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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](mailto: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](mailto:adunn@saintagnes.com) for more information.

**PRE-SCHOOL CCD CLASSES:**

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

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

### Calendar

#### Sunday, September 3

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

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

#### Monday, September 4

Parish Office Closed

#### Tuesday, September 5

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Confessions - Church
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council - Rectory Conf Room

#### Wednesday, September 6

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

#### Thursday, September 7

- 11:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick following Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary - Church

#### Friday, September 8

#### Saturday, September 9

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

#### Sunday, September 10

Pancake Breakfast after 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30  
Cans for Kids

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

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, September 3-Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Rita Neuspickle
- 9:30 a.m. Christine Janszen
- 11:30 a.m. Joan Mardis

#### Monday, September 4-Labor Day

- 9:30 a.m. Don Dietz

#### Tuesday, September 5

- 6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 11:30 a.m. Velma & Carl Appel

#### Wednesday, September 6

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Jane Menkhaus

#### Thursday, September 7

- 6:30 a.m. Charles Dahlenburg
- 11:30 a.m. Bob Ruberg

#### Friday, September 8-The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:30 a.m. Cathleen Cetrulo
- 9:20 a.m. Special Intention
- 11:30 a.m. Michael Warning

#### Saturday, September 9-St. Peter Claver

- 8:30 a.m. Jim Franxman
- 4:00 p.m. Henry Kraeling

#### Sunday, September 10-Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon
- 9:30 a.m. Warren Cook - 7th Anniversary
- 11:30 a.m. Melissa Moening Fugazzi

### Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for September 9th/10th

#### Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Matt & John Fritz
- 7:30 a.m. Gene & Leslie Koehl
- 9:30 a.m. Rick & Mary Fox
- 11:30 a.m. Terry & Sandy Flanagan

#### Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-S Sturgeon, C-M Witt
- 7:30 a.m. G Harpen
- 9:30 a.m. L-D Dickhaus, C-L Hudson
- 11:30 a.m. L-G Whitacre, C-C Read

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. A Emerson, M Martin, K Middendorf,  
S Osterhage, M Pennington, M Stoeckle,  
D & J Rehtin
- 7:30 a.m. Sr. Flo, C Kirn, D & I Mai
- 9:30 a.m. J & P Bramlage, M Brungs, C Cleves,  
A Dickhaus, K Fischer, T Fischer, M Fox
- 11:30 a.m. D Able, J & M Crowe, P Johnston,  
P & ML Scheper, D & G Travis

#### Servers

- 4:00 p.m. M Dowd, J Graf, R Graf
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. B Dickhaus, C Brungs, K Brungs
- 11:30 a.m. H Wirth, G Ackerman, H Brewer

#### 6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- Sept. 4th-Steve Lorenz      Sept. 11th-Don Mai

#### Rosary, Sunday, Sept. 10th at 9:00 a.m.: Theresa Gray

#### Highland Crossing, Sept. 10th: Deacon Gary Scott

#### Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Bill Boehmer
- 7:30 a.m. Daryl & Blanche Tepe
- 9:30 a.m. John & Ellen Zembrodt
- 11:30 a.m. Vivian Hochhausler

#### Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Betty Peeno A-Kate Michels
- 7:30 a.m. F-Tom Kramer A-Michelle Wuensch
- 9:30 a.m. F-Jim & Pat Bramlage  
A-Tom Jacober & Lee Stauber
- 11:30 a.m. F-Gwen & Dennis Travis A-Bob & Tracy Ink

Staff Article

## Beyond the Land of Labels

by Msgr. Don Enzweiler

What makes a person a faithful Catholic? Let's put this question into an historical context.



In the Old Testament the Israelites were always considered God's chosen people. But at times they were unfaithful, guilty of idolatry. They went astray...wandered away from covenant communion with God. They were disobedient to God's commands. Wealthy Israelites held poor Israelites in contempt, taking advantage of power and authority for their own benefit. Healthy Israelites mistreated and shunned sick Israelites, those plagued with diseases of body and mind. In all this God never abandoned His people. Never disowned them. He sent them prophets who called the people to repent of their sins. Some listened. Many did not.

We know what happens when Jesus appears on this scene. He is not just dismissed as a fly-by-night rabbi who oversteps His bounds. He is intentionally dispatched by His own people. Those Jews who did listen to Jesus and accept His invitation to follow His ways became the foundation of the Catholic Church.

Back to my initial question: what makes a person Catholic is the Sacrament of Baptism. (If one is already Baptized in a different Christian tradition, then official and formal acceptance into the Church makes a person Catholic.) What makes a person a faithful Catholic foremost is acceptance of and belief in Jesus Christ as Son of God and Savior of the world....allowing His words and actions to be the chosen way of life, the example to follow, the standard of measure with regards to conduct, behavior, speech, purpose, motivation. And accepting His mission as one's own.

