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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.

**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

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

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, September 27**-Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
10:30 a.m. Rob Shelton

**Monday, September 28**-St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz  
6:30 a.m. Charles Dahlenburg  
11:30 a.m. Katie Lukey Melillo

**Tuesday, September 29**-Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael  
6:30 a.m. Robert & Rosemary Jameson  
11:30 a.m. Danny Perry

**Wednesday, September 30**-St. Jerome  
6:30 a.m. Ruth Dahlenburg  
9:30 a.m. Special Intention  
11:30 a.m. Jan Flood

**Thursday, October 1**-St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
11:30 a.m. Bert Wall

**Friday, October 2**-The Holy Guardian Angels  
6:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
9:20 a.m. Special Intention  
11:30 a.m. Patricia Parton

**Saturday, October 3**  
8:30 a.m. All Members of Clay Ministries  
4:00 p.m. Mary Bayless

**Sunday, October 4**-Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 a.m. Anita Dodd Connelly  
10:30 a.m. Lorainne Bogenschutz

Rosary, Sunday, Oct. 4th at 8:00 a.m.: Fred Summe

### Staff Article

#### A Call for Compassion, Love, Mercy, and Forgiveness

This morning as I write this article it's the first day of Autumn. It is an absolutely gorgeous day. I'm on my front porch and have just completed what I refer to as my daily "porch time" where I read and pray from the daily devotion in "Jesus Calling," reflect on the Scriptures from that day and pray from a daily reflection from "Through the Year with Pope Francis." I've also been reflecting and praying over our Scripture readings for this weekend. All three readings along with the psalm are rich in connecting the theme of God's mercy, love, forgiveness and compassion. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the question of the two sons to teach God's mercy and forgiveness for sinners who turn to God and accept his message. This theme of mercy and forgiveness is brought out in the first reading from Ezekiel. In this reading the Lord speaks of a person who turns from their wickedness and does what is right, thus preserving their life. Our 2nd

reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians is one of the richest of all readings from the New Testament outside of the Gospels. It begins: *Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus,...* The reading continues with one of the most well-known passages of all the New Testament, speaking of how Jesus emptied and humbled himself, accepting death on a cross, and how *Because of this God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name...*

These readings as well as our readings from previous weeks are a reminder of Jesus' call to us to follow his example of love, mercy, forgiveness, and compassion to others, especially the poor and the outcast. Along these lines, a reminder that *Share the Journey, a Concert for Compassion* to benefit Catholic Charities, the Kino Border Initiative, and LULAC in their work with the immigrant and refugee community will be live-streamed on October 16th and 17th and will feature a number of amazing performers including both Peter and Paul of Peter, Paul, and Mary, as well as a number of my fellow Catholic composers including Jesse Manibusan, Sarah Hart, Jaime Cortez, and ValLimar Jansen. Please check out [www.shareinthehope.com](http://www.shareinthehope.com) for more information. I just found out that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops mentioned our concert in their newsletter from their Office of Migration and Refugee Services.

May Christ's love, mercy, and compassion reign in all of our hearts!

Bobby Fisher,  
Director of Music Ministries



### Parish Worship

#### Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel:** Jesus tells the story about a man who asked both his sons to work in his vineyard. One refused and the other agreed to help. Then they both reversed their decisions.

**Adults:** Jesus told His disciples that prostitutes and tax collectors would enter heaven before they would because the disciples did not believe what John had

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told them...and they refused to change their minds. Do you find it hard to change your mind or to admit that someone else may be right and you may be wrong?

Teens: With which of the two sons do you think the father was most pleased? Why? Which son do you feel you are most like? Why?

Children: Can you think of a time when you promised to do something for someone else and then forgot to keep your promise? How do you think your friend felt when this happened? Did you say you were sorry?

