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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Calendar

Sunday, May 12

- Cans for Kids Collection
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

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

- 7:30 a.m. First Place 4 Health - Parish Conf Room
7:00 p.m. Board of Education - School

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 19

- 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 12-Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, May 13-Our Lady of Fatima

- 6:30 a.m. Karen Everson
11:30 a.m. Steven Bennett

Tuesday, May 14-St. Matthias

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Joseph Connelly

Wednesday, May 15-St. Isidor

- 6:30 a.m. Bill Poncer
11:30 a.m. Dolores Kocher

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

- 6:30 a.m. Harriett Tepe
9:20 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Leo Kocher

Saturday, May 18-St. John I

- 8:30 a.m. Doran Reed
4:00 p.m. Charles Caruso
6:00 p.m. Wedding: Lantry/Muck Families

Sunday, May 19-Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. Joseph Stadtmiller
9:30 a.m. Missy Flick
11:30 a.m. George & Betty Read

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for May 18th & 19th

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-A Ward, C-A Wadsworth
7:30 a.m. M Ruberg
9:30 a.m. T Uthe
11:30 a.m. L-J Osterhaus, C-S Flanagan

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. K Willenbrink, J Ward, D & K Bray,
T & D Eilerman, D & J Rehtin
7:30 a.m. C Kirn, B Lewin, D & I Mai
9:30 a.m. M Brungs, M Fox, C Mullen, D Witt, W Witt,
J & P Bramlage, K Fischer
11:30 a.m. D Able, S & R Averdick, P Johnston,
R & J Lawson, D & G Travis

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. J Graf, R Graf, W Michels
7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
9:30 a.m. C Collins, A Dilbert, J Hovan
11:30 a.m. B Wirth, H Wirth, K Moore

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- May 13th-John Zembrodt May 20th-Jim Bramlage

Rosary, Sunday, May 19th at 9:00 a.m.: Carl Stamm

Highland Crossing, May 19th: Don Able

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Dave & Judy Rehtin
7:30 a.m. Loretta McKinley
9:30 a.m. Chris & Natalie Maier
11:30 a.m. Vivian Hochhausler

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Marge Kuhlman A-Lisa Mosley
7:30 a.m. F-Bev & Frank Henn
A-Michelle & George Dushensky
9:30 a.m. F-Michelle Shanker A-Todd & Marijo Fischer
11:30 a.m. F-Joe & Marion Crowe
A-Jim Fischesser & Mark & Amy Higgins

Happy Mother's Day!

We wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our parish and to all the mothers of our parishioners. We also express our appreciation for the gift of life and nurturance we receive through our mothers.

– Fr. Mark Keene



Staff Article

Light to the World

Today we live in such a light polluted world that most of us don't really know what true darkness is. But if you have ever been in a cave, in the deep woods at night or on the ocean at night, you should. I recall being at sea in the Navy on dark moonless nights. If a light appeared on the horizon my eyes immediately were drawn to it. If I looked away, they would be drawn back to that object again. We instinctively want to be with the light.

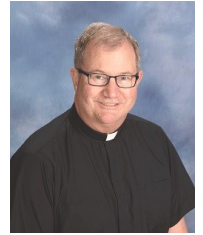
There was a time when my wife and I went to Cumberland Gap and during the trip we took a tour of a cave there. Each one of us had our own light. In the middle of the tour they took us into a large space in the cave and had all of us turn off our lights. The darkness was so thick and present that you could feel it, as they say. It was disorienting and a little frightening, and I am sure everyone else in that space was relieved when they told us to turn on the lights again.

As people we are made for the light. We respond to the light. Light was especially important to the people who lived in a world without a lot of artificial light that they could take for granted like we can today. Up until the advent of gas lighting and electric lighting, after sundown there was little light until the sun came up again. So, when Paul quotes the prophet Isaiah, that he will be a light to the Gentiles, in essence a light to the whole world outside of the Jewish people, they know what he means. He will be a point in the darkness to which all eyes will be drawn.

Today, the world still needs that light. Even with all of the artificial light that we have the world still lives in darkness, spiritual darkness. All one has to do is look around and see it. We, as Catholic Christians, are called to bring that light into the world. We are to be light bearers/Christ bearers so that our brothers and sisters may be able to find their way to the truth, to Christ. We can only be light bearers if our lives reflect that light. To be able to reflect that light we have the

sacraments to keep us polished like fine glass and mirrors. Live within the light and reflect the light to those in darkness so that they may be able to see.

