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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 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](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

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## Calendar

### Sunday, November 26

- 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, November 27

- 5:30 p.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. CCD - School
- 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul - Rectory Conf Room

### Tuesday, November 28

- 7:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

### Wednesday, November 29

- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Rectory Conf Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Murphy A & B

### Thursday, November 30

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

### Friday, December 1

- 11:30 a.m. Confessions after Mass

### Saturday, December 2

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

### Sunday, December 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

### Saturday, December 2

- 8:30 a.m. For All Involved in Clay Ministries
- 4:00 p.m. John Cronin

### Sunday, December 3-First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Earl Arnold
- 9:30 a.m. Bernie Kramer
- 11:30 a.m. Rita Benkert

## Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for December 2nd/3rd

### Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Lou & Kathy Hodge
- 7:30 a.m. Lawrence & Carol Annear
- 9:30 a.m. Chris & Natalie Maier & Family
- 11:30 a.m. Parish Youth

### Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-S Gleeson, C-O Martin
- 7:30 a.m. G Harpen
- 9:30 a.m. L-T Uthe, C-L Rowekamp
- 11:30 a.m. Parish Youth

### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. M Stoeckle, C Hill, J & A Ward, K Middendorf, D & J Rehtin, K Willenbrink
- 7:30 a.m. C Kirn, A Kunkel, D & B Tepe
- 9:30 a.m. C Cleves, T Fischer, P Fritz, C Jacober, R & T Lonneman, C Mullen, M Osterhaus
- 11:30 a.m. MJ Rose, B Thamann, D & G Travis, S & R Averdick, J & M Crowe

### Servers

- 4:00 p.m. A Martin, C Martin, E Martin
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. E Kluemper, R Kluemper
- 11:30 a.m. W Ziegler

### 6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- Nov. 27th-Jim Bramlage Dec. 4th-Tony Eilerman

### Rosary, Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 9:00 a.m.: Fred Summe

### Highland Crossing, Dec. 3rd:

### Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Steve & Becky Ruwe
- 7:30 a.m. Jack & Carrie Brueggemann
- 9:30 a.m. Deacon Gary & Mary Beth Scott
- 11:30 a.m. Jackie Ayres

### Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Julie Durstock A-Aneta Biernat
- 7:30 a.m. F-Tom Kramer A-Frank & Bev Henn
- 9:30 a.m. F-Jim & Pat Bramlage A-Tom Jacober & Lee Stauber
- 11:30 a.m. Parish Youth

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, November 26-Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 7:30 a.m. Camillo D. Cetrulo
- 9:30 a.m. Richard VonHandorf
- 11:30 a.m. Tom McCay

### Monday, November 27

- 6:30 a.m. Robert & Rosemary Jameson
- 11:30 a.m. Michael Bednar

### Tuesday, November 28

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Michele McMahon Menninger

### Wednesday, November 29

- 6:30 a.m. Kevin Cahill
- 11:30 a.m. Jeannine Wendling

### Thursday, November 30

- 6:30 a.m. Piotr Zatorski
- 11:30 a.m. Mary Alice Meyer

### Friday, December 1

- 6:30 a.m. Ted & Mona Mertens
- 9:20 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon
- 11:30 a.m. Joe Patronik

## Staff Article

### Our Lord Jesus Christ

Today is the feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. I love the name of this feast "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe". I love the feeling of all of the power, majesty and superior sovereignty that tingle wells up inside of me when I think of the Lord. Why? Because that is what and who He is; all powerful, king over all kings, rulers, dictators, presidents, counties, nations, continents and worlds; Son of the Creator of the universe over which He was given all dominion.

Those feelings, however, pale in the sensation that I get when I see that "King of the Universe" hanging on a cross, at the end of my Rosary or even more so on the Crucifix in the front of our church, hanging over the altar, surrounded by the arch and golden canopy of the sanctuary.

