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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

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, June 21-Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Marvin Borne  
10:30 a.m. Bohman & Brungs Families

#### Monday, June 22-St. Paulinus;

Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More  
6:30 a.m. Intention of JoAnn Glazier  
11:30 a.m. Geri Sullivan

#### Tuesday, June 23

6:30 a.m. Tootie Stone  
11:30 a.m. Margie Ostendorf

#### Wednesday, June 24-The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

6:30 a.m. Bill Poncer  
11:30 a.m. Paul Michels

#### Thursday, June 25

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:30 a.m. Special Intention

#### Friday, June 26

6:30 a.m. Anita Dodd Connelly  
11:30 a.m. Mary Coulson

#### Saturday, June 27-St. Cyril

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
4:00 p.m. Jeffrey Taeuber

#### Sunday, June 28-Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Grace Wigger  
10:30 a.m. Cyril & Betty Zembrodt

### Staff Article

## The Joy of Providing Hope and “Cherishment”

Last month there was an article in our diocesan paper *Messenger* (May 15th issue, “Hope and healing for the cherished guests”). The article was actually an essay written by Adam Kolar, an eighth-grader at Villa Madonna Academy in Villa Hills. This essay won first place in our 2020 Diocesan Pro-Life Essay Contest. The essay is very good, but the life-experiences of Adam Kolar that are the basis for the essay are truly remarkable. Among many aspects of the article that I like, Adam Kolar’s use of the word “cherished” is at the top of the list. He uses it quite often to describe the way Rose Garden Mission seeks to relate to its guests.

Adam Kolar volunteers at the Rose Garden Home Mission, 2040 Madison Avenue in Covington. He volunteers there with his family: parents, grandparents, cousins and others. The Rose Garden Home Mission is run by the Franciscan Daughters of Mary. Adam Kolar begins his essay with:

*“Rose Garden Mission helps those in need of hope and cherishment. Many people who come in are seen as a burden to society, but in Rose Garden they are cherished. During my time working with the Franciscan Sisters, I have figured out how to help provide hope for the hopeless. I have been volunteering at the Rose Garden Mission in*

*Covington, the Center for Hope and Healing, for what seems like decades. My family and I work anywhere from the front desk, to the warehouse and the hospitality room. These experiences with the Franciscan Daughters of Mary, and the wonderful people that visit, have helped form my beliefs in helping everybody whenever I can and guided me to become the person I am today.*

Adam Kolar then goes on to describe some of the clients and their experiences at the Rose Garden Mission. He then says:

*“The mission is literally a food pantry, but many people come in for the physical nutrition and the mental and spiritual healing. It is such a heartwarming place. Even while washing dirty and smelly potatoes with Sister Catherine, I couldn’t help myself from smiling and having a good time because I know how much the people come in to Rose Garden appreciate it. It feels amazing to do good things for others.*

Adam Kolar concludes his essay:

*“When the visitors are outside of Rose Garden, they are seen as a burden to society, just useless people without jobs and futures. About half of the people that come in are drug addicts, homeless, jobless, immigrants, or disabled. But in Rose Garden, they are cherished and cared for. They are at home at Rose Garden. They may seem like an odd bunch to be around, but they are some of the nicest people you will ever meet.*

I have to applaud Adam Kolar. I have to applaud his parents, grandparents and cousins... all those who volunteer together with him. They are fortunate to live in a family that so actively supports and evidently encourages such involvement. As I have read and re-read his essay, I have been struck by what a great experience of Catholic, human formation this experience is, and how this experience is forming the way Adam Kolar (and all his fellow volunteers) view, now and in the future, the world and other people. For one, I suspect they all will notice many people who often are not noticed at all by others. They will probably not react with the usual judgements and fears that so often characterize our reactions to people who are different. He will know how to reach out and cherish those whom others find difficult to cherish.

I have often wondered if segregation, in all the forms it takes, isn’t one of the largest contributors to the social unrest that now too often erupts into a violence of frustration, anger and blame. Segregation leads to too much that is unknown, too much that is presumed. To my mind, the only way past the racism and any number of other “isms” of our day is to intentionally be aware of and work through any inclinations that we would have toward living a

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segregated existence, as if we could long live in such separation from people who are our brothers and sisters.

If you would like to read Adam Kolar's entire essay, go to: <https://covdio.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/9015MESSENGER15May20-1.pdf>.

—Father Mark Keene

## Parish Worship

### **Faith Sharing Questions**

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus tells His apostles that they should fear no one except those who can kill the soul...and that if they deny Him, they will not enter heaven.**

**Adults:** Do you think the apostles understood what Jesus was trying to tell them...comparing them to sparrows and telling them they were worth more than many sparrows? Do you think they understood what He was saying or accepted much on faith? What do you accept on faith?

**Teens:** What do you think Gehenna is like...a place of darkness, pain, fear or just desperation knowing it will last for all eternity?

**Children:** If you could get a glimpse of heaven or of Gehenna, which would you choose? Why?

### **Next Sunday, June 28, 2020**

#### **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A**

In our Liturgical Calendar we are now in the period called "Ordinary Time". The season is called "Ordinary" because it is "ordinated", that is, counted: second Sunday, third Sunday, etc. The Liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, unless there is a special feast.

This year we are using "Cycle A", and so our Gospel reading this year will feature the Gospel of Matthew. During Ordinary Time the first reading, from the Old Testament, is chosen because of a thematic relation to the Gospel reading. For the second reading, we read semi-continuously from a New Testament letter, currently Paul's Letter to the Church at Rome.

**Gospel Reading (Matthew 10:37-42):** In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes in stark terms the degree of "single-mindedness of purpose" that being his disciple will require... and the cost. Jesus' words are not a matter of being against family obviously, but about priorities and which priorities must govern one's

relationships, even among one's family members. Perhaps many in Matthew's community of believers were experiencing being torn between their Jewish families and Jewish religious traditions, and their desire to be followers of Jesus' teaching. The reading concludes with Jesus stating how even the smallest acts of kindness will be rewarded.

**First Reading (2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a):** The Second Book of Kings is one of the "historical books" of the Old Testament. It has been described as a collection of obituaries of the Jewish kings. In the midst of these "obituaries" there are stories about the prophets Elijah and Elisha. Today's reading relates a story of a simple act of kindness (hospitality) shown to Elisha by a woman and her elderly husband. The hospitality is rewarded in a manner similar to when Abraham and Sarah gave hospitality to the three strangers (angels) who visited them... a child will be born.

**Second Reading (Romans 6:3-4,8-11):** In this reading, Paul draws parallels between the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and the Sacrament of Baptism. In Baptism we "die" to sin, and are buried with Christ, hopefully to share Christ's resurrection: "Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus."

### **Bulletin Cover Picture**

Father Trinity Knight: Our new parochial vicar. We are pleased to Welcome Fr. Trinity to Saint Agnes. His assignment officially began on June 11th. Fr. Trinity originally hails from Louisiana and apparently is a big LSU fan. He comes to us his previous assignment at Saint Paul's in Florence. You can tell his vehicle from his license plate: "3 N ONE" (What else?!)

### **Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel Re-opening**

At present we plan to re-open our Divine Mercy Chapel for Eucharistic Adoration beginning on Monday, July 6th, beginning at 8 PM. Regular Adorers are being contacted about the re-opening, along with protocols with regard to seating and sanitizing. Instructions regarding these protocols will also be posted at the Adoration Chapel.

### **Monthly Intention of Pope Francis**

#### **For use with The Morning Offering Prayer**

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 26th this year) is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.)

## Stewardship

### Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/19 thru 06/15/20)	\$1,158,331
Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 06/15/20)	\$1,211,500
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2019/2020)	\$1,259,000

### 2020 DPAA

**Hope does not disappoint... the love of God has been poured out into our hearts** (Romans 5:5)

After a successful start to the 2020 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal (DPAA) in February and March, the 2020 DPAA is once again up-and-running. A letter from Bishop Foys has been mailed to every household in the Diocese thanking those that have given to-date and asking others who are able to contribute, to make a gift by returning the pledge card in the envelope provided or you may contribute online at [www.covdio.org](http://www.covdio.org). If your family has been blessed with good health and employment through these challenging times, please consider increasing your gift this year to assist those who are unable to make a gift at this time. More information on the 2020 DPAA can be found at [www.covdio.org](http://www.covdio.org). Your gift will help many who have been impacted by the Covid-19 outbreak in our Diocese and is greatly appreciated.



