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MASS SCHEDULE:

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

BAPTISMS:

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

MARRIAGE:

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

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:

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

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

GRADE SCHOOL CCD CLASSES:

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

PRE-SCHOOL RELIGION:

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

MEETINGS:

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Calendar

Sunday, December 9

- Cans for Kids
- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 10:30 a.m. RCIA - Parish Conf Room
- 12:30 p.m. Breakfast With Santa - Murphy Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Monday, December 10

- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (AC) - Convent
- 7:00 p.m. CCD - School
- 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul - Parish Conf Room
- 7:30 p.m. Pro-Life Committee - Murphy Hall

Tuesday, December 11

- 7:00 p.m. Board of Education - School
- 7:00 p.m. Cookie Exchange - Murphy Hall

Wednesday, December 12

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Murphy A & B
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Reconciliation Service - Church

Thursday, December 13

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

Friday, December 14

Saturday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 16

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 9-Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Norbert Lewin
- 9:30 a.m. Earl Abeln
- 11:30 a.m. Bill Lenzer

Monday, December 10

- 6:30 a.m. Bill Poncer
- 11:30 a.m. George H. Kreutzjans

Tuesday, December 11-St. Damasus I

- 6:30 a.m. JoAnn Glazier
- 11:30 a.m. Al Melching

Wednesday, December 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Linda Rahe
- 11:30 a.m. Edward & Ursula Stamm

Thursday, December 13-St. Lucy

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Eric Lenhof & Family
- 11:30 a.m. David Taeuber

Friday, December 14-St. John of the Cross

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:20 a.m. Suetholz Family
- 11:30 a.m. George H. Kreutzjans

Saturday, December 15

- 8:30 a.m. Jimmy Bayless
- 4:00 p.m. Mary Dolores Pieschel

Sunday, December 16-Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Rob Miller
- 9:30 a.m. Bill Lenzer
- 11:30 a.m. Nick Kreutzjans

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for December 15th & 16th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Bill & Sue Osterhage
- 7:30 a.m. Daryl & Blanche Tepe
- 9:30 a.m. Chris & Natalie Maier
- 11:30 a.m. Matt & Paula Fritz

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-A Wadsworth, C-A Ward
- 7:30 a.m. M Maier
- 9:30 a.m. L-T Uthe, C-K Fischer
- 11:30 a.m. L-K Oberjohn, C-M Nutter

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. C Hill, S Osterhage, M Martin, J Ward, M Pennington, M Stoeckle, A Emerson
- 7:30 a.m. B Lewin, R Miller, D & B Tepe
- 9:30 a.m. C Allison, K Fischer, M Fox, T Fischer, C Jacober, R & T Lonneman, W Witt
- 11:30 a.m. D & G Travis, P & ML Scheper, R & J Lawson, J & K Elfers

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. A Martin, C Martin, E Martin
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. L Hurst, R Hurst, A Ritz
- 11:30 a.m. B Hail, J Hail, K Hail

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- Dec. 10th-Tony Eilerman Dec. 17th-Paul Kleier

Rosary, Sunday, Dec. 16th at 9:00 a.m.: Dan Summe

Highland Crossing, Dec. 16th: Don Able

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Todd & Kathy Nienaber
- 7:30 a.m. Kay Schaller
- 9:30 a.m. Deacon Gary & Mary Beth Scott
- 11:30 a.m. Steve & Jenny Ehlman

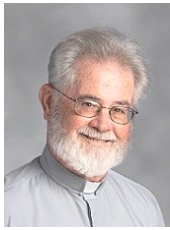
Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Marge Kuhlman
A-Kathy Bell & Juliette Gorman-Smookler
- 7:30 a.m. F-Ronnie Mitchell A-Mike Hodge
- 9:30 a.m. F-Dan & Peggy Summe
A-Paul & Debbie Finke
- 11:30 a.m. F-Mike & Heather Monson
A-Colleen Read & Katie & Ross Graham

Staff Article

Dear Friends

When was the last time you saw Jesus in another person? Not just in a vague "I suppose so" way but in a specific inspiring "Hey I just felt the Lord" way?



