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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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar

Sunday, August 4

Coffee & Donuts after 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30
Blood Pressure Screenings

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

Monday, August 5

5:30 p.m. First Place 4 Health - Parish Conf Room

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

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

Thursday, August 8

11:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick following Mass
6:00 p.m. Virtus Training Class - Murphy Hall
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Parish Conf Room

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 11

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, August 4-Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Bernie Cummings
- 9:30 a.m. Mark Seifried
- 11:30 a.m. Robert Powers

Monday, August 5-The Dedication of the

Basilica of St. Mary Major

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Linda Rahe
- 11:30 a.m. Tim Gronotte

Tuesday, August 6-The Transfiguration of the Lord

- 6:30 a.m. Randy Griffin
- 11:30 a.m. Bill Egbers

Wednesday, August 7-St. Sixtus II; St. Cajetan

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, August 8-St. Dominic

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Robert B. Cetrulo
- 11:30 a.m. Evelyn Hebbeler

Friday, August 9-St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

- 6:30 a.m. Joe Melching
- 11:30 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon

Saturday, August 10-St. Lawrence

- 8:30 a.m. Gregory Cleves
- 4:00 p.m. Mary Bayless

Sunday, August 11-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 9:30 a.m. Loraine Bogenschutz
- 11:30 a.m. Randy Griffin

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for August 10th/11th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Volunteers
- 7:30 a.m. Volunteers
- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers
- 11:30 a.m. Volunteers

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-O Martin, C-S Gleeson
- 7:30 a.m. G Dushensky
- 9:30 a.m. T Uthe
- 11:30 a.m. L-K Oberjohn, C-J Lawrie

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. M Martin, T & D Eilerman, A Emerson,
K Middendorf, M Pennington, J & A Ward
- 7:30 a.m. M Dushensky, D & B Tepe, C Brueggemann
- 9:30 a.m. M Brungs, L Clements, A Dickhaus, C Smith,
J & P Bramlage, C Jacober, P Metzger
- 11:30 a.m. R & J Lawson, P & ML Scheper, B Thamann,
D & G Travis, P Johnston

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. A Martin, E Martin, J Collins
- 7:30 a.m. Volunteers
- 9:30 a.m. N Newsom, E Thaman, A Tignor
- 11:30 a.m. B Hail, J Hail, K Hail

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

August 5th-Paul Kleier August 12th-Barb Lewin

Rosary, Sunday, Aug. 11th at 9:00 a.m.: Theresa Gray

Highland Crossing, August 11th: Don Able

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Peggy Kovarik
- 7:30 a.m. Daryl & Blanche Tepe
- 9:30 a.m. Tevis & Theresa Gray
- 11:30 a.m. Joe & Karen Elfers

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. Volunteers
- 7:30 a.m. Volunteers
- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers
- 11:30 a.m. Volunteers

Staff Article

The Differences are Crucial

Over the past few decades, there has been a tendency to focus on our similarities with other religions instead of our differences. There are, of course, certain similarities when painting with broad strokes. For instance, the world's major religions all seek something beyond themselves. They seek to know and understand a deity. They look for meaning in life. Many practice communal worship, which helps believers to have a supportive environment that will allow them to grow in virtue. Many religions strive to make the world a better place.

But by overemphasizing the similarities, our own beliefs become obscured. Many people today tend to view all religions as basically the same. This perspective leads to complacency, which leads to a loss of faith. Are all religions basically the same? How many of the above-mentioned similarities do we even bother mentioning in our creed?

What separates us is crucial. Our beliefs actually mean something. They are not merely a few ideas meant to make life easier. In fact, our faith never promises to make life easier in this world. We live for the world to come.

One of the key differences that separates us is the Incarnation. God is actively involved in our lives. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. When we had fallen into sin, God did not abandon us. Rather, he sent his only begotten Son to redeem us. Jesus Christ is both human and divine. This is important. Without his divinity, he would not be able to make a perfect sacrifice. Without his humanity, the human race would not be saved by that sacrifice. No other religion believes this, and yet if we were to ignore this distinction, we would be casting aside our entire faith.