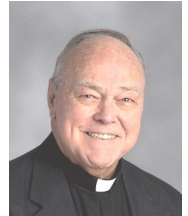
That all powerful being who loved the subjects of His domain so much that He became subservient to their greatest good; giving Himself completely, even unto such an undignified death, so terribly beaten and broken, that even the very least of them would attain their greatest, most complete and everlasting happiness through and by His sacrifice. What true and complete power that is; the power that can only come from such a complete and all-encompassing Love and power that can only be expressed and demonstrated in such a superior act of humility.

The next time you are in our church, hopefully sometime when you are alone or there are few other people and distractions, take a long gaze on the large crucifix that hangs from the rafters. Hopefully, the light will be on over His head, shining down as in the Salvador Dali painting, *Crucifixion of Jesus Christ*. Let your emotions speak to you about what you are seeing; let the sense of shame, the sense of gratitude, the sense of being loved so completely and unselfishly; the sense of breathless awe that will come over you when you allow it to sink into your very heart, soul and brain that the Son of God would suffer so terribly for you, for me, for all of us. All because of your sins, my sins, all our sins.

So, as we come to the end of our church liturgical calendar and begin next week to start Advent and our preparation for the celebration at Christmas of the birth of such an awesome King of the Universe, let us meditate on His supreme example of love, humility and subservience, as we look for ways to help one another to live according to His example and to always seek the will of His Father and "Our Father who art in heaven".

I would really like to know your thoughts when you gaze upon the crucifix. My contact information is in this Bulletin.

Your brother in Christ,  
Deacon Ralph



## Parish Worship

### Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus talks to His disciples and tells them how He expects them to treat each other if they hope to enter heaven.**

Adults: Do you ever think about what will happen to you when you die or do you just try to avoid coming to grips with your eternity? Can you spend some time really giving consideration to your own "final judgement?" How difficult is that to do?

Teens: Jesus tells the disciples they must feed the hungry...clothe the naked...give drink to the thirsty, etc. Can you think of ways you and your friends can live out these instructions in your daily life?

Children: Can you think of someone in your life that you can welcome into your circle of friends... someone who needs to be accepted...someone who isn't part of the "in" crowd?

### Next Sunday, December 3, 2017

#### The First Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Advent season begins four Sundays before Christmas. As it begins, so too begins a new church year. Advent is the first part of the "Advent/Christmas" cycle which begins on the first Sunday of Advent (December 3rd this year) and ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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### Parish Worship continued

(January 8th this year). There is one other such “cycle” in the Year of Worship, the Lent/Triduum/Easter Cycle, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Pentecost Sunday.

The Liturgical readings for the days of Advent through December 16th, are directed more toward Christ’s coming at the end of time. From December 17th-24th, the readings for the days of Advent remind us of the days before the first coming of Christ. Advent is not a “mini-Lent,” nor is it even so much about Jesus’ birthday, though it does conclude with that celebration. Advent is a season where we use the memorial of Jesus’ first coming (Christmas) as a “foundation” for appreciating that He will return again. God was true to His word the first time and so there is no reason to doubt about the second coming. Through the readings at the Liturgy, Advent reminds us that we are a people living in this “in-between” time who have been entrusted with a great treasure of which we are stewards, not owners. There will come a time when we will be asked to give an accounting for what we have been entrusted with, therefore we are to be vigilant and purposeful in our living all the days of our life.

The Gospel of Mark will be featured on Sundays during the Year of Worship we are just beginning (Cycle B). In every year (A, B and C), the Gospels for the Sundays of Advent follow the same themes: the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent has to do with Christ’s coming at the end of time. The Gospels for the Second and Third Sundays of Advent have to do with John the Baptist. The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent are from the Scripture stories about Jesus’ birth (“Infancy Narratives”). The first readings in Advent are Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah and Messianic times, particularly from Isaiah. The second readings are from the New Testament Epistles and present exhortations and instructions on themes of the Advent Season.

**Gospel Reading (Mark 13:33-37):** The Gospel of Mark concludes its description of Jesus’ teaching ministry with a passage that depicts Jesus as preaching about being vigilant and

ready. This reading comes from that part of Mark’s Gospel. It contains a familiar image, that of a man who has gone on a journey and left his servants in charge of his household. He will one day return. Wise servants, because they don’t know the exact day, will live each day in readiness. Jesus is the man and we are those servants. We ought to strive to be ready and alert—good stewards of what the Master has entrusted to us until His return.

#### **First Reading (Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7):**

This passage from Isaiah is from among the final oracles in the Book of Isaiah. They present an idealized picture of the relationship between God and Israel. In this reading Isaiah reflects back on the nation’s history, particularly the events that lead to the Babylonian exile, wishing God had “taken a stronger hand” in teaching them humility... perhaps many of the tragedies could have been averted.

**Second Reading (I Corinthians 1:3-9):** The Second Reading is from the introductory portion of I Corinthians. It is very enthusiastic in expressing Paul’s desire that God keep the Corinthian church “irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

### Bulletin Picture

The Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations in our Diocese of Covington begins today. Pictured on the front of the bulletin is the logo for this Year of Prayer. It was designed by seminarian Jordan Hainsey. The two great symbols that embody the Priesthood are Eucharist and Confession, symbolized by the Monstrance and the violet Confessional Stole. The monstrance is the same one from the Duveneck mural in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. The mural features Bishop Maes who is shown holding the Monstrance in blessing. The light radiating from the Stole and Monstrance symbolize the light of the Holy Spirit who calls men to come, discern, and share in Christ’s Ministerial Priesthood. The radiating light also echoes Bishop Foys’ Episcopal motto: “Let Your Light Shine!” The Stole is shaped loosely as the letter “M” for Mary, mother of priests.

## Parish Worship continued

### Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Bishop Foys has declared a Year of Prayer For Priestly Vocations in the Diocese of Covington. This year of prayer begins today, November 26th, (The Solemnity of Christ the King) and will run through November 25, 2018. The theme for the year is: "Ask the Master to Send Out Laborers for His Harvest."

This year of prayer will begin with Vespers at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral this afternoon. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, concluding with Benediction following the Vespers. Confessions will also be heard after the 10:00 a.m. Mass through the celebration of Vespers.

All parishioners should have received a letter from Bishop Foys describing this year. Included with the letter is an invitation to the Vespers, along with a calendar of events for this Year of Prayer for Vocations and a prayer card with the Prayer for Vocations that we will be praying at Mass. Please use this card in your household to pray for vocations this year. *Please personally encourage men to consider a vocation to the priesthood.* Let us all strive to support a culture in our church that is much more supportive of vocations! – Fr. Mark Keene

### Adoration of Our Lord

Advent offers us a great opportunity to prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas. A perfect way to prepare ourselves is by spending time with "Him who is, was and is to come" by attending Eucharistic Adoration. Please commit to an hour with Jesus in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



### Weekday Rosary

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

### Thank You Bereavement Committee

Recently we have received several very nice thank you notes from families who have lost a loved one. We often receive many verbal acknowledgments and words of appreciation for the service that our Bereavement Committee provides. What follows is one example:

Dear Father Mark, Deacon Bob and the Bereavement Committee: We want to thank you for the uplifting celebration at our mother's funeral Mass on October 19th. Thank you Father Mark and Deacon Bob for assisting our family, and being celebrant at the Mass. Thank you Deacon Bob for your help in planning the Liturgy. Father Mark, your kind words at the homily were comforting to hear. The music was beautiful; and thanks to Bobby Fisher and the Bereavement Choir for their services. Also, thank you to the Bereavement Committee for setting up, and providing food and refreshments; and the clean up of the undercroft for the reception after the burial. The ladies were so nice, and very helpful to everyone.

Sincerely, the family of Rose Ann Foltz

## Stewardship

### Status of Sunday Collection

No totals due to early bulletin deadline.

### Charitable Donations and Taxes

**Charitable Income Tax Deductions:** In order to obtain an income tax charitable deduction for 2017, gifts must be made prior to December 31, 2017. It may take several weeks for a transfer of stock via physical stock certificates or stock power to be completed, so you should plan ahead to ensure that the gifts are completed by year end. The information for electronic transfer of stocks or mutual funds to Saint Agnes Church can be obtained by contacting Tom Rasp, Parish Business Manager (431-1802) or [trasp@saintagnes.com](mailto:trasp@saintagnes.com)

**Selecting assets to give to charity.** Giving appreciated investments to Saint Agnes Church (as opposed to selling the investments, recognizing the gain and 3.8% net investment

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### Stewardship continued

income tax, and contributing the cash proceeds to Saint Agnes) provides an income tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the investment (subject to AGI limitations). Saint Agnes Church can then sell the investment and pay no capital gains tax because it is a tax-exempt entity. It is critical that the investments qualify as long-term capital gains (i.e., the investments should be held for more than one year prior to the time it is gifted). Otherwise, the deduction will be limited to the donor's basis in the investment.

**Charitable distributions from IRAs.** Congress made permanent the law enabling individuals over age 70½ to exclude up to \$100,000 of their required minimum distribution from income if the RMD is made payable directly to a qualified public charity.

### Confirmation Donation

In honor of their Confirmation, the Confirmation class of 2017 donated 221 hours of service to others, and \$135 to Family Promise of Saint Agnes to help homeless families, in gratitude for the blessings of our Faith.

### Saint of the Week

#### Solemnity of Christ the King

The Solemnity of Christ the King was first instituted by Pope Pius XI in the encyclical letter *Quas primus* in 1925 to confront growing secularism in Europe. Originally it was held on the last Sunday in October, immediately before All Saints Day. Blessed Pope Paul VI changed this in 1969 to its current place, the last Sunday of the liturgical year.



After World War I Pope Pius XI realized that while the fighting had stopped peace had not been achieved. The rise of nationalism, the rise of communism, the rise of fascism with all of the evils that accompanied those "isms" threatened to drive the world into war again. Also at the end of World War I many long-standing ruling families, such as

the Hapsburgs of Austria-Hungary, the Hohenzollerns of Germany and the Romanovs of Russia, had fallen and were no more. Pius XI wanted the world to know that true peace can only be found under the "Prince of Peace," Jesus Christ the King, the King whose rule will have no end. He instituted this solemnity so that the faithful would remember that their allegiance was to their heavenly king rather than the rulers of the earth.

*Quas primus* quotes Cyril of Alexandria who said that Christ has dominion over the world not through violence but through the nature and essence of who He is. Pius said, "Jesus Christ reigns over the minds of individuals by His teachings, in their hearts by His love, in each one's life." Pope Benedict XVI said that Christ's kingship is not based on human power but on loving and serving others. Remember, we have a King who not so much rules us as loves us and encourages us to follow Him to the life that He has made for us.

### Parish News

#### Did You Know?

The small elevator/wheelchair lift in Murphy Hall was recently replaced and has passed final inspection. It is easy to use and allows everyone access to the hall, including people in wheelchairs, children in strollers, and those who simply cannot do stairs. The key to operate the lift can be requested from the hall attendant. If you have been avoiding going down to Murphy Hall for this reason, please consider joining us at our next event, like Coffee and Donuts next Sunday. We look forward to seeing you there!



#### Next Sunday: have a doughnut!

Next Sunday, December 3rd, you are invited to Murphy Hall immediately following the 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses for doughnuts, fruit, coffee & juice. Sponsored this month by members of the Board of Total Catholic Education.

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## Blood Pressure Screenings

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

## No First Thursday Rosary

Since the first Thursday in December is the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception, there will NOT be Rosary. Mass for the Holy Day is at 7:00 p.m.

