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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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 9-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, August 10-St. Lawrence

6:30 a.m. Mary Bayless
11:30 a.m. Gregory Cleves

Tuesday, August 11-St. Clare

6:30 a.m. George Haeberlin
11:30 a.m. Tina Albonetti

Wednesday, August 12-St. Jane Frances de Chantal

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Jan Flood

Thursday, August 13-Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

6:30 a.m. Roger Katt
11:30 a.m. Robert & Rosemary Jameson

Friday, August 14-St. Maximilian Kolbe

6:30 a.m. The Ruberg Family
11:30 a.m. The Suetholz Family

Saturday, August 15-The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m. Ruth Sorrell

Sunday, August 16-Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Special Intention
10:30 a.m. Larry Schrand

Rosary, Sunday, Aug. 16th at 8:00 a.m.: Carl Stamm

Staff Article

Thoughts on the Solemnity of the Assumption

On Saturday, August 15th we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For this week's article I thought I'd share some thoughts as we prepare to celebrate this great feast of the Church.

While the dogma of Assumption is relatively recent, being proclaimed in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the celebration of this feast is ancient. Historical evidence shows this celebration dating back at least to the third century and continuing throughout the history of the church. In this solemn feast we celebrate and honor the "dormition" of the Blessed Mother when her earthly life came to an end and her body and soul were assumed into heaven.

While the details of this moment in Mary's life aren't completely known or understood, it is generally not described as the time of her death. Scripture tells us that death is experienced by humans as a result of sin. With Mary being immaculately conceived without the

stain of Original Sin, it logically follows that she would not experience death. Thus her experience is described as a "falling asleep" or "a dormition." The assumption of her body and soul are the reward granted her for living a life fully dedicated and united to the Lord.

This great feast, along with the entire life of the Blessed Mother, serves us as a reminder of the intent and purpose designed for humanity. We are all called and invited to live in union with God and one another. Remember that this is how our Lord described the greatest commandment. If we truly dedicate and live our lives in pursuit of fulfilling this commandment, then our reward will be to join our Blessed Mother in God's heavenly kingdom.

We all face an untold number of obstacles in our pursuit of this goal, and each day as these obstacles seem to multiply our goal can appear to be just a bit more unattainable. In the face of this uncertain and evil temptation, the Solemnity of the Assumption stands as a beacon of hope for us who believe. As we honor our Blessed Mother, let us again seek her intercession that we might boldly believe and courageously celebrate our faith in her son and our Lord, Jesus Christ, so that we may ultimately receive our reward of eternal salvation.



Fr. Trinity Knight

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus walks on the sea during a storm. Peter and the other disciples were terrified and doubted it was Jesus...they thought He was a ghost!

Adults: Is any part of your faith difficult for you to believe? What can you do to resolve your doubts?

Teens: If you could witness one of the many miracles that Jesus performed while on earth, which would you choose? Why?

Children: If Jesus told you that you could walk on the ocean, would you believe Him?

Next Sunday: August 16, 2020

20th 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.

Parish Worship continued

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 15:21-28): In this Gospel passage Jesus is traveling in “non-Jewish” territory and encounters a Canaanite woman who wants Jesus to heal her daughter. Jesus is portrayed as being indifferent to her at first, and then as comparing her to a dog. Through it all the woman is an example of patient faith and her faith eventually wins the day. She is an example of a Gentile (i.e. non-Jewish person) demonstrating great faith. After Jesus’ death and resurrection, the community of believers that formed around Matthew apparently began as a community composed mostly of Jewish believers. With time, more Gentiles became a part of the Christian community as Christianity itself enlarged its self-understanding from seeing itself a sect of Judaism to becoming a truly universal (i.e. “catholic”) religion. This passage reflects the growing pains of Matthew’s community. It is symbolic of their own struggles with welcoming Gentiles. In the end, it is the faith demonstrated by Gentiles, such as this Canaanite woman, that leads the church to conclude that the same Spirit of God is at work in them as in the Jewish converts to faith.

First Reading (Isaiah 56:1,6-7): This reading is from a portion of the Book of Isaiah that dates to the fourth century B.C. The reading seems to presuppose the rebuilding of the Temple that had taken place after the Israelites returned from exile in Babylon. Themes of universal salvation for all people characterize the Book of Isaiah and are expressed well in this passage. For Isaiah, Israel has the privilege of being the Lord’s instrument for the salvation of all people (“The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to Him, loving the name of the Lord, and becoming His servants, all who keep the Sabbath free from profanations and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”)

Second Reading (Romans 11:13-15,29-32): In this reading from The Letter to the Romans, Paul continues to wrestle (at times movingly) with the question of Judaism (his former religion) and its relationship to Christianity. (“For if their [the Jewish people’s] rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?”)

Bulletin Cover Picture

This week the cover photo is of the statue of Saint Agnes recently installed in the facade of our Cathedral. The statue is located in the portal, to the far left (the north), as you face the front of our Cathedral. The statue includes symbols usually associated with Saint Agnes, similar to the statue of Saint Agnes in our Church. The “Palm of Victory” represents Saint Agnes’ victory over suffering and death. Saint Agnes is a martyr. Palms are signs of victory in iconography. Saint Agnes is often depicted with a lamb, as in this statue and the statue in our church. There is a similarity between the Latin word for lamb (*Angus*) and the name *Agnes*. The lamb is also a fitting symbol for Saint Agnes as a lamb represents youth, innocence and purity—all attributes of Saint Agnes. This statue was provided to the Cathedral by a parishioner/benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous. There were several other parishioners who contributed to the overall project to complete the Cathedral Facade. Their gifts totaled an additional \$15,000.

Today: 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 address to “Saint Agnes Chapel.”

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%. – Father Mark Keene

Live-Streaming

Last Sunday we began live-streaming our 10:30 Mass. There were a few minor hiccups, but overall it went very well. We’ve been working to iron out any problems and hopefully it will be even better this Sunday. – Father Mark Keene

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 08/03/20)
\$91,588

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 June 30, 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.

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 Lawrence of Rome



Lawrence was from an area of Spain that is just south of the Pyrenees. He was born in 225 AD. He met the future pope, Sixtus, who was teaching in Zaragoza, Spain. When Sixtus was made pope in 257 and went to Rome, he took Lawrence with him.

Lawrence, then 32, was ordained a deacon by Sixtus and was made the first of the seven deacons of Rome. For this he was called the “Archdeacon of Rome” and was responsible for the treasury of the Church, and for distributing alms to the poor.

Pope Sixtus and 6 of his deacons were arrested during the persecution under the Emperor Valerian. Following the death of Sixtus and the deacons, Lawrence was ordered to gather all of the riches of the Church and present it to the Prefect, or administrator, of Rome. Lawrence is reported to have sent the chalice used by Christ in the Last Supper to his hometown in Spain,

and then took the rest of the riches and distributed them to the poor. When ordered to appear before the Prefect, who demanded the riches, Lawrence showed him the poor and said that these were the riches of the Church. He is reported to have said, “The Church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor.” He was condemned to death.

The remark that he made so infuriated the Prefect, that he had a fire prepared and had a gridiron placed over it, and began to roast Lawrence. After he was on the gridiron for a while it is said that he told his executioner, “Turn me over, I’m done on this side.” He was martyred on August 10, 258 making August 10th his feast day.

Saint Lawrence is one of the most famous saints in the calendar. He has several churches in Rome named for him and he is a patron of Rome. He is the patron of cooks and chefs, for obvious reasons, and for comedians. He is also the patron of librarians, students, miners, tanners and the poor. He is the patron of the country of Sri Lanka, of many cities and the largest estuary in the world, the Saint Lawrence River (as well as the adjacent Laurentian Mountains).

Parish News

Wedding Banns

III-Liz Williams, Saint Agnes & Nick Brohas

Family of God

We welcome into the Family of God the following infants who were baptized recently at St. Agnes:

Emma Mattie Garnick

Child of Michael & Karen Garnick

Duke Clement Willig

Child of Christopher & Melissa Willig

Saint Agnes Parish Grounds: Something to be Proud Of

When I drive past our parish church, school and grounds, I am always proud of the appearance, particularly given there is so much that is required. Janis Vogelpohl and her crew do A LOT to help keep up with all of the planting, weeding, trimming... you name it. They save us a lot of money by their work sessions each week. So a big THANK YOU to the following:

- Jo Murphy, her husband and son Ryan bought and spread the mulch at the annex entrance
- Pam Overmann bought the mulch that we spread in front of school, the convent and down below the deck. (Pam also keeps our potted flowers hydrated/watered during the summer.)

Parish News continued

- Laurie Arnold contributed the tomato plants in Fr. Quill's vegetable garden
- Sandy Flanagan contributed towards the plants in the two round planters in front of church as well as the two baskets of pansies on the church porch
- Chris Ruschman added flowers in the grotto.
- Bob and Chris Ruschman, Pam Overmann, Sandy Flanagan, Char Zembrodt, Debbie Abeln, Ron Muck, Dave Mai and Janis Vogelpohl come up on Wednesday mornings and usually work at least a half a day working on the parish grounds.

– Father Mark Keene

Homecoming 2020: Cancelled

Because of concerns about the Coronavirus and because of the protocols in place regarding public gatherings, we have decided that we have to cancel Homecoming this year. Normally held on the fourth Friday of August since 1971, this year would have been our 50th Homecoming. This is very disappointing of course. Please God, when we are through this pandemic we will be able to have some sort of parish gathering. –Father Mark Keene

Acknowledgment For Help With Pictorial Directory

I want to thank the following people who helped with the 90th Anniversary Photo Directory sign-ups after all Masses! Lori Clements, Taffy Hebbeler, Bev Henn, Riley Hurst, Jeanne & Ron Lawson, Rosie Miller, John & Mary Beth Peavler, Paul & Mary Lee Scheper, Debbie & Greg Small, Lynn Vieth, Janis Vogelpohl and David Witt all committed time for at least one Mass, several did multiple Masses. Thank you also to Beth Nagle in the parish office. Her help was much appreciated. It was nine weeks of coverage and you all helped to make this endeavor a success. You were a great help to parishioners! Thanks again for your teamwork!
–Colleen Read, Sign-up Coordinator

Thank You



And we thank Colleen for her willingness to volunteer to coordinate the sign-up volunteers and orchestrate the whole process, which as Colleen describes above, covered all Sunday Masses for nine weeks. I also thank her volunteers! We also thank all of those who volunteered to serve as receptionists for when people arrived for their photo-sessions.

– Father Mark Keene

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 Saint 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

DO YOU KNOW WHAT FORMED IS? HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET? 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. FORMED includes faith based movies, documentaries, books, audios, children's resources, all beautifully presented to help you and your children grow in your love, understanding, and zeal for our faith. By virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation we commit our lives to Jesus and to sharing His Good News with the world. In order to effectively teach our children the faith and spread the Good News in our community, we need to continue our study of the faith throughout our whole lives. 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!