Faithful Catholics reflect upon their faith. Faith has a central place in understanding all that is happening in their lives. It is relevant to living in this world, in this time and day. Faithful Catholics answer the call to ongoing conversion.

Faithful Catholics commit themselves to prayer, to participation in the Sacraments, to serving their neighbor (especially the poor), to sharing their talents and resources with the community, to desiring to be at peace with everyone, to fulfilling their moral obligations. Faithful Catholics pursue virtue and goodness, promote justice, protect the innocent, strive to understand and to live within the love founded in God and revealed by Jesus Christ by His life, death and resurrection (i.e., the Paschal Mystery). Faithful Catholics seek to give witness to the power of divine love and to the personal transformation that occurs in response to grace.

But how does God respond to non-faithful Catholics, non-practicing Catholics, lapsed Catholics, lost Catholics, misguided Catholics, Catholics who have gone astray, Catholics who have given up any formal practice of their faith, Catholics who choose to live in and for this world instead of in and for the world to come? How does God respond?...the same way he responded to the Israelites who neglected Him in the Old Testament.

God seeks them out; calls them back to Himself; punishes their disobedience; chastises their error, their waywardness, their infidelity. God sends to them prophets of a sort, to speak His word to them, to challenge them to re-consider their path, to call them beyond their sin into a new life that is only possible in Jesus Christ. God does not and will not abandon them. For even though they are unfaithful He is never unfaithful. He is always willing to show mercy, to offer forgiveness and to provide direction. He tries to convince them that they would be better off connected to and in fellowship with a community of believers who support one another, walk with one another in times of suffering and difficulty, who celebrate together the blessings of God, and who work together to bring the light of Christ to the darkness in this world.

There continues to be much talk about Catholic identity. How does the Church identify and recognize its members? What internal and external markers contribute to a person's self-understanding as a member of the Catholic Church? What criteria does the world use to identify someone as Catholic?

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Who we are and how we see ourselves is formed and shaped over time. We define ourselves in response to our experiences (physical, cognitive, emotional, social, spiritual). Sometimes we define ourselves according to what we don't want to be and/or don't want to become. Some things are certain: we are not clones, duplicates, copies of one another. We are unique individuals. At the same time we are all human beings living in an imperfect, sinful world. Our lives on this earth are limited and finite. We all have desires, dreams, wants and needs.

Just as a label on a product in the supermarket identifies contents and manufacturer, the label "Catholic" indicates what is inside of us and who made us. We usually become upset and frustrated when the label on a supermarket product exaggerates the quality, the quantity, the state of the contents. We feel we have been duped, deceived, intentionally misled so as to purchase the product. The same holds true for the label "Catholic." When the life of a person who claims to be Catholic does not meet the expected standards of the label, the manufacturer is blamed and held accountable and responsible. The reputation of the manufacturer is harmed. And the company loses customers; they just go elsewhere to get what they want and need. Is it the manufacturer's fault if a product goes bad when it is not "refrigerated after opening"?

Not all labeled products are what they claim to be. And not all mislabeled or unlabeled products are cheap and low in quality. As it is said "the proof is in the pudding." Even so, there are some in the world who will never like or appreciate good pudding. There are others in the world who are happy to satisfy themselves with cheap imitations.

In the end God will determine who is worthy of His Kingdom and who is not. And He doesn't need a label to tell Him what's inside a person's heart.

## Parish Worship

### **Faith Sharing Questions**

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus begins to prepare His disciples for His passion and**

**death...then tells them what they must do if they wish to enter heaven.**

Adults: Do you think Peter and the other apostles understood what Jesus was trying to tell them or did they accept a lot on blind faith? What about your faith do you find most difficult to accept? How can you resolve your doubts?

Teens: When Jesus told the apostles they would be repaid according to their conduct, what do you think He meant? Do you think your conduct would warrant an eternity in heaven? Is there some aspect of your conduct you need to change?

Children: What can you do today for Jesus that would make Him happy?

### **Next Sunday: September 10, 2017 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A**

In our Liturgical Calendar we are now in the period called "Ordinary Time." The season is called "Ordinary" because it is "ordained" that is, counted: second Sunday, third Sunday, etc. The Liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, unless there is a special feast.

This year we are using the "Cycle A" readings, and so our Gospel reading this year will feature the Gospel of Matthew. During Ordinary Time the first reading is from the Old Testament and 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 Paul's Letter to the Church at Rome.

**Gospel Reading (Matthew 18:15- 20):** The Gospel of Matthew is organized around five "major discourses" that Jesus is portrayed as giving. (The Sermon on the Mount is the first and most famous of these discourses. It begins with the Beatitudes.) This Sunday's reading is from the fourth of these discourses which is referred to as the "Discourse on the Church." This discourse gives teaching on how members of the Christian Community should care for one another. Today's reading has to do with the process of offering correction to someone whose action or inaction has injured the community. The reading also relays some of Jesus' teaching on the community's prayer life. The reading concludes with the familiar words: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there

## Parish Worship continued

am I in the midst of them.”

**First Reading (Ezekiel 33:7-9):** The Book of Ezekiel is one of the four major prophetic works of the Old Testament. The prophet Ezekiel ministered to the people of Israel while they were in exile in Babylon (circa 587 BC). This particular passage conveys the awesome responsibility of his ministry as “watchman for the house of Israel” who will pay with his life if he fails to relay to the people what the Lord reveals to him. Ezekiel often had to deliver words to the people that were very hard for them to hear, particularly his visions from the Lord revealing: 1) the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem, 2) the Lord leaving the Temple and Jerusalem, and 3) the remainder of the Jewish people being taken into exile into Babylon.

**Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10):** We are coming to the end of our readings from the letter to the Romans. (We will conclude Romans on Sunday, September 17th.) In this passage, Paul summarizes the commandments: “... for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law... love is the fulfillment of the law.”

## Adoration of Our Lord

*Ours were the sufferings He bore: ours the torments He endured.* (Antiphon)

Being in the Presence of Our Lord is the perfect way to meditate on the sufferings He endured for our sins. Please commit to an hour with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



## Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at Saint Agnes every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and on every First Friday at 12 noon. Additionally at Saint Agnes, priests will be available for Confession in church every first Tuesday of the month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. including this Tuesday, September 5th.

## Weekday Rosary

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

## Got a Job? Thank God!

Monday is Labor Day. We will be having one Mass that morning, at 9:30 a.m. Come and give thanks to God for the gift of employment. Also, come to pray for those who are seeking employment or those who are unable to work.

## Bulletin Picture

A close-up of the statue of Mary in the Sanctuary, crowned with flowers after a May crowning. This Friday, September 8th, is the feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## Stewardship

### Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru August)	\$196,897
Budgeted Collections (July thru August)	\$196,000
Actual Compared to Budgeted	\$897
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2016/2017)	\$1,250,000

## Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief

Bishop Roger J. Foys has instructed parishes of the Diocese of Covington to conduct a **second collection on the weekend of September 9th and 10th in support of the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts throughout the state of Texas and the Gulf region.** These funds will be used to assist those involved with relief efforts as they respond to emergency needs for necessities such as water, food, sanitation, shelter and medical care. Be assured that 100% of the funds collected will go directly to the dioceses in the state of Texas and the Gulf region for distribution to those most affected. Thank you for your generosity!

## 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

**2017 DPAA**

**“Rise and do not be afraid.”** (Matthew 17:7) The total goal for our diocese is \$2,500,000. Our parish’s share in that goal is \$146,000.



As of August 3rd, 484 of our parishioners have made gifts and commitments totaling \$145,096. This leaves a balance of just \$904.

Recently, we sent out letters to parishioners who supported the DPAA last year, but as of yet, had not made a gift for the 2017 DPAA. Naturally, we hope all will participate and make a contribution. No gift is too small. If you need a commitment card, please contact the parish office (431-1802) or just clearly mark your contribution and put it in the collection basket on Sunday. Our parish has always made its goal in the long history of the DPAA. Please pray about your participation in the appeal and for those who benefit from the appeal as well. –Father Mark Keene

and non-Spanish colonies. Peter Claver joined the work of Father Alonso de Sandoval SJ who had been ministering to the slaves for about 40 years. Sandoval worked with the slaves in the fields but Peter Claver met the slave ships as they came into the docks, and brought aid and comfort to them there and in the pens they were transferred to. Besides bringing material goods to them such as medicine and food, as well as other items, he also began to teach the faith with pictures and through interpreters. It is estimated that he converted over 300,000 slaves. When he visited the slaves on the plantations to see how they were progressing he would stay in the slave quarters with them. He also ministered to the well to do and to others, including non-Catholics in Cartagena. Conditions for slaves gradually improved through his efforts.

