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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.

**PARISH FACILITIES MAY NOT BE USED
FOR GATHERINGS UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE.**

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 2-Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, August 3

6:30 a.m. Vince Melching
11:30 a.m. Paul Donald Rosing

Tuesday, August 4-St. John Vianney

6:30 a.m. Bernie Cummings
11:30 a.m. Myrna Frischholz

Wednesday, August 5-The dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

6:30 a.m. George Haeberlin
11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, August 6-The Transfiguration of the Lord

6:30 a.m. Roger Katt
11:30 a.m. Richard Maier

Friday, August 7-St. Sixtus II & St. Cajetan

6:30 a.m. Intention of Robert B. Cetrulo
11:30 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon

Saturday, August 8-St. Dominic

8:30 a.m. Tony Brandner
4:00 p.m. Loraine Bogenschutz

Sunday, August 9-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Carroll "Mac" Heidrich
10:30 a.m. Evelyn Hebbeler

Rosary, Sunday, Aug. 9th at 8:00 a.m.:

Staff Article

Approaching Holy Ground

Our first task in approaching

Another people

Another culture

Another religion

Is to take off our shoes

For the place we are approaching is holy.

Else we may find ourselves

Treading on another's dream.

More serious still, we may forget...

That God was there before our arrival

-unknown

Sr. Mary Joell Overman, SND, of the Sisters of Notre Dame-Saint Joseph Heights (then the General Superior of the Sisters of Notre Dame world-wide) began a letter, dated October 1, 1993, to fellow sisters of her congregation with the above quotation. At that time, the Sisters of Notre Dame, world-wide were considering a request by bishops of dioceses in Central Africa to begin an educational mission there. This discernment process had begun in 1989 and culminated in the Sisters starting a mission in Buseesa, Uganda in 1995.

Sister Mary Margaret Droege, SND has wonderfully chronicled the first twenty years of this "Uganda Mission" in a book recently published: *Approaching Holy Ground-The First Twenty Years of the Sisters of Notre Dame Uganda Mission*. The book is very well written, very well organized, punctuated with wonderful photographs and illustrations.

The story of the decision to establish this mission, the planning of it, the executing of the plan, and perhaps most importantly the enduring "follow through" and all that it is leading to is a most beautiful and inspiring story. However, it is a story that defies an easy summation. Around every turn there are stories of challenges that sometime seem impossible, but the resolve and the patience of the sisters, the people of Buseesa, and other supporters of the mission always seems to prevail. There are many beautiful passages, including excerpts from letters written by the sisters at the mission. It is truly an inspiring book to read and I encourage everyone to read it. Copies can be obtained through the development office at Saint Joseph Heights through Jodee McElfresh (859-392-8109) Copies may also be obtained through the website: www.sndky.org, and then click on the "Uganda Mission" button and you will be taken to a screen where you can order a copy.

Recalling that there was literally nothing there when the sisters arrived in 1995, the following were the statistics of what eventually became two missions (Buseesa and Mpala) as of 2015:

In Buseesa, there were eight sisters: four senior professed sisters and four temporary professed sisters. There were forty-one laymen and women on staff at St. Julie Mission. There were on hundred children attending St. Julie Nursery, two hundred forty-eight students at Sr. Julie Primary, and one hundred eighty-three students at Notre Dame Academy Secondary. (Keep in mind, nearly all of these students are boarders, a tribute to the desire of both the students and their parents for their education.)

In Mpala, there were eight sisters: two senior professed sisters and six temporary professed sisters. There were thirty laymen and women on staff at Notre Dame Education Center. There were one hundred eighty-four children enrolled in Notre Dame Nursery School.

I conclude with a passage from a letter our own Sister Janet Stamm, SND (one of the founding sisters of the mission and who was missioned there until 2013) wrote to the sisters at the mission:

Dear Sisters, Happy 20th Anniversary! What many blessings we have received during the past twenty years! I am so grateful to God for calling our Ugandan Mission to birth and for all His many gifts and blessings these years... From the very

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first day we were at the Mission in Buseesa we had Holy Mass and then Jesus took up His residence with us in a poor, wooden tabernacle in our storeroom chapel. He moved quite often as the construction progressed but He has always been with us and is to this very day...

Father Mark Keene



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus feeds five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish...after He heard that John the Baptist had died.

Adults: Have you ever found it hard to "keep on going" after you suffered a huge loss? Do you think this week's Gospel shows us how truly "human" and truly "divine" Jesus really was?

Teens: Jesus taught the crowd a great lesson on trusting and being willing to share whatever you have. What in your life could you share with your friends? Maybe even your enemies? What would be the hardest thing for you to share?

Children: If you had been there when Jesus fed all those people with five loaves and two fish, what would you have been thinking? Would you think it was some kind of scam or maybe a trick? Can Jesus still work miracles today? What miracle would you like to happen?

Next Sunday: August 19, 2020

19th 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 14:22-33): In this passage Jesus has His disciples leave ahead of Him in a boat while He dismisses the crowd that He has just fed with the five loaves and two fish. Jesus then goes to pray alone. Meanwhile, the disciples in the boat encounter a storm. The calm of Jesus in prayer stands in contrast to the terror of the disciples in the storm. This calm accompanies Jesus as He walks across the waves to be with the disciples in the boat. The disciples are so distressed that they do not even recognize Jesus. Peter demands a sign that will prove that it is really Jesus. Jesus invites Peter to leave the boat and walk toward Him, walking on the water. Peter tries and initially succeeds, but then becomes distracted by the strength of the wind and he begins to sink. Peter cries out in words of deep distress, "Lord, save me!" Jesus saves Peter and calms the storm. For the early church—enduring hardships and trials in the years after Jesus' death and resurrection—stories such as this one must have brought a sense of calm, comfort and reassurance... and a reminder to keep their eyes on Jesus through it all. It is the same for us today.

First Reading (1 Kings 19:9,11-13): This reading is from 1 Kings, which is one of the "historical books" of the Old Testament. The book of 1 Kings is mostly biographical sketches (obituaries) of the kings of Israel, with stories about the prophets Elisha and Elijah mixed in. The setting for this reading is Elijah's desperation after learning that Queen Jezebel has vowed to end his life. Elijah would like to die, feeling that he is the last faithful Israelite. Elijah comes to the mountain, and experiences three dramatic events involving a strong wind, fire and an earthquake. God is not to be found in these dramatic events, but only in a fourth event, a "tiny whispering sound," similar to the calm Jesus brings to the disciples in the boat in this Sunday's Gospel reading.

Second Reading (Romans 9:1-5): A major theme in the letter to the Romans is Paul's thoughts and feelings regarding the relationship of Christianity to Judaism, Paul's "kindred according to the flesh." Paul was a deeply devout Jew before his conversion to Christianity and obviously and understandably still has strong attachments to his fellow Jews: "They are the Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen."

Bulletin Cover Picture

The cover of *Approaching Holy Ground—The First Twenty Years of the Sisters of Notre Dame Uganda Mission*, by Sister Mary Margaret Droege, SND, of Saint Joseph Heights (See Father Keene's Staff article).

Parish Worship continued

Thank You for Wearing a Mask to Mass!

Thank you to everyone who is wearing a mask to Mass. From what I could see last Sunday, it was essentially 100%. Likewise, at our weekday Masses it is essentially 100%. Wearing a face mask 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. As we are now experiencing a resurgence of the virus, it is all the more important for all of us to "do our duty." Thank you again to everyone who is already wearing masks!

– Father Mark Keene

Live-Streaming Project: Begins Today!

We plan to begin live-streaming of our Sunday, 10:30 Mass today, August 2nd. The live-stream can be accessed from both our Facebook page AND our Parish Website (www.saintagnes.com). Again, 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



Live-Streaming Benefactors: Thanks!

Beginning in April when we began planning for live-streaming, a number of parishioners made substantial donations to help us purchase the needed equipment. These donations covered a majority of the cost. We wanted to do this in such a way that the audio and video were of high quality and in a manner that would allow us the versatility and creativity to make our live-streaming interesting and attractive. This has taken longer than we imagined, but I think it will prove worth the wait. A special thank you to all who made a financial contribution to make this a reality. Even after the Covid-protocols are lifted, this will provide a way for homebound parishioners and others to remain connected to their parish.

Gratefully, Father Mark Keene

Next Sunday: Saint Agnes Parish Anniversary

Saint Agnes was established as a parish in its own right on August 9, 1954. What was to become our parish began as a mission chapel, attached to Saint Mary Parish (the Cathedral), in late summer, 1930, which is the year we usually count as the beginning of Saint Agnes Parish. The first Mass in what would become our parish was celebrated on October 5, 1930. Interestingly enough, we still get mail occasionally addressed to "Saint Agnes Chapel."

Monthly Intention of Pope Francis

For use with The Morning Offering Prayer

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 07/27/20)

\$79,195

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. As of two weeks ago, our parishioners had 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. Parishioners who have not yet made a commitment to our 2020 DPAA should have received a follow-up mailing from our Diocese this past week.

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: NDUEC

This week we received two very nice "thank you" letters for Sr. Maria Therese, SND, the Executive Director of the Notre Dame Urban Education Center

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(NDUEC). NDUEC is always very grateful for the commitment of support that our parish gives them. As you may know, our parish sets aside 10% of our Sunday offerings and 10% of some of our other fundraisers for outreach. Of that 10%, 6.3% goes to NDUEC. This amounts to over \$8,000/year.

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

Il-Liz Williams, Saint Agnes & Nick Brohas

Confirmation

Bishop Foys is scheduled to administer Confirmation at Saint Agnes on November 10th. If you have an 8th grade age student not enrolled at Saint Agnes or in the Evening Religion Program please contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com. Parent meeting on Confirmation is scheduled for September 17th at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Enrollment/Sponsor Sunday is scheduled for October 4th beginning at the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by Sponsor/Candidate time until 1:00 p.m.. Donuts will be provided.

Pre-School Religion and Liturgy of the Word

At this time St. Agnes will NOT be having these programs due to COVID-19. The current structure of classes does not allow the social distancing required by the State and the CDC. We hope that we are able to reopen these two programs later but that will also require volunteers to assist. At present Maureen Osterhaus has been coordinating Pre-School. We had no one volunteer for Liturgy of the Word last year.

First Thursday Rosary Returns!

Rosary Night will be **August 6th at 7:00 p.m.** Please join us for 30 minutes of prayer and meditation. Pray to Mary, Our Mother to guide and protect our country. Pray especially for those affected by the coronavirus. Pray for an end to this and other problems in our world. Spend time in the devotion Our Mother asked us to pray to achieve peace in the world. **Enter by way of annex door by Sleepy Hollow Road.**

Evening Religion Classes

Classes for those students attending public school in grades 1 – 8 are scheduled to begin on August 24th. Parents and children will meet for Prayer and Orientation at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Regular classes begin on August 31st.. Classes are held in the school. Drop off is at the cafeteria using the back drive. Classes run 7:00 p.m. until 8:10 p.m. Registration forms and calendar are available on the bulletin boards in Church and the Saint Agnes web site. Contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com. **Volunteers** are needed, esp. for teaching 1st and 3rd grade. Contact adunn@saintagnes.com. Adult volunteers must be VIRTUS trained. Teens can also help or lead a class. Great opportunity for service hours!

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.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



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 Fritz at: pfritz@saintagnes.com.

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in His love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life." Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.