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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 13-Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Anita Dodd Connolly
10:30 a.m. Larry Schrand

Monday, September 14-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:30 a.m. Agnes Klump
11:30 a.m. Ruth Cleves

Tuesday, September 15-Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30 a.m. Rose Thiel Poage
11:30 a.m. Larry & Celia Mashmeyer

Wednesday, September 16-Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. The Suetholz Family
11:30 a.m. Joann Jacober

Thursday, September 17-St. Robert Bellarmine

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

Friday, September 18

6:30 a.m. William Dennis Wagner
9:20 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. David Allen

Saturday, September 19-St. Januarius

8:30 a.m. Cyril Zembrodt
4:00 p.m. Jan Flood
6:30 p.m. Wedding: Middleton/Flannery Families

Sunday, September 20-Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Charlene Keltz
10:30 a.m. Esther Averdick

Rosary, Sunday, Sept, 20th at 8:00 a.m.: Jesse Boone

Staff Article

Prayers From a Parishioner

Back at the beginning of the Covid protocols in March, one of our long-time parishioners, Winifred Bittlinger passed away. "Wynne" was a regular at our 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass while she lived at home. When she moved to assisted living at Highland Crossing, I would see her at the Mass we had there twice a month, before Covid. Wynne died on March 13, 2020 and her funeral was held over a week later. Only ten people, including me and Deacon Bob were allowed to attend. She was 91 years old.

I have quite a collection of the Christmas cards that Wynne sent. They were always made from watercolor paintings she had done of Christmas scenes. Her beautiful calligraphy communicated her Christmas message for each year and always complemented her images of Christmas. I am reminded of Wynne often, as she donated a couple of her paintings to Saint Agnes and they hang in our parish office areas. Also,

a friend of mine gave me a couple of her paintings, one of which is in my office. They are all truly lovely.

I have a file on my computer to which I copy (or type in) sayings, quotations and prayers that I think are beautiful and/or thought-provoking. Recently I was looking through that file and I came across a couple of prayers that had been part of the program for Wynne's funeral. I found them beautiful and indicative of a very hopeful and generous soul.

Sometimes, simple prayers in difficult time can boost our spirits more than we know. – Father Mark Keene



Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, we thank you for blessings so constant amid the changes of our lives that we take them for granted as though there were no great and good giver behind them. We thank you for those things which seem at first not at all like blessings, yet in which your grace manifests its work beyond our understanding. Finally, we thank you for all gifts however small or common which bear the promise of your love and are stepping-stones to a glory known only in Jesus Christ our Lord, whose life was the very light of freedom for all who follow him. Amen.

–Winifred "Wynne" Bittlinger

For Loved Ones and All Who Have Died

We seem to give them back to you, O God, who gave them to us. Yet as you did not lose them in giving, so do we not lose them by their return. Life is eternal and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon limited by our sight. Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see clearly. Draw us closer to you that we may know ourselves to be nearer to our loved ones who are with you. And while you prepare a place for us, prepare us also for that happy place, that where you are we may also be forever. Amen.

–Winifred "Wynne" Bittlinger

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus tells the apostles the story of a king who forgave his servant's debt when the servant begged for mercy...then this same servant took hold of a fellow servant who owed him a much smaller amount of money and began choking him and put him in prison!

Adults: What message do you think Jesus was trying to give Peter and the other apostles...to forgive one another...to treat each other as you would like to be treated...or to ask God for forgiveness?

Parish Worship continued

Teens: Is there someone in your life that you have offended? Can you contact them and tell they you're sorry...and ask their forgiveness?

Children: Can you think of a time when your parents...teachers...friends forgave you when you made a mistake? Is there someone in your life you need to forgive?

Next Sunday: September 20, 2020 25th 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 Philippi (Philippians).

Gospel Reading (Matthew 20:1-16): This passage contains the parable of the workers who were hired by a landowner at various times of the day—even late in the day—and all were paid a full day's wage. The ones who had worked a full day complained, even though this was what they had agreed to. The landowner pointedly reminds them that he is free to do what he wants with his own money. In the time that Matthew's Gospel was written, Gentiles were becoming more and more interested in Christianity and many were coming into the Church. Evidently, some disciples thought that these Gentiles should have a kind of "second-class" status compared to those early disciples (most of who were Jewish) who had been a part of Christianity from the beginning. This parable is a challenge to that thinking. It is also a challenge to us, to welcome those who come to faith later in life and a reminder to us of "that, except for the grace of God, there go I."

First Reading (Isaiah 55:6-9): This passage is from the part the Book of Isaiah that concerns itself with the Jewish people's imminent return from exile in Babylon (chapters 40-55). Isaiah is trying to encourage them to return from exile. (During the 70 years of the exile, some had prospered in Babylon and wished to stay.) He is encouraging them to "seek the Lord" while they still have some chance and return to the land, to the covenant and to faithfulness to Yahweh.

Second Reading (Philippians 1:20-24, 27):

Beginning this week and for three more Sundays we will read from the Letter to the Philippians. The letter was apparently written during one of Paul's imprisonments, which may account for the somber content and tone of this passage. "Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death."

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

SEPTEMBER 2020: For "Respect of the Planet's Resources" - We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Bulletin Cover Picture

Bird's eye view: Of our parish church, offices, school and grounds.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 09/08/20)

\$180,162

Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 09/08/20)

\$197,467

Hurricane Laura Collection

Hurricane Laura hit the western portion of Louisiana on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. It caused severe destruction to most of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Bishop Glen Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles has said: "The city is a disaster. No house, no business is left untouched. We have 39 parish churches and 7 missions. All suffered some damage. Of the 39 parish churches at least six suffered total destruction while at

Stewardship continued

least a dozen other churches are so highly compromised that it would be a major effort to rehabilitate them in order to have normal services. Nearly one third of priests in active ministry are displaced."

In view of this devastation, Bishop Roger Foys is requesting that parishes of the Diocese of Covington take up a collection to assist the Diocese of Lake Charles at this time of need. Any and all monies will be sent to the Diocese of Lake Charles. There are no administrative fees attached to this collection. Bishop Foys is quoted as saying: "Our faithful have been so generous in past events of this nature that, despite the difficulties we are facing because of the Covid - 19 pandemic, I rely on the generosity of our faithful and on the support of our priests and religious."

The collection will be taken up this weekend (September 12/13). If you are not prepared to make a donation at this time, but would like to, please clearly indicate this on your donation and put it in the general collection in the next couple of weeks, or mail it to the parish office. Parishioners may also send checks directly to the Diocese of Covington, Office of Stewardship and Mission Services, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41011. The memo line should indicate that the monies are for hurricane relief.
– Father Mark Keene

Good Friday Collection

Because of the collection for the Diocese of Lake Charles (see above), the Good Friday Collection that was moved from Friday, April 10, 2020 to Sunday, September 13, will be pushed back one more weekend to September 19/20.

We Are His Hands

ACUE: "Thank you!"

"We are deeply touched by the thoughtful contributions to the Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE) by the Saint Agnes Community. Thank you!" –Beth Ruehlmann, Director of Development, Department of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Covington

Saint of the Week

Saint Januarius

Saint Januarius is the patron saint of Naples, Italy. There are three ceremonies held in his honor: a ceremony on September 19th, his feast day, December

16th to celebrate his patronage of Naples and the Archdiocese, and on the first Sunday of May to celebrate the reunification of his relics. In this ceremony two vials of his blood are re-liquefied. Some say this is a miracle and others disagree. The Catholic Church has no official stand on it.



So who is this saint that Naples, Italy and transplanted Italians in the United States honor with festivals on his feast day? It is not known exactly when he was born, only in the 3rd century in the town of Benevento, which is 31 miles northeast of Naples. It is reported that he became a priest at the age of 15 and the Bishop of Naples at 20. The area of his parish and later his diocese was still fairly pagan. During the persecution of Christians under Diocletian (303-305 A.D.), Januarius hid Christians and helped them to avoid capture. His friend, the deacon Sossius (later Saint Sossius), was captured and Januarius went to visit him and he was captured as well. They were condemned to be thrown to bears but the Roman officials, afraid of public outcry, had them beheaded at the volcano crater at Solfatra near Naples in 305. Legend has it that they were thrown to wild animals but the animals refused to eat them, and also that they were put into a furnace but came out unharmed.

Januarius' relics were taken to the Neapolitan catacombs. In the early 9th century his body was moved to Benevento while his head remained in Naples. Later the body was moved again to an abbey and in 1497 at the orders of Cardinal Oliviero Carafa, the Archbishop of Naples around that time, his body was reunited to the head in Naples. Carafa also had a richly decorated tomb placed in the cathedral at Naples. In the 18th century his relics were taken out when Naples was threatened with a volcano. The lava flows turned away from the city or ceased flowing. He is patron of Naples, volcanic eruptions and blood banks.

Parish News

Wedding Banns

III-Kelsey Middleton, Saint Mary Cathedral & Sean Flannery

Family of God

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

Porter Alan Feldmann
Child of Ed & Lainey Feldmann

Parish News continued

School Masses

Only Saint Agnes students and staff may attend school Masses. Unfortunately, due to the COVID19 we cannot accommodate seating for parents and outside guests at this time. School Mass times are Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at 9:20 a.m.

Couch to a Good Home

There is a couch in the rectory, about 10 feet long, that is no longer needed and is free to a good home. If you are interested, contact the parish office (431-1802).

Oktoberfest Cancelled/Grand Raffle Maybe?

Because of the concerns and resulting protocols about the Covid-19 virus, our parish Oktoberfest for this year is cancelled. It would have been held September 25-27. A Grand Raffle is being considered. So stay tuned!

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 begin 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. **Due to the COVID19 guidelines enrollment and meeting will take place on October 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Church.** Students, parents and sponsors (if possible) are asked to attend this meeting. Information will be given on history and commitment of Confirmation, responsibilities of each person, and students will make their pledge of enrollment to prepare wisely and spiritually.



Faith Formation

RCIA

ATTENTION ALL WHO ARE NOT CATHOLIC OR ARE NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS! Are you searching for...a deeper relationship with God, a sense of belonging in a faith community, a greater understanding of your mission in life? Have you ever been curious about the difference between the Catholic and Protestant Bibles, about how Catholics relate to Mary and the saints, about what Catholics believe in regard to the moral issues of our day? Come and join us in the RCIA process at Saint Agnes to learn about the Catholic faith. During these COVID19 times, we will meet virtually or individually in person, as restrictions allow. For more information please call the Parish Office at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com. SAINT AGNES PARISHIONERS: If you know someone who is interested in learning more about our Catholic faith, please encourage them to call or email. 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.

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.