God bless you!
Deacon Gary Scott



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus tells those who are gathered around Him that He is the "Good Shepherd" and that He and the Father are One.

Adults: Who do you "shepherd" in your everyday life? Do you feel you are a "good" shepherd? Why or why not? How can you do a better job of shepherding?

Teens: What do you think makes a person a "good" shepherd? How can you and your friends be "good" shepherds to each other?

Children: Do you have any animals or creatures that you take care of? Do you try to be a "good" shepherd of the environment by not being wasteful?

Next Sunday, May 19, 2019

Fifth 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. On the Fifth and Sixth (and Seventh) Sundays the Gospel is an excerpt from the Lord's discourse and prayer at the Last Supper from John's Gospel. In our province (the Louisville Province) however, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord on the Seventh Sunday and so use the readings for that feast.

Gospel (John 13:31-33a, 34-35): The first half of the Gospel of John is called the "Book of Signs." In this first half, Jesus reveals who He is through seven of these "signs:" 1) the Wedding at

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Parish Worship continued

Cana, 2) the healing of the royal official's son, 3) the healing of the man at Bethesda, 4) the multiplication of the loaves and fish, 5) Jesus walks on the sea, 6) the healing of the man born blind, and 7) the raising of Lazarus from the dead. These signs all lead the reader up to the second half of the Gospel of John, which contains THE sign: Jesus' death and resurrection.

The second half of the Gospel of John is called the "Book of Glory." It covers the last hours of Jesus' life: the Last Supper, the Betrayal, the Trial and Crucifixion... and then the resurrection. In the Gospel of John, Jesus' passion and death is THE revelation of who Jesus is as the Son of God, crucified and risen. It seems ironic to refer to this as "glory," but in John's Gospel this is "the hour" that Jesus refers to on a number of occasions. By His act of suffering in obedience and in complete trust to the will of the Father, Jesus gives glory to the Father.

This Sunday's reading is from the "Book of Glory." The setting is the Last Supper and Judas has just left to betray Jesus. Immediately Jesus proclaims that "the hour" of His glorification is at hand. For John's community, and a church under persecution, it may have been helpful to see Jesus' death as the ultimate act of love, loyalty and obedience to the Father (to the truth). The disciples own suffering and deaths could be viewed in a similar light, out of love for Jesus (and hence the Father): "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27):

This reading presents a summary of Paul's and Barnabas' travels amongst Gentile cities. It concludes with them reporting to the community at Antioch "how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." The Christian community at Antioch had commissioned them for this mission in the first place. This mission represents a significant change in the early Christians' understanding of the church and its mission. The Act of the

Apostles describes the spread of Christianity from Jerusalem outwards to Judah, to Samaria, to the Greek world, to Rome, the capital of the Roman world... like a ripple in a pool.

Second Reading (Revelation 21:1-5): In this reading we have jumped to nearly the end of the Book of Revelation. The two-levels of visions (the horrors of earth and the glorious divine Liturgy in heaven) on which John has been viewing things have "passed away." They are replaced by "the New Jerusalem." It is a picture of the vindication that awaits all who are faithful, particularly those under persecution for whom John wrote the Book of Revelation.

Adoration of Our Lord

"The Lord is close at hand; come, let us worship him." (Antiphon)

The Lord, is indeed, very close. He is present in His body, blood, soul, and divinity in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel for us to adore. Please commit to an hour with Him. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



Bulletin Picture

The Paschal Candle in the Mass Chapel.

Weekday Rosary

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



Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 05/06/19)	\$1,084,236
Budgeted Collections (July thru 05/06/19)	\$1,101,419
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 May 3rd, Saint Agnes has

\$122,172 in donations and pledges from 310 households (22% of parish) toward our parish goal of \$158,400. This leaves a balance of \$36,228.



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). All gifts are appreciated and no gift is too small.

– Thank you, Father Mark Keene

Donating Stock? Let us know!

Several parishioners help to financially support our parish by donating shares of stock directly to the parish, thereby avoiding having to pay any capital gains tax. Such donations are handled through our diocesan finance office. The shares are sold and the proceeds forwarded to Saint Agnes.

