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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,
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, 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 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 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 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Conference
Room

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Calendar

Sunday, May 6

- NO** Coffee & Donuts
- NO** Blood Pressure Screenings
- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 11:30 a.m. First Communion During Mass
- 7:00 p.m. CCH Spring Concert - Church
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Monday, May 7

Tuesday, May 8

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. May Crowning - Church

Wednesday, May 9

- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Murphy A & B

Thursday, May 10

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

Friday, May 11

Saturday, May 12

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

Sunday, May 13

- Cans for Kids Collection
- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 6-Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 9:30 a.m. Dan Cahill
- 11:30 a.m. Fran Sommerkamp

Monday, May 7

- 6:30 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon
- 11:30 a.m. Keith Lillard

Tuesday, May 8

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of JoAnn Glazier
- 11:30 a.m. Thomas Witt, Sr.

Wednesday, May 9

- 6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 11:30 a.m. Rudy Pohlabein

Thursday, May 10-The Ascension of the Lord

- 6:30 a.m. Terry McClure - 1st Anniversary
- 11:30 a.m. Estelle & Albert Ehrman

Friday, May 11

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:20 a.m. Special Intention
- 11:30 a.m. Charles Brungs

Saturday, May 12-Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras

- 8:30 a.m. Michael Warning
- 4:00 p.m. Rose Ann Foltz
- 6:30 p.m. Wedding: Ramey/Ford Families

Sunday, May 13-Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. Helen & Bob Kramer
- 9:30 a.m. Bob Hemmer
- 11:30 a.m. Jane Menkhaus

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for May 12th & 13th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. John & Annette Ward & Family
- 7:30 a.m. Ted & Janis Vogelpohl
- 9:30 a.m. Carl & Carol Allison & Family
- 11:30 a.m. Terry & Sandy Flanagan

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-A Wadsworth, C-S Sturgeon
- 7:30 a.m. M Maier
- 9:30 a.m. L-D Dickhaus, C-K Fischer
- 11:30 a.m. L-J Lawson, C-M Fritz

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. P Adams, A Emerson, S Gleeson, K Middendorf, M Pennington, D & J Rehtin, S Osterhage
- 7:30 a.m. L Ferguson, C Kim, B Lewin, A Kunkel
- 9:30 a.m. A Dickhaus, MB Scott, C Smith, D Witt, J VonHandorf, W Witt, R & T Lonneman
- 11:30 a.m. D Able, P Johnston, R Lawson, L Clements, J & M Crowe, S & R Averdick

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. E Dowd, J Graf, R Graf
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. C Brungs, K Brungs, B Dickhaus
- 11:30 a.m. M Summe, P Summe, T Wachs

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- May 7th-Barb Lewin
- May 14th-Steve Lorenz

Rosary, Sunday, May 13th at 9:00 a.m.: Theresa Gray

Highland Crossing, May 13th: Don Able

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Don & Lisa Wilder
- 7:30 a.m. Sisters of Notre Dame
- 9:30 a.m. Chris & Natalie Maier
- 11:30 a.m. Terry & Sandy Flanagan

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Della Weis A-Kathy Bell
- 7:30 a.m. F-Paul & Amy Kindt A-Mike Hodge
- 9:30 a.m. F-Carl & Carol Allison
- A-David & Marie Kathman
- 11:30 a.m. F-Gwen & Dennis Travis
- A-Jim Fischesser & Drew & Lynn Collins

Staff Article

By Accident

You may have heard by now that I fell down the stairs in my house and tore the tendon that connects my quadriceps to my knee and I am now pretty much immobilized. I took off work early on Friday, April 20th to do the yard work that had been waiting for dry and warm weather. I went upstairs to change from my work clothes to my yard work clothes and on the way down slipped and the next thing I knew I was sitting on the steps with my right knee sporting a big dent and unable to support any weight. After a visit to the emergency room I came home with a brace and had an operation to reconnect the torn tendon.

