheep/disciples eternal life. Perhaps His sheep/disciples understand this and that is why they are willing to follow Him. Jesus also speaks of the strength of the bond that exists between His sheep/disciples and Him. This passage concludes with an affirmation of the unity that exists between Jesus and His Father; "The Father and I are one." Such affirmations are characteristic of the Gospel of John and its emphasis on Jesus' divinity.

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 13:14,43-52): This reading reflects one of the most important moments in our church's history. Paul and Barnabas have been trying to preach to Jews and converts to Judaism in their synagogues. As occurred with Jesus when He preached to such groups, Paul and Barnabas encounter jealousy and hostility. In the face of this, they decide to begin preaching to non-Jews: "...we now turn to the Gentiles." With this decision Christianity begins to emerge as something other than a sub-sect of Judaism and begins to spread to the whole world, truly becoming "catholic" (universal).

Second Reading (Revelation 7:9,14-17): With this reading we continue John's description of the great heavenly Liturgy that awaits all who are

faithful. Of particular interest in this reading are the martyrs. They are dressed in white and are holding palms, which is sign of victory. (In art, martyrs—including Saint Agnes—are often depicted holding palms.) Through his writing, John is trying to encourage the people of his day—who were being persecuted—to remain faithful and so eventually join this victorious multitude in this heavenly Liturgy. It is important to realize that for John, this Liturgy is already taking place "outside of time." For John, God's victory has already been accomplished in history.

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.

Adoration of Our Lord

"I am the Lord, your God, who grasp your right hand; it is I who say to you, fear not, I will help you. (Is 41:13)

Share your fears and hopes with the Lord Jesus who waits patiently for your visit. Visit Him in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Sunday at 8:00 p.m. through Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Call 496-4149 for more information.



Bulletin Picture

The Easter Vigil, April 20, 2019: Larry Dunn and Cheryl Brookbank making their First Communion.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru April)	\$1,071,334
Budgeted Collections (July thru April)	\$1,084,000
Actual Compared to Budgeted	\$12,666
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2018/2019)	\$1,258,000

Stewardship continued

2019 DPAA

Our Citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20)

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift and/or completed a pledge form for our 2019 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. As of April 30th, Saint Agnes had \$108,052 in donations and pledges from 272 households (19% of parish) toward our parish goal of \$158,400. This leaves a balance of \$50,348.

If you need a donation/pledge card/envelope, there are some in the tables in the foyers of church, or call the parish office (431-1802).

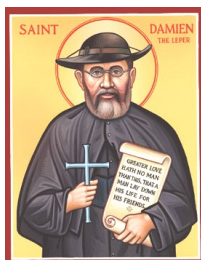
–Thank you, Father Mark Keene

Saint of the Week

Saint Damien of Molokai

The future Saint Damien of Molokai was born Jozef De Veuster, the youngest of seven children on a farm in rural Belgium. He was born on January 3, 1840. It was expected that he would take over the farm but instead after school he entered the novitiate of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He was not alone in his family for choosing a religious vocation. Two of his sisters became nuns. He became a brother on October 7, 1860. He was not considered a candidate for the priesthood because he lacked the necessary education. He learned Latin from his fellow brothers and as he prepared for the priesthood he prayed daily before a picture of Saint Francis Xavier, the patron of missions. He hoped to be sent on a mission.

In 1863 a fellow brother, who was supposed to go to Hawaii, became ill and Brother Damian was sent in his place. He arrived in Hawaii on March 19, 1864 and on May 21, 1864 he was ordained a priest. First, he was sent to a mission on the north side of the island of Hawaii, (the Big Island). The native population of Hawaii was suffering a health crisis, they were attacked by many illnesses such as smallpox, influenza, and



cholera among others. These diseases were brought by the traders, sailors and immigrants. With no acquired immunity the native Hawaiians suffered and died in large numbers. Another disease that arrived with the newcomers was leprosy.

Throughout most of history leprosy was feared because of its disfiguring effects and because it was thought to be highly contagious. As a result, people with leprosy were separated from the general population by establishing “leper colonies.” In 1865 the government of Hawaii set up a colony on the island of Molokai.

Bishop Louis Maigret, the Apostolic Vicar of the Diocese of Honolulu and also a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, felt that the lepers needed a priest. He would not order anyone to go because of the perceived danger of leprosy. Four priests agreed to go and Maigret decided that they should rotate in the position. Father Damien was the first. He arrived on May 10, 1873. He would not leave.

There he did much to help the residents both materially and spiritually, helping to improve the lives of the residents, telling them that he would become one with them and that he would “live and die with them.” His work became famous and support came in from both Protestant and Catholic sources. He said that he would “make himself a leper with the lepers to gain all for Jesus Christ.”

In 1884 he was diagnosed with leprosy. He continued his work until his death on April 15, 1889. He was 49 years old. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009. Saint Damien’s feast day is May 10th, the anniversary of the date when he first arrived at the leper colony.

Parish News

This Sunday: NO Coffee & Donuts

There will be no Coffee and Donuts today, Sunday, May 5th due to First Communion.

Parish News continued

No Blood Pressure Screenings

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Wedding Banns

Il-Brooke Lantry, Saint Agnes &
Stephen Muck, Saint Agnes



Family of God

We welcome into the Family of God the following infants who were baptized recently at Saint Agnes:

Cameron Michael Egbers
Child of Jonathan & Emily Egbers

Luke Edward Joseph
Child of Mark & Michelle Joseph

Deceased of our Parish (April)

Please pray for the family and friends of the following parishioner who recently passed away:

Mrs. Mary Ann Brown
Ms. Mary Lou Fuller
Mr. Terry Iseral

New Parishioners (April)

Welcome the newest members to Saint Agnes Parish:

Mr. Jake Gerber

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral

On Sunday, June 9th at 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Bishop Foys will Confirm adults who have missed the sacrament.

This is meant for those older than 8th grade age. If you or someone you know has not been confirmed and desires to receive, please contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com. Registrations are due no later than May 9th.



May Crowning - May 7th

One of the special devotions we have is honoring Mary as Queen of the Heavens. On May 7th at 7:00 p.m. join us as we crown Mary with flowers. During the entrance procession all are invited up to give flowers to Mary. After a crown of flowers are placed on Mary's head, our 2nd graders will be enrolled in the scapular.



May Rosary - May 9th

Due to First Communion pictures on Thursday, May 2nd, Rosary will be on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. Join others in asking Mary to intercede for us as we pray for the unborn, the poor and homeless, those defenseless against evil, and praying for all those who have left our faith. Please use the front annex door on Sleepy Hollow Road side. Come spend 30 minutes in quiet prayer.

Saint Agnes Class of 2016: More GSP and GSA!

Our 8th Grade Class of 2016 is very well honored and represented by this years Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) and Governor's School for the Arts (GSA). This past week we received word that in addition to Matthew Allison (Covington Catholic High School, GSP) and Paul Allison (Covington Catholic High School, GSP) the following Saint Agnes 2016 graduates have also been honored: John Lawrie (Covington Catholic High School, GSA alternate), Katie Hail (Notre Dame Academy, GSP), Ella David (Notre Dame Academy, GSP), Chloe Collins (GSP and GSA) Allison Ehlman (Holy Cross District High School, GSP and GSA alternate), Grace Eckerle (Holy Cross District High School, GSA).

CCH Choral Group Concert

Covington Catholic High School's exceptional choral group under the direction of Jim Wolfe will be having a concert in Saint Agnes Church, this evening, Sunday, May 5th, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Parish News continued

Baby Bottle Campaign

Next weekend is Mother's Day Weekend and the kickoff of the parish's Baby Bottle Campaign. Members of the Pro-Life Committee will be in the vestibules of the church passing out baby bottles.



Please take a bottle, fill it with your loose change and then return it Father's Day Weekend. Donations from the Baby Bottle Campaign will go to the student Pro-Life groups at Thomas More University and Northern Kentucky University to help with their pro-life missions. Donations will also be distributed to Madonna House (madonnahousenky.org), The Rose Garden Home Mission (www.exclusivesoftware.com/RoseGardenMission), and the Lifeline Fund at Catholic Charities. This fund allows Catholic Charities to provide assistance to low income women facing an unplanned pregnancy. The fund will provide living expenses, medical care, and additional resources for these vulnerable women, their families and their unborn children. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Scott (jacobor@fioptics.com) or 859-586-4017.

Youth Group Is Back!!!

May 19th is the returning of Youth Group! Come meet our new leaders, John Griffin and Maddie Black. Help plan a special fun event! Meeting will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Grades 7th thru 9th are invited, even those soon to be 7th grade. Members from grades 10th thru 12th are invited to help kick off a new group. For other information or to get on the email list contact Mrs. Dunn at adunn@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.
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 Deacon Bob Stoeckle at the Parish Office (431-1802) 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).

Spiritual Adoption

Month 7—Developing Baby

"I can look around!" You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice, and ultrasound reveals that he likes to open his eyes and look around. During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.



Faith Formation

RCIA

Our new Catholics are continuing their studies in our faith until Pentecost. During this time of Mystagogy (of plunging more deeply into learning about the mysteries of our faith), they are looking more closely now at how we are all called to live as Catholic Christians. Over this Easter Season, they will study Ongoing Conversion, the Universal Call to Holiness (which is our Baptismal call), Social Justice, and Evangelization (the Gospel challenge to us all). They will also explore the service opportunities available here at Saint Agnes. Please keep them in your prayers as we all celebrate this Holy Easter Season and continue to “plunge into the mysteries” of our faith.

Please pray for Cheryl and Larry who have become one with us in Christ as we all continue on our pilgrimage to our Father in Heaven.