While it may not seem so at first, this is the kind of vision that Baruch gives his people in today's first reading. Baruch is speaking to the people of Jerusalem, a people who have survived a devastating military assault and who are now living hand to mouth in their city of ruins. Most of their fellow Israelites were carted off to exile in Babylon, leaving behind them a dreary and war-torn landscape.

Seeing his people's distress, Baruch gave them an unexpected message from God. Rather than telling them to look up and fix their eyes on the Lord, he directed their gaze out, where they would ultimately see their exiled brothers and sisters coming home in joyful procession. He promised that if they looked closely enough they would see God's presence in the midst of these returnees. They would see it for the miracle that it was and that vision would fill them with joy.

What Baruch told the Israelites, the Holy Spirit wants to tell you. If you want to see Jesus, don't just look up to heaven. Look out at the people around you as well.

Try an experiment at Mass today. Every time you stand (for the Gospel acclamation, the Creed, The Great Amen, and the Communion procession) look at the people standing with you. Tell yourself, "These are my brothers and sisters. Jesus has given them to me so that I could find Him more easily. Each one of them reveals a different facet of God's love and faithfulness.

All these people surrounding you are precious to the Lord. Together with you, they make up the Body of Christ. This means that Jesus is present in them, just as He is present in the Host and the Chalice. So don't just look up. Look out as well and marvel that Jesus is coming to you in such a personal way.

Have a Glorious Advent, Deacon Bob

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus and thus fulfills the prophesy of Isaiah!

Adults: Can you imagine what the people who lived in the region of the Jordan thought when they heard John preaching? Did they think he was a prophet...the Messiah...or maybe some crazy man who wasn't all there?

Teens: Is there anyone in your life today who reminds you of John the Baptist? Do you think anyone thinks you remind them of John? Do you preach to others...do you wear odd clothes...do you love Jesus?

Children: If you had been a child who lived close to John the Baptist when you were growing up, can you imagine being his friend...going on play dates with him...listening to him talk about Jesus?

Next Sunday: December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday, Cycle C*

The season of Advent reminds us that we are a people who live in the "in-between times" of Christ's two comings, and we use readings concerning the first coming of Christ to remind ourselves that we should be vigilant with regard to the second. As the people of the Old Testament awaited Christ's first coming, we—the church—are the "new Israel" who await His second coming at the end of time. The Gospel of Luke will be featured on Sundays during the Year of Worship we are just beginning (Cycle C).

In every year (A, B and C), the Gospels for the Sundays of Advent follow the same theme: 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 the significance of John the Baptist. The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent has to do with events surrounding Jesus' birth. For all Sundays, the Old Testament readings are prophecies about the Messianic times, particularly from Isaiah. The second readings are from the New Testament Epistles

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Worship continued

and present exhortations and instructions on themes of the Advent Season.

The third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, from the Latin word that means “to rejoice”... rejoice for with this Sunday, we are at least half-way through Advent. This is the Sunday for pink/rose colored vestments and for lighting the pink candle on the Advent wreath.

Gospel Reading (Luke 3:10-18): The language/imagery of this passage, which is from the beginning of the Gospel of Luke, is very similar to the language Jesus uses to describe His own second coming toward the end of the Gospel of Luke. However, at the beginning of the Gospel of Luke, it is John the Baptist talking about Jesus’ first coming. Of Jesus, John says “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” In either scenario (the first or second coming of Christ), the emphasis is on being prepared by living one’s life with a proper order of priorities.

First Reading (Zephaniah 3:14-18): Zephaniah was a prophet who ministered in Jerusalem at the time of the decline of the “Southern Kingdom” of Judah, where Jerusalem was the capital. (At this time, the “Northern Kingdom” was known as “Israel” and its capital was Samaria. This Northern Kingdom was overrun by Assyria around 700 BC leaving only Judah.) While “gloom and doom” characterize much of the rest of the book—reflecting the reality of life in Judah at the time the book was written—this passage is from the end of the book and provides more hopeful notes, indicating that there will come a time when the period of punishment will be over. The future promises better things.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:4-7): This passage reflects the anticipation of the early Christian community, which expected Jesus to return soon. While things didn’t turn out this way, we still should bear in mind that “the Lord is near” and that we should “Rejoice in the Lord always.”

Welcome Sister Rita Goeppinger, SND

Saint Agnes is very happy to welcome Sister Rita Goeppinger, SND to our parish. Actually, to welcome her back to Saint Agnes. Sister Rita is one of 138 Sisters of Notre Dame who have served at Saint Agnes since our founding in 1930. Sister Rita will be speaking at all of our Masses this weekend on behalf of the Retirement Fund for Religious. Our parish has always appreciated the work of religious women and men in our diocese, whether it was the Sisters of Notre Dame (Saint Agnes School, Notre Dame Academy), the Marianist Brothers (Covington Catholic), the Jesuits (Saint Elizabeth Hospital), the Passionists (the Passionist Monastery in Erlanger), and more... The actual collection will be next weekend, December 15th & 16th. Please be generous! – Father Mark Keene

Adoration of Our Lord

“Truly, You are the Son of God.

” (Matthew 14:33)

Visit Him in the Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, open Sunday at 8:00 p.m. through Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Call 496-4149 for more information.



Bulletin Picture

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in our Mass Chapel: Under this title Mary is patroness of the Americas. The Feast Day is December 12th.

Weekday Rosary

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

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 12/03/18)	\$456,340
Budgeted Collections (July thru December)	\$655,000
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2018/2019)	\$1,258,000

Stewardship continued

Budget Shortfall:

As you could see in last week's bulletin, through November 30th, we were under budget in Sunday Collections by nearly \$46,000. This year's total budget is \$1,258,000—only \$8,000 over last year (0.6% increase). Experience has shown that it is easy to get behind in the collections fast, and very hard to make up the difference if we wait too long to say anything. We are very careful about our expenses and try to be good stewards of your contributions. As your pastor, I ask all parishioners to consider their level of giving to see if they can do a bit more. Together, we should be able to overcome this shortfall. Thank you, Father Mark Keene

Retirement Fund for Religious

Support elderly religious.

A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. *Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.*



IRA Distributions, New Tax Law and Donations to Saint Agnes

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

Donating Stock? Let us know!

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

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

The diocesan finance office sends acknowledgments to donors for all donations and lets donors know that the proceeds from their donation have been sent to Saint Agnes. If you have arranged to make a donation of stock but have not received such an acknowledgment from the diocese, please contact Tom Rasp or Father Keene. –Thanks you, Father Keene

We Are His Hands

Thanks: NDUEC

Thank you so much for your gift of \$580.04 to Notre Dame Urban Education Center. You provide for much needed tutoring and mentoring of children living in the urban core. Gratefully, Sister Maria Therese, SND, Executive Director (Each month our parish donates 0.6% of our Sunday collections to NDUEC. This comes to about \$7,000/year.)

Thanks: ACUE

I write to express my sincere gratitude, and that of the Alliance for Catholic Urban Education, for your \$828.63 contribution to the 2018-2019 ACUE Annual Appeal. Your generous gift of a Catholic education will make a lifelong difference for the children we serve. God bless you... We are so grateful! Beth Ruehlmann, Director of Development for Catholic Schools (Each month our parish donates nearly 1% of our Sunday collections to ACUE. This comes to nearly \$9,000/year.

Saint of the Week

Saint Lucy

Saint Lucy was born at Syracuse on the island of Sicily around 283. Her father died when she was 5 years old. On Sicily was the shrine of Saint Agatha who had been martyred fifty years before. Lucy consecrated her virginity to God. Then her mother tried to arrange a marriage for her. Her mother was ill and did not want Lucy to be without a family.



Saint Agatha came to Lucy in a dream and told her that her mother would be cured because of Lucy's faith. She also told her that she would be the glory of Syracuse. Lucy's mother was cured and Lucy convinced her to give much of her riches to the poor. Her mother told her that she thought the funds would be a fine inheritance. Lucy responded by saying "whatever you give away at death is because you cannot take it with you, give now to your Savior."