When his health began to fail he was left in his room and almost forgotten. He lingered in his illness from 1650-1654 and was tended by an ex-slave who it is said physically abused him. Peter Claver accepted this as penance for his sins. He died on September 8, 1654. The officials who previously considered him a nuisance gave him a public funeral. He was canonized in 1888 (along with Alphonsus Rodriguez) by Pope Leo XIII and named the patron of African missions. The Knights of Peter Claver, the largest African American Catholic fraternal organization in the U.S. and the oldest functioning African American school in Florida are named in his honor as well. His major shrine is on Cartagena, Colombia and his feast day in September 9th.

Saint of the Week

**Saint Peter Claver**



Saint Peter Claver was born on June 26, 1581 in the town of Verdu in northeast Spain. His parents were very devout. As a student at the University of Barcelona he wrote in his notebook, “I must dedicate myself to the service of God until death, on the understanding that I

am like a slave.” After finishing his studies he entered the Jesuits and was sent to Palma, Mallorca (a Spanish island in the Mediterranean). There he met the future Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez who told him he should go to New Spain. He landed in Cartagena (in present day Colombia) and went to Bogota to finish his studies to be a priest. It was there that he began to be disturbed by the condition of the African slaves he saw.

Although slavery had been condemned by Pope Paul III and Urban VIII it flourished in both Spanish

Parish News

**Did You Know?**

Saint Agnes School recently started off another school year. 392 students were welcomed back by a smiling faculty refreshed from their summer break. A big thanks to our maintenance staff, who worked all summer preparing for their arrival. Our school’s theme this year is “Fully Relying on God.” the acronym is “FROG,” which you will likely see many of them throughout the school, if you stop by sometime. We wish our blessings to the students and faculty for a successful school year.

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## Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day. There will be one Mass on Labor Day at 9:30 a.m.

## Wedding Banns

I-Katie Renner, Saint Agnes &  
Mike Secker, Saint Agnes



## Family of God

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

Robert David Hasselbeck  
Child of Michael & Jeannett Hasselbeck

## New Parishioners (August)

Welcome the newest members to Saint Agnes Parish:

Ms. Meagan Cornett  
Mrs. Terry Cornett  
Mr. Michael Spille

## Deceased of our Parish (August)

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

Mr. Bernard Kramer  
Mr. James Lape  
Mrs. Joan Savage  
Mr. Anthony Wirtz



## This Sunday: have a donut!



This Sunday, September 3rd, 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 by members of Family Promise.

## 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.

## Parish Pancake Breakfast

We will be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning, September 10th after all three Masses. All are invited and welcome, especially new parishioners. There is no charge. – Fr. Mark Keene



## First Place 4 Health

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING, MONDAY, September 18th in the RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM at 6:00 p.m.**

There will be an information meeting about the First Place 4 Health program at Saint Agnes. If you are looking for a permanent weight loss solution that is centered on God, rather than a quick fix that leads to only temporary success, this may be your answer. First Place 4 Health is built on Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and everything else will be given to you as well." If you have tried other programs only to end up feeling more like a failure than ever, or if you have decided that now is the time to finally do something about your unhealthy weight, please "come and see." There is absolutely no pressure and no obligation. First Place is a Christ-centered program which is medically sound and asks that you give God the opportunity to really change your life. Meetings are held Monday evenings 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. **OR** Tuesday mornings 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. A twelve-week session will begin October 2nd. For more information, you may contact Nancy Bradley at 859-803-2002 or [nancybradley47@hotmail.com](mailto:nancybradley47@hotmail.com).

## Class Reunion

The Saint Agnes classes of 1966 and 1967 are holding a reunion picnic on Saturday, September 9th in Devou Park. Please contact Tom Lohre at [tom@tomlohre.com](mailto:tom@tomlohre.com) or 513-861-4146 for further information.

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**First Thursday Rosary**

Please join us on September 7th at 7:00 p.m. Join other faithful in praying the rosary for the needs of family and parish. Pray to our Blessed Mother this month for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Pray for our country and our world, especially in these dangerous times. Pray for special intentions. Say thank you to Mary as we approach her birthday. Meditate on the gifts Jesus gave through the Luminous Mysteries and songs of tradition. Give 30 minutes to God and Mary in this Saint Agnes tradition started in 1999.

*Please enter via the annex doors facing Dixie Highway.*

**Oktoberfest 2017**

Make sure to mark your calendars for Saint Agnes Parish's 3rd Annual



Oktoberfest, which will be held on October 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m., October 7th from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. & October 8th from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Live Music**

Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
 "Prost"—German-American  
 Saturday from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.  
 "DV8"—Classic Rock  
 Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 "Doghouse"—Classic Rock

**Great Fun**

Festival Rides  
 Live Music  
 Games of Chance  
 Booths  
 Kid's Games

**Great Food & Drink**

German Grill  
 Local Restaurants  
 Beer Garden  
 Refreshments  
 Holy Donuts

**Grand Raffle**

Trip of a Lifetime that includes a \$10,000 travel voucher and \$2,500 in cash or \$12,500 in cash (Tickets available at the Parish Office.)

**Silent Auction**

**WE ARE IN NEED OF AUCTION ITEMS.**

Contact Kim Brooking for information, [kimberlybb1@yahoo.com](mailto:kimberlybb1@yahoo.com) or 859-578-9263.

**RCIA**

**ATTENTION ALL WHO ARE NOT CATHOLIC OR ARE NON- PRACTICING CATHOLICS!** Do

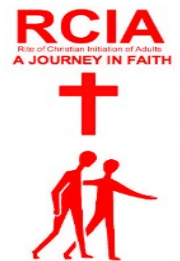
you ever ask yourself...What am I looking for in life? What is the meaning of my life? How can I be a better person? What can I do about the loneliness I feel? How can I come to know God's love? How can I know the right path God has in store for me? If you ask yourself any of these questions, or questions like them, the Catholic way of life may be for you. For centuries, people have turned to the Church to find the answers to the deepest, hardest questions of everyday life.



**Please come to learn more about the treasures of our faith. Join us on this journey in the Catholic faith every Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Rectory Conference Room (under the deck on the big parking lot side of Church) or call the Parish Office at 431-1802 or email Paula at [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com)**

**Attention SAINT AGNES PARISHIONERS: RCIA NEEDS SPONSORS!**

***Life is a long road filled with questions... God has the answers.***



Share the great gift of your Catholic faith with someone seeking to know God better. As inquirers come to our parish, we need parishioners who are ready to serve as parish sponsors.

**PLEASE consider becoming a RCIA sponsor!** *Even if you are not available this year to sponsor someone, please consider learning more about this ministry.* For more information, please join us for an information meeting on Thursday, September 21st at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Conference Room, or email Terrie Lonneman at [rtlonny@twc.com](mailto:rtlonny@twc.com) or call the Parish Office at 431-1802.

**GOD BLESS YOU!**



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## Welcome Bethlehem Wood Carving

Our friend Louie from the Holy Land will be visiting our parish of behalf of the Catholic Christian family of the Holy Land next weekend, September 9th & 10th. For centuries the Christians of Bethlehem District have earned a living by carving olive wood religious art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Today, fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land, making it difficult for Christian artisans to support their families by the dignified work of their hands, in the land of Christ's birth.

Since the start of its mission, Bethlehem Wood Carving has helped hundreds of struggling families. Louie, through his experience as founder has worked to make it possible for Catholic Christians in the Holy Land to maintain a livelihood in their ancestral homes in the land of Christ's birth. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christians. We gladly accept all major credit cards, checks and of course, cash.

## Youth Group-September 10th

Youth in grades 7th thru 11th are invited on September 10th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Youth Group in the school cafeteria. Join other teens praising the Lord! Food, fun, fellowship and faith begin at 5:00. Come join us! For more information contact Anita Dunn at [adunn@saintagnes.com](mailto:adunn@saintagnes.com).

Fall Youth Group Schedule:

September 10th & 24th

October 1st & 22nd

October 29th - Halloween Party

November 5th & 19th

December 3rd & 17th



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## Would You Like To Understand the MASS Better?

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass, but do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? ([www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)) Attending Mass should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it and praying it is often difficult. The good news is that *you can understand the Mass*, and **Lectio: Eucharist** provides an opportunity for you to explore the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith. Formed.org is a Catholic website available for individual or parish subscription that offers many resources for us as Catholics to renew and strengthen our faith. We are offering one of those resources for our parish as a preview of the adult faith formation opportunities available through [formed.org](http://formed.org). We are presenting as a demo the series **Lectio: Eucharist**, by acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre. This series takes the participants on a journey through the biblical roots of the Eucharist. It uncovers how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. This Catholic Bible study will help us in understanding and experiencing the life-changing power of God's presence in the Word and the Eucharist.



The study includes a series of 8 videos presented by Dr. Brant Pitre. Each video will be followed by time for group discussion. **Saint Agnes will begin this 8 week series on Wednesday, October 4th at 1:00 p.m. and repeated at 7:00 p.m., in the Rector Conference Room. There is no fee and no book to purchase. Just come and enjoy!**

**God is calling you to encounter Him more deeply in the Holy Mass.** Imagine how our lives and our parish would grow in holiness if we understood more fully the profound encounter we have with God in the Eucharist!

Please join us for this journey into the Eucharist! **For more information or to register for the study please email [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com) or call the Parish Office at 431-1802.**