I have to tell you I was pretty ticked off about this whole thing. There are a lot of things that I want to get done in my yard and now it will be at least 8 weeks before I can get out and do them. Any gardener will tell you that some things have to be done at a certain time or not done at all.

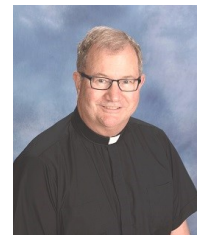
So I had a choice to make, I could be upset and angry about the situation that I am in. I could feel sorry for myself because I am stuck in a chair with my right leg elevated while one beautiful day after another goes gliding by. But I did something else.

The day that I wrote this article was April 30th. I have been using the *Jesus Calling* book that the parish gave out a couple of years ago as a Christmas gift. The book's reading for today, April 30th, seemed like it was written just for me. April 30th's reading says that when we have some lack that prevents us from doing something that was planned then count it as a blessing. Now I would not have considered my fall and the results as a blessing. This reading caused me to look at my condition in another way.

The reading says that this type of situation will make us rely on God more. This is true. There is not much I can do for myself. I can't cook for myself. I can't carry the food from the kitchen. I can't set up the pillows that I need to have my leg on to keep it elevated. I can't go upstairs by myself to get anything up there. Also, I can't heal

myself; I need to rely on someone else to fix what I broke.

Above all I have to return to the realization that I have to rely on God and to trust Him to take me where He wants me to go. This has made me turn over everything to Him. I have, of course, turned over the medical aspects of this situation to Him, but I have also turned over the issues of being out of work, the things I wanted to get done in the garden and everything else to Him. Instead of the frustration that I could be feeling I now have peace which can only lead to quicker healing and a better medical outcome for me. "Trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding." Try it.



Deacon Gary Scott

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus admonishes His disciples to continue the love He has shown to them by keeping the commandments and loving one another.

Adults: How can you best show your love for those in your life that are most important?

Teens: What did Jesus mean when He told His disciples "it was not you who chose Me, but I who chose you"...? Do you feel "chosen" by God? Do you feel Jesus loves you?

Children: If Jesus as a youngster was a member of your play group how do you think He would act? Can you try to be like Him by sharing, taking turns, trying to be friendly with everyone?

Next Sunday: May 13, 2018

The Ascension of the Lord, Easter Season, Cycle B

In November of 1998, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States voted to allow the bishops of each ecclesiastical province in the United States to determine whether the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord was to be celebrated on the traditional fortieth day after Easter – a Thursday – or on the Seventh Sunday

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Parish Worship continued

of Easter. This decision was subsequently confirmed by the Holy See (Rome).

The Diocese of Covington is part of the Louisville Province, which includes all of the dioceses in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. (Cincinnati is in the Ohio province.) In 1999, the bishops of the Louisville province discussed this issue and for pastoral reasons decided to transfer the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, beginning in 2000. So next Sunday, we will observe the Ascension of the Lord and use the readings of that Solemnity, rather than for the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Gospel Reading (Mark, 16:15-20): This Gospel reading is from the so-called “longer ending” to the Gospel of Mark. It seems that this longer ending was added to the Gospel immediately before what is called the “shorter ending” which is the more original ending. (This longer ending reads like an insertion in chapter 16.) This longer ending is a general summary of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus and is based on the Gospels of Luke and John (whose dates of composition are uniformly believed to be after that of Mark). This insertion, while not included in all early manuscripts of Mark, has always been accepted as inspired and as a part of the Gospel of Mark.

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11): For the Solemnity of the Ascension, the first reading is always this account of the Ascension from the opening lines of The Acts of the Apostles. This reading is the “introduction” to the Acts of the Apostles. It also points the disciples—and us—to Pentecost. Jesus instructs His disciples (and their descendants) that they are to be His witnesses “in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Two thousand years later, this is our charge from Jesus, to be faithful witnesses to all that is revealed in Jesus Christ.... to the ends of the earth!

Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13): Both of the passages from Ephesians – either of the two can be chosen – contain words of encouragement and exhortation. Because the language of the Letter to the Ephesians is rather

general, there is doubt that the letter was written exclusively for the Church at Ephesus. (One would expect a letter written to a particular congregation that Paul had lived with for two years to be more personal.) Also, language and style concerns cause there to be a division among Scripture scholars as to whether Paul himself actually wrote the letter, or someone in his “school.”

Adoration of Our Lord

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.” (Matthew 27:17)
Need help? Go to Jesus! Please commit to an hour with Jesus in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



Bulletin Picture

The very first, First Communion class at Saint Agnes, 1931.

Weekday Rosary

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

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru April)	\$1,066,702
Budgeted Collections (July thru April)	\$1,084,000
Actual Compared to Budgeted	\$17,298
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2017/2018)	\$1,250,000

Please Recycle This Bulletin

In the spirit of concern for the environment and Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudate Si - On Care For Our Common Home*, please recycle this bulletin.

– Fr. Mark Keene

Stewardship continued

DPAA 2018: EFT or CREDIT CARDS

Credit card and electronic funds transfer gifts (EFT) are being handled differently this year at the recommendation of our Diocesan auditors. The Diocesan Stewardship Office is no longer able to accept credit card numbers or voided checks for EFTs. To make a donation in this manner, parishioners need to go to www.covdio.org and click on the Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal 'DONATE' button. The first screen will ask for your monthly contribution and the second screen will ask for the total contribution. Unfortunately, many are indicating their total as their monthly contribution. For example, many wishing to pledge \$100/month for 10 months for a \$1,000 pledge are actually stating they wish to pledge \$1,000/month. Also please include your parish affiliation when requested. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation! –Father Mark Keene

Status of DPAA 2018

Zeal for your house will consume me. (John 2:17)

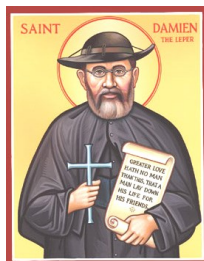
As of April 26th, our parish has \$128,647.45 in gifts and pledges from 365 parishioners (26%) toward our parish goal of \$155,900, leaving a balance of \$27,252.55. Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge so far. If you misplaced your pledge envelope, please contact the parish office. If you wish use a credit card or EFT to make your gift/pledge, please see the above article in today's bulletin. Thank you!
– Father Mark Keene



Saint of the Week

Saint Damien de Veuster

This week on Thursday, May 10th we honor the memory of a recent saint, Father Damien de Veuster, better known as Father Damien of Molokai (1840-1889), who was canonized on June 4, 1995. This Belgian saint gave his life to the



service of the lepers of Hawaii. He lived and cared for them, meeting both their spiritual and physical needs. He was initially considered too uneducated to become a priest but after he learned Latin he was permitted to be ordained. Damien went to Hawaii as a replacement for his brother, Auguste, who was also a priest, after he became too ill to make the trip.

In Hawaii Damien initially worked with the sick of the islands but in 1873 he volunteered to serve the lepers in the island's leper colony. He arrived on May 10th and served there the rest of his life. The future saint stated, "I make myself a leper with the lepers to give all to Jesus Christ." In 1884 Damien was found to have contracted leprosy. Knowing that his time was short he worked all the harder for the lepers that were his flock. Damien died on April 15, 1889 and was attended at his deathbed by Sister Marianne Cope, who herself became a saint. You can learn more about this saint on Wikipedia or just put his name into your search engine. There is a lot to learn about our saints.

Parish News

This Sunday: NO Coffee & Donuts

There will be no Coffee and Donuts this Sunday, May 6th due to First Communion.

No Blood Pressure Screenings

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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.

Wedding Banns

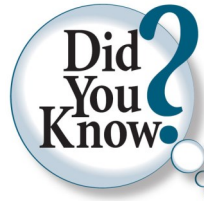
III-Kristin Ramey, Saint Agnes &
Grant Ford

I-Lauren Gross, Saint Agnes &
Matt Nachazel, Saint Agnes

Parish News continued

Did You Know?

