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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

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

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

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

**Monday, July 27**

6:30 a.m. George Haeberlin  
11:30 a.m. Paul Donald Rosing

**Tuesday, July 28**

6:30 a.m. Patti Quiroa  
11:30 a.m. Patricia Roth

**Wednesday, July 29**-St. Martha

6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
11:30 a.m. Joe Melching

**Thursday, July 30**-St. Peter Chrysologus

6:30 a.m. Margaret Mashmeyer  
11:30 a.m. Carl & Emma Kuchle Family

**Friday, July 31**-St. Ignatius of Loyola

6:30 a.m. Rose Thiel Poage  
11:30 a.m. Special Intention

**Saturday, August 1**-St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30 a.m. All Members of Clay Ministries  
4:00 p.m. Ron Coldiron

**Sunday, August 2**-Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Sophie Hegedus  
10:30 a.m. Martin Crowe

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Rosary, Sunday, Aug. 2nd at 8:00 a.m.: Jesse Boone

### Staff Article

#### Dear Friends

What are you looking for in life? Everybody is searching for something. Children long for a special toy or game. Teenagers look for a boyfriend or girlfriend or success at school. Working people might be seeking out the next big career opportunity. People of any age could be wanting financial security or peace of mind.

Today's Gospel introduces us to someone who is also a seeker; a merchant on a quest for fine pearls. Like many of us, this merchant is searching for something specific. And in the midst of his search, he finds something far more wonderful than what he expected: one single pearl of surprising value... "a pearl of great price." Seeing it he gives up the search for those fine pearls. He commits himself fully to obtaining that one beautiful pearl—so much so that he sells everything else so that he can buy it.

Surely the merchant wasn't able to sell everything

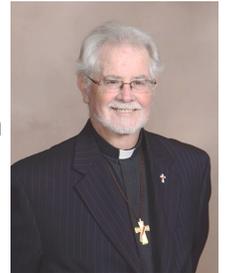
at once. There were probably times when he doubted himself. But he kept at it, day after day, item after item, until he finally had it—the pearl of his dreams. At last he was content.

Jesus says this merchant shows us what the kingdom of heaven is like. It is made up of people like us, searching for happiness. In some ways, the things we seek can make us happy. But finding Jesus and being a part of His kingdom far surpasses the happiness that everything else can give us. In Him we find the answer to our deepest longings for love and reconciliation. For security and fulfillment. For purpose and meaning.

Make no mistake, things we long for can often be good things, but remember the merchant. There was nothing wrong with the pearls he was trading in. Yet he sold all of them for that one pearl of great price.

"Lord, help me to see You as a priceless pearl worth everything in my life."

God Bless  
Deacon Bob



### Parish Worship

#### Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Once again Jesus speaks to His disciples in parables comparing heaven to buried treasure, fine pearls and good fish. How confusing do you think that was for them?**

Adults: Do you feel that your lifestyle assures you that you will enter the kingdom of heaven or are there changes you need to make? If you had to identify one stumbling block in your life that could keep you from entering heaven, what would that be?

Teens: Do you ever think of what the end of the world will be like? Ask your friends what they think.

Children: If you could see Jesus in person today, what would you say to Him? What do you think He would say to you?

## Parish Worship continued

### Next Sunday: August 2, 2020

#### 18th 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 14:13-21):** In this Gospel passage, Jesus, saddened by news of the death of John the Baptist withdraws to seek solitude. However, the crowds follow Him anyway and moved with pity Jesus cures their sick. He himself wounded with grief, He cannot help but be moved by the needs of the crowd. In fact, His compassion for the crowd extends to caring for their needs for food. So with five loaves and two fish Jesus feeds the multitude. There are six different "loaves and fish" stories contained in the four Gospels. There are other, similar stories in the Bible: the story of the manna in Exodus, the story of Elijah feeding many men with few provisions, and the story of Elijah feeding a widow and her son for many days with their "one day's supply" of oil and flour. The lesson seems to be that God will not be out-done in generosity.

**First Reading (Isaiah 55:1-3):** This passage from Isaiah metaphorically summarizes the whole book of Isaiah. In the Book of Isaiah, Isaiah the prophet is always insisting that the people of Israel are looking in the wrong place for life and security. They seek life and security through "earthly" means, rather than trusting in God. Today's reading, with the end in sight of their exile in Babylonian, Isaiah invites the people of Israel to come to the One who can give and who does give without cost, those things that will truly satisfy.

**Second Reading:** (Romans 8:35, 37-39) In this reading, Paul asks, "What will separate us from the love of Christ?" After citing many possibilities, Paul concludes that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. This realization provides the basis for Paul's belief that we are justified (put in right relationship) with God by faith, not by works. However, it is the faith through which great charity is possible.