Calling All Saint Agnes parishioners! During this Easter Season, live the Easter Alleluias by inviting someone to learn more about the Catholic faith. 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 the Parish Office at 431-1802.

The Bible and Creation and Flannery O'Connor Education Opportunities

The Athenaeum of Ohio is pleased to offer two summer courses beginning this May: "Biblical Theology of Creation" taught by Dr. Matthew Genung, and "Preambles of Faith: The Writings of Flannery O'Connor" taught by Dr. Tracy Jamison. Classes will be held evenings from May 20th through June 20th.

"Biblical Theology of Creation" (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) will study selected passages from the Pentateuch, Prophets, Wisdom, and New Testament texts, in order to examine the theme of creation in the Bible, its function within

its immediate and canonical contexts, and its relation to salvation.

"Preambles of Faith" (Monday and Wednesday evenings) will study the compositions of Flannery O'Connor, which have attracted many people to Catholicism. The course will attempt to appreciate the inherent value of O'Connor's stories as works of art and to assess their instrumental value as preambles of faith.

The tuition cost for each course is \$870; for auditors, \$450; and for alumni auditors and senior citizen auditors (65+), \$250. To register, e-mail the Registrar at njobe@mtsm.org. Registration Deadline is May 20th.

FORMED

HAPPY EASTER! During these Easter days, we hear Jesus in Scripture encouraging the Apostles to go out and make disciples of all nations. Did you know that Jesus asks us to do the same thing by virtue of our Baptismal call? Often the opportunity presents itself for us to share our faith with others. Maybe we feel we do not know enough about our faith to comfortably share it. **FORMED** offers us abundant resources to learn our faith so we can grow in our confidence to live as disciples of Jesus. Begin to learn more now by checking out the Symbolon series or enjoying any of the movies under Modern Day Saints, or reading books like Behold the Man by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, or listening to presentations such as *Three Days That Changed the World* by Fr. Hector R. G. Perez, or watching *The Jesus Stories* with your children. If you have not registered for our **free** subscription to **FORMED** yet, go to www.formed.org and enter code **7CWP2N** and follow the instructions. If you are having trouble registering, please call or email the parish office at 431-1802, pfritz@saintagnes.com

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



Christian Outreach

Project Rachel

Come back to God, who is LOVE and MERCY!

Life is a gift from God, and so is His mercy. Tens of millions of Americans have been directly touched by abortion and have feelings of regret, guilt and grief. God's healing love and mercy are always possible. Many Catholics want to help women and men who have experienced abortion, but some don't know how to begin. The Diocese of Covington, in accordance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, offer the Project Rachel Ministry, a confidential, compassionate journey to healing. Project Rachel help line (859) 392-1547 or projectrachel@covdio.org.



Diocesan News

Notre Dame Urban Education Center

Notre Dame Urban Education Center (NDUEC) is seeking volunteers who wish to help provide educational support services to young children in Covington. Tutors are greatly needed for the summer program. NDUEC will be open mornings for summer starting June 3rd. If you have a couple of hours a week to assist a child to develop their talents, call Mary Gray at 261-4487 or email her at nduecvolunteer@sndky.org.

Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference

ATTENTION men, fathers and sons! The Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, June 15th, 2019 at St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish. . Get your ticket today for A Faith-filled half-day where men from all over the tristate will enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. Speakers include Super Bowl Champ Matt Birk, Cooking Priest, Fr. Leo Patalinghug and New York Mets coach, Rich Donnelly. Get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at www.CincinnatiMensConference.com.

Thinking About the Priesthood?

Today, May 5th, 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 (392-1500, ext. 1587 or ayoung@covdio.org) for more details. If you would like more information, or if you know someone who might be discerning a vocation, please contact Father Keene (431-1802 or mkeene@saintagnes.com). We all have a duty to encourage and pray for vocations.

Postal Carriers Food Drive—May 11th

The largest food drive of the year is coming up on Saturday, May 11th, and you need to go no farther than your mailbox to participate.

On Saturday, May 11th, postal carriers participating in the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will pick up non-perishable food that customers leave at their mailboxes and deliver it to 10 organizations that help feed low-income families in Northern Kentucky. Those agencies served more than 4,300 families in March, so the need remains great.

The drive generated nearly 40,000 lbs. of food in 2018. Benefiting organizations, which include, St. Vincent de Paul, Be Concerned and Brighton Center, rely on the project to restock their food supplies heading into summer, so please be generous. Thanks for your help!

NDA Summer Camps

Whether you are artistic, musical, athletic, dramatic or you are just looking for something fun to do this summer, Notre Dame Academy has all sorts of opportunities for you! NDA offers camps in music, art, theater, and athletic camps in basketball, volleyball, archery, soccer and lacrosse. Check out all of the amazing opportunities available at NDA this summer at: www.ndapandas.org.