Saint Pius X lowered the age limit for first Holy Communion when he was elected in 1903 from age 14 to 7. When children make their First Holy Communion, it is a big occasion for Catholic families. It is filled with family, friends and feasting after the sacred event. Today at Saint Agnes there are 56 children receiving their First Holy Communion. They have gone through the sacramental preparation at school or CCD. Their parents are continuing their Baptismal commitment of raising them in the practice of the Faith and helping them to develop Christian values. And we, as members of the parish, pray for them and welcome them to the table. Disciples of all ages need the spiritual nourishment provided by the Eucharist for continued growth in Christian life. Our responsibility does not end today. It is the responsibility of all of us....parents, grandparents, godparents, the parish....to set a good example and attend Mass weekly. Nothing does more for your spiritual health than regularly being in church.



Deceased of our Parish (April)

Please pray for the family and friends of the following parishioner who recently passed away:
 Mrs. Krista Kaelin
 Mrs. Marlene Wesley

New Parishioners (April)

Welcome the newest members to Saint Agnes Parish:
 Mr. & Mrs. Anthony & Marci Bacigalupo
 Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Lauren Drapp
 Mr. Eric Metzger
 Ms. Danielle Siegrist
 Ms. Jenna Siegrist

Gift Bearers Needed

Gift bearers are needed for all Mass. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Beth at the Parish Office (431-1802 or parishoffice@saintagnes.com).

Teachers Recognized

Every year our diocesan Department of Catholic Schools hosts a “years-of-service recognition luncheon” to publicly acknowledge the teachers and administrators who serve in our diocesan schools. This year’s luncheon was held this past Thursday at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Saint Agnes School had a number of teachers to be recognized: Rich Hoyt (5 years), Debbie Finke (5 years), Christina Woolley (10 years), Regina Eckerle (10 years), Maria Astudillo (10 years), Laura Brauch (15 years), Sister Bonita Schack, SND (40 years). A hearty Congratulations and Thank You to all of this year’s honorees, especially those who have served in our Saint Agnes School. We are very proud of you and grateful for your commitment to Catholic Education! – Father Mark Keene



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 back of church passing out baby bottles for the campaign. 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 College 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 at jacob@fiptics.com or 859-586-4017.



Parish News continued

Fish Fry Results

This past Lent we had four fish fries. The total income from all four was \$31,560.30. Expenses totaled \$13,011.32. This realized a profit of \$18,548.98. These proceeds will be used to help pay for the next phase in refurbishing Murphy Hall which we are planning to do this fall. In the six years that we have been having the Fish Fries, they have raised a total of \$81,873.33! These funds have been used to support technology improvements in our school (Chromebooks), improve the appearance of Murphy Hall (particularly the bar area and rest rooms), and upgrade the kitchen area. Thanks to everyone who supported the fish fries as volunteers and/or patrons. A special thanks to Jason Collins, Mike Monson and the whole "Fish Fry Committee" for their leadership over these years.—Father Keene



Saint Vincent de Paul Pantry

Thank you so much for all the food pantry donations this year. We have helped 49 families since the beginning of the year with food and household products—approximately \$4,000 in groceries and personal items.



Because of your generosity our SVDP conference can use our funds to pay additional rent and utility bills for our clients. Grocery donations to our clients also frees up their money to pay for unexpected expenses.

Our food pantry is looking a little "slim" in some items. We would appreciate any donations you could help us with by grabbing a blue SVDP bag on your way out of church. A list of items is contained in each bag. We especially need macaroni and cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, spaghetti and sauce. Thanks so much for your help. We so appreciate all your generosity.

Faith Formation

RCIA

During these Easter weeks, our new Catholics, Justin and Brandon, are learning what it means to live the mysteries of our Catholic life. Our Easter readings remind us that Jesus died and rose from the dead for love of us. His saving actions are meant to challenge us to love as He loved us. Through celebrating the sacraments and attending Mass every Sunday, we as Catholics participate directly in His saving mysteries. By our Baptism, we are called to live as Jesus taught us and share His saving power and His great love with everyone we meet. Please invite someone to come to Mass with you during this Easter Season. Please pray for our new Catholics, Justin and Brandon.



