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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](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com).

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

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

**MARRIAGE:**

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

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:**

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

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

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

**GRADE SCHOOL CCD CLASSES:**

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

**PRE-SCHOOL RELIGION:**

Held on Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. Mass from September thru April. Contact Maureen Osterhaus at 859-803-0458 or [mosterhaus8@gmail.com](mailto: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

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### Mass Intentions

- Sunday, May 31**-Pentecost Sunday  
8:30 a.m. The Ruberg Family  
10:30 a.m. Martin Crowe
- Monday, June 1**-The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church  
6:30 a.m. Bill Poncer  
11:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- Tuesday, June 2**-Sts. Marcellinus & Peter  
6:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:30 a.m. Suetholz Family
- Wednesday, June 3**-St. Charles Lwanga  
6:30 a.m. Charles Dahlenburg  
11:30 a.m. Anna Danko
- Thursday, June 4**  
6:30 a.m. Intention of JoAnn Glazier  
11:30 a.m. Ruth Dahlenburg
- Friday, June 5**-St. Boniface  
6:30 a.m. Dec'd of Jack & Helen Grayson  
11:30 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon
- Saturday, June 6**-St. Norbert  
8:30 a.m. Intention of Sr. Elaine Marie  
4:00 p.m. Gary Heidrich
- Sunday, June 7**-The Most Holy Trinity  
8:30 a.m. Bill Poncer  
10:30 a.m. Ruth Sorrell

### Staff Article

#### Be Anxious for Nothing

We live in a time of anxiety. Nothing is the way we are used to it being. Everything has changed. We live under the cloud of COVID-19 and this has disrupted our lives. Many of us have to work from home, many of us were out of work. Churches were closed, schools are closed, stores and restaurants were closed and now that they are open, they have new, strict rules about how many people can come in and how you are to sit. The world has changed and in a way that can be unsettling.

There is really nothing that we can do to affect this situation. We can and should wear masks, social distance and wash our hands, but about the changes and the virus itself we can seem powerless. This can make us anxious and afraid. St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians, (chapter 4) tells us that we should; "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your request known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." He says later; "Keep on doing what

you have learned and received and heard in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."

St. Peter says in 1st Peter Chapter 5, "Cast all your worries on Him because He cares for you." And later, "The God of grace who called you to His eternal glory through Christ Jesus will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you after you have suffered a little."

Finally, there are a multitude of places where Jesus tells us not to be afraid. We can do very little to affect the overall course of this virus on our own. But with prayer and trust in God, His Son and the Holy Spirit we can, together, overcome this malady. With God all things are possible. Have faith and trust in God. Let us all pray for one another.

Deacon Gary Scott



### Parish Worship

#### Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus breathes on His disciples to indicate that He is conferring the Holy Spirit on them and tells them they have the power to forgive or retain sins. This shows the origin of the Sacrament of Penance.**

Adults: Do you ever doubt some aspects of your faith? Which teaching is the most difficult for you to understand and accept? Do you think the apostles understood everything that Jesus told them?

Teens: Do you ever pray to the Holy Spirit? Can you and your friends discuss what you believe about the Holy Spirit?

Children: If you were asked to describe the Holy Spirit what would you say?

#### Next Sunday: June 7, 2020

#### The Most Holy Trinity, Ordinary Time, Cycle A

The day after Pentecost (May 31st this year) we return to "Ordinary Time" as the Liturgical Season. We will remain in Ordinary Time until Advent, which begins on November 29th this year. The Liturgical color that characterizes Ordinary Time is green. The first two Sundays after Pentecost are always two special feasts. The first Sunday after

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Pentecost is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The second Sunday after Pentecost is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (also known as Corpus Christi Sunday). The Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost (June 19th this year) is a Solemnity of the Lord, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

With the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, we summarize the workings of the Triune God that we have commemorated during Easter Season: The Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Second Person of the Trinity) which redeemed human history... the coming of the Holy Spirit (Third Person of the Trinity) which sanctifies humanity... and the Creation of all that is redeemed and sanctified by the God who holds all in being (The First Person of the Trinity). Our readings on this Sunday give us insights into the nature of God as expressed in the Scriptures. Trinity Sunday was declared a feast for the universal church by Pope John XXII in 1334.