IT IS IMPORTANT for persons making such donations to contact our parish business manager, Patricia Cunningham, to alert her about the donation so she can look for the funds to come from the diocese. The diocese accepts these donations of stock but often has no way of knowing which parish is to receive it.

The diocesan finance office sends acknowledgments to donors for all donations and lets donors know that the proceeds from their donation have been sent to Saint Agnes. If you have arranged to make a donation of stock but have not received such an acknowledgment from the diocese, please contact Patricia Cunningham or Father Keene. Also, remember that stocks can be donated to the Diocese Parish Annual Appeal as well.

–Thank you, Father Keene

IRA Required Minimum Distributions, Tax Law and Donations to Saint Agnes AND to the 2019 DPAA

The new federal income tax law that went into effect last year substantially raised the standard deduction, so much so that many may no longer benefit from itemizing their deductions. However, those who are age 70 ½ and taking qualified distributions from their IRA's can reduce their taxable income by arranging for distributions to be made directly to charities of their choice, including Saint Agnes and the Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. Consult with your financial planner about this possibility.

Thank you, Father Mark Keene

We Are His Hands

Thanks From NDUEC

Thank you for your generous donation of \$672.40 to the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. It is through the generosity of you and our many friends that we are able to assist children to succeed in their educational pursuit. For nine years, Notre Dame Urban Education Center has served children ages 5-14 and their families living in the urban core of Covington and Newport. At present, we have three programs: Homework Plus; Summer Academics; and Family Program... Saint Agnes Parish is a great support to us at NDUEC. Gratefully,
Sister Maria Therese,
SND, Executive Director



Saint of the Week

Isidore the Farmer

Isidore de Merlo y Quintana was born in Madrid around the year 1070 to poor parents. He became a laborer on the farm of a wealthy landowner and after a time became manager of the estate.



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Saint of the Week continued

He was said to be tall, over 6 feet tall, which was unusual for the time. He was known for his piety and his generosity to the poor, sharing everything that he had with them. He was married to Maria Torriba, known as Santa Maria de la Cabeza in Spain. He is said to have died on May 15, 1130 or 1172.

He had been credited with many miracles. He and Maria had a son and when he was young the son fell into a well. Isidore and Maria prayed and the water in the well rose to the point where they could get the boy out. In thanksgiving Isidore and Maria vowed to live as brother and sister so that they could concentrate on serving God and maintained this even after their son died.

Isidore attended daily Mass in the morning. Some of the other laborers complained to the landowner that he was not working. Looking into this the landowner found that while Isidore prayed an angel did his plowing. It was also reported that the landowner saw Isidore plowing alongside an angel so that his work production was three times that of any of the other workers.

Isidore is said to have restored his landowner's daughter to life and also produced a spring during a time of drought. At another time, during winter, he saw some birds looking for food so he gave them half of the bag of grain that he was taking to the mill. He was laughed at for this but when he got to the mill the bag was full again and the grain produced twice as much flour than it should have. He and his wife kept a pot of stew going at all times for the poor and hungry which did not run out, no matter how many people were fed.

Saint Isidore was beatified in 1619 and canonized in 1622 along with Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Theresa of Avila and Phillip Neri. His feast day is May 15th. That might be a good day to work in your garden!

Parish News

Wedding Banns

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



Parish Office Summer Hours

Effective May 24th through August 30th, the Parish Office hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and **Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon.**

The office will also be closed on Memorial Day, May 27th.

Did You Know?

In the United States, Anna Jarvis tirelessly campaigned to have a day just for moms. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. It was intended to be a day to honor mothers and mother figures individually and not collectively, thus the reason for the apostrophe before the "s." Mother's Day is about loving mom for mothering us, which includes disciplining us, pushing us, and loving us. Mothers are also leaders, friends, confidantes, and teachers. In the early days, people observed Mother's Day by going to church and by writing letters to their mothers. Eventually, sending cards and giving gifts and flowers were added to the tradition. But it's the simple gestures that most moms love...a visit, a phone call, a hug, or a thank you! Tell her how much you love her and how special she is to you. Happy Mother's Day!!

Youth Group Is Back!!!

May 19th is the return 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 7 thru 9 are invited, even those soon to be 7th grade. Members from grades 10 thru 12 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.