If you know someone who is, or you are, a non-practicing Catholic, a Baptized non-Catholic, or an unbaptized person, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email pfritz@saintagnes.com to learn more about Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church.

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. If you have not registered for your **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.



Faith Formation continued

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

“Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart; we simply need to follow where He leads.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“How to Build a Culture of Life”

www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

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.

Project Rachel

“It’s okay that we’re broken. Everyone is. God loves us right there and comes to meet us right there.” - Christopher West

Don’t let an abortion experience define you. Let Project Rachel lead you to healing, fix the brokenness and help rebuild your relationship with God. Contact us today—all calls and emails are confidential. Call 392-1547 or email projectrachel@covdio.org.



Family Life Ministry

Support Group for Divorced/Separated

Registration required. Call 392-1591

Thursday’s at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Diocesan News

Thinking About the Priesthood?

Today, May 6th, there will be a Discernment Dinner at 6:30 pm 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(859-392-1500) 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.

Newman Connection

Newman Connection is a non-profit dedicated to the advancement and promotion of Catholic Campus Ministry. It is a national outreach program that connects students from all over the country to campus ministry. In late spring, high school seniors are asked where they plan to attend college. This information is sent to the campus minister of their designated college. This spring, information packets will be sent to parishes with cards that students and their families can fill out. The cards are returned to the Newman Connection, which puts each freshman in touch with their campus ministry. The only information needed is the student’s name and where they are planning to attend college. No other personal information such as a phone number or email address is needed. See www.newmanconnection.com for more info.



NDUEC Needs Volunteers

Notre Dame Urban Education Center (NDUEC) is seeking volunteers who wish to help provide educational support services to young children in Covington. If you have a couple hours a week to assist a child to develop their talents, call Mary Gray at 261-4487 or email her at nduecvolunteer@sndky.org.

Diocesan News continued

2018 Cross the Bridge for Life

Join thousands of tristate residents at Newport's Riverfront Row festival area Sunday, June 3rd to celebrate the beautiful gift of human life regardless of age or stage, ability or disability. All are welcome to join this family-friendly event to cross the Purple People Bridge and fill it with the joy of life. Festivities begin at 1:00 p.m. The walk begins after a brief program at 2 p.m. featuring Bobby Schindler, President, Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network; the Most Reverend Roger Foys, Bishop, Diocese of Covington; Most Reverend Dennis Schnurr, Archbishop, Archdiocese of Cincinnati; vocalist Allison Riegler; and American Heritage Girls color guard. For more information visit www.crossthebridgeforlife.org and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CTBforlife.



Postal Carrier Food Drive

Please leave food at your mailbox on Saturday, May 12th for the postal carriers annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Your carrier will pick up your donation and deliver it to one of 11 organizations in Northern Kentucky that provide food to low-income families. Those agencies served nearly 4,500 families in March, so the need remains great.



Organizations that will receive the food are Action Ministries, Be Concerned, Brighton Center, Care Mission, Fairhaven, Hosea House, Pantry of Hope, St. Bernard Pantry, St. Paul Episcopal Church Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul and United Ministries.

They rely on the drive to restock their food supplies heading into summer, so please be generous. Thank you for your help.

New Hope Center

New Hope Center's mission is to strengthen families by being a guiding light of strength and care for families with pregnancy related concerns, encourage sexual abstinence for unmarried persons, and provide emotional support for post abortive women. Volunteers are critical to New Hope's ministry. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available including training for men and women interested in counseling those facing unplanned pregnancies. For more information, or to register for an upcoming training class, please call Denise Nevins at 859-341-0767 ext. 14 or email dnevins@newhopecenter.com for an application, or visit our website at www.newhopedonations.com.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

For upcoming weekends in 2018 or to register go to www.wvme.org or call 513-251-1940.

Retrouvaille

For couples in troubled marriage, Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of three months. More information can be found at their website: www.cincyretrouvaille.org or call 513-456-5413.



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. Call 859-392-1500 ext. 1529.