—Father Mark Keene

## Stewardship

### Thank you: From Parish Kitchen

Earlier this year we made a donation to help Parish Kitchen with its relocation to a facility at 16th and Madison in Covington, including renovating the building and its kitchen. We recently received a very informative letter from Alan Picket (Executive Director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington) and Maria Meyer (Parish Kitchen Manager) acknowledging our parish's donation and support, and updating us on the progress of the relocation. They hope to be up and running in mid-July, possibly sooner. Throughout the pandemic, Parish Kitchen has not "missed a meal" in serving their clients. —Father Mark Keene



### Thank you: From Family Promise

On behalf of Family Promise of Northern Kentucky, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$530.89. 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 Y. Fields, MPA, Executive Director

## Parish News

### Family of God

We welcome into the Family of God the following infants who were baptized recently at St. Agnes:  
Addyson Grace Graves  
Child of Corey & Lindsay Graves

### Kentucky Primary: June 23

Thank you for your faithful citizenship. In 2020, Kentuckians will cast votes for every seat in the state House of Representatives and several seats in the Senate. Primary elections will be held on June 23rd and you will have new options for voting due to COVID-19.

There are now two ways to vote in Kentucky's primaries this year:

1. Vote early in-person. Call your county clerk to get hours and make an appointment.
2. In-Person on Election Day. Most counties will only have one polling place so be sure to check with your county clerk.

Make voting a priority so that your voice is heard when it comes to important issues such as education, life issues, healthcare, tax policy and criminal justice reform.

### Father's Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life

Although fathers do not physically carry their children from conception, fathers can still be overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy. We Christians must support men who, in following the example of St. Joseph, choose to embrace their role as a father in all circumstances, but especially in challenging situations. St. Joseph was unexpectedly called to fatherhood amid extremely confusing and difficult circumstances. However, despite many obstacles, St. Joseph chose to be faithful. St. Joseph chose life by listening to God's will and consciously deciding to be a father to Jesus, the Son of God. Pope Saint John

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Paul II said that fathers are called to exhibit “generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother” (Familiaris consortio 25). Like St. Joseph, all fathers are uniquely entrusted with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, safeguard the sanctity of human life. But biological fathers, because they do not physically carry the child, sometimes fail to truly father their children.

Our society increasingly tells fathers that they should have no say in the lives of their unborn children, no opportunity to choose to father their children. Our society seems to restrict the decisions regarding an unborn child solely to the discretion of the mother. In the face of false messages about fatherhood, we must respond with the truth that the role of a father “is of unique and irreplaceable importance” (FC 25). We know that the assistance and support of the father of a child, or lack thereof, can often be a deciding factor in a woman’s decision to choose life. Tragically, there are men who sometimes pressure mothers to make the decision to abort the child, sinning grievously and making the cowardly choice. These men are not following the example of St. Joseph and are not exercising true, spiritual fatherhood.

This is because fatherhood extends beyond simple procreation and biology. Fatherhood is first a spiritual reality, because fatherhood has its origins in God who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers therefore have a special and unique role “in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God” (FC 25). Fathers have a vital, unique, and important role to play in the personal and spiritual development of their children, and in reflecting the love of God the Father himself. Fathers are called to show the world the virtues of a tender protector, while living out the virtues of humility and courage.

In all circumstances, but especially in difficult circumstances, a father needs to be encouraged to faithfully accept the role entrusted to him by God and support the mother of his child. Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!

*Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux, serves as the chairman of the USCCB Ad Committee against Racism and as a member of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities*

## Faith Formation

### RCIA

**ATTENTION ALL WHO ARE NOT CATHOLIC OR ARE NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS!** Do you ever ask yourself...What am I looking for in life? What is the meaning of my life? How can I be a better person?



What can I do about the loneliness I feel? How can I come to know God’s love? How can I know the right path God has in store for me? If you ask yourself any of these questions, or questions like them, the Catholic way of life awaits you. For centuries, people have turned to the Church to find the answers to the deepest, hardest questions of everyday life. The Catholic way of life liberates us from the evils of our times and prepares us for eternal life with Jesus. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith please call the parish at 431-1802 or email [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com).

### FORMED

As we move into summer and possibly have more free time, why not access FORMED and enjoy a summer of fun rekindling your faith and sharing it with your family and friends? We know that parents are the primary teachers of their children, as our we struggle with COVID-19. As primary faith teachers then, we need to continue our study of faith to pass it on effectively. Check out FORMED, an online free subscription that offers faith based movies, book, audios, documentaries, and children’s resources. Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Click the sign-in button. 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.

### Word of Life Bulletin Brief

“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!”  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Pray for Life: June 2020”

### Religious Liberty Week June 22nd-29th

Please use the link below for resources for the upcoming Religious Liberty Week.  
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week/index.cfm>