Parish News continued

Baby Bottle Campaign

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



Please take a bottle, fill it with your loose change and then return it on 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 (jacobert@fioptics.com) or 859-586-4017.

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).

Serra Club for Vocations

The Serra Club for Vocations, Northern Kentucky, is currently selling ticket vouchers to the Florence Freedom double header on Wednesday, June 5th. Honorary first pitchers for the June 5th game include Michelle Blevins, a Postulant with the Sisters of Notre Dame, **Rev. Mark Keene, pastor of Saint Agnes Parish**, and Barry Henry, a Serra Club member who is scheduled to be ordained to the Diaconate on May 4th. Ticket vouchers are \$10 and can be purchased through the Diocesan Stewardship Office or from individual Serra Club members. To purchase tickets, please call Mike Murray at 392-1500 or email him at mmurray@covdio.org.



Faith Formation

RCIA

Our new Catholics recognized and answered the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, as He called them into the Catholic Church. They have placed their trust in Him and are now living in the confidence of His daily care, committed to following Him into the fullness of eternal life. Are you trusting in our Good Shepherd? Are you confident in His daily care for you? Are you seriously committed to following Him into the fullness of eternal life? Is Jesus calling you into a deeper relationship with Him through the Catholic Church? **If you are a non-practicing Catholic, a baptized non-**



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Catholic, or an unbaptized person and you are interested in learning about Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church, please call the parish at 431-1802 or email pfritz@saintagnes.com for more information.

Please keep our new Catholics, Cheryl and Larry, in your prayers as we continue to celebrate Easter!

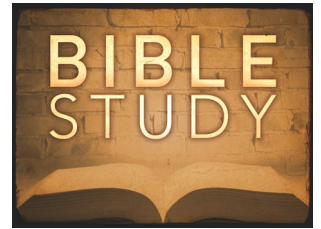
FORMED

Would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and help your children to know Jesus as well? Do you know someone who has fallen away from the Church, perhaps a friend, a family member, a co-worker, and you want to reach them but you just don't know how? Our parish has received the gift of an online subscription to **FORMED**, which offers multiple Catholic resources for each of us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others. **FORMED** includes faith based movies, documentaries, books, audios, and children's resources. As we move into summer and possibly have more free time, why not access **FORMED** and enjoy a summer of fun rekindling your faith and sharing it with your family and friends? By virtue of our own Baptism and Confirmation we commit our lives to Jesus and to sharing His good news with the world. In order to effectively teach our children the faith and spread the Good News in our community, we need to continue our study of the faith throughout our whole lives. **Please register for FORMED by going to www.formed.org, clicking the Enter Code box in the upper left section, entering the access code 7CWP2N, and then following the instructions.** Our Church needs you and your family to spread our faith. Please start today!



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.

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and His Church desires to walk with you...God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple. Seek His guidance, and let the healing power of prayer, a conversation in which 'heart speaks unto heart,' strengthen you."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

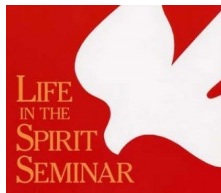
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Mary's Journey

An invitation to live simply, with an unclutter, loving and trusting heart. All are invited for a morning of reflection and prayer presented by Sr. Virginia Ann Wolfzorn, CDP. The presentation will be held at St. Anne Province Center on Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served and free will offerings will be accepted. To register please email Anna Miller at anna89miller@gmail.com or call Carol at 859-441-6676. St. Anne Province Center is located at 5300 St. Anne Drive, Melbourne, KY.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

The annual Life in the Spirit Seminar presented by our Diocese's Charismatic Renewal (The Mustard Seed Community) will be held at Mother of God Parish this year with an Initial Session on Saturday, May 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the undercroft, followed by a Concluding Session on Tuesday, May 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. There is no cost. For more information or to register, call or text Blaine at 859-391-5794 or register online at www.charismaticnky.com.



Christian Outreach

Opportunities for Life

For those in turmoil due to an untimely pregnancy, Opportunities for Life offers life affirming hope and help. Go to their website, www.opportunitiesforlife.org and you will find an online directory of area pregnancy care resource centers. Or, locally call the Catholic Charities at 581-8974 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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 Bishop's, offer the Project Rachel Ministry, a confidential, compassionate journey to healing. Project Rachel help line (859) 392-1547 or www.covdio.org/projectrachel.



Diocesan News

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.

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.