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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Sunday : 8:30 & 10:30 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 & 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 12:00 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 10:30 a.m. Mass from September thru April. Contact Maureen Osterhaus at 859-803-0458 or mosterhaus8@gmail.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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions

- Sunday, May 24**-Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Staff Sergeant Daniel Tyler Lee
10:30 a.m. Tom Mai
- Monday, May 25**-St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- Tuesday, May 25**-St. Philip Neri
6:30 a.m. Vince Melching
11:30 a.m. Catherine Kohlhepp
- Wednesday, May 27**-St. Augustine
6:30 a.m. Deacon Ralph Grieme, Jr.
11:30 a.m. Betty Gail White
- Thursday, May 28**
6:30 a.m. Joseph Connelly
11:30 a.m. Bill Poncer
- Friday, May 29**
6:30 a.m. Joe Melching
11:30 a.m. Intention of JoAnn Glazier
- Saturday, May 30**
8:30 a.m. Norbert Lewin
4:00 p.m. Jack Wagner
- Sunday, May 31**-Pentecost Sunday
8:30 a.m. The Ruberg Family
10:30 a.m. Martin Crowe

Staff Article

Ascension of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the resurrected Jesus to his Father. This weekend also marks our first weekend in over 2 months to gather in person for worship. For many of us this may be a time of mixed feelings of joy, anxiety, and possibly fear. We are excited with joy to once again worship together and to have the opportunity to receive Jesus physically again in Holy Communion. At the same time we may be anxious about the risk of being exposed to the coronavirus in public gatherings. I myself am excited as heck to be able to join you again in worship and to be able to provide music to enhance our worship. At the same time I'm well aware of the risks posed as a result of this pandemic. For the time being and perhaps for a time to come our music will be led by a cantor and myself with an occasional alternate keyboardist. With a number of safe practice protocols in place Mass will look quite different from what we've been used to. We will all be required to stay at least 6ft apart (except for households) and will be strongly encouraged to wear masks. Both the cantor and I will be wearing masks. Due to the

fact that I fall into a higher risk age group and take a medication that lowers my immune system I intend also to minimize the slightest risk and will be continuing to make Spiritual Communion rather than receive physical Communion. Fr. Mark has affirmed that this is okay not just for me, but for anyone who may feel at risk. The Good News is that CHRIST IS ALIVE AND HIS PRESENCE IS WITH US! In the Gospel Jesus says, "I am with you always." He seals this promise with the gift of the Holy Spirit which we celebrate next week in the Feast of Pentecost. Throughout the Gospels Jesus encourages us to "Be not afraid." Below are links to 2 familiar songs along with a guided meditation that I shared a couple of weeks ago in the parish email. I've included 2 different versions of "Be Not Afraid." Both are very different, and both are very powerful.

May our Risen Lord bless us with peace, comfort, and hope!

Bobby Fisher, Director of Music Ministries

Be Not Afraid - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQr4udSiEew>

Be Not Afraid - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RF0DlpFOoBg>

You Are Mine - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sgm9IkTNQmc>

Practices for Pandemic (Jesus, I Trust in You) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VR8TDTuEx0I>

Parish Worship

Next Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday, Easter Season, Cycle A

There is a set of readings for the "Vigil Mass of Pentecost" with various choices for the first reading. The story of the "Tower of Babel" (Genesis 11:1-9) is the usual choice for the first reading at the Vigil Mass. The Second Reading is always Romans 8:22-27, in which Paul reflects on the "groanings" of all Creation and the groanings of those who "have the first fruits of the Spirit." He then speaks of the role of the Spirit who "intercedes with inexpressible groanings" and who "intercedes for the holy ones

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according to God's will." The Gospel reading for the Vigil Mass is always John 7:37-39. In this reading Jesus speaks of the Spirit "that those who came to believe in him were to receive."

For "Pentecost Sunday, Mass during the Day," there are readings assigned (with some options for the second reading and Gospel) for each Liturgical Year (A, B, or C). Regardless of which Liturgical Year, the First Reading is always Act of the Apostles 2:1-11.

Gospel Reading (John 20:19-23): This passage is the so-called "Johannine Pentecost" and it describes Jesus as appearing to the disciples on the evening of the day of his resurrection. During this visitation he "breathes" on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose sins you retain are retained." Here, it seems that the Spirit is given for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' claim to have the power to forgive sins is part of what led to His persecution by the religious authorities. Here Jesus is extending this controversial power to his disciples and the Church. Elsewhere in John (chapter 14) Jesus describes an "Advocate" (the Greek word is "Paraclete") who is the Holy Spirit who will be sent by the Father and who will "teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11): This passage is the story of Pentecost that we are most familiar with. The disciples are "all in one place together." There is a tradition that holds that it was the same room where they had celebrated the Last Supper with Jesus. Suddenly there is a noise like a "strong, driving wind." (Reminiscent of the breath of God that blew over the abyss at Creation (Genesis 1:1-2)). Then there appear "tongues as of fire" which "parted and came to rest on each one of them." They are all "filled with the Holy Spirit" and then proceed to proclaim "the mighty acts of God." In the Acts of the Apostles this happens 50 days after the Resurrection.

Second Reading: (I Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13) In this reading Paul addresses the divisions in the Christian community at Corinth by reminding them that "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit." He goes on to stress

that while there are many spiritual gifts, there is only one Spirit who gives them. He uses the human body as an analogy: it has many different parts, and all parts are important and necessary, but they all serve the one body.

Catholic Traditions

Pentecost: The Greek word for Pentecost (*Pentekoste*) means "fiftieth," and in early Christianity it referred to the entire Fifty Days of Easter. The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish festival of Weeks (*Shavu'ot*), the fifty-day celebration following Passover (Exodus 23:16). In the Jewish tradition, the number "seven" was a perfect number, so "seven times seven" or a "week of weeks" would only underline the solemnity of the commemoration. It was a harvest festival in which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in gratitude. It eventually became associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

Early Christians reinterpreted the Jewish festival as a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, (who precedes and is the successor to The Law in Christian Tradition) to the early Christian Community, since Acts records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled (Acts 2:1-11).

The Feast of Pentecost is the third most solemn feast in the Liturgical Year (behind Easter and Christmas). The Easter Candle, which was first lit at our Easter Vigil this year, has been lit during all the Liturgies of Easter Season. After today, it will only be lit at Baptisms and during funerals.

Memorial Day: Remember the Reason for the Day

Tomorrow, May 25th, is Memorial Day in our country. It is a day to remember and truly ponder the sacrifices of our fellow citizens who have served in our country's Armed Services and in particular those whose lives were taken and their families. Those from Saint Agnes who made the ultimate sacrifice are:

- Ensign Paul Bertke (US Navy, 1966)
- Staff Sergeant A. Edward Dickhaus, Jr. (US Army, WWII, France 1944)



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- Sergeant Eugene Finke, Jr. (US Army, WW II, 1943)
- Staff Sergeant Jack Kleeb (US Army Air Corp, WWII, New Guinea, 1944)
- Private Fred Kluemper (US Army, WWII, 1941)
Staff Sergeant Daniel Tyler Lee (US Army, Afghanistan, 2014) Captain Henry B. Stober (Chaplain, US Army, WW II, Japan, 1945)
- Sergeant James Todtenbier (US ARMY, Viet Nam, 1969)
- Private Chester James Wartman (US Navy/ Marines, Viet Nam, 1969)
- Captain Paul Wenstrup (Air Force, died in service, lost in a flight back to USA in 1951) Lt. John "Jack" Wiechman (US NAVY MARINES, WWII, Pilot, lost at sea 1942)

If you know of any other sons or daughters of our parish who gave their lives while in service to our country, or if you know more details of the above members, please let Father Keene or the parish office know. –Father Mark Keene

Bulletin Cover Picture

Our Mary Grotto, lit up green for hope during this Coronavirus pandemic

Monthly Intention of Pope Francis

For use with The Morning Offering Prayer
MAY, 2020: For Deacons - We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Eucharistic Adoration in Church

There will be Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour in Church Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Also every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.



Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/19 thru 05/18/20)	\$1,0512,652
Budgeted Collections (07/01/19 thru 05/18/20)	\$1,127,097
Actual Compared to Budgeted	-\$75,445
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2019/2020)	\$1,259,000

We Are His Hands

Thank you: From ACUE

I write to express my sincere gratitude, and that of the Diocese, for the \$780.48 and \$834.39 contributions made by Saint Agnes Parish to the 2019-2020 Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE) Annual Fund. The gift of a Catholic education will make a lifelong difference for the children we serve.

Beth Ruehlmann, Director of Development

Thank You: From Family Promise

On behalf of Family Promise of Northern Kentucky, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$542.35 (4/15/2020). It is an honor to be the recipient of this wonderful donation. Family Promise of Northern Kentucky is the only known shelter in Northern Kentucky to accept family units (with children under 18 years of age) as a whole ensuring the family can stay together during their time of homelessness...

Sincerely, Tephra T. Fields, MPA, Executive Director.

Saint of the Week

Venerable Bede

Bede, or as he is better known, Venerable Bede, was an English monk who lived between 673 and 735. He was born in northern England and entered the twin monastery at Jarrow and Monkwearmouth at



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the age of seven. Benedict Biscop, the first abbot of the twin monasteries, trained him. He was ordained a deacon at the age of 19 at a time when it was required to be 25 to be a deacon. It is believed that this was a result of his exceptional abilities. He became a priest at the age of 30.

Bede was an extremely well educated man and a prolific writer who wrote over 60 books. He wrote biographies, histories, theological works and books on time, as well as making a calculation concerning the age of the earth. He is best known for his *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*. This book is one of the chief resources on England during Anglo-Saxon times. He died on May 26, 735 when he was 62. Pope Leo XIII made him a Doctor of the Church in 1899. He is the only Doctor of the Church who is from the English-speaking world. His feast day is May 25th. He is the patron of English writers and historians.

Parish News

Parish Office Limited Hours

Due to the COVID19 virus the parish office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The office will also be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th.

2020 Pictorial Directory

Our 90th Anniversary Parish Pictorial Directories were delivered in March. They are in the parish office. We will be devising a plan to distribute them in the future. Thank you to everyone who had their photograph taken for this directory.

Acknowledgment For Help With Pictorial Directory

I want to thank the following people who helped with the 90th Anniversary Photo Directory sign-ups after all Masses! Lori Clements, Taffy Hebbeler, Bev Henn, Riley Hurst, Jeanne & Ron

Lawson, Rosie Miller, John & Mary Beth Peavler, Paul & Mary Lee Scheper, Debbie & Greg Small, Lynn Vieth, Janis Vogelpohl and David Witt all committed time for at least one Mass, several did multiple Masses. It was nine weeks of coverage and you all helped to make this endeavor a success. You were a great help to parishioners! Thanks again for your teamwork!
Colleen Read, Sign-up Coordinator

And we thank Colleen for her willingness to volunteer to coordinate the sign-up volunteers and orchestrate the whole process, which as Colleen describes above, covered all Sunday Masses for nine weeks. I also thank all the volunteers! –
Father Mark Keene

Faith Formation

RCIA

During these Easter weeks our readings remind us that Jesus rose from the dead for us and today reminds us of His Ascension into Heaven. His saving actions are meant to challenge us to live for Him. Through celebrating the sacraments, Mass every Sunday, we as Catholics participate directly in His saving mysteries. By our Baptism, we are called to live as Jesus taught us and share His saving power with everyone we meet. Please invite someone to come to Mass with you. This Easter, decide to be an energizing, compelling Catholic!

If you know someone who is, or you are, a non-practicing Catholic, a baptized non-Catholic, or an unbaptized person, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email pfritz@saintagnes.com to learn more about Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church.

FORMED

This Easter Season, would you like to grow in your faith? If yes, how can you do that in the midst of the demands of your already busy daily life? The answer is FORMED. It's EASY and FREE to register. Go to www.formed.org and click "sign in" button in the middle of the page. Next choose "I belong to a Parish..." Then enter St. Agnes Church Ft. Wright Kentucky and select our parish. Enter your name and email. Click "sign up" and you are ready to enjoy FORMED. No password needed. Please sign up today!