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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday : 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Weekday: 6:30 & 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday,
9:20 a.m. Friday - School Mass
Holy Day: 7:00 p.m. Vigil, 6:30, 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS:

First-time parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class before the child can be Baptized. Classes are held every other month on the second Thursday. Call the Parish Office to register. Baptisms take place every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. except during Lent.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):

Persons wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith or seeking to complete their initiation Sacraments should contact Paula Fritz at 431-1802 or pfritz@saintagnes.com.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard on Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on the first Friday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. or by calling the Parish Office and making an appointment.

MARRIAGE:

Call the Parish Office at least nine months in advance. At least one of the individuals must be a registered parishioner.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:

For those who are homebound or sick and wish to receive Communion, call the Parish Office.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Gather with fellow Brothers in Christ every Saturday morning, 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Saint Agnes Daily Mass Chapel. Enjoy fellowship and the Word of God.

GRADE SCHOOL CCD CLASSES:

Held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during the school year. Contact Anita Dunn, 431-1802 or adunn@saintagnes.com for more information.

PRE-SCHOOL RELIGION:

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

MEETINGS:

Athletic Boosters-3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
in the Rectory Conference Room
Board of Education-2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
in the Library/Media (School) Center
Finance Committee-1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. in the
Rectory Conference Room
Parish Council-1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the
Rectory Conference Room
Pro-Life Committee-2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. & Dec. in
Murphy Hall
St. Vincent de Paul Society-2nd & 4th Mondays
at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Conference
Room

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Calendar

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

Monday, December 4

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

Tuesday, December 5

- 7:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health - Rectory Conf Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Confessions - Church
- 7:00 p.m. First Reconciliation - Church

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

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

Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 10

- 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, December 3-First Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 4-St. John of Damascus

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Carol E. Cetrulo
- 11:30 a.m. David Tuemler

Tuesday, December 5

- 6:30 a.m. Clem Hellmann
- 11:30 a.m. Helen Kramer

Wednesday, December 6-St. Nicholas

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. George & LaVerne Schewe

Thursday, December 7-St. Ambrose

- 6:30 a.m. Covington Catholic Class of 1949
- 11:30 a.m. Jane Menkhaus
- 7:00 p.m. Dolores Todd Lyon

Friday, December 8-The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:30 a.m. Rob Miller
- 8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- 11:30 a.m. Thomas & Dolores McMahon

Saturday, December 9-St. Juan Diego

- 8:30 a.m. Jim Wessels
- 4:00 p.m. George & Betty Read

Sunday, December 10-Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Bernie Kramer
- 9:30 a.m. Ann Dickman
- 11:30 a.m. Jeanne Able

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for December 9th & 10th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Ken & Kathi Middendorf & Family
- 7:30 a.m. Michael & Ginny Ruberg
- 9:30 a.m. Tony & Tanya Fischer & Family
- 11:30 a.m. Bob & Lauren Thamann

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-L Ransdell, C-S Osterhage
- 7:30 a.m. M Maier
- 9:30 a.m. L-J Melching, C-L Hudson
- 11:30 a.m. L-J Lawson, C-J Lawrie

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. P Adams, T & D Eilerman, A Emerson,
M Pennington, D & K Bray, M Stoeckle
- 7:30 a.m. D & I Mai, N Arnold, B Henn
- 9:30 a.m. P Metzger, J & P Bramlage, MA Schuh,
MB Scott, G & D Small, C Smith
- 11:30 a.m. J & K Elfers, P Johnston, P & ML Scheper,
D Able, L Clements

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. M Kaelin, N Romes, J Bayer
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. C Brungs, K Brungs, D Nader
- 11:30 a.m. D Cox, M Cox, W Fedders

6:30 a.m. - Servers:

Dec. 4th-Tony Eilerman Dec. 11th-Paul Kleier

Rosary, Sunday, Dec. 10th at 9:00 a.m.: Carl Stamm

Highland Crossing, Dec. 10th: Deacon Ralph Grieme

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Steve & Teresa Schrage
- 7:30 a.m. Len & Jan Ferguson
- 9:30 a.m. Doug & Linda Wisher
- 11:30 a.m. Steve & Jenny Ehlman

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Della Weis A-Kate Michels
- 7:30 a.m. F-Michelle Wuensch A-Mike Hodge
- 9:30 a.m. F-Steve & Maria Elkins
A-Mike Jordan & Ann Lynch-Jordan
- 11:30 a.m. F-Billy & Erica Santos
A-Gwen & Dennis Travis

Staff Article

Patience

Are you a patient person?