When the man she was supposed to marry heard of this, and knowing that she was a Christian, he turned her over to the governor of Syracuse. The governor ordered Lucy to burn a sacrifice to the emperor. She refused. The governor then sentenced her to be sent to a brothel where she would be "defiled." However when the guards came to take her away they could not move her. They even hooked a team of oxen to her and they could not move her either. Failing at the defilement it was decided to burn her. Wood was piled up around her and lit but the wood would not burn, so she was put to death by the sword.

Lucy's story is famous for her eyes. It was said that she had her eyes put out by the governor because she said that he and the emperor would not be around much longer. The other tale is that she took them out herself because they were admired. This incident, plus the fact that her name has the same root as the Latin word for light (*lux*) has made her a patron for the blind and those with eye trouble.

Saint Lucy is particularly popular in Scandinavia where she is associated with light. Her feast day

was once on the same day as the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year. In the Scandinavian celebration a young woman or a girl wears a wreath with candles on her head, wears a red sash and carries a palm, both symbols of martyrdom. Other girls, or young women, accompany her carrying baked goods. The ceremony is to help them survive the long winter.

In Italy feasts with a special dessert of wheat in hot chocolate celebrate her feast day. The wheat represents Lucy's eyes and is only eaten on Saint Lucy's Day. On the night of the feast day, in northern Italy, Saint Lucy brings gifts and treats to children who leave hay outside for her donkey. In Hungary a wheat kernel is planted in a pot on Saint Lucy's day, which sprouts by Christmas and is a symbol of life after death. The sprout is taken to the crèche to symbolize Christ in the Eucharist. In the Philippines a novena to Saint Lucy is held during the nine days before the feast. I like the Nordic version, which to me represents a glimmer of light in the darkness, which grows to a bright light on Christmas with the coming of the Light of the World. Saint Lucy's feast day is celebrated December 13th.

Parish News

Wedding Banns

II-Rachel Sharrock, Saint Agnes & Casey Perry, Saint Agnes



Thursday Rosary in December

Join us on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. to pray to Our Mother as we continue through Advent. We will pray the Joyful Mysteries as we approach Christmas. *Please enter via annex doors facing Sleepy Hollow Rd.*

Pro-Life Meeting

The Pro-Life Committee will be meeting Monday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. in Murphy Hall. We will be sharing new information and planning for the Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Parish News continued

Christmas Giving Tree

Thanks to everyone that took a tag or envelope from the Giving Tree or a stocking from the bins in back of church. **All gifts must be back to church by next**



Sunday, December 16th after 11:30 Mass.

The stockings will be taken to Welcome House and we will also sort and bag all of the gifts for City Heights in church after Mass. This is a very big job and we will need lots of help. Please consider giving us a hand. We guarantee it will raise your Christmas spirit. Any questions, call Bob or Chris Ruschman, 341-8546.

Cookie Exchange

Join us for our annual Cookie Exchange on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in Murphy Hall. Cookies must be homemade and bagged in one dozen increments. Coffee and tea will be served and Santa might make an appearance. Any questions, contact Shelly at shellysandfoss@gmail.com.

Men of Saint Agnes

As Catholics, we always look to renew our relationship with Christ. However, it can be easy for us to neglect our prayer life and zeal for worship. Come to the next Men's Welcome (formerly Christ Renews His Parish) weekend on February 9–10, 2019. If you are looking to renew your spiritual life and grow in fellowship with your fellow Saint Agnes parishioners, sign up. The weekend takes place from Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon at Saint Agnes. Join those who have already committed to the weekend and grow in communion with the Lord. Contact: Rick Kowalski at ric2owalski@icloud.com or (859)412-7018, Jonathan Averdick at jonathan.averdick@stelizabeth.com or (859)992-4943, Don Able at abledrky@gmail.com or (513) 403-5242.

Registration form is on the last page of the bulletin.

Christian Service: Christmas Flowers

Volunteers are again needed to deliver a flower and a Christmas message from Fr. Keene to our shut-in, nursing homebound and elderly parishioners. The flowers will be ready by noon on **Thursday, December 13th** and can be picked up and delivered any time before Christmas. The Parish Office is staffed from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you can help, please call the office at 431-1802 to make sure there are still flowers to be delivered.