## Next Sunday: October 4, 2020

### 27th 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 21:33-43):** It has been described here before that in the time that Matthew's Gospel was written, there were strong tensions in Matthew's community of believers between those who had a Jewish background and those who had a Gentile/Pagan background. Both of these groups initially existed as a "Christian sect" within Judaism, and so there were also tensions between those in both of these groups and those who remained strictly Jewish in their religious practices. The reading for this Sunday is a particularly pointed parable about a land owner (God) who leases his vineyard (humanity) to tenant farmers (i.e. Jewish religious authorities: Pharisees, Scribes, etc.). He sends his servants (the prophets) to collect his produce, but the farmers mistreat and kill them (as the prophets were treated). Finally the landowner (God) sends his son (Jesus) whom the tenant farmers kill (the crucifixion). The parable then predicts that the landowner will take the vineyard (humanity) away from the bad tenants (Jewish religious authorities) and give it "to a people (the Church, please God) from among both Jews and Gentiles, who will produce its fruit." Since Matthew was written in the years after the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem by the Romans (70 AD), this

parable has a particularly "sharp" point when it concludes. Jesus asks his audience what will the landowner (God) do to those tenants when he comes (Jesus, at the end of time). His listeners respond: "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." (See intro to the Isaiah reading below.)

**First Reading (Isaiah 5:1-7):** Isaiah the prophet was a prophet in the Southern Kingdom (Judah) whose capital was Jerusalem about 700 years before Jesus was born. He lived at the time the Assyrian Empire was ravaging Palestine, conquering the Northern Kingdom (Israel/Ephraim) whose capital was Samaria. This reading is from the part of the Book of Isaiah that is concerned with this period of Jewish History. In this reading, through Isaiah, Yahweh laments that his "vineyard" has not yielded a harvest of faithfulness and trust in God. In the Old Testament writings Israel and Judah are sometimes referred to as the Lord's vineyard. So God plans to let this vineyard be overrun. Historically, this is exactly what will happen to the nation over the next 150 years as Israel (the Northern Kingdom) is subdued by the Assyrians (during Isaiah's lifetime) and later both Israel and Judah (the Northern and Southern Kingdoms) are subdued by the Babylonians. Both the Assyrians and Babylonians deported many of the people into exile. The Temple and Jerusalem itself was destroyed.

**Second Reading (Philippians 4:6-9):** This lovely passage is one of reassurance and encouragement to the church at Philippi, to persevere: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

## Divine Mercy Image Blessing

During the first weeks of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we closed our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel and had Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration in the main church for an hour in the morning and in the evening. During that time, we moved a Divine Mercy Image from the Adoration Chapel to the main church. Since then, we have resumed Exposition and Adoration in the Chapel in our convent and returned the Divine Mercy Image that was in church. It was remarked to me how nice it was to have a Divine Mercy Image in the church. Through the generosity of a couple of parishioners, a second image was obtained for display in our main church. The Feast Day of Saint Faustina Kowalska is Monday, October 5th. Saint Faustina promoted prayer and devotion to the image of Jesus as the Divine Mercy. The image will be blessed during the 8:30 Mass next Sunday, October 4th.

## Parish Worship continued

### Respect Life Mass

On the evening of October 13, at 7 PM, our parish, along with all the other parishes in our diocese will celebrate a special Mass for Respect for Life. Most years, we have a special Mass at our Cathedral that everyone is invited to. This year, because of the pandemic and the need for social distancing and avoiding large crowds, each individual parish will have a special Mass. Respect Life includes the whole spectrum of life issues from respect for the unborn to those who have committed serious crimes, to respect and care for immigrants (cf. the insert in today's bulletin), to sexual exploitation including pornography... and much more. Please plan to attend the Mass here at Saint Agnes. —Father Mark Keene

### Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi: Pet Blessing

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is next Sunday, October 4th. We will be having a blessing of pets at noon, in front of the Mary Grotto, in front of the rectory. Because of the social distancing requirements, we ask that people wear masks and keep at least six feet apart. — Father Mark Keene

### 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.

OCTOBER 2020: For "The Laity's Mission in the Church" - We pray that by the virtue of Baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in the areas of responsibility in the Church.

### Bulletin Cover Picture

The stained-glass window depicting Saint Therese of Lisieux, also known as Therese of the Child Jesus and "The Little Flower." She lived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and died at age 24 in 1897. Thursday, October 1 is the Feast of Saint Therese. In 1997 Pope Saint John Paul I declared her a :Doctor of the Church," only the 33rd in its history. In this context, "Doctor" refers to a "teacher" in the ways of the soul and spirituality.

### Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated at Saint Agnes

The first Mass of Saint Agnes Chapel—later Saint Agnes Parish—was celebrated on October 5, 1930.

## Stewardship

### Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 09/21/20)	\$218,662
Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 09/21/20)	\$235,600

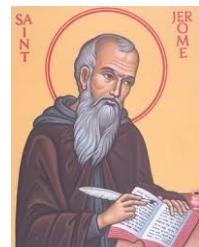
### 2019 DPAA Rebate!

We recently received our final rebate check for going over our parish goal in last year's (2019) Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. The check was in the amount of \$8,457.60. This brings our total rebates from our 2019 DPAA to \$14,475.38. Thank you to everyone who participated in last year's appeal and helped us to exceed our goal. —Father Mark Keene

## Saint of the Week

### Saint Jerome

Saint Jerome was born around 347 AD in the town of Stridon, which was located in present day Croatia or Slovenia. He went to Rome between 360-367 at which time he was Baptized. A typical schoolboy he participated in the behavior of schoolboys, but suffered bouts of guilt afterwards and repented by visiting the graves of martyrs and the Apostles in the catacombs. During these school years he studied the classics of Greece and Rome.



In 373 he and two friends traveled through what is now Syria and Turkey spending most of the time at Antioch. He became ill twice and it was during one of these illnesses he had a vision that caused him to lay aside his study of the classics and to study the Bible. He then went to live as a hermit in the desert southwest of Antioch where he lived with other hermits. He learned Hebrew from converted Jewish Christians and began his translation work of the Bible.

He returned to Antioch in 378 or 379 and was ordained against his will. Shortly thereafter he went to Constantinople to study scripture under Gregory of Nazianzen. From there he went to Rome and worked under Pope Damasus I, attending a Synod and several councils. It was here that he began to work on what would become the Vulgate Bible, which became the basis for the Bible that we use today.

During this time he was supported by several wealthy widows of Rome who became saints themselves

## Saint of the Week continued

(Saints Lea, Marcella and Paula) and their daughters, Eustochium, who also became a saint, and Blaesilla, who lived a frivolous life. Jerome corrected Blaesilla and when she adopted the life that Jerome recommended she died. This, along with Jerome's condemnation of the Roman clergy, led to his removal to Antioch. Paula and Eustochium followed him and he became their spiritual advisor. It was here that he continued to write, finishing his translation of the Bible and writing many other commentaries and theological works. He died in Bethlehem on September 30, 420. His body was transferred to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, although (like last week's saints Cosmos and Damian) his head is said to be elsewhere.

Jerome recommended a method of reading the Bible that followed this pattern: start with the Psalms as they are reasonably clear, from there read the Wisdom Books (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Sirach), then the Gospels, Acts and the Epistles, which he felt will give a better understanding of the Prophets and the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Number and Deuteronomy) and finally the Song of Solomon. He felt that this would give a good understanding of the Bible.

## Parish News

### Family of God

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

Kennedy Lynn Muck  
Child of Stephen & Brooke Muck

### October Rosary

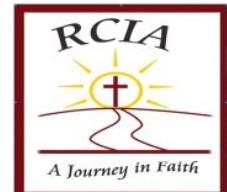
Rosary night will be on Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. That is the **Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary!** Please join us for 30 minutes of prayer and meditation. October is the month of the Rosary. Pray to Mary, Our Mother to guide and protect our country. Join your prayer for special intentions, world peace, our priests and families with other faithful. Pray for those who have passed. Offer prayers to St. Dominic for those who have fallen away from the faith. Spend time in the devotion Our Mother gave to St. Dominic for us to pray to achieve peace in the world. Rediscover the power and peace of prayer. Prayer starts at **7pm** on Wednesday October 7th. **Enter by way of annex door by Sleepy Hollow Rd.**



## 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. Call the parish office at 431-1802, or email Paula at [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com).**



### Formed

Do you know what FORMED is? Have you registered yet? Our parish has an online subscription to FORMED, which offers 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. Please register for FORMED by going to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), click the "sign in". Choose "I belong to a Parish..." Then enter St. Agnes Church, Ft Wright, Kentucky and select our parish. Follow the instructions. Every time you go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) you will be sent to the sign in page. No password needed. Our Church needs you and your family to know and spread our faith. Please sign up today!

### Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die...The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Every Suicide is Tragic"

## 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](mailto:heimd2@nku.edu) to receive weekly Newman events information.