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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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Calendar

Sunday, December 30

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

Monday, December 31

- 7:00 p.m. No CCD

Tuesday, January 1

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2

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

Thursday, January 3

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

Friday, January 4

- 11:30 a.m. Confessions after Mass

Saturday, January 5

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

Sunday, January 6

- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 30-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- 7:30 a.m. Kevin McKinley
- 9:30 a.m. Steve Kenning
- 11:30 a.m. Catherine Winstel

Monday, December 31-St. Sylvester I

- 6:30 a.m. Bernard Knouff
- 11:30 a.m. Roy Wagner
- 5:00 p.m. Dec'd of Sullivan & Pohlgeers Families

Tuesday, January 1-Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 9:30 a.m. Dec'd of Witt & Meyers Families
- 11:30 a.m. Elmer Cleves

Wednesday, January 2-Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Mary Berling

Thursday, January 3-The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 6:30 a.m. Dodd & Connelly Families
- 11:30 a.m. William Bohman

Friday, January 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 6:30 a.m. Bill Poncer
- 11:30 a.m. Charles Sassin

Saturday, January 4-St. John Neumann

- 8:30 a.m. All Members of Clay Ministries
- 4:00 p.m. Sue Moore

Sunday, January 6-The Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Ron Kenning
- 9:30 a.m. Ray Decker
- 11:30 a.m. Ralph Kuchle & Karen Kuchle Swofford

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for January 5th/6th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m. Joe & Nancy Stratman
- 7:30 a.m. Daryl & Blanche Tepe
- 9:30 a.m. Chris & Natalie Maier & Family
- 11:30 a.m. Sam & Maureen Wood

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-S Gleeson, C-C Hill
- 7:30 a.m. T Vogelpohl
- 9:30 a.m. L-J Melching, C-K Jump
- 11:30 a.m. L-M Fritz, C-S Flanagan

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. S Osterhage, M Pennington, J & A Ward, P Adams, J Bayer, D & K Bray
- 7:30 a.m. B Lewin, R Miller, B & D Tepe
- 9:30 a.m. C Allison, M Brungs, K Fischer, M Fox, P Metzger, MB Scott, D Witt, W Witt
- 11:30 a.m. R & J Lawson, D & G Travis, J & M Crowe, S & R Averdick

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. J Bayer, J Graf, R Graf
- 7:30 a.m. Volunteers
- 9:30 a.m. M Allison, P Allison, P Maier
- 11:30 a.m. C Hochhausler, E Hochhausler, A McClure

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- Dec. 31st-Steve Lorenz
- Jan. 7th-Don Mai

Rosary, Sunday, Jan. 6th at 9:00 a.m.: Jesse Boone

Highland Crossing, Jan. 6th: Deacon Bob Stoeckle

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Steve & Becky Ruwe
- 7:30 a.m. Bob & Paula Zembrodt
- 9:30 a.m. John & Ellen Zembrodt
- 11:30 a.m. Luke & Missy Hail

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-David & Maria Kathman A-Kate Michels
- 7:30 a.m. F-Ronnie Mitchell A-Paul & Amy Kindt
- 9:30 a.m. F-VOLUNTEERS
- A-Tom Jacober & Lee Stauber
- 11:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS

Staff Article

Epiphany - Seeking and Finding

One of my favorite "Christmastime" stories is the story of *The Fourth Wise Man*. It is the story of one of the Magi who goes to join the three Magi of the Gospels. His treasures for the new King are jewels. As he goes to meet the three he comes upon a dying man and stops to care for him. Because of this delay he misses the other three and has to cross the desert alone. He arrives in Bethlehem too late to see the newborn King, but is there when Herod's men are killing children to try to kill Jesus. He saves a child by bribing one of the soldiers with one of his jewels. He follows the trail of Jesus to Egypt and then goes back to the Holy Land always one step behind the King. He helps people along the way, using his jewels to feed lepers and serve those who are in need. He hears that Jesus is in Jerusalem and goes there only to be told that the Romans have executed Him. While there he is injured and on the point of dying and feels that his life has been a failure because he was not able to give his gifts to Jesus, the King he was seeking. As he dies he is approached by a man who tells him "Verily I say unto thee, Inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou hast done it unto me." He has found his King and has given him His gifts. He dies in peace.

