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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 4-Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Anita Dodd Connelly
10:30 a.m. Lorainne Bogenschutz

Monday, October 5-Blessed Frances Xavier Seelos

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Ruth Sorrell

Tuesday, October 6-St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Durocher

6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
11:30 a.m. Tepe Family

Wednesday, October 7-Our Lady of the Rosary

6:30 a.m. Ruth Dahlenburg
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Susan Heidrich

Thursday, October 8

6:30 a.m. Charles Dahlenburg
11:30 a.m. Dr. Ronald Fragge

Friday, October 9-St. Denis; St. John Leonardi

6:30 a.m. Cathleen Cetrulo
9:20 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Charlene Keltz

Saturday, October 10

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m. Jim Middendorf

Sunday, October 11-Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Bill Cahill
10:30 a.m. Bob Hemmer

Rosary, Sunday, Oct. 11th at 8:00 a.m.: Fran Lee

Staff Article

These Times

This week we hear more from Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Last week we read that Jesus emptied Himself to become like one of us. To what purpose? Why did He come and take on our frail and fragile bodies?

Perhaps it is to show us how we are to live, particularly in times like these. It has been over 9 months that we have been facing the COVID-19 virus, and despite promises of ways to battle it, all we still have are masks and keeping away from other people, isolation and cancellations. On top of this we are still looking at violence in our cities that seems to be hanging on with the tenacity of the virus.

Jesus lived in troubled times as well. He lived in a time when His people were controlled by an empire that had no regard for the lives or traditions of any of the people they ruled. He would have been a hero to the Jews if He had fulfilled what they thought the Messiah would

do; run the Romans out and restore the Kingdom of David. But He did not. Instead, He showed the world how to live.

Saint Paul was also aware of the condition of his people. He was aware of the human condition that we all possess, the condition that Jesus came to us to accept and experience. Paul knew that life is full of trouble and life is full of times of fear, anxiety and disappointment. He also knew that there was only one true antidote to these concerns, the love of Jesus and faith in His purpose.

Paul tells us that we are to have no worries, but to go to God with all of our fears and give them to Him. He also tells us to think only on the things that draw us closer to God. These are pure, honorable, gracious, excellent and praiseworthy. If we do these things, we will possess the peace of God that "surpasses all understanding." There is no greater peace and no greater giver of peace.

God bless you!
Deacon Gary Scott



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus tells the parable about the landowner who planted a vineyard...leased it to his tenants and then sent his servants to obtain his portion of the produce. The tenants refused to share the crops...killed those whom the landowner had sent and even killed the landowners son!!!

Adults: Do you ever act like the tenants who were so greedy that they refused to share the proceeds of the vineyard with the landowner? With whom can you share your wealth? What wealth do you have that you can share?

Teens: Do you think the landowner was justified in taking the proceeds from the tenants after they refused to share? How do you think Jesus will treat us if we are really greedy and never share with others?

Children: What can you do today to help someone who needs a friend? How can you best be their friend?

Next Sunday: October 11, 2020 28th 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:

Parish Worship continued

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 22:1-14): As with previous readings, this reading from Matthew’s Gospel reflects the tensions that existed in his community of Jewish Christians, between it and the Jewish community from which it evolved from. Remember, many in Matthew’s community who were Jewish would have also maintained their Jewish practices in addition to their Christian practices. However, Gentiles were increasingly becoming interested in Christianity. This reading centers on the parable of the wedding feast in which the invited guests refuse to come. Presumably this refers to the rejection of Christianity by some, particularly Jewish religious leaders. With the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans (70 AD) still fresh in everyone’s mind when the Gospel of Matthew was written, the parable’s reference to troops “destroying those murderers and burning their city” would have been quite pointed. The extension of the wedding invitation to others would have reflected the move of Christianity into the Gentile world.

First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-10): Preceding this passage from the Book of Isaiah, Isaiah the prophet had announced the destruction of a “city of the proud.” Isaiah now turns toward a “City of the Faithful.” In this passage, Isaiah describes a new “City of the Faithful” that will be established by God on Mount Zion. The new city’s attributes (rich food, choice wines, death destroyed) compare quite favorably to the deprivations which characterize the land in Isaiah’s previous descriptions of Israel, and the reality that his listeners would have been familiar with.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:12-14,19-20): In this conclusion to the Letter to the Philippians, Paul cites his adaptability to circumstances in order to do what is needed. “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance... I can do all things in him who strengthens me.” Paul is grateful for what help the church at Philippi gave him.

Bulletin Cover Picture

The image of Divine Mercy in our sanctuary. See the bulletin article below and the insert in today’s bulletin.

Divine Mercy Image Blessing Today

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 the 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 there. Since then, 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. This is the image currently in the sanctuary. 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 this weekend, on Sunday, October 4, 2020. See the insert in today’s bulletin.

October Mass Counts

Every October our parish, along with all the other parishes in our diocese does a count of those attending Masses for the Sundays of October. So if you see the ushers walking slowly down the side aisles during the homily, that is what they are doing. As the shortage of priests becomes more acute, these counts are important and will be helpful in determining the number of Masses needed and the times of Mass in our diocese. – Father Mark Keene

Respect Life Mass

On the evening of October 13th, at 7:00 p.m. 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 issue, from respect for the unborn to those who have committed serious crimes, to respect and care for immigrants, to sexual exploitation including pornography... and much more. Please plan to attend the Mass here at Saint Agnes.

– Father Mark Keene

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Monthly Intention of Pope Francis

For use with The Morning Offering Prayer
 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.

Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi: Pet Blessing

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is today, 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



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.

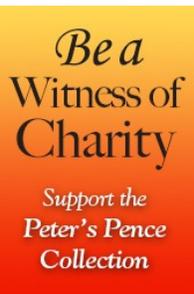
Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 09/30/20)	\$246,996
Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 09/30/20)	\$262,000
Actual Compared to Budgeted	\$15,004
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2020/2021)	\$1,200,000

Peter’s Pence Collection Today

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter’s Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to *Be a Witness of CