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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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 12-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 13-St. Henry

6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
11:30 a.m. Richard Maier

Tuesday, July 14-Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. The Robinson & Caruso Families

Wednesday, July 15-St. Bonaventure

6:30 a.m. Jim Brown
11:30 a.m. Mary Coulson

Thursday, July 16-Our Lady of Mount Carmel

6:30 a.m. George Haeberlin
11:30 a.m. Wynne Bittlinger

Friday, July 17

6:30 a.m. Joann Cetrulo Andrews
11:30 a.m. Jeanne Able

Saturday, July 18-St. Camillus de Lellis

8:30 a.m. Joe Melching
4:00 p.m. William Sommerkamp

Sunday, July 19-Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
10:30 a.m. Larry Schrand

Rosary, Sunday, July 19th at 8:00 a.m.: Dan Summe

Staff Article

Flower Child

I was born in 1954, started school in 1960, graduated high school in 1972 and college in 1977. I am a child of the 60's and lived through watching riots on the news, eating dinner to the Vietnam War, as well as many other events that happened in that tumultuous time. I remember my parents and their friends, members of the World War II generation, wringing their hands at the state of society.

Now I find myself doing much of the same. With the riots, the toppling of statues, the attacks on the police, and what is in fact an attack on the heritage that we are all heirs to. I find myself wondering how this nation can continue with all of this division, anger and hate. All of that and the COVID 19 virus as the icing on the cake.

In our history we have faced many trials. Looking at our history we have the Revolutionary War when America was almost defeated several times, but managed to come out by the skin of its teeth, only to win in the end. Then there is our Civil War in which the nation was torn apart in a four-year blood bath that left the country shattered but intact with the bonus of

freeing the slaves so that all men could be, in fact as well as in truth, equal.

During that terrible time Abraham Lincoln told the nation that it had become too self-sufficient and proud to pray, and had ignored all that God had given the nation. The nation, I feel has become the same way. We are looking at a time when church attendance is down across all denominations.

Sunday is a day of sports, shopping, work and all of the other things that are done on every other day of the week.

Alone, each one of us can do very little to change any of this. But as Catholics, together we can make our voice be heard. We can pray, bring those that we know who have stopped coming to Mass back, and we can let people know of our faith by what we say and do. God has blessed this nation throughout its history and will continue to bless it if we turn to him with faith and prayer, and live as Catholic Christian citizens of this nation.



Deacon Gary Scott

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus tells the crowd that is following Him, the parable about the sower and the seed, comparing the seed to the word of God.

Adults: To which category do you think you belong...one who hears the word but doesn't understand...one who hears and doesn't listen...one who hears and is converted? Why?

Teens: Does the lure of riches and worldly treasures keep you from trying to live a true Christian life? Can you think of ways you can improve?

Children: Do you feel that Jesus is still a part of your life when you are on vacation from school? Why or why not?

Next Sunday: July 19, 2020

16th 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

Parish Worship continued

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 13:24-43): In this passage we hear three parables about "what the kingdom of heaven is like": 1) The parable of the weeds and the wheat, 2) The parable of the mustard seed, and 3) The parable of yeast in flour. We also hear Jesus' explanation of the first parable, the parable of the weeds and the wheat. Each parable seems to try to point us toward different attributes of what is—in the end—indescribable: the Kingdom of God. All of these simple images point us toward an understanding of our individual Baptismal vocation and the role of the communal witness of the not-yet-perfect Church that exists in an imperfect world. We are called to "live with the weeds" so to speak and be a redemptive/hope-inspiring presence among them. We are to be like a mustard tree in which all God's creatures find rest and refuge from the woes of the world. We are also to be like leaven, that brings change and lightness to the whole lump of dough (the world).

First Reading (Wisdom 12:13,16-19): The last half of the Book of Wisdom draws upon examples from the Book of Exodus to illustrate the teaching that the wisest policy is to live by God's Word because divine wisdom surpasses anything that passes for "worldly wisdom." This particular reading reflects upon God's use of power. Earthly kings may abuse power, but God exercises power solely for the purpose of bringing people along the path of life. God's way serves as a lesson for humanity, teaching that "those who are just must be kind; and you [God] gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins."

Second Reading (Romans 8:26-27): In this passage Paul speaks of the Spirit who comes to the aid of our weakness and is at the heart of all our prayer. The Spirit praying in us always intercedes for us according to God's will.

Bulletin Cover Picture

Think cool thoughts!

Please Wear a Mask to Mass

Along with many other public officials, health officials, government officials and religious officials, I cannot encourage strongly enough that people wear masks to church (and other times as well when they are in public). There is strong, scientific evidence supporting the claim that wearing masks significantly disrupts the spread of the Corona virus. Also, recently, there has been a large spike in Covid-19 cases in Cincinnati.

It is clear that in some – actually many – cases parishioners in our diocese are not taking seriously the risk of spreading the virus. It is an act of charity to wear a mask in a group situation. If an individual does not care about himself/herself, out of charity they ought to care for others. So please, wear a mask in Church and in other public circumstances. If you need any encouragement/inspiration, envision a loved one or even yourself having to be on a ventilator, unable to get enough breath, never catching their breath. (For a personal experience of breathlessness, exercise mildly and then try catching your breath by breathing through one nostril only.) It is important for all of us to "do our duty." Thank you to everyone who is already wearing masks! – Father Mark Keene

Abraham Lincoln: Words to Ponder

Now as much as ever, our country, our world is in need of our prayers and resolve, at the very least, "to do no ill-will or wrong." Words from President Lincoln's second inaugural address, March 4, 1865, near the end of the Civil War, still give us much to ponder, even if the lines defining "the sides" today are different:

Both [sides] read the same Bible and pray to the same God, and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any man should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces, but let us judge not, that we be judged. The prayers of both could not be answered. That of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has His own purposes. "Woe unto the world because of offenses; for it must needs be that offences come, but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh."

Adoration of Our Lord

The Most Blessed Sacrament is the God Man Jesus Christ in the fullness of His divinity and humanity. Our faith centers on this truth, and is not up for debate. Do you believe or do you need help in your unbelief? Please sign up for an hour with the Living God in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.

Parish Worship continued

Live-Streaming Project: Update

We continue to make progress on our ability to live-stream services at Saint Agnes. Much of the equipment has been installed this past week as well as some updates to our overall internet service. A concern has arisen about the electrical circuit where the equipment will be located. It is old and has been problematic in the past. (Always something!) So we are exploring a way to solve this issue. Thanks again to all who have supported this project!

– Father Mark Keene

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 07/06/20)
\$12,350

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. 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

We Are His Hands

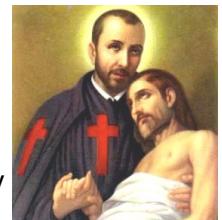
Thanks: ACUE

Thank you so much! This kind gift is deeply appreciated especially at this critical time. God bless you and take care! –Beth Ruehlmann, Director of Development, Department of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Covington. (Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE)

Saint of the Week

Saint Camillus de Lellis

The future Saint Camillus de Lellis was born in Buccianico, which lies near the west coast of Italy, on May 25, 1550 to a military family. His mother was near 50 when he was born and as his father was often away she had trouble controlling the boy who also had a strong temper. His mother died when he was 12 and he went to live with relatives. Not for long though. At the age of 16 he left to join his father in the Venetian army that was at war with the Turks. While in the war Camillus received a leg wound that would plague him for his life.



When the war ended in 1575 he was out of a job. He took work at a Capuchin friary at Manfredonia in southern Italy. He lived a reckless life that included gambling. The guardian of the friary saw something in the young soldier and tried to help him find it.

Camillus resisted until he had a religious conversion also in 1575. With that he entered the novitiate for the Capuchins but when his leg wound was declared incurable he was denied admission to the order.

He moved to Rome and entered the Hospital of St. James, which provided care for incurable cases. After some time he became a caregiver at the hospital, eventually becoming the director. All during this time he lived an ascetic life, wearing a hair shirt (a shirt made of a scratchy material such as wool or animal hair so it would cause the wearer discomfort as a sign of penance). He came under the spiritual direction of the future saint, Phillip Neri.

At the hospital he saw the poor treatment the patients received. He invited several pious men to join him in giving care to the patients at the Hospital of St. James. At this time he also sought permission for and was encouraged to take Holy Orders. A wealthy benefactor assisted him with his education expenses and Camillus was ordained on Pentecost 1584.

He then began to form the Order of Clerks Regular, Ministers of the Infirm (MI) better known as the Camilians. This order was established to assist wounded soldiers on the battlefields and their cassocks were emblazoned with a Red Cross, which has become universally recognized as a symbol of charity and service (this was hundreds of years before the International Red Cross was formed). The Camilians also served victims of the bubonic plague and were credited with saving Rome during a bout with the plague.

Despite his wounded leg and the other ailments that

Saint of the Week continued

plagued him throughout his life Camillus would not allow anyone to wait on him. He died on a tour of the hospitals in Italy on July 14, 1614. His remains are in the Camillians church of Santa Maria Maddalena in Rome.

Pope Benedict XIV canonized him in 1746. He is the patron of the sick, hospitals, nurses and physicians. He is also invoked against gambling. At Santa Maria Maddalena there is a cross that spoke to him "Why are you afraid? Do you not realize this is not your work but mine?" Which became his motto and that of health care workers. His feast day was originally July 18th because the day of his death, July 14th, was taken by St. Bonaventure. But since Bonaventure's feast was moved to July 15th, Camillus' feast day took July 14th, except in the U.S. where it is still on July 18th, because July 14th is taken by St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

Parish News

Parish Summer Office Hours

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.

Congratulation to Jimmy Stratman and Syndi LaFolette

Jimmy Stratman of our parish (son of Joe and Nancy Stratman of our parish) and his fiancé, Syndi LaFolette got married last month (June 27th) in Louisville at Southeastern Christian Church, Chapel in the Woods. Jimmy played guitar in our music group at the 4 PM Mass for many years while in high school. He attended Western Kentucky University where he and Syndi met three years ago. Both work in the news industry. Syndi works as a floor director for the morning news show for Spectrum and Jimmy is the morning reporter for WKYT-TV in Lexington. We wish Jimmy and Syndi all the best!

Parish Pictorial Directories

Our 90th Anniversary, 2020 Parish Pictorial Directories have arrived. If you had your picture taken for the directory, you are entitled to a copy. For now, you can pick it up at the parish office. When the Covid-19 protocols are relaxed, we will have an opportunity for people to pick them up after Mass. They turned out very well. Thank you to Sue Sturgeon who created the layout.

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!

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.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS! Our St. Agnes parish needs your help in welcoming people into our Catholic faith family. 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 pfritz@saintagnes.com.

FORMED

Would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and help your children to know Jesus as well? Our parish has an online subscription to FORMED, which offers multiple Catholic resources for each of us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others. The events of the past several months call us all to evaluate our priorities and our faith. Please register for FORMED by going to www.formed.org, Click the "sign in" button in the middle of the page. 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. Every time you go to www.formed.org you will be sent to the sign in page. No password needed, just click sign in and you are there! Please sign up today! Our Church needs you and your family to know and spread our faith. Please start today!