## Families Needed for Advent

Saint Agnes is seeking families interested in lighting the Advent Wreath at each Mass during Advent. We will need 16 families to cover our 16 Masses. At Mass the family would come up after the homily to light the candles for that week. If you are interested send your name and the date and Mass time which you prefer to [adunn@saintagnes.com](mailto:adunn@saintagnes.com) or call the Parish Office (431-1802) and leave your information.

## Christmas Giving Tree

As you can see, the Giving Tree is up and the stockings are in the back of church. We invite you to take a tag and/or stocking and make the Christmas season a bit brighter for those less fortunate than us. The tags on the tree are for gifts for the children and families at City Heights housing project in Covington and the stockings are for those at the Welcome House shelter. Please return them no later than December 17th after 11:30 a.m. Mass. That is when they will be prepared for delivery. Any questions, call Bob and Chris Ruschman at 341-8546.



## Boy Scout Christmas Wreaths

The Saint Agnes Boy Scouts will be distributing the wreaths, ordered last month, after Masses this weekend, November 25th/26th. We will have some extra wreaths if you were not able to order one earlier. Thank you for your support!

## Attention Saint Agnes Parishioners

How many of you would like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ? How many of 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? FORMED is the gift that will help each of us grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others, especially those closest to us. FORMED is an online subscription that provides Catholic resources so you can; prepare for Mass each week by watching an insightful five-minute video on the Sunday Readings; and enjoy movies as a family that are both nourishing and entertaining; and enrich your marriage with the award winning video program BELOVED; and help your children grow in faith and character with engaging children's materials. FORMED IS COMING SOON TO SAINT AGNES. Watch the bulletin and your email for more information!



## Cookies and Coffee Anyone?

Ladies, you're invited to the first annual Cookie Exchange. There will be cookies to sample and cookies to trade. We ask that your cookies be only homemade. We also petition a sampling of 3 to be shared on this evening with those sipping coffee or tea.



The rules are quite simple and easy to follow, and know that these guidelines will be easy to swallow. If you bake 12 dozen, you'll take 12 dozen with you, if you bake 48, you'll take 4 dozen home with you.

To the Saint Agnes undercroft bring your cookies wrapped in foil, on plates or in baggies. You must also bring a basket along to take home all your goodies. Bring you family, your friends and your neighbors, but please leave the kids home. Mark your calendars for December 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We hope to start a tradition that makes memories long be remembered.

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## Christmas Mailing to the Military

Do you have a family member serving in the U.S. Military? The Saint Agnes Armed Forces Committee would like to know about your service person so they can be included in the Christmas mailing. Also, if your service person has a new address, please contact Tom Jacober at 331-3710, Lee Stauber at 331-0752 or Joe Perny at 609-8781.



## RCIA



This weekend our RCIA inquirers, Justin Lowry and Brandon Rich will celebrate the **Rite of Acceptance** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Through this Rite they formally agree to continue their study of the Catholic faith, to

gather with us in prayer each Sunday, and to join our community in the love and service of others. We, as their parish family, affirm our support to them. Please welcome them when you see them and continue to pray for them as they enter the Catechumenate Period, a time of deeper formation in their journey toward the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. With the celebration of this Rite, our RCIA catechumens will now be dismissed from Mass each Sunday after the homily. This will continue every Sunday until the Easter Vigil when they celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation and are full members of the Catholic Church. Since they are not fully initiated members of the Church, they are not yet prepared to come to the table of the Eucharist. The Church, however, has an obligation to feed them more fully on God's Word. So, the catechumens are dismissed from Mass with an RCIA member to discuss the Scriptures further and to explore the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. This time is known as "Reflection on the Word", or "Breaking Open the Word". Please pray for them that the Lord will open their hearts to His teachings so that they may be "equipped for every good work." (2Timothy 3: 17)

## Your Help is Needed

**Are you a history buff? Do you know and understand architecture? Do you do graphic art or graphic design? Are you a skilled photographer?** If so, we need a little of your God-given talent to advance God's work here at Saint Agnes Parish through a special project.

