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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](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

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, August 23-Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Victor Egoľ  
10:30 a.m. Tepe Family

#### Monday, August 24-St. Bartholomew

6:30 a.m. Vince Melching  
11:30 a.m. Jan Flood

#### Tuesday, August 25-St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
11:30 a.m. Frederick Ritz

#### Wednesday, August 26

6:30 a.m. Joe Melching  
9:30 a.m. Special Intention  
11:30 a.m. Char Keltz

#### Thursday, August 27-St. Monica

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:30 a.m. Vincent Behan

#### Friday, August 28-St. Augustine

6:30 a.m. Suetholz Family  
9:20 a.m. Special Intention  
11:30 a.m. Robert & Rosemary Jameson

#### Saturday, August 29-The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
4:00 p.m. Ruth Sorrell  
6:00 p.m. Wedding: Snyder/Schwaber Families

#### Sunday, August 30-Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
10:30 a.m. Rob Shelton

the rain come down as it has for millennia. I particularly enjoy thunder and lightning, especially at night. All of these things give me comfort and peace. All of these things are the work of God. As today's second reading says "For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things." All of these things are nature and all of these things are not affected by the hate and discord that is the work of the devil, the father of hate. These things remind me that we are loved by God.

We are surrounded by hate in this world today. Hate cannot be opposed with hate, all you get is more hate, just as you cannot change the dark with dark, all you get is more darkness. The dark can only be defeated with light and hate can only be defeated with love. Being in the midst of God's gifts to us each day reminds me that I am called to bring His love into the midst of the hate of this world. We are all called to do this and spending time with God comforted by the gifts He gives us will give us the strength to do so. Spend time with God each day looking at what He has given us.



God bless you,  
Deacon Gary Scott

### Parish Worship

#### Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus gives Peter the "key" to the Kingdom of Heaven and tells him he has the power to forgive sin...and then He instructs His disciples not to tell anyone that He is the Christ!**

Adults: Why do you think Jesus didn't want people to know that He was the Christ? How do you think Peter came to realize that Jesus was the "Son of God?"

Teens: If someone asked you who you think Jesus is, how would you answer? Is there anyone you know who reminds you of Jesus? Why?

Children: If Jesus was here on earth today and you met Him in person, what would you say to Him? What do you think He would say to you?

#### **Next Sunday: August 30, 2020**

#### **22nd 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.

Rosary, Sunday, Aug. 30th at 8:00 a.m.: Tony Summe

### Staff Article

#### **To Him Be Glory Forever**

I used to watch the news a lot. Perhaps too much. I never realized that until recently. With all of the news about the Corona Virus, the riots and unrest that seem to go on and on in our cities and the unending division and bickering among our political leaders, I found it was affecting my mood. I was getting depressed and disgusted.

I have found an alternative to this. In the morning I go out on my patio. I take a cup of coffee and my iPad and sit there and pray. As I pray, I notice the things that are around me. We have bird feeders and the birds are flying back and forth, eating and often bickering with each other as they have been since time immemorial.

I look at the trees and the plants of the garden, I notice the changes in the leaves and the growth of the fruit, the same growth that has gone on for thousands of years. When it rains, I sit on the front porch and watch

## 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 16:21-27):** This passage from the Gospel of Matthew follows right after Peter has recognized Jesus as Messiah and Son of God and Jesus is portrayed as giving a special status to Peter among the apostles (last Sunday’s Gospel reading). This passage describes the fate that awaits Jesus in Jerusalem. Peter is incredulous of this “suffering Messiah” and Jesus denounces him for his incredulity. Jesus is then portrayed as using the occasion to instruct His disciples on what it means to be a lover of God and a disciple of Jesus, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me... What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

**First Reading (Jeremiah 20:7-9):** The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah is one of the four major prophetic books of the Old Testament. (Isaiah, Daniel and Ezekiel are the others.) More than any other prophet, Jeremiah relates the human cost to himself for being a prophet. This reading is a good example of how Jeremiah is conflicted about his vocation. For example: “You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped...” and “the Word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day.” In describing Jesus, New Testament writers (particularly Gospel writers) often use language and imagery that is evocative of Jeremiah’s hardships.

**Second Reading (Romans 12:1-2):** In this passage from the Letter to the Romans, Paul exhorts his listeners to “offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God... Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”

## Bulletin Cover Picture

The image of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in our Sanctuary. August 22nd is the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, celebrated eight days after the Feast of the Annunciation of Mary.

## Morning Offering Prayer

The “Morning Offering” is a prayer that has a long history in our Catholic Tradition. I encourage everyone to consider including this prayer in your daily prayers.  
— Father Mark Keene

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart; the salvation of souls, the reparation for sin, the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all the Apostleship of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended of our Holy Father, the Pope, this month. Amen.*

## 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 08/14/20)

\$122,731

Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 08/14/20)

\$122,733

Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2019/2020)

\$1,259,000

## 2020 DPAA

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

Parishioners who have not yet made a commitment to this year’s DPAA should have received a letter and pledge card from me earlier this month. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the parish office (431-1802). I encourage everyone to make a commitment of some amount. No amount is too small. Pledge cards should be placed in the envelop provided and should be mailed to the parish office or can be put in the Sunday collection. I think we all can be very proud of what we are doing as a church through DPAA supported ministries, particularly during this time of Coronavirus concerns.

As of July 31st, 219 parishioners have committed \$103,283 in gifts and pledges toward our parish goal of \$158,700. This leaves \$55,417 to go! Please help our parish reach its goal. We’ve never not made our goal.  
— Father Mark Keene

## Saints of the Week

### Monica and Augustine

This week we are going to talk about two saints that are closely linked together, Monica and her son, Augustine. Monica was a Berber (a tribe in north Africa) and was born in 331. She was a Christian and at an early age she was married to a pagan Roman named Patricius. He was a man of violent temper and was also an adulterer. He was continually annoyed with Monica's prayer life and her almsgiving, but it is said that he always respected her. (He converted to the Christian faith on his deathbed.) She had three children that survived: Augustine, a daughter, and another son. Augustine was born in 354. He was not Baptized. His father would not permit it.



Augustine went to school and at 17 he went to Carthage for more schooling. It was here that he left the Christian faith of his mother and became a Manichean. This gnostic religion was based on a duality of light and dark in which light is good and spiritual and dark is evil and material. These two opposing forces are in struggle with each other. When at home he shared his Manichean views with Monica and she drove him away. She later had a vision that she should reconcile with him. She also visited a bishop who told her "a child of those tears shall never perish." It was here when he was about 19, that he began to live a hedonistic life and he fathered a child. He remained with the mother in an unmarried state for 13 years and then abandoned her to marry an heiress. However he never married the heiress. During this time Monica prayed for him to return to the Faith.

Augustine was a teacher of rhetoric and went to Rome and then at the urging of his Manichean friends he went to Milan to be the rhetoric professor at the Imperial Court of Rome. It was in Milan that he abandoned Manichaeism and became a skeptic, (those who doubted the certainty of anything). Monica continued to pray for him. In Milan he met Ambrose (future Saint Ambrose of Milan) and was attracted to Christianity by the stories of Saint Anthony of the Desert. It was here that the famous incident that cemented his conversion occurred. He states in his book, *Confessions*, that he heard a childlike voice saying, "Take up and read" which he took to be a command to open the Bible. He opened and read Romans 13:13-14, "let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh." Ambrose of

Milan Baptized Augustine and his son at the Easter Vigil in 387. After 17 years of prayer Monica had the joy of seeing her son become a Christian. She died within a few months after this. Augustine wrote in his *Confessions* that she said: "My son, as to me, I no longer find any pleasure in this life. What more I have to do here, and why I am still here I do not know." Monica is buried in Ostia, Italy. She is the patron of difficult marriages, disappointing children, victims of adultery or unfaithfulness, victims of verbal abuse, and conversion of relatives. It is reported that she had wept every night for the conversion of her son.

Augustine went on to become one of the greatest figures of the Church. His influence and contributions to the Church and to philosophy are too great to be discussed in this limited space. He died on August 28, 430 at the age of 75. He was named a Doctor of the Church in 1298. His feast day is the day he died, August 28th, and Monica's is August 27th. Prayer does work.

## Parish News

### Wedding Banns

III-Taylor Snyder, Blessed Sacrament &  
Eric Schwaber, St. Catherine of Siena  
I-Ashley Niemann, St. Agnes &  
Alex Gibson, St. Agnes

### Family of God

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

Karlee Jean Goodridge  
Child of Michael & Kristina Goodridge  
Nolan Jeffrey Link  
Child of Justin & Kara Link

### Evening Religion Classes-UPDATE

Classes for those students attending public school in grades 1 thru 8 are scheduled to begin on **September 21st**. Parents and children will meet for Prayer and Orientation at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Regular classes being on September 28th. Classes are held in the school. Drop off is at the cafeteria using the back drive. Classes run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. Registration forms and calendar are available on the bulletin boards and on the website [www.saintagnes.com](http://www.saintagnes.com) under the Youth Opportunities tab. Contact Anita Dunn at [adunn@saintagnes.com](mailto:adunn@saintagnes.com) with any questions.



## Parish News continued

### 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, on this coming Friday, August 28, we would have held our 50<sup>th</sup> 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

### 2020 Smiles and Miles 5K Run/Walk and Frog Hop Family Challenge

We are excited to announce that Saint Agnes will host the 10th annual Smiles & Miles 5K Run/Walk in honor of Maria Schaffstein as well as the Katie Stewart Frog Hop, but it will look a little different. Both events will be virtual. This means the events can take place anywhere, indoors or out between Friday September 11th – Sunday September 20th.

The 5K Run/ Walk will continue to be open to individuals of all ages and fitness levels. The Frog Hop will be a Family Challenge, an opportunity for the entire family to spend time together and complete 10 miles of activity over 10 days, tracking progress as you go.

**Registration** and more information for both events can be found at [Smiles20.givesmart.com](http://Smiles20.givesmart.com) and our Facebook page, Smiles & Miles – Maria Schaffstein 5K. Additional questions can be submitted to [smilesandmiles5K@gmail.com](mailto:smilesandmiles5K@gmail.com). **Register now until August 27th to guarantee a commemorative t-shirt.** Registration will remain open until September 20th, however, shirts cannot be guaranteed.

We need your help to make the events successful. Since the events are virtual, please share with friends and family outside of the area to help support the students of Saint Agnes School. They are encouraged to participate in the events or “sponsor” your family using the Donations option on the site. All proceeds of the events go towards scholarships, financial aid for students, support for teachers, and the Saint Agnes Boosters. We also welcome corporate sponsors. If your company or family would be interested in being an Event Sponsor, please let us know.

Due to current changing circumstances, we may need to make a few changes along the way. Don't forget to like us on Facebook to stay up to date on the events.

### 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](mailto: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. (COVID-19 providing, that is.) **WATCH FOR UPDATES.**

### Faith Formation

#### RCIA

**Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith?** Please join us on a journey of faith where we will share with you the treasures of the Catholic Church and our parish family. If you are unbaptized, are a baptized Christian from a Protestant or Evangelical background, or you have been baptized Catholic but are not fully initiated, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email Paula at [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com) for more information about learning our Catholic faith. During these Covid-19 times, we will meet virtually or individually in person, as restrictions allow. Please come to learn more about our holy Catholic faith in which Jesus makes Himself present to us and strengthens us to be His presence in the world. God bless us all in these difficult times!

**SAINT AGNES PARISHIONERS:** If you know someone who is interested in learning more about our Catholic faith, please encourage them to call our office or email Paula Fritz. We continue to welcome inquirers at any time.

#### 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. **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.