The Feast of the Epiphany is the feast in which we generally think of as being a commemoration of the arrival of the wise men. I like the story of *The Fourth Wiseman* because while the three magi found Jesus, worshipped Him, gave Him their gifts and went away, the Other Wiseman had to act on faith and often acted without really being sure if what he was doing was what he should be doing. He listened to the voice of love and care within him and followed it and found at the end of the life he was doing what God wanted him to do.

Like the other wise man we have to act on faith and we sometimes may not be sure that what we are doing is what we should be doing. And we may feel like what we are doing is having no affect on anything anywhere. Mother Theresa

has said; "God does not require that we be successful only that we be faithful." The Other Wiseman was faithful. This New Year let us resolve to listen to Jesus in our hearts, find Him in the Eucharist and seek to do His will in all things. Have a happy and Blessed New Year.



Deacon Gary Scott

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: When Jesus was twelve years old He and his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. Upon returning Jesus is separated from them and they find Him three days later in the temple teaching and answering questions!

Adults: If you are a parent you can imagine the anguish that Mary and Joseph experienced when they couldn't find their twelve year old son for three days! Have any of your children ever done things that caused you a great deal of worry and anxiety? How can you best cope with teenagers? Do you pray for them often?

Teens: If you have been with Jesus when he stayed behind in the temple listening to the teachers and asking the questions, what advice would you have given Him? What advice could you offer to your friends today?

Children: Can you try to be especially kind and thoughtful to your parents today and thank them for all they do for you?

Next Sunday, January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord, Christmas Season (Cycle C)

Christmas Season begins on the afternoon of Christmas Eve and ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 13th, this year.) The readings assigned to the Feast of the Epiphany are the same every year, regardless if it is Year A, B or C.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 2:1-12): The story of the visit of the Magi is found only in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Like all stories in the

Parish Worship continued

infancy narratives (which are found only in Matthew and Luke) the Magi story is full of symbolism and foreboding. The story of the Magi, who were foreigners, shows how Gentiles recognized and understood the coming of the Messiah in nature (the star), yet the people who should have known from their religion (“Herod and all of Jerusalem”) fail to understand and so resort to trying to kill the child who will be their Savior—even to the point of massacring the innocent (reminiscent of Pharaoh’s slaughter of the infants at the time of Moses). Jesus as an adult will know the same treatment. The word “Epiphany” means “a revelation” or “a manifestation” or “a showing forth” and this feast has long been associated with the revelation of Jesus as a Messiah—“the Christ”—for all peoples, Jews and non-Jews alike.

First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6): The historical context for this reading is the end of the Babylonian Exile and the Jewish people’s return to their homeland. It is a very hopeful reading reflecting the enthusiasm of the period and the promise of the restoration to prominence of the Jewish nation and religion: “Rise up in splendor Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” The reading features themes of Israel’s role in the salvation of all the world’s peoples: “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.” This is a characteristic theme of the Book of Isaiah.

Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6): This reading reflects the universalist theme that characterizes the Feast of Epiphany: “that the Gentiles are coheirs (with the Jews), members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.”

Catholic Traditions

Epiphany and the date of Christmas... The word “Epiphany” means “manifestation” or “revelation” or “showing forth.” In our context, it is concerned with the revelation or manifestation of Jesus to the whole world as Messiah. In other words, Epiphany is not so much about the visit of the three kings, but about who Jesus is as Savior of the world (as opposed to the Jewish people only).

There is a long tradition that associates three episodes in Jesus’ life with His epiphany: the visit of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord, and the Wedding at Cana (Jesus’ first “sign” in the Gospel of John).

The oldest feast of the church is the weekly celebration of Easter on Sundays—which we still observe—followed by the annual celebration of Christ’s resurrection at Easter. The earliest known celebrations of Christ’s birth date from the third century in Egypt. It was celebrated on January 6th in Alexandria, Egypt. This date was associated with Jesus’ Baptism which was considered His real “birth” into the world. Thus, in the East, January 6th also became an important feast on which to celebrate the Baptism of Christians.