The parish staff and the leadership team of the parish are about to undertake an important project that we intend to culminate in a parish-wide and community-wide celebration of Saint Agnes Parish, the members of our Parish Family and the role of Saint Agnes in our local community.

We need help from our parishioners, of all ages, who have training, work experience or hobby interest in history, architecture, graphic arts and photography.

If you have any of these skills, please let us know and let us "pick your brain" to help us make our project a huge success with a lasting positive effect on the life and vibrancy of our parish community. If you know some other parishioner who has any of these skills, please let us know.

Simply drop a note to Deacon Ralph Grieme at [r.grieme@gmail.com](mailto:r.grieme@gmail.com) or call 513-477-0307 or contact the Parish Office.

## December Youth Group Meetings

Youth Group is scheduled to meet on December 3rd and December 17th. Join us on December 3rd as we begin Advent. Pray for the birth of our Lord. Grades 7th and 8th come from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and high school come from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Join us in the school cafeteria.

## Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

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Our bulletin is furnished without charge to the parish. Please patronize our sponsors as a thank you for their generosity.



## Parish News continued

### Witness the Love of Christ Through Service

This concept in our mission statement has been a focus point of efforts to provide volunteer service efforts. Once such effort is to extend prayers, thoughts, greetings, and help to those facing challenges in life. Simple help is needed from everyone!

Knowing each person facing health or other life challenges is not as easy as we might think. Yes, we have our prayer line and prayer intention book, but these are anonymous in most cases. We are reaching out to all members of Saint Agnes. Please, if you know of friends, neighbors, or family in need of prayers, cheerful greetings, or help, please contact the Parish Office at [parishoffice@saintagnes.com](mailto:parishoffice@saintagnes.com) or 431-1802. Then we can forward information or give them the number/address of a person in the ministry needed. We wish to reach out through prayers, cards, visits, and needs as necessary.

## Faith Formation

### Word of Life Bulletin Brief

“By focusing on the most vulnerable members of society, we strengthen the entire fabric of society to protect the rights of all.”

Archbishop William E. Lori, Chair  
Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty

## 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.



## Diocesan News

### Discernment Dinner

Next Sunday night (December 3rd) there will be a Discernment Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory of the Cathedral. Bishop Foys and Fr. Andrew Young invite any men, high-school age and older, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to attend. These dinners are held on the First Sunday of every month and usually last about an hour and half. Please contact Fr. Andrew Young in the Vocations Office for more details at 392-1500 ext. 1587. If you would like more information, or if you know someone who might be discerning a vocation, please contact Father Keene 431-1802 or [mkeene@saintagnes.com](mailto:mkeene@saintagnes.com)). We all have a duty to encourage and pray for vocations.

### March for Life in Washington, DC

The Pro-Life Office has finalized plans for their annual pilgrimage to Washington DC in January commemorating the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's Decision of Roe vs. Wade.

An adult/family bus will depart Erlanger on Thursday, January 18th and return during the afternoon of January 20th. The rates include bus transportation and two nights stay at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center.

Rates are as follows:

\$320.00 per person double occupancy

\$265.00 per person triple occupancy

\$235.00 per person quad occupancy

Monthly payment plan can be made, and scholarships are also available. For information and reservations, please contact the Pro-Life Office at 392-1500 or email [ppiccola@covdio.org](mailto:ppiccola@covdio.org).



### Chris Rice Memorial Fund Scholarship

Many high school students each year are unable to attend the March for Life due to the cost of the trip. The Chris Rice Memorial Fund, named in memory of a young man who was dedicated to pro-life causes, enables those students who cannot afford the pilgrimage to Washington the opportunity to go. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. Please send donations to: Diocese of Covington, Pro-Life Office, 1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY 41011.