**Gospel Reading: (John 3:16-18)** This reading contains the now familiar John 3:16: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but might have eternal life." Very succinctly, John gives the reason for the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery: God's love for the world and God's longing for the world to share in His eternal life.

**First Reading: (Exodus 34:4-6,8-9)** In this reading we hear about one of Moses' encounters with God on Mount Sinai. The LORD stands with Moses in a cloud and proclaims His name "LORD." Moses is overcome with awe and bows down. Moses then begs the Lord to come along with the company of his people, for as Moses characterizes them, they are "indeed a stiff-necked people."

**Second Reading: (2 Corinthians 13:11-13)** This reading is the conclusion to Paul's Second Letter to the Church at Corinth. After exhorting the people, Paul concludes with the familiar words, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." In the Liturgy, this Trinitarian blessing is normally used as a greeting at the beginning of Mass. In this reading, it is a farewell blessing.

## Mass and Corona Virus Concerns

### GOOD JOB

Last Sunday we resumed public Sunday Masses here at Saint Agnes. Overall things went fairly smoothly with the restricted seating in the pews, spacing in the aisles and the new configuration of lines for Communion. People were very helpful in putting the kneelers down where they were sitting when they left, so our volunteers knew where to sanitize... Speaking of which, our volunteers did a great job sanitizing pews, door handles and the rest room. It all took place in about fifteen minutes after each Mass. Thank you to everyone for being conscientious about this. A reminder that you can volunteer to help sanitize the church by signing up at: <https://bit.ly/MassCleanup>

### MASKS

It appears, roughly, that about half to two-thirds of the people attending Mass wore masks. I would like to encourage more people to wear them, both for the sake of their own health, but also the sake of others.

When everyone wears a mask, the masks in effect double the barriers and lessen the chance of any virus spreading. I noticed when wearing my mask how much my glasses steam up. While distracting at times, this steaming up is a good reminder to me about why wearing a mask is important. The steaming up is caused by water droplets that I am exhaling that are condensing on the lenses of my glasses. As I project my voice to say the prayers, particularly at the altar, I breath more deeply and exhale more forcefully, and more water droplets are exhaled also. Because I am having to project my voice and because the air in the church is not still, those droplets could end up traveling quite a distance toward the congregation, not to mention the patten of hosts right in front of me. Those are the same water droplets that could contain the virus and be inhaled by others. When exhaled by someone infected with the virus, each of those droplets contains many units of the virus. So while the mask is not a perfect barrier, it does catch many of those droplets, and/or reduces their trajectory so they are less likely to be inhaled by others and spread the virus.

### MASKS AND FAITH

There are some who refuse to wear a mask, saying that they "trust in God." I'm never sure exactly what they mean... Do they trust God that in

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His providence they will not get the virus to begin with?... or if they do get the virus, they will not get sick?... or if they do get the virus and get sick, they will not be killed by the virus?... or are they saying that even if it kills them they are fine with that?

There are many faith-filled people who have gotten the virus, gotten ill, been hospitalized, put on ventilators and even died. I suppose one could be prepared to accept all of these possibilities equally, but I sense this is not what most people mean. Do these same people not wash their hands or not avoid people who are known to be infectious because they “trust in God” or “have faith in God”?

I don't believe that God questions our faith when we try to avoid illnesses, particularly illness that could not only cause great suffering in ourselves, but also could be transmitted to others, causing great suffering in them... suffering that could have perhaps been prevented.

Among the reasons why I wear a mask is certainly because I want to resist the chances of me getting the virus... but also because I don't want to be the agent that carries it to others, including and especially my mother.

So please, if you are not wearing a mask at Mass, I encourage you to please reconsider, for your own sake (we want you around) and for the sake of others. – Father Mark Keene

## Live-Streaming Project

We have received several very generous donations to help fund the live-streaming project... in fact over \$3,000. We estimate the total cost to be around \$5,500. The equipment needed has all been ordered and much of it is in. We plan to have it available on our website and through our Facebook page. So hopefully soon, we will be able to provide live-streaming of our services. A special thank you to our generous donors!