What about Protestantism? Are all forms of Christianity basically the same? Again, the answer is no. Protestants reject most of the sacraments aside from baptism. While some consider communion to be a sacrament, they do

not believe what we do about the Eucharist. And even if they did, they do not have a valid priesthood which would allow them to consecrate the Eucharist. Through the sacraments, we receive sanctifying grace. This is the type of grace that allows us to enter into Heaven. If we remove such avenues of grace from our faith, we do great damage.

While it is not possible – in this article – to go into great detail about all of our differences with other religions, or even other forms of Christianity, we can already see key differences. And these differences are huge. Imagine a faith without a Savior! Imagine the Church without seven sacraments! What are we left with?

While we should continue to treat people of other faiths with kindness and love, we cannot overlook our differences. These differences have significant meaning. This does not mean that we cannot get along with them. But we should reject the notion that all faiths are basically the same. They are not. We should reflect on our differences so that we can better understand the gift that we have received. How often do we reflect on the Incarnation? Do we stop and think about how God loved us so much that he took on human flesh, suffered, died, and rose again in order to save us from our sins? Do we stop and realize how precious the seven sacraments are? Do we take advantage of these gifts, or do we ignore them? We are given a new identity through Christ and through our membership in his Church. If we ignore what sets us apart, then we neglect the treasures that he is offering us.

Fr. Jason Bertke



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus tells us how foolish and vain we are if we put all our trust in our own devices and do not trust in what matters to God!!

Adults: Do you allow your "possessions" to dictate

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your life or do you try to “store riches” in the things that matter to God? How can you do a better job of not being too materialistic?

Teens: If someone asked you what is the most important issue in your life today how would you answer...your popularity...your family...what about your eternity?

Children: What “treasure” that you have can you share with your friends? Maybe tell someone you care about them...thank your mom and dad for your education...tell your siblings that they are really an important aspect in your life!

Next Sunday: August 11, 2019 **The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time,** **Cycle C**

In our Liturgical Calendar we are now in the period called “Ordinary Time”. The Liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, unless there is a special feast.

This year we are using Cycle C, and so our Gospel reading this year will feature the Gospel of Luke. During Ordinary Time the first reading, from the Old Testament, is chosen because of a thematic relation to the Gospel reading. For the second reading, we read semi-continuously from a New Testament letter, currently the Letter to the Hebrews

Gospel (Luke 12:32-48): The theme of the importance of the living of one’s life in a state of alertness and readiness is found frequently in the Gospels. Scripture scholars think that the early community of believers (the Church) believed that Jesus would return within their lifetime and begin His kingdom in its fullness. In this light, we can easily understand their emphasis on being alert, ready and prepared. Stories and parables about a master going on a journey or to a wedding and entrusting his household to his servants until his return are used to illustrate the point. Likewise, in these stories and parables there is also the sense that those who understood this urgency consider themselves to have a special responsibility regarding what has been entrusted to them by Jesus: “Much will be required of the person

entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”

First Reading (Wisdom 18:6-9): In the final chapters of the Book of Wisdom, King Solomon is depicted as teaching the value of faith, as demonstrated in Israel’s history. (To live in faith is to live in wisdom.) Today’s reading is from these final chapters and speaks about the Jewish people and the first Passover and God’s glorification of the Jewish people through the Passover event. In the Gospel of John, the same word, “glorification” is used to speak of Jesus’ Passion, through which the people of the New Covenant, experienced an exodus through death to eternal life.” In the Scriptures there has always been seen to be this strong connection of the Passover/Exodus from Egypt and the Passion/Resurrection (Paschal Mystery) of Jesus.