Thank You: Rose Garden Home Mission

Thank you for inviting us to participate in Saint Agnes' annual food drive for Thanksgiving. [You] helped to make our give-away a great success as 650 families received turkey and fixin's for their dinners... God bless you for your constant generosity to our community. —Mother Seraphina, Franciscan Daughters of Mary, Rose Garden Home Mission

School News

Breakfast with Santa

Saint Agnes School will once again be hosting Breakfast with Santa today, Sunday, December 9th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This year's Breakfast will be held in the newly renovated Murphy Hall. Reservations are not necessary this year and free-will donations will be accepted at the door. Children will be able to enjoy a continental breakfast, make Christmas crafts, play Christmas-themed games, and get their picture taken with Santa. Please bring a camera to capture the special occasion.



Faith Formation

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Not sure how to help or what to say?” Learn ten tips at www.usccb.org/support-her.”

Faith Formation continued

Clay Ministries

All are invited to **Catholic Laity for the New Evangelization** on Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Murphy Hall.

Men and women of all ages, from all walks of life, who might also be members of other Catholic groups.

- We are in search of individuals that believe that with God, all things are possible and are willing to put their faith in action.
- We desire individuals who understand the sacraments as a way of sanctification.
- We need those who if possible will share their time & talent (not monetary).
- We are calling out for help from members of various Marian or Rosary groups in the diocese. If you are a member or leader - please contact us.

RSVP by text or email:

Don Able - 513-403-5242/don@clayministries.org

Pat Bethell - 859-341-8405/pat@clayministries.org

Theresa Gray - 859-496-4149/

theresa@clayministries.org

Judy Gieske - 859-866-4940 (calls only)

RCIA

Our RCIA catechumen, Cheryl, is celebrating her first Season of Advent with us this year. She is learning that this holy Season is a time of preparation not only for Christmas celebrations, but more importantly for the Lord to enter our daily lives. It is a time to look at our lives and clear a way for the Lord to enter in. It is a time for asking ourselves: What paths in our lives do we need to straighten? What valleys need to be filled? What mountains need to be leveled? What winding ways need to be made straight and what rough ways need to be made smooth? This holy Advent Season challenges us all to reflect on these questions in our own lives, so that we will be prepared to receive Christ into our hearts at Christmas and keep Him there throughout the New Year.

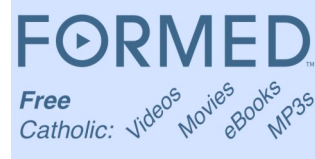


As you journey through Advent, invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you this Advent and Christmas. **Then, invite them to inquire into our RCIA process (see page 2 of this bulletin, check our website or call 431-1802).** Please remember Cheryl in your prayers.

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Diocesan News

Nativity Sets From Around the World

The fifth annual display of Nativity Sets from around the world will be on display at Bishop Brossart High School (4 Grove Street, Alexandria, Kentucky). The display features over 150 Nativity Sets made by artists and craftsmen from sixty-five different countries. The display is handicapped accessible. The collection and display is the work of Saint Agnes Parishioner and Bishop Brossart teacher and coach, Dave Schuh. It is free and open to the public as follows:



December 9	9 AM to 7 PM
December 16	9 AM to 3 PM
December 23	9 AM to 3 PM
December 24	9 AM to Noon
December 30	9 AM to 3 PM

I went to see the display last year and found it to be interesting, wonderful, joyful and very well-done! –Father Mark Keene

Welcome. ^{CRHP 2.0}

There is More to Life



Registration Form

Saint Agnes Church

1680 Dixie Highway • Ft. Wright, KY 41011

Men's Weekend: February 9 & 10, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Email address: _____@_____.com

Please check one of the following: () Single () Married () Divorced () Separated () Widowed

If currently married, what is your wife's name? _____

Do you have children? () yes () no

Names/Ages: _____

Emergency Contact Name + Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone + Email: _____

Did someone from the parish invite you to participate in the Welcome Weekend? () yes () no

If yes, who? Name: _____

Do you have any special needs that we need to be aware of to make your weekend experience more comfortable i.e.: special diets, handicap accessibilities, hardback chairs, etc. Please explain:

