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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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 5-Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Rebecca Moening
10:30 a.m. Joe Melching

Monday, July 6-St. Maria Gorreti

6:30 a.m. Jane Menkhaus
11:30 a.m. Dick Finke

Tuesday, July 7

6:30 a.m. LM "Mike" & Rose Thiel Poage
11:30 a.m. Intention of Al Stoeckle

Wednesday, July 8

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Charles Brungs

Thursday, July 9-St. Augustine Zhao Rong

6:30 a.m. Vince Melching
11:30 a.m. Gregory Cleves

Friday, July 10

6:30 a.m. George Haeberlin
11:30 a.m. Larry & Marge Mashmeyer

Saturday, July 11-St. Benedict

8:30 a.m. Paul Michels
4:00 p.m. Daryl & Blanche Tepe -
50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, July 12-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. The Ruberg Family
10:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Staff Article

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our Gospel this week Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." This Good News is both welcoming and refreshing during these times when so much of the news around us is bad. There are more and more reports of violence and hatred especially against people of color. Record highs seem to be set daily of new cases of Covid-19 with many hospitals in danger of not having enough ICU beds and ventilators to treat everyone. In our efforts to follow Jesus' teaching to love and serve one another it is important that we come to him regularly in prayer for rest and renewal.

This weekend we celebrate the 4th of July, Independence Day. As we celebrate I want to honor and thank our police, firefighters, those who serve in the military, healthcare workers, first responders, those in food and grocery service, manufacturers, and all who courageously put themselves in harms way to serve and protect all people. While I strongly condemn acts of violence based on racism or any other bias against certain groups of people by those in positions of power, I strongly support those who do their jobs with honesty and integrity in order to protect and help

keep everyone safe. Whenever I pass a sign on the highway honoring the memory of a fallen soldier or police officer I make a sign of the cross and offer a short prayer for them and their families.

The murder of George Floyd seems to have been a critical turning point in opening the eyes of many to the need to address these very difficult issues and to work for true healing and implementation of much needed change. I'm encouraged by the efforts of some of our governors and local leaders to implement concrete policies designed to help prevent future acts of unjustified violence. As civilians one thing we can do is to continue to educate ourselves, especially in regards to the history in our own country of people of color. I've recently come to realize a number of gaps in my own education. Until my son shared a book with my granddaughter about Ruby Bridges, the first African American child to attend a segregated school in the 1960s, I didn't know who she was. It wasn't until this month that I learned about Juneteenth, celebrating the anniversary of the end of slavery in the US. I also only recently learned of the 1921 massacre that took place in Tulsa, OK. In order for us to truly celebrate Independence Day, I believe it's important for us to recognize that not everyone in our country gained independence in 1776. The time is now to cease our divisions and to unite to continue to LABOR for liberty for all, to share the BURDEN in our work for justice for all, and to come to the Lord in prayer that we may find REST in order to be strengthened to continue to serve God and our fellow human beings.

Bobby Fisher,
Director of Music Ministries



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus gives thanks and praise to His Father for all He has revealed to His "little ones."

Adults: What message do you think Jesus was trying to send to His apostles when He told them His Father had hidden things from the wise and learned, but has revealed them to "little ones?"

Teens: Jesus said that no one knows the Father except the Son and no one knows the Son except the Father. Who so you feel you know? Who do you feel knows you?

Children: If Jesus were here on earth today, who do you think He would "hang around" with? Why?

Parish Worship continued

Next Sunday: July 12, 2020

15th 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 the "Cycle A" readings, and so our Gospel reading this year will feature the Gospel of Matthew. During Ordinary Time the first reading is from the Old Testament and 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 13:1-23): In this Gospel passage Jesus tells a parable of a sower who sows seed that falls on a path, on rocky ground, among thorns and on rich soil. At the end of the reading, Jesus interprets the meaning of this parable. We see that the seed represents the Word of God and the various types of soil represent various types of hearts/souls/persons... their receptivity to the Word. From this parable we learn that we are called to till the soil of our hearts so that it will be a rich "soil" for the Word of God to grow in. Between the parable and its explanation, Jesus rather enigmatically explains why He teaches in parables. We generally intuit that Jesus uses parables (simple stories) to teach greater truths. From the reading it seems that Jesus also uses parables to hide the truth, or at least provide a benchmark of sorts. Perhaps what is really being said is that unless one makes efforts to keep one's ears and eyes and heart open (keeping the soil of one's soul tilled) then even the most basic truths – such as those found in parables – will prove elusive. In other words, there is a direct relationship between hardness of heart and lack of understanding. Generosity of heart leads to enlightenment.

First Reading (Isaiah 55:10-11): This passage from Isaiah uses the image of rain for the Word of God. People, such as Isaiah, from such an arid region would have a particular appreciation for just how transforming rain is to a dry, arid land. Rain allows plants to grow and fields to turn green, wild flowers to bloom and fruit-bearing plants to flourish, providing food, and even the seed for the next planting and harvest. Just so, the Word of God can transform a human heart, a community of people and a world.

Second Reading (Romans 8:18-23): In this passage Paul contrasts a picture of all of Creation giving birth—and so "groaning in labor pains"—to the day when all will be made right and the glory of God will be revealed in those who remain faithful witnesses. Paul is trying to encourage the Christian community at Rome by having them see their difficulties as part of the World's painful (unavoidably so because of Adam's sin) evolution toward the Kingdom—a reality that will be achieved because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Christianity is not about a utopia, but about learning to live fruitfully in a world by sin.

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 8:00 p.m. 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.



Bulletin Picture

Our flag of the United States of America, in front of our school. (Photo by Shelly Sandfoss)

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

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| Actual Collections (07/01/19 thru 06/30/20) | \$1,209,119 |
| Actual Compared to Budgeted | \$49,881 |
| 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



Stewardship continued

returning the pledge card in the envelope provided or you may contribute online at 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. Your gift will help many who have been impacted by the Covid-19 outbreak in our Diocese and is greatly appreciated.

—Father Mark Keene

Saint of the Week

Saint Maria Goretti

Saint Maria Goretti was born on October 16, 1890 in Corinaldo, in central Italy, to a family of farmers. Circumstances caused the family to become increasingly poorer. This caused the family to move to a farm near Rome and then to the area around Nettuno (near the site of the Anzio invasion during World War II). Shortly after the move, when Maria was 9, her father died. Because of the family's poverty the Goretti's had to share a house with a family named Serenelli. Maria took charge of the family chores of cooking, cleaning and watching the younger children in the house, while her mother and the rest of the family worked in the fields. The family was poor, but had a deep faith in God.



Alessandro Serenelli, who was a few years older, had improper designs on Maria. On July 5, 1902, when Maria was 11, Alessandro knew that she would be alone and decided to force his attentions on her. He took a 10-inch knife to force her to comply with his improper desires. She refused saying that what he wanted was a mortal sin. She told him that if he carried out his desires he would go to hell. She told him screaming "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" He tried to force her first by choking her, but she fought him and told him that she would rather die than submit. He stabbed her 11 times and she tried to go to the door, and he stabbed her three more times. Then he ran away. Because of the noise Maria's baby sister, Teresa, began crying. Hearing the crying, Maria's mother and Alessandro's father came to the house and found Maria alive, but bleeding badly.

They took her to the hospital in Nettuno where the doctors operated on her without anesthesia, but the wounds had done too much damage. Halfway through the surgery she woke up. The pharmacist who was

attending asked her to think of him when she was in Heaven. She said she did not know who would be there first and he told her she would be. She said that she would think of him. She also forgave Alessandro and expressed a desire to have him in Heaven with her, and she expressed concern for her mother. She died the next day July 6th.

Alessandro was captured shortly after and was sentenced to 30 years in prison (he avoided life because he was a minor.). He was unrepentant until he was visited by a local bishop, whom Alessandro asked to pray for him. He said that he had a dream of Maria giving him lilies, which burned in his hands. When he was released he went to visit Maria's mother and asked her to forgive him. She said that if Maria could forgive him she could as well. They went to Mass and received Holy Communion together. He lived to be 87 and became a Franciscan lay brother, and worked at a monastery as a receptionist and gardener. He prayed to Maria every day and called her "his little saint."

Maria was beatified in 1947 by Pope Pius XII and canonized by him in 1950. He called her the "Saint Agnes of the 20th century". Her canonization was attended by both her mother and by Alessandro. Her feast day is July 6th and her body is in the Basilica of Nostre Signora delle Grazia e Santa Maria Goretti in Nettuno. She is the patron of rape victims, crime victims, teenage girls, poverty, purity and forgiveness.

Parish News

Parish Summer Office Hours

Beginning Monday, June 29th the Parish Office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Attention Greeters

At this time there will be no Greeter Schedule for the foreseeable future. If you feel comfortable being a greeter, please feel free to gray your badge at the Mass you attend and cover either the front or annex doors. Thank you for your service to this ministry!

Youth Group Update

As we continue with COVID-19 protocols and reaching time when vacations become possible, Youth Group will take a break during July and August. Youth meetings will resume in September...hopefully! Prayers continue for all during this time.

Parish News continued

Conquering Coronavirus

How Faith can Put Your Fears to Rest

Teresa Tomeo wrote this book as she grieved the death of her mother. The book was released 3 weeks ago by Sophia Institute. A wonderful collection of inspirational stories that have been connected to Biblical content. Each chapter gives questions to reflect on our own life during this difficult time. At this time we have 30 copies available for those who would like to connect what you are experiencing to your spiritual relationship to God. The books are located in our Resource Center in the back of the main Church. Donations are welcome, but NOT necessary.

Meet Father Trinity Knight

I was born and raised in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Thibodaux is about 50 miles south of New Orleans, LA. I am the only child for my mom and dad, but I have a sister from Dad's second marriage.

Priesthood was a possibility my family saw for me from an early age and they encouraged it. I seriously considered it for the first time in my freshman year of college in 1998.

For school, I attended Huntingdon College in Montgomery, AL for a year after high school (my major was Political Science) then I transferred to college seminary at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, LA (I was a seminarian for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux). I graduated from there in 2003 with my BA in Philosophy. Then I studied Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans for one year. I took some time away from the seminary and then joined the Diocese of Alexandria, LA and was sent to study at the Pontifical College Josephinum for two years. After some time away again, I then joined the Diocese of Covington and completed my studies at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA. I graduated from St. Vincent in 2014 with my Master of Divinity.

I was ordained a Deacon for our diocese on March 23, 2013, and then a priest on June 21, 2014. My assignments since ordination have been: Parochial Vicar at All Saints, Walton; Chaplain for the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker, Walton; Faculty at St. Henry District High School, Erlanger; Chaplain for St. Henry District High School, Erlanger; Parochial Vicar at St. Barbara, Erlanger; Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph, Cold Spring; Parochial Vicar at St. Paul, Florence.

Now I look forward to serving you all here at St. Agnes.

For hobbies, I enjoy playing golf and cooking. I also have an interest in studying history. And yes, I can and do cook anything and everything you would find in Louisiana (and as any good Cajun would say, I can cook it better than just about anyone else in Louisiana.)

Father Trinity
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Faith Formation

RCIA

HAVE YOU BEEN COMING TO MASS FOR A WHILE, BUT ARE NOT CATHOLIC? ARE YOU A NON-PRACTICING CATHOLIC CONSIDERING RETURNING TO THE CHURCH? In our secular society, we can see how society's way of life has the power to keep the Lord out of our lives. Are you searching for a better way of life? We invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. The truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our Church family will help you find ways to answer some of life's most perplexing and difficult questions. To begin to learn more about the Catholic faith, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com.



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS! How does our parish attract inquirers each year who consider becoming Catholic? The short answer is "you." If you know anyone who is unbaptized, is baptized in another faith, or is baptized Catholic but not fully initiated, please invite them to the RCIA. For more information call the parish at 431-1802 or email Paula at 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 our FORMED, an online free subscription that offers faith based movies, book, audios, documentaries, and children's resources. Go to 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 your are ready to enjoy FORMED.