

**STAFF:**

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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

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, July 19-Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

#### Monday, July 20-St. Apollinarius

6:30 a.m. Ruth Cleves - 13th Anniversary  
11:30 a.m. Richard Rolfsen

#### Tuesday, July 21-St. Lawrence of Brindisi

6:30 a.m. Kevin McKinley  
11:30 a.m. John Dillon

#### Wednesday, July 22-St. Mary Magdalene

6:30 a.m. Joseph Connelly  
11:30 a.m. Jane Menkhaus

#### Thursday, July 23-St. Bridget

6:30 a.m. Henry Harms - 36th Anniversary  
11:30 a.m. Patricia Roth

#### Friday, July 24-St. Sharbel Makhlof

6:30 a.m. Robert & Rosemary Jameson  
11:30 a.m. Funeral for John Gross

#### Saturday, July 25-St. James

8:30 a.m. Rose Marie Beiting  
4:00 p.m. Anne Droege

#### Sunday, July 26-Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
10:30 a.m. Bert Wall

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**Rosary, Sunday, July 26th at 8:00 a.m.:** Theresa Gray

### Staff Article

#### Wheat or Weeds

Jesus taught through parables. Parables are simple, life connected stories to reveal a spiritual lesson or truth. The apostles asked for an explanation about the meaning of the wheat and the weeds. Jesus explained it relates to the end of life. As we read, the weeds are left to grow, but then are cut and bundled to burn; while the wheat is taken to the barn, later used to nourish. What are we — weeds or wheat? Where will we be at our end — in fire or 'God's barn'?

I think the two smaller parables given with this one are lessons to present a path/truth to follow to reach 'God's barn'. The mustard seed and leaven; what is their spiritual lesson/truth? The mustard seed is the smallest of seeds that grows to the largest of trees. Leaven by its second definition is a pervasive influence that modifies something or transforms it for the better.

As we battle the evil of the world, we must plant

those small seeds. We must be the leaven to those we meet. The smallest gestures of kindness blossom into a spread of kindness that then transforms the world for the better. Let us join in prayer for an end to Covid19 and a healing for our world. Reach out with God's love.

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance."*  
Psalm 33:12.

I close with words from Msgr. Don Enzweiler in 2014: "... Life just doesn't happen. It is not a series of accidental relationships or lucky ventures. We contribute to the meaning and fulfillment of life by our choices, our dispositions, and by promoting the health of our body, mind, and spirit. We need God's help."

Let us be the seeds, the leaven, the wheat needed in this world today.  
Spread God's love!!!!

Anita Dunn, DRE



### Parish Worship

#### Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus speaks to His apostles in parables comparing the kingdom of heaven to a man who sowed seed, but it got mixed with the weeds...and next He compared heaven to a mustard seed that grows and becomes the largest of plants and finally He compared heaven to yeast that is mixed with flour and the entire batch became leavened!**

Adults: Do you think the apostles understood what Jesus was trying to tell them? Why do you think Jesus told the apostles that His angels would take all those who had caused others to sin out of heaven and throw them into the fiery furnace? Is there anyone in your life who you cause to sin? Anyone who causes you to sin?

Teens: Do you always understand what you have been told about eternity? Is there anyone you can talk to and discuss what you do not understand?

## Parish Worship continued

Children: Would you have liked to have been there when Jesus was speaking to His apostles? Can you imagine what the huge crowds listening to Him were thinking?

### Next Sunday: July 26, 2020

#### 17th 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 "ordained", 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 13:44-52):** In Matthew's Gospel the description of Jesus' public ministry centers around five "discourses" or "speeches" that Jesus gives. The Sermon on the Mount that begins with the Beatitudes is the first of these discourses. This Sunday's Gospel is from the third of these five discourses. It is called the "Discourse on the Kingdom of Heaven" and is composed essentially of parables about what "the Kingdom of Heaven is like." Like last Sunday, this Sunday's Gospel reading is composed of three of these parables, giving us three additional different perspectives or images of the kingdom: 1) A treasure buried in a field, 2) A merchant's search for fine pearls, and 3) A net thrown into the sea that catches everything. The reading concludes with Jesus saying that a scribe instructed in the kingdom is "like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

**First Reading (I Kings 3:5,7-12):** This passage is something of a classic from the Old Testament. In this reading, Solomon (the third Jewish King and son of King David) is portrayed as humble and "wise" enough to know that he is young,

inexperienced and lacking in the wisdom one needs to be a good king. The Lord visits Solomon and promises to give him whatever he asks for. Solomon asks of God for "an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." The Lord is very much pleased by Solomon's request.

**Second Reading (Romans 8:28-30):** This passage begins with the familiar line "... all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Paul then goes on to describe how those God "foreknew" were predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son. Among those who are predestined, some are called, justified and glorified.

### Please Wear Masks 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 wear masks significantly disrupts the spread of the Corona virus. 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

### Monthly Intention of Pope Francis

**For use with The Morning Offering Prayer**  
JULY 2020: For "Our Families" - We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

### Bulletin Cover Picture

Relief at last. Our temporary air conditioning unit.

## 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 07/14/20)  
\$44,879

### 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.

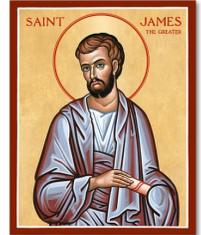
– Father Mark Keene



## Saint of the Week

### Saint James the Greater

Saint James the Greater is perhaps more famously known as James, the Son of Zebedee in the Bible. He is called James the Greater (or the Great) to distinguish him from the other James, James the Lesser or James the Son of Alphaeus (feast day May 3rd). It is believed Saint James the Greater was the elder brother of Saint John, the Beloved Disciple.



James' date of birth is not known but he was born in Bethsaida to a family that fished the Sea of Galilee. This was also the town of Peter, Phillip, and Andrew and of course, John along with James. Christ called James and John from their father's fishing boat and little more is heard of James' and John's father. It is believed that James had an ordinary Jewish education, but not a religious education. James' and John's mother is better known than their father. She was Salome who went with, and ministered to, Jesus and the disciples. She is also reported to have asked Jesus to have James and John sit on His right and left in Heaven. James was obviously close to Jesus as he and his brother along with Peter were the three apostles that were allowed to witness the Transfiguration and were brought with Jesus to be closest to Him at Christ's Agony in the Garden, where they fell asleep.

James is considered to be the first apostle to be martyred. According to legend he went to Iberia (Spain and Portugal) to preach the Gospel and then went back to Jerusalem where he was martyred in 44 AD. His body, it is said, was taken back to Spain and buried. His relics were reportedly found by King Alfonso of Asturias (now a province in northern Spain). The relics were found in Compostela, which became the famous pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela. Regardless of how he became connected with Spain he is perhaps best known for being the Patron of Spain.

The relic site of Saint James is the terminus of the medieval pilgrimage route known as the Way of Saint James, which brought pilgrims from all

## Saint of the Week continued

over Europe. The Way of Saint James, or the Camino de Santiago, is regaining popularity as a spiritual trek. Saint James is also known as Santiago Matamoros (Saint James the Moor Slayer) because he was reported to have helped the Spanish defeat the Moors at the mythical battle of Clavijo during the reconquest of Spain from the Islamic Moors who had captured Spain in the 700s

Saint James is the patron of Spain, parts of the Old Spanish Empire such as Guatemala, Nicaragua and parts of the Philippines, as well as horsemen, veterinarians and pharmacists. His feast day is July 25th. You are encouraged to read up on this Saint. There is much more to know about Saint James.

## 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.

### 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.

### Big Blue Bash—Thank You!

This year we celebrated the 20th Annual Big Blue Bash. We had to take a different approach to the Big Blue Bash event, so we hosted a “virtual” event. The online raffles, auctions, and purchases made a real world impact for our church/school community. With your help we made \$59,000 to support our church/school community even when it was not possible to stand together in the same room. A humble thank you to all the volunteers, donors, staff, and parishioners who made this event possible. We are hopeful we will see everyone next year!  
— The Big Blue Bash Committee

## 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. 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).  
**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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!