“Be watchful! Be alert!” says the Lord. Waiting and watching takes patience. Thirty-three years ago, my patience was tested. An hour after getting a ‘snow day’ call, my water broke signaling my first born was on the way. Upon calling the doctor I was told to come in around ten. My husband got busy shoveling the drive. I waited. At the office I was told to go home and wait for pains to be five minutes apart. Once home I searched for things to do - getting a bag ready, making sure the baby’s room was ready, packing away maternity clothes. Around two I called the office and asked if they meant a weak pain to a strong pain or strong to strong. The doctor said go on to the hospital. **Yes!!!** But upon arrival and exam my other doctor said, “Oh, it is going to be a long night. You aren’t very far along.” Well, that started more waiting and watching other mothers go to delivery and come back with their babies. Finally, twenty-five and a half hours from the start my son was born. *Such joy!!*

Patience. At that time, I had no choice, but what about in every day life? Today it is difficult to be patient. We expect instant communication, instant meals, instant pleasures, instant pictures... and what does all that lead to? Short tempers? Road rage? Disappointment? On the go constantly? Missing out on the present moment? Yes, patience is often missing from our lives.

This Sunday begins an important liturgical season - Advent. A four week wait and time of preparing for the birth of the Christ Child—Four weeks needing patience. The concept of Advent has been pushed aside by our world. We rush seasons earlier and earlier. Christmas songs began nonstop November 1st. Christmas movies began being shown daily. Stores were already decorated. The push was on, but for what? To have great gifts and wonderful decorations? December 26th comes around and the wonder is over. Decorations are already often packed away. The joy and beauty is gone. Forget about the 12 days that are supposed to start on the 25th. Christmas is done! We have lost the true meaning of this season.

Advent is a time to focus on the gift God has sent us - His Only Son. This is a time to prepare to welcome the child who has come to suffer and die giving His life for our sins. During Advent put some quiet, reflexive time into your day and be with Christ.

Perhaps focus on the daily passage in *Jesus Calling* or one of the many Advent booklets available. Plan on being at the Parish Penance service. Set up an Advent wreath and light the candles each day as you pray. Think of preparing for the Lord to come. As Jesus said, “May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

Sadly, we are often asleep in our faith lives. We put faith aside and focus on other things. May we all put CHRIST back into CHRISTMAS and in our daily lives. Be prepared for we do not know when. Use your Advent to seek peace in our world.

Anita Dunn, DRE



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week’s Gospel: Jesus tells His disciples to be watchful and alert...for they do not know when the Lord is coming!

Adults: What message do you think Jesus was trying to give to His disciples...that we don’t know when we will die...that the Lord expects us to be responsible while we are here on earth...or that we may be expected to give an account of how we spent our lives...can you do a better job of being “watchful and alert?”

Teens: Do you think Jesus would think that you spend too much time “sleeping” or having fun and too little time being watchful.? Think to see if there is some way you can do a better job?

Children: What good deed could you do today to demonstrate to Jesus that you are trying to be “watchful?” Maybe you could share a treat with a friend...help at home to clean up...thank someone for being your friend?

Next Sunday, December 10, 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

The season of Advent is not so much a season of commemoration of Jesus’ birth as a reminder that we are a people traveling to the second coming of Christ. We use traditions surrounding Jesus’ first coming—His birth—as a way to prepare for His second coming. As the people of the Old Testament awaited Christ’s first coming, we—the church—are the “new Israel” who await His second coming.

In Cycle B the Gospel of Mark will be featured on Sundays, though there will be some exceptions. In

Parish Worship continued

every cycle of readings (A, B and C), the Gospels for the Sundays of Advent follow the same themes. The Gospels for the Second and Third Sundays of Advent have to do with John the Baptist. During Advent, the Old Testament readings are prophesies 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 1:1-8): The readings for the Second and Third Sundays of Advent always describe the ministry of John the Baptist, which was to prepare a way for the Lord. Likewise, we are reminded that we are called to prepare a way for the Lord in our lives today. This reading consists of the opening lines of Mark's Gospel. Note that as Mark's Gospel begins, Jesus is already an adult. The Gospel of Mark (like John) does not have any stories concerning Jesus' birth. Mark's Gospel begins by introducing the figure of John the Baptist. John the Baptist's vocation of preparing the world for Jesus is used as a model by our Church to teach us that we (the church) are called to prepare the way for Christ's coming into our world, both now and at the end of time. It begins by preparing a place for Christ in our hearts.

First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11): Frederick Handel used this passage from the Book of Isaiah for the lyrics of the opening of his oratorio, *Messiah*. In the Book of Isaiah, these words are the opening words of Isaiah's proclamation that the Jewish people will be returning home from their exile in Babylon. They are words full of great joy, hope and comfort.

Second Reading (2 Peter 3:8-14): The second reading, from 2 Peter reinforces the Advent themes of urgency and alertness, encouraging us to not delay in getting our lives in order.

Adoration of Our Lord

"Advent is the spiritual season of hope."

—Pope Benedict XVI

Please commit to an hour with Jesus in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.



Bulletin Picture

Welcome Advent!

Weekday Rosary

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

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

As in years past, we will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick at all of the Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete* Sunday) which is December 17th this year. Please let those whom you think could benefit from the Sacrament know about it. If they need transportation to Church, offer to bring them. The Sacrament is for all serious illnesses, chronic or acute, physical, emotional, mental and/or spiritual.

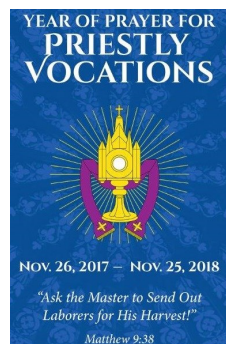
Incense: A Change in Use

We will be using incense on the Sundays of Advent when we light the candles of the Advent Wreath at the 4:00 p.m. (Saturday), 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday as we have for many years now. However, we would now like to use incense at the 7:30 a.m. Mass and plan to begin this Sunday. In the past we felt it necessary to offer one Mass where incense was not used because the health of some parishioners was effected. That does not seem to be the case now.

– Fr. Mark Keene

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 began last Sunday (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."



Parishioners should have received a letter from Bishop Foys describing this year. Included with the letter was 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. If you lost your card or want more for your personal and/or family use, please contact the Parish Office. *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

Immaculate Conception Holy Day

Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. At Saint Agnes we will be having Masses on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, December 8th at 6:30, 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru November)	\$459,249
Budgeted Collections (July thru November)	\$482,000
Actual Compared to Budgeted	\$22,751
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2017/2018)	\$1,250,000

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

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 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.

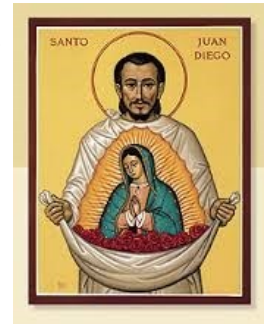
Charitable distributions from IRAs. Congress made permanent the law enabling individuals over age 70½ to exclude up to \$100,000 of their required minimum distribution from income if the RMD is made payable directly to a qualified public charity.

Saint of the Week

Saint Juan Diego

This time of year there are no blooming roses but today's saint was able to pick a whole armload of them. He was Juan Diego, who was also named

was born in 1474 in Cuautitlan, now a part of Mexico City. He was not poor but not rich either. He was one of the few indigenous Mexican people who had converted to Christianity. He was one of the first to be baptized by the early Franciscan missionaries as was his wife Maria Lucia and his uncle Juan Bernardino.



As Juan Diego walked to Mass and religious instruction he would pass the hill of Tepeyac. At dawn on December 9, 1531 he was walking to the mission and saw an apparition of a young girl who spoke to him in Nahuatl, his native language. It is said that he could tell she was the Virgin Mary by what she said to him. She asked that a church be built for her on Tepeyac Hill, which may have been a former native religious site. He went to the Bishop, Fray Juan Zumarraga. The Bishop listened to him and then told him he needed to think about it. Probably a way of politely getting Juan to leave. The next day, December 10th, as he was again on his way to church he passed Tepeyac Hill and met the Virgin again. He told her that he had failed and that because he was not an important man she should find someone else. She said that he was the one that she had chosen and that he should go back to the Bishop and ask again to have a church built on the hill. He went back and the Bishop told him that in order to do so he would need a sign to show that the message was from the Blessed Mother. On December 11th, he met the Blessed Mother again and told her what the Bishop said. She told Juan that she would provide a sign the next day.

The next day Juan did not go to church because his uncle had become ill and he had to care for him. Overnight the uncle's condition worsened so that the next day Juan left to go get a priest for his uncle. Because he had failed to go to the Blessed Mother on the previous day he tried to go a different way to church in order to avoid meeting her. She intercepted him and gently scolded him for not having faith in her, she said "No estoy yo aqui que soy tu madre?" (Am I not here, I who am your mother?) She told him that his uncle was well and instructed him to go up Tepeyac Hill and collect rose blooms there. It was December and there should have been no roses in bloom. He went up and found the roses where there should only have been cactus and scrub growing. He gathered the roses into his cloak, or tilma. The Blessed Mother arranged them and then sent him down to the Bishop. When he went before the Bishop and opened his tilma the roses fell to the floor and the Bishop and those with him fell to their knees on seeing the image of the

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Saint of the Week continued

Blessed Mother that was under the roses.

The next day Juan Diego found his uncle fully recovered, (he too had seen the Virgin). Juan Diego met the Blessed Mother at Tepeyac and she told him that she wished to be known under the title of Guadalupe. The basilica was built and the tilma, made of plant fibers, which should only have lasted 20 years, or more often less, is still on display there with the miraculous image. Juan Diego was beatified on May 6, 1990 and canonized on July 31, 2002, both by John Paul II. Juan Diego's feast day is December 9th.

Parish News

Did You Know?

The Pre-School Religion program is offered at Saint Agnes for children ages 3 through 6. They meet in the school cafeteria during the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays from September to April. We currently have 19 children enrolled. During this time the children learn about the weekly Gospel through the SEEDS program and do other fun activities to help them understand the Gospel and apply this message to their own lives. There is also time for singing, dancing, and a snack! They will occasionally attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass and sit in the first couple of pews so the children can witness what happens during Mass. Stacey Moorhead is the primary teacher and there are volunteers that assist her weekly. This is Stacey's first year teaching the program and she says she "feels blessed and fortunate to be given the opportunity." Thank you to Stacey and all the other volunteers who help these young children learn about the Catholic faith.



This Sunday: have a doughnut!

This 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.



Blood Pressure Screenings

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

Family of God

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

Avery Tate Graves

Child of Corey & Lindsay (Bosse) Graves

Jude Aleksander Randolph

Child of JoAnn Randolph

Pro-Life Committee Meeting

The Pro-Life Committee will meet on Monday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Hall. We will share and discuss current Pro-Life events and plan for future activities. We welcome new members and hope to see you at the meeting!

December Youth Group Meetings

Youth Group is scheduled to meet today, 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.

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.

Contact Deacon Ralph Grieme at r.grieme@gmail.com or call 513-477-0307 or contact the Parish Office.

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Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who took a tag from the Giving Tree and/or a stocking. Your spirit of giving is very much appreciated. 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. With the closing of Birthright, we have placed envelopes on the tree for donations to Madonna House and Rose Garden Mission. Please follow the instructions inside the envelopes. Please return gifts and stockings **no later than December 17th after 11:30 a.m. Mass**. That is when they will be prepared for delivery. As always, we can use lots of help that day. Any questions, call Bob and Chris Ruschman at 341-8546.



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 Tuesday, December 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We hope to start a tradition that makes memories long be remembered. If you plan to attend, please email one of the following:

Ginny Hamlin - no1us@fuse.net

Kristy Seither - kristyseither@fuse.net

Tiffany Pangallo Chalk - allo1322@hotmail.com

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Faith Formation

FORMED

Would like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ? Do you know someone who has fallen away from the Church and you want to reach them but you just don't know how?