– Father Mark Keene

## Bulletin Cover Picture

In case you missed it this Spring: The Dogwood tree on the eastern end of the church porch... despite all of the “wear and tear” it shows from countless children climbing in its branches, each Spring it always puts on quite a show.

## 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.

JUNE, 2020: For “The Way of the Heart” - We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus. (Each year, the Friday after the Feast of *Corpus Christi* (June 19th this year) is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.)

## Stewardship

### Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/19 thru 05/26/20)	\$1,078,803
Budgeted Collections (07/01/19 thru 05/26/20)	\$1,149,806
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2019/2020)	\$1,259,000

## We Are His Hands

### Thank you: From ACUE

What a wonderful help these contributions represent for our mission. Your impact is all the greater due to the economic crisis. Thank you! Gratefully,

Beth Ruehlmann, Director of Development

## Saint of the Week

### Saint Boniface

On June 5th we celebrate Saint Boniface, the patron saint of Germany, brewers, World Youth Day and Fulda, a town almost exactly in the center of Germany. Yet he was not born in Germany. He was English by birth, born in approximately AD 675, in Exeter or Crediton, both in Devonshire. His name originally was Winfrid, Wynfrith or Wynfryth. He studied under the Benedictines, then taught school and at the age of 30 became a priest. When the abbot of his monastery died he was asked to take his



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place but Boniface decided instead to go as a missionary to the Frisians, (people who lived on the north coast of Holland and Germany). The Frisians were at war with Charles Martel, the grandfather of Charlemagne, so Boniface returned to England. The next year he returned to Europe and went to Rome where Pope Gregory II named him after Boniface of Tarsus and named him the missionary bishop of Germania.

In Germany Boniface cut down an oak tree that the Germans worshipped. As he was cutting it a wind came up and blew it down, and as the pagan God did not strike down Boniface, the conversions in Germany began. He Baptized thousands of Germans and also formed an alliance with the Carolingians (Charles Martel's family) that helped in his missionary work by their support. In 754 he returned to Frisia to complete the work that brought him to Europe originally but was killed by a group of robbers.

He is celebrated across Germany and honored in England as well. Legend also credits Boniface with beginning the Christmas tree tradition. This information barely scratches the surface about this interesting and important saint. You are encouraged to read more about him online or at your library or local Catholic bookstore.

## 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.

## Faith Formation

### Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"God creates us in His image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with Him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God."

## Pray for Life

**Intercede:** May our Blessed Mother draw women facing unexpected or challenging pregnancies close to her heart.

**Reflect:** In the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are given the model of motherhood. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary accepted the invitation to be the mother of Jesus, who is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). Her unexpected pregnancy presented many challenges. Yet while the path laid before her was not easy, Mary chose to give of herself in sacrificial love.



Mothers with unexpected or challenging pregnancies can likely relate to the experience of our Blessed Mother, as they, too, often face difficulties in answering God's call to welcome new life. Now, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, even more challenges arise.

Especially during this and all times of difficulty and anxiety, we pray that Our Lady will draw pregnant mothers close to her heart and, through her intercession, bring comfort, encouragement, and joyful hope. In bravely living out their vocation, mothers reflect the sacrificial love of Christ on a daily basis. With the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life as our guide, may we work to support all mothers, especially those who are most in need.

### Act:

- Pray the "Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life" for all expectant mothers facing difficulties or challenges. [www.bit.ly/r1p-09-litany-bvm](http://www.bit.ly/r1p-09-litany-bvm).
- Fast from television or social media for the day. Instead, spend time reflecting on how God is asking you to support pregnant women in difficult circumstances.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

### One Step Further:

Read Pope Francis' reflections on our Blessed Mother and the gift of motherhood in "Our Mother the Church and the Gift of Motherhood." [www.bit.ly/pope-francis-motherhood](http://www.bit.ly/pope-francis-motherhood).