### Please Wear Masks to Mass

Thank you to everyone who is wearing a mask to Mass. At 8:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday, everyone wore a mask. It is something we can all do to support an environment that expresses our care for one another, particularly for people who may have underlying conditions that could have dire consequences if they caught the virus.

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 important for all of us to "do our duty." Thank you again to everyone who is already wearing masks! – Father Mark Keene

### Bulletin Cover Picture

One of the sets of our refurbished front doors to our church. Two sets have been completed and look great. The third and final set is at the refinishing shop now. Many thanks to an anonymous donor whose donation essentially paid for this project.

### Live-Streaming Project: Update

We are getting there! We had our first live-stream test on our Facebook account this past Sunday at 10:30 Mass. There were a few hiccups with the up-feed and as of today (Tuesday) we are working on those. Perhaps by Sunday (July 26th) we will be up and running in the manner we want. Many thanks to Ron and Jeanne Lawson for their work on this project to make it happen. Also thanks to our parish maintenance personnel, Rick Wolking and Dan Lee. –Father Mark Keene

Parish Worship continued

## 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.

AUGUST 2020: For "The Maritime World" - We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Stewardship

## Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 07/20/20)  
\$52,013

## 2020 DPAA

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

Our 2020 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal (DPAA) has been conducted largely through the mail this year because of the pandemic. Today, our parishioners have pledged \$91,404, and have paid \$70,131. Our goal as a parish is \$158,700. So at present, our parish is \$67,296 under our goal. There will be follow-up mailing from our Diocese this week to those who have not yet responded to this year's DPAA.

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



We Are His Hands

## Parish Kitchen Relocated

Parish Kitchen is operated by our Diocese through Catholic Charities. They recently opened at their new location/facility at 16th and Madison Avenue in Covington. Through our tithing fund, our parish

made a donation to help with the renovation of the facilities at the new location. We recently received a report from Catholic Charities which described how Parish Kitchen served 58,000 meals in 2019. They have remained open serving a lunch meal in take-out containers every day during the pandemic, accommodating an additional 1,000 meals a month.

Saint of the Week

## Saint Peter Chrysologus

Peter was born in north central Italy in the town of Imola, near Bologna, Italy around the year 380. Very little is known of his early life, but it is known that he was educated by the Bishop of Imola and was eventually ordained deacon. Emperor Valentinian III had him made archdeacon, and in 433 Pope Sixtus III appointed him the Bishop of Ravenna, Italy, despite the fact that the people had wanted another candidate (at that time Ravenna was the capital of the western Roman Empire and thus the position of bishop there had important political, as well as ecclesiastical roles). The tradition states that Pope Sixtus had a dream in which Saint Peter and Saint Apollonaris (the first bishop of Ravenna) showed the Pope a young man, who was to be bishop and when Sixtus arrived at Ravenna he saw that it was Peter Chrysologus.

Peter's real last name was not Chrysologus; in fact it is not recorded what his last name was. He was known as an excellent homilist and after hearing one of Peter's homilies the Roman Empress gave him the name of Chrysologus, which means "golden tongued." His homilies were short because he feared boring his listeners, but they were effective in explaining and espousing the Gospel.

Although made a saint very shortly after his death, Peter Chrysologus' feast day was not in the General Roman Calendar until he was made a Doctor of the Church (he is known as the Doctor of Homilies) in 1729. His feast day became the supposed day of his death, December 4th. By 1969 when the Roman Calendar was revamped, the error in his date of death was known, but since that day, July 31st, was already taken by Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Saint Peter Chrysologus' feast day was placed on July 30th.

## Parish News

### Parish Office Summer 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.

### Wedding Banns

I-Liz Williams, Saint Agnes & Nick Brohas

### 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.

### Hoxworth Blood Drive

Saint Agnes will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 18th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Blood Donor Bus will be parked in the parking lot. To schedule an appointment, please visit [www.hoxworth.org/groups/stagnes](http://www.hoxworth.org/groups/stagnes) or call Hoxworth at 513-451-0910. Appointments are encouraged.

## School News

### Cafeteria Help Wanted

The school cafeteria is hiring for 2 positions:  
Dishwasher/server:  
Monday thru Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Cold cook/server:  
Monday thru Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Interested individuals may contact Jackie Kaiser by email at [jkaiser@covdio.org](mailto:jkaiser@covdio.org) or call 391-1500.

## 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.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



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](mailto: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 [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. 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!

### Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation...we prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions". Read more at [www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations).