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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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday, August 31

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Tom Dusing

Tuesday, September 1

6:30 a.m. Ruth Dahlenburg
11:30 a.m. Deacon Joe Cleves

Wednesday, September 2

6:30 a.m. Joseph Connelly
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Esther Averdick - 1st Anniversary

Thursday, September 3-St. Gregory the Great

6:30 a.m. David Allen
11:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 4

6:30 a.m. Charles Dahlenburg
9:20 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon

Saturday, September 5

8:30 a.m. All Members of Clay Ministries
4:00 p.m. Jim Pelzer

Sunday, September 6-Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
10:30 a.m. Warren Cook

Rosary, Sunday, Sept. 6th at 8:00 a.m.: Dan Summe

Staff Article

Duped by Jesus???

Today's readings have a resounding place in today's world. Jesus promises us life in heaven (almost too good to be true!), but with a catch—we 'must deny ourselves, not conform ourselves to this age. All the day...be an object of laughter; everyone mocking us. How true are those words as we live in the society of today? We see our faith and others criticized, as well as destruction to churches and religious statues. TV, Movies, Video games, and Media fill our lives with messages that go against God's words. Not conforming makes one stand out whether it is with our children as we choose proper dress, constrict some of their social contacts, or guide them away from some of the media seeking their attention, or even ourselves as we choose prayer, Bible study, or a Christian way of life. Speaking of our love of Jesus has people putting us down and laughing at us as 'goodie two shoes'.

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to

gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" These are words to ponder. They are confusing. We need to think about how we are saving our life on earth only to lose a heavenly one. Does it matter to have the most friends, clothes, money, and property if it means we are not living for heaven, for Christ? As my dad neared death, his sister asked if he regretted or was sorry for anything. Besides wishing he could see his grandchildren grow up, he said, "No, I tried to treat everyone fairly and the way God wanted." Can we all say that if our time was to come? What would your response be at the moment of death?

Reread today's readings. Think about your way of living in relation to what we read. Do you feel the fire burning in your heart to speak of Jesus? Let us shine forth with our love of Him.

Anita Dunn, DRE/CRE



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus begins to prepare His disciples for His passion and death...then tells them what they must do if they wish to enter heaven.

Adults: Do you think Peter and the other apostles understood what Jesus was trying to tell them or did they accept a lot on blind faith? What about your faith do you find most difficult to accept? How can you resolve your doubts?

Teens: When Jesus told the apostles they would be repaid according to their conduct, what do you think He meant? Do you think your conduct would warrant an eternity in heaven? Is there some aspect of your conduct you need to change?

Children: What can you do today for Jesus that would make Him happy?

Next Sunday: September 6, 2020 23rd 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

Parish Worship continued

New Testament letter, currently Paul's Letter to the Church at Rome.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 18:15- 20): The Gospel of Matthew is organized around five major discourses that Jesus is portrayed as giving. (The Sermon on the Mount is the first and most famous of these discourses. It begins with the Beatitudes.) This Sunday's reading is from the fourth of these discourses, which is referred to as the "Discourse on the Church." This discourse gives teaching on how members of the Christian Community should care for one another. Today's reading has to do with the process of offering correction to someone whose action or inaction has injured the community. The reading also relays some of Jesus' teaching on the community's prayer life. The reading concludes with the familiar words: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

First Reading (Ezekiel 33-7-9): The Book of Ezekiel is one of the four major prophetic works of the Old Testament. The prophet Ezekiel ministered to the people of Israel while they were in exile in Babylon. This particular passage conveys the awesome responsibility of his ministry as "watchman for the house of Israel" who will pay with his life if he fails to relay to the people what the Lord reveals to him. Ezekiel often had to deliver words to the people that were very hard for them to hear, particularly his visions from the Lord revealing: 1) the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem, 2) the Lord leaving the Temple and Jerusalem, and 3) the remainder of the Jewish people being taken into exile into Babylon. Ezekiel was in the first deportation of Jews into Babylon. Some years later, the ones who had been left in Jerusalem organized a revolt against the Babylonians which resulted in the Babylonians destroying the Temple and Jerusalem, and deporting all but a few of those who had been left behind originally.

Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10): We are coming to the end of our readings from the letter to the Romans. (We will conclude our readings from Romans on Sunday, September 13th.) In this passage, Paul summarizes the commandments: "... for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law... love is the fulfillment of the law."

Bulletin Cover Picture

Some of the banners that the children who made their First Communion had made for the occasion on August 15th.

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 08/24/20)	\$142,568
Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 08/24/20)	\$152,774

2020 DPAA

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

Getting there! 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 August 18, 2020, 237 parishioners have committed \$118,243 in gifts and pledges toward our parish goal of \$158,700. This leaves \$40,457 to go! Please help our parish reach its goal. We've never not made our goal. -Father Mark Keene

We Are His Hands

Thank you: From Bishop Foys and ACUE!

I write to express my sincere gratitude, and that of the Diocese, for the generous leadership contribution of \$1,017.90 by Saint Agnes Parish to the 2020-2021 Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE) Annual Fund. This gift of a Catholic Education will make a lifelong difference for the children we serve... Saint Agnes is a treasured partner in our work and, indeed, a true blessing.

Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, D. D.,
Bishop of Covington

Saint of the Week

Saint Gregory the Great



Gregory was born in Rome in 540 to an eminent Roman family that was connected to the Church. His grandfather was Pope Felix III. As a well to do Roman, he was well educated and entered the Roman civil service becoming the Prefect (Mayor) of Rome at the age of 33. After his father's death he converted his villa to a monastery and became a monk. He was ordained a deacon by Pope Pelagius II (Papacy 579-590) and was sent as an ambassador to the court in Constantinople, where he remained until 586. He became abbot of the monastery he had established. In 590 he was elected pope against his will.

As pope he reformed the Liturgy. He is responsible for the location of the "Our Father" to the place in the Mass it is today. He is credited with what is now known as Gregorian Chant. He wrote many commentaries on various books of the Bible and authored numerous other works. He also is credited with identifying Mary Magdalene with Mary of Bethany (the woman who anointed Jesus with ointment). He was a very good administrator and was concerned with the poor. He died on March 12, 604 in Rome. His feast day was originally March 12th, but because this is in Lent it was moved to September 3rd in 1969. September 3rd is the date on which he was consecrated Pope. He is the patron of musicians, students, teachers, singers, Popes and the Pontificate, the West Indies and Choir Boys.

Parish News

Wedding Banns

Il-Ashley Niemann, Saint Agnes &
Alex Gibson, Saint Agnes

First Thursday Rosary

PLEASE join us September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Join other faithful in praying the rosary for the needs of family and parish. Pray for our Country and the World, especially in these dangerous times as we battle the Coronavirus. Pray for your special intentions. Give love to Our Lord. Give 30 minutes to God and Mary in this Saint Agnes tradition started in 1999. *Please enter via the Annex doors facing Dixie Highway.*



Oktoberfest Cancelled/Grand Raffle?

Because of the concerns and resulting protocols about the Covid-19 virus, our parish's Oktoberfest for this year is cancelled. It would have been held September 25th-27th. Various options and alternatives were considered, but none seemed satisfactory nor promised to have the desired result. We are all disappointed that this has to be done. Our Oktoberfest has been a great success and is an event we look forward to socially each year. It has also been very helpful for our school and parish finances. If you would still like to support the parish and school, donations can be sent to the parish office. Also, our school has an "Annual Appeal" each fall and it is a great way to support some of the special projects in our school. There is discussion about still having the grand raffle still. So stay tuned!



I take this opportunity to thank Jason Collins for his leadership and all of the members of our Oktoberfest Committee as they have had several meetings to discuss the Oktoberfest and have had to deal most directly with the uncertainty until a decision was reached. – Father Mark Keene

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 under the Youth Opportunities tab. Contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com with any questions.

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. (COVID-19 providing, that is.) **WATCH FOR UPDATES.**



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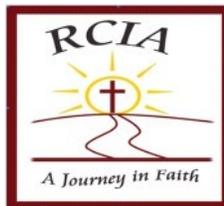
Hoxworth Blood Drive-Thank You

Thanks to all who came in the rain to the Hoxworth Blood Drive on August 18th. We had 28 appointments that will end up giving life-saving blood to 72 patients!! Thank you!

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 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.** 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.

One Day Women's Retreat

Reveal. Receive. Relate.

Discover how God uniquely reveals Himself to each one of us in prayer and in our daily lives. The retreat will be held on September 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center. Retreat director will be Lorianne MacDonnell. Retreat fee is \$45 and includes continental breakfast and lunch for onsite participants or Zoom access for online participants. Contact Catherine Gillman at cgillman4@gmail.com. Register at rcohiovalley.org/one-day-retreat-for-women.

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A"

Diocesan News

NKU Virtual Bible Study

All college-aged students in school or the work force are invited to join The Catholic Newman Center at NKU for virtual Bible Study, Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m.; Book Study at 8:00 p.m.; and in-person Mass, Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Cold Spring. Email Campus Minister, Donna Heim, heimd2@nku.edu to receive weekly Newman events Information.

Wedding Anniversary Vespers Cancelled

The diocesan Office of Catechesis and Evangelization is sorry to announce that the Wedding Anniversary Vespers scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, has been cancelled due to concerns surrounding the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Couples who are celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th or 50+ anniversaries will still receive a congratulatory certificate signed by Bishop Roger J. Foy. The certificates will be sent to the various parish offices in September for distribution. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time.

St. Joseph Summer Celebration

St. Joseph, Crescent Springs, is having a virtual bid-n-buy September 3rd-6th. Go to bnb2020.givesmart.com to bid. And a dough virtual raffle. Tickets are \$25 each with 5 winners and top prize is \$10,000. Go to sidough2020.givesmart.com for tickets. Facebook live drawing on September 6th.