In the West, December 25th was the date chosen to celebrate Christ’s birth. No one is certain why. One theory asserts that this date was chosen because of its proximity to the winter solstice and the pagan feast of the “Unconquered sun” (celebrating the now lengthening period of daylight). Another theory asserts a convergence of the order of nature and redemption. This view places the birth of John the Baptist at the summer solstice (as daylight begins to decrease). John had stated that he (John) “must decrease.” So his conception was assigned to the autumnal equinox, nine months earlier. This view posits Jesus’ conception (six months after John the Baptist’s according to Luke) at the spring equinox and His birth at the winter solstice.

In the fourth century, the East adopted December 25th as the day to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Magi, and adopted January 6th for the Baptism of Jesus and the Wedding Feast of Cana. In the West, Jesus’ birth was remembered on December 25th, and the visit of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord, and the Wedding at Cana were observed in association with January 6th. In our current Roman Catholic Lectionary and Missal, the Nativity of Jesus is observed on December 25th. Depending on the country, Epiphany is observed on either January 6th (12th day of Christmas) or the second Sunday after Christmas. The Baptism of the Lord is observed on the third Sunday after Christmas.

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In year C, the Gospel for the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord is the Wedding Feast at Cana. (See Sourcebook for Seasons and Sundays)

Bulletin Picture

The Holy Family: as depicted in our Nativity Scene in Church.

Adoration of Our Lord

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep." (John 10:11)

Get to know the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us. He waits for our visit in the Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Call 496-4149 for more information.



Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

In honor of the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel 21st Anniversary we will have 40 Hours Devotion. Commencing on Thursday, January 3rd immediately after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the main body of the Church and remain exposed until Saturday, January 5th at 8:00 a.m.

After all Masses this weekend, there will be volunteers in the back of church for adorers to sign up. Please consider signing up for an hour of adoration during these 40 hours. We are requesting that at least two adorers for each hour.

Weekday Rosary

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



Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

No totals due to early bulletin deadline.

2018 Donations

All donations for 2018 must be received in the Parish Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2nd.

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!

Saint of the Week

Saint Sylvester

It's not known when Sylvester was born. We do know he was born in Sant'Angelo a Scala Avellino in southern Italy. Although he served as Pope during a very important time in the Church very little is known about him. It is known that during his papacy, the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, the church Santa Croce in Gerusalemme and Old Saint Peter's Basilica were built or established. Also there are forged documents that state he had a close relationship with the Emperor Constantine. There is a story of the Emperor Constantine being cured of leprosy by the waters of Baptism administered by Pope Sylvester. He is also credited with



Saint of the Week continued

slaying a dragon. He died on December 31, 335. He was pope from January 31, 314 until December 31, 335, which makes him the eighth longest reigning pope with a reign of 21 years, 11 months and 1 day.

What Sylvester is really famous for is New Years. Since his feast day is on December 31st he is associated with New Years celebrations particularly in German speaking countries as well as other parts of Europe. One of the customs associated with Saint Sylvester day is the custom of *Bleigiessen* in which a small piece of lead will be melted over a flame in an old spoon and dropped into a bowl of cold water. From the shape you can supposedly tell your fortune for the coming year. For instance, if the lead forms a ball (*der Ball*) that means luck will roll your way. The shape of an anchor (*der Anker*) means help in need. But a cross (*das Kreuz*) signifies death. There are also Sylvester Balls on New Years Eve. In France there is a New Years feast called *le Réveillon de la Saint-Sylvestre*, which includes oysters and champagne. Happy Saint Sylvester day and Happy New Year.

Parish News

Parish Office Holiday Schedule

In observance of New Years, the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st.

Family of God

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

Calvin Theodore Ernest

Child of Eric & Rachel Ernest

Correction

In last week's bulletin listed under the Advent/Christmas Flowers the In memory of by Lee & Martha Stauber had the wrong name. It should have been In memory of the Stauber & **Weibel** Families.

Next Sunday: have a donut

Next Sunday, January 6th, you are invited to Murphy Hall immediately following the 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses for donuts, fruit, coffee & juice. Sponsors this month are members of the Harmeling family, Joan Thamann and family and Eryn Thamann and family.

Blood Pressure Screenings

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

First Thursday Rosary in January

Please join us January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. for First Thursday Rosary. Start your year off with prayers. Join other faithful in praying the Rosary for the needs of family and parish. Pray for our country and the world, especially in these dangerous times. Pray in thanksgiving for all the gifts God has given us. Give 30 minutes to God and Mary in this Saint Agnes tradition started in 1999. *Please enter via the annex doors facing Dixie Highway.*



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.

Parish News continued

Youth Group Welcomes All

Youth Group will meet January 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Welcome Jesus into your heart as you share faith with other teens. Fun, food, fellowship, and FAITH are the ingredients of Youth Group. All teens, grades 7 through 12 are invited. Hope to see you there. For further information contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com.



Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower

We have been praying for our spiritually adopted babies for three months now. To celebrate our babies' impending arrival, we will be having a baby shower for the Rose Garden Home Mission the weekend of January 19th & 20th. Below are suggested shower ideas. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to the Rose Garden Home Mission.

Shower Gift Ideas

For Baby

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| blankets | outfits | sleepers | sleep sack |
| onesies | bottles | bibs | mittens |
| washcloths | socks/booties | | toy/rattle |
| teethers | pacifiers | diapers | wipes |
| play mat | baby wash/lotion/shampoo | | |
| carrier | infant bathtub | | |
| infant friendly stuffed toys | | | |

For Mom

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| mommy magazines | body wash/shower gel |
| sanitary pads | hair shampoo/conditioner |
| misc. hygiene | diaper bag/carry all |

New or Gently Used Items

stroller/car seat (no older than 5 years)
Pack n Play
bassinet

Shower gifts (unwrapped please) can be put by or in the bassinet by the Baptismal font the weekend of January 19th/20th or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Questions: please call Mary Beth Scott (859-586-4017)

For Those Interested in Volunteering

Here is what you need to do:

1. Go to www.virtus.org and create an account.
2. Sign up for and attend a Live Training Session. Sessions are listed on the Virtus website.
3. Run a background check through Selection.com. Do this through your Virtus account by clicking on the Toolbox tab and click "Selection.com Background Check" in the upper left column.
4. Contact Deacon Bob Stoeckle at the Parish Office to set up a 15 minute meeting. He will give you two forms that you need to complete.
5. Once all of the above is done and the Diocese processes your forms, you will receive an email stating your account is now "active" and you will be able to volunteer.
6. To remain "active" you will be required to read a monthly bulletin and answer a question regarding the bulletin.

If you have any question about the process, please contact Beth at the Parish Office (431-1802 or parishoffice@saintagnes.com).

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will be at Saint Agnes in Murphy Hall on Tuesday, March 19th.

Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: Carotid Artery (plaque buildup - a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation - irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online today at www.lifescreeing.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your preferred appointment!



Faith Formation

RCIA

At Christmas, God gave us the greatest gift we can ever receive, His Son, Jesus. God also gave us the perfect example of family life in the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Our scriptures today remind us that the virtues of compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness, and love are timeless values for family life. Our RCIA catechumen, Cheryl, is seeking to become a member of our Catholic family. Through your prayerful example, please share with her these values within our Catholic family here at Saint Agnes. Please warmly welcome her at Sunday Mass and at our parish activities, and keep her in your daily prayers.



Invite someone new to join us in the RCIA to learn more about becoming a member of our Catholic family.

If you know anyone who is seeking to learn more about our Catholic faith please have them inquire about the RCIA process at Saint Agnes. See page 2 of our bulletin or website for details or call 431-1802.

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

“Blessed Joseph,

You took Mary and Jesus into your home. You followed the prescripts of the Law, presented Jesus in the Temple, taught him skills at the plane and the lathe, and, daily, you shared traditions which were built on the Covenants he came to fulfill.

Hear the prayers of the siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and entire families of children who have been adopted.

May they be a source of loving welcome and a fount of faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

St. Joseph, descendant of David, pray for us.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Novena to St. Joseph for Those on the Path of Adoption.”

Diocesan News

DCCH Center for Children & Families

Change a Life this New Year! There will be a Foster Care & Adoption Information Meeting at DCCH Center for Children & Families on Thursday, January 3rd, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This meeting will focus on the requirements and process of becoming a foster parent and/or foster-to-adopt parent as well as what DCCH has to offer. There will be a chance to ask any questions you may have about foster care & adoption. If you would like to receive more information please contact Natalie Hemmer at 859-331-2040 ext. 8659 or nhemmer@dcchcenter.org
Happy New Year from DCCH!

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 30th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

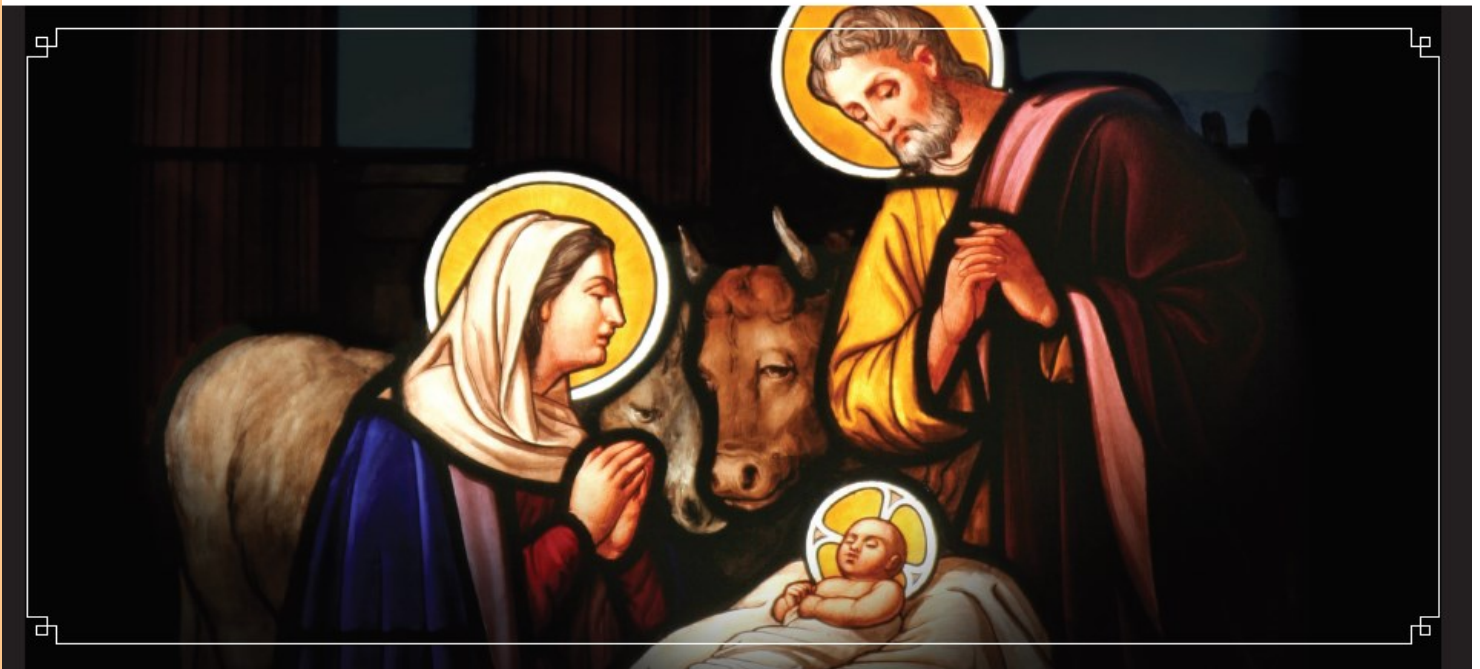
I went to see the display last year and found it to be interesting, wonderful, joyful and very well-done! – Father Mark Keene

Parish Kitchen Weekend Managers

Parish Kitchen, a ministry of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington, needs weekend managers every Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Prior experience in one or more of the following would be a strong plus: food service, ministry and social work. You may be scheduled as few as once a month, or up to 4 or 5 times per month, depending on your availability and others. To learn more, see the Job Posting on our website, www.covingtoncharities.org or email parishkitchen@fuse.net.

Merry Christmas

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