This Christmas Saint Agnes Church is giving a very special gift to every family in the parish. That gift is a subscription to FORMED, a wonderful website that has been called a "Catholic Netflix." FORMED has inspiring movies and video based studies, audio presentations and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors.

Our parish has invested in FORMED so that each of us might grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others, especially those closest to us.

With your free access to FORMED, 24/7 on your television, phone, laptop, ipad, or Kindle, you can:

- Prepare for Mass each week by watching an insightful five-minute video on the Sunday Readings
- Enjoy movies as a family that are both nourishing and entertaining
- Enrich your marriage with the award winning video program BELOVED
- Learn more about the Bible, your Catholic faith, and how to live a Catholic life
- Help your children grow in faith and character with engaging children's materials

We will be launching FORMED within the next couple of weeks with more information about FORMED and instructions on how to register. Please watch the bulletin for more details each week of Advent. FORMED is the gift that will keep giving all year long!

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"

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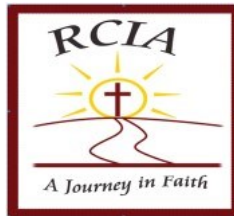
Faith Formation continued

RCIA News

This weekend we enter the sacred Season of Advent. It is a season of rich traditions in our Catholic faith. We begin a new liturgical year as we watch and wait for the Lord to come into our lives. As this season unfolds, please participate in our Advent traditions at Church and at home and invite our RCIA catechumens to learn, pray, and celebrate these traditions with you. Introduce yourself to them. Help them to be watchful and to recognize Jesus' loving presence in our community of faith through your prayerfulness and your examples of faith.

Preparations for Christmas include buying gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given us: His Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you this Advent and Christmas. Then, invite them to visit our RCIA process (see the front of our bulletin or website or call 431-1802).

Please remember in your prayers our RCIA catechumens, Justin and Brandon.



Diocesan News

Christmas Concerts

The Covington Catholic High School and Notre Dame Academy Band will have a Christmas Concert at 4:00 p.m. on December 10th at the Notre Dame Academy Performing Arts Center (1699 Dixie Highway, Park Hills, KY).

The Covington Catholic High School Chamber Choir will have a Christmas Performance at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 10th, in Saint Agnes Church (1680 Dixie Highway, Fort Wright, KY).

Both Concerts promise to be beautiful and inspiring!

International Nativity Sets Display

Again this year, Nativity Sets (over 130) from around the world (64 countries) will be on display at Bishop Brossart High School (4 Groves Street, Alexandria, KY). The display is free and open to the public on the following days: December 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., December 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and December 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Visiting this display in a good Advent/Christmas activity for the whole family.

Discernment Dinner

Today (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. 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.



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.

Saint Agnes Parish Advent/Christmas Calendar *2017/2018*

ADVENT SEASON

Sunday, December 3rd	First Sunday of Advent	Mass Times: 4 PM Sat., 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
Friday, December 8th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation	Mass Times: 7 PM Thur., 6:30, 8:30 & 11:30 AM
Sunday, December 10th	Second Sunday of Advent	Mass Times: 4 PM Sat., 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
Thursday, December 14th	Deanery Reconciliation Service (Individual Confessions)	7 PM at Saint Pius X Church
Sunday, December 17th (<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>)	Third Sunday of Advent Anointing of the Sick at all Masses	Mass Times: 4 PM Sat., 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
Monday, December 18th	School Children's Christmas Concert Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade	7 PM in Church
Tuesday, December 19th	Parish Reconciliation Service (Individual Confessions)	7 PM in Church
Sunday, December 24th	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Mass Times: 4 PM Sat., 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sunday, December 24th	Christmas Eve	Mass Times: 4 PM & 11 PM
Monday, December 25th	Christmas	Mass Times: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
Monday, January 1st	Mary, Mother of God	Mass Times: 5 PM Sun., 9:30 & 11:30 AM
Sunday, January 7th	The Epiphany of the Lord	Mass Times: 4 PM Sat., 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
Monday, January 8th	The Baptism of the Lord	Mass Times: 6:30 & 11:30 AM