Second Reading (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19): We read most of the Letter to the Hebrews in Year “B,” however, we read from chapters eleven and twelve during Year C, Sundays 19-22. It is thought that the Letter to the Hebrews was written to Jewish peoples who had begun to practice the “New Way” or Christianity alongside with their Jewish practices, but with time were leaving the Christian practices and returning to Jewish practices alone. The Letter to the Hebrews tries to portray Christianity as the long-awaited fulfillment of Jewish faith and hopes. This reading reflects upon the faith of Abraham. It is from a section of the Letter to the Hebrews that reflects on the great faith of Jewish ancestral heroes, but concludes that this faith was a faith whose promise was not fulfilled in Judaism, but rather a faith that would be fulfilled in the life of the Church.

Adoration of Our Lord

“Come to Me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.” (*Mt 11:28*)

We all get tired. Many of us have situations in our lives that cause us concern. The One Who consoles and has the answers to all our problems is waiting in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Listen to Him! Call 859-496-4149 for more information.

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Bulletin Cover Picture

The stained-glass window, dedicated to Saint Lawrence, located in the “annex” of our church. Next Saturday, August 10th is the Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr.

Weekday Rosary

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

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 07/29/19)
\$89,771

Saint of the Week

Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore)

Although the great majority of feasts in the church are related to saints there are occasions when the church celebrates a significant place. August 5th is one of those occasions. It is on this day that the Church honors the largest Marian Church in Rome, the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. As the largest Marian church in Rome, it has the word Maggiore (Major) in its name. This feast was the feast of Our Lady of the Snows until 1969 when the name was changed to the current one.



The Church and Our Lady of the Snows are linked by legend. According to the legend, two Roman aristocrats who had no heirs made a vow to donate their possessions to the Virgin Mary and prayed that she would tell them what she wanted. In early August (between 352 and 366

AD) in the middle of the Italian summer, they dreamed that snow covered the Esquiline Hill, one of the seven hills of Rome. The next morning they went to the spot and found it covered with snow. They gave the funds to build a church in honor of the Blessed Mother. (Each year on August 5th artificial snow is dropped outside of the church for tourists.)

While this legend is attractive there is no appearance of it in records for about 700 years or around the year 1000. In the 18th century there was an interest in changing the name of the feast from “Our Lady of the Snows” to the name it has today. This change did not occur until 1969.

The present church was built around 430 AD. It remains today despite earthquake damage and additional construction. It is one of the four major basilicas of the Church. The other three are Saint John Lateran, Saint Peter’s and Saint Paul Outside the Walls. All other basilicas are Minor Basilicas. Saint Mary Major is also one of the five Patriarchal Churches; the others are the four major basilicas and Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls. Saint Mary Major is also one of the seven Pilgrim churches of Rome, they are; the other four major basilicas along with Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls, Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem and Our Lady of Divine Love.

The Church celebrates people who are saints and who have done great things for God. It also celebrates places that are important to the practice of the faith. On August 5th we commemorate one of those places.

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Parish Office Summer Hours

Effective now 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.**

Wedding Banns

I-Lauren Caudill, Saint Agnes & Christopher Greenwell, Saint Joseph, Bardstown

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This Sunday: have a donut

This Sunday, August 4th, you are invited to Murphy Hall immediately following the 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses for donuts, fruit, coffee & juice. Sponsors this month are members of the RCIA.



Blood Pressure Screenings

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

Cans for Kids Next Weekend

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

Deceased of our Parish (July)

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

Mr. Joe Melching
Mrs. Rebecca Moening
Mrs. Joan Seifner



New Parishioners (July)

Welcome the newest members to Saint Agnes Parish:

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel & Sherry Conner
Ms. January Durbin
Mr. Alexander Gibson
Mr. & Mrs. Ben & Kylie Kisker
Ms. Ashley Niemann

Homecoming—Save the Date

Our parish Homecoming will be on August 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the parish grounds. It will be a wonderful evening of faith, friendship and fun for past and present parishioners. Watch the bulletin for more information and how you can help.

Happy Anniversary to Our Parish

From 1930 until 1954, Saint Agnes was a "mission" chapel to Saint Mary's Cathedral Parish in Covington. (In fact, we still get mail occasionally addressed to "Saint Agnes Chapel.") However, on August 9, 1954, Saint Agnes was established as a parish in its own right. We usually use the 1930 date as the beginning date for our parish, however 1954 would be the strictly more correct date. Happy 65th Anniversary!

Evening Religion Classes (CCD)

Classes for those students attending public school in grades 1 – 8 will begin on August 26th. Parents and children will meet for Prayer and Orientation at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Regular classes begin the week after Labor Day on September 9th. Classes are held in the school. Drop off is at the cafeteria using the back drive. Classes run from 7:00 p.m. until 8:10 p.m. Registration forms and calendar are available on the Bulletin boards and the Saint Agnes web site. Contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com.



Baby Bottle Campaign

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Baby Bottle Campaign. Donations for this year's campaign totaled \$4,202.34. Thomas More Saints for Life and Northern Right to Life each received donations of \$200 to help with their pro-life activities at the college level. The remaining money was split equally among The Rose Garden Home Mission, Madonna House and the Catholic Charities Lifeline Fund, with each agency receiving \$1,267.45. Thanks again for your generosity!



Pro-Life Meeting

The Pro-Life Committee will meet on Monday, August 12th at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Hall. We will be sharing information on Pro-Life issues and planning for future committee activities. Hope to see some old and new faces!

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Confirmation

Bishop Foys is scheduled to administer Confirmation at Saint Agnes on November 14th. If you have an 8th grade age student not enrolled at Saint Agnes nor in the Evening Religion Program please contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com. Parent meeting on Confirmation is scheduled for September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Enrollment/Sponsor Sunday has been scheduled for September 22nd. Further information will be given at the parent meeting. The required Confirmation Retreat is Youth 2000 on October 11th-13th at Covington Catholic High School.



Youth Group Returns

Saint Agnes Youth Group returns in August. We invite teens in grades 7-8-9 to join us as we begin a new year with new leaders, John Griffin and Maddie Black.

Scheduled meetings at present are:

August 25th
September 22nd
October 20th
November 17th

Meetings take place in the school cafeteria from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will discuss if that is best time the first night. Watch for further news. Contact Anita Dunn for more info at adunn@saintagnes.com.

Catholic Charities Raffle Tickets

Catholic Charities needs your help! August 10th/11th after all Masses, parish members and volunteers from Catholic Charities will be outside church promoting their upcoming fundraiser by selling their raffle tickets. The raffle tickets are \$20 each. Grand prize is 30% of total ticket sales. Last year the winners received over \$11,000! All proceeds for this event benefit the clients being served through Catholic Charities. You can also purchase tickets on-line at www.covingtoncharities.org. Thanks for your support of Catholic Charities.

VIRTUS Class Here!

A Virtus Training Session will be held here at Saint Agnes on August 8th at 6:00 p.m. in Murphy Hall. To register see below.

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).

Knights of Columbus Selling Tickets

This weekend after all Masses the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be in the back and side of Church. They will be selling their 2020 raffle tickets. The tickets are \$10 each and are good for twelve monthly drawings.



The first quarter's prize is \$250 per month. The second quarter's prize is \$500 per month. The third quarter's prize is \$750 per month and the 4th quarter's prize is \$1,000 per month. A name will be drawn on the first Tuesday of every month during 2020. All winners go back in the barrel for future drawings. The funds will be used to buy chalices for the priests and support the deacons while they are in the Seminary in addition to other assembly charities. Thank you for your support!

Parish News continued

New Parish Directory-Volunteers Needed

Life Touch will be taking pictures for our new Parish Directory in late November/early December. Volunteers are needed to register families online, greet parishioners on photography days and help with the directory design. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Beth at the Parish Office at parishoffice@saintagnes.com or call 431-1802. Thank you!

Boosters Golf Outing

The annual Saint Agnes Athletic Boosters Golf Outing supports athletic programs at Saint Agnes and the Christian values we try to instill through sports. This is the largest fund raiser of the year for our athletic programs. The outing is a 9-hole scramble/alternate-shot format with 8 person teams. Sign-up as a single, a couple, a team, or any size group. This is a fun event with an after party at the Devou Clubhouse with dinner and LIVE MUSIC THIS YEAR. The outing starts at 4:30 p.m. on **Saturday, August 17th at Devou Golf Course**. To sign-up please go to <http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/saintagnesboosters> (click on "Registration Info"). If you do not golf, you can sign-up for just the dinner and party. Please also consider sponsoring a hole. For more information contact Josh Randolph at jrandolph1@gmail.com or Tim McHugh at timemchugh@gmail.com.



our parish family. The sessions also are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are open to people who are not Baptized, those who are Baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds, and those who may have been Baptized Catholic but are not fully initiated. **Please join us for an information session (no obligation, just questions and answers) about the Catholic faith on August 25th, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Conference Room** (under the deck on the big parking lot side of Church). Please come to learn more about our holy Catholic faith in which Jesus makes Himself present to us and strengthens us to be His presence in the world. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS! Our Saint Agnes parish needs you to invite people to consider becoming Catholic! If you know anyone who is not Baptized, is Baptized in another faith, or was Baptized Catholic but not fully initiated, please invite them to the RCIA. We are always welcoming new inquirers. For more information call the Parish Office at 431-1802 or email pfritz@saintagnes.com.

FORMED

Would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and help your children to know Jesus as well? Our parish has an online subscription to **FORMED**, which offers faith based movies, documentaries, books, audios, and children's resources. for each of us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others. 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 saintagnescatholic.formed.org. You will be taken to the FORMED website for our parish. Then follow the instructions.** Our Church needs you and your family to know and spread our faith. Please start today!

Faith Formation

RCIA

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith?

Please join us on a journey of faith where we will share with you the treasures of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the

Church teaches, and be introduced to members of

Faith Formation continued

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

“Precisely in an age when the inviolable rights of the person are solemnly proclaimed and the value of life is publicly affirmed, the very right to life is being denied or trampled upon, especially at the more significant moments of existence: the moment of birth and the moment of death.”

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Women's Retreat

The Blessed Mother is the second most depicted figure in Christian art. Join us for a Women's Retreat at St. Anne Retreat Center led by Msgr. Bill Cleves, Dr. Ceil Dorger and renown artist Holly Schapker. The retreat will explore Mary through sacred art and the Scriptures. The retreat is September 13th-15th. The cost is \$170 and includes room, meals and supplies for creating an art project about the Blessed Mother. Registration can be done online at www.stanneretreatcenter.org or you can call Cindy Smith at 859-441-2003 ext. 301. Registration is limited to the first 80 people.

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 www.covdio.org/projectrachel.



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.



Family Life Ministry

Support Group for Divorced/Separated

Registration required. Call 392-1591
Thursday's at 7:00 p.m.

Diocesan News

Service Event for Young Adults

Are you a young adult (19 - 34) looking for ways to serve your community and help people in need? Meet others like you at our SERVICE SATURDAY event. Meet at Mother of God parish at 8:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts. At 8:30 a.m. we will carpool to various service opportunities. We'll meet back at 12:30 p.m. to walk to Braxton for lunch. PLEASE REGISTER by emailing nkcatholicsservice@gmail.com.

St. Elizabeth Hospice

St. Elizabeth Hospice regularly hosts orientation classes for those who wish to volunteer. The classes explore issues on death and dying as well as the overall concept of hospice care. There is no cost or obligation to volunteer for those attending hospice training. Classes are held throughout the year. The first session can be completed on your own time and ending with a final day-long or evening session at the Carol Ann & Ralph V. Haile Hospice Center at 483 South Loop Road in Edgewood. To register call Debbie Holloran, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator (859-301-4622 or email debbie.holloran@stelizabeth.com).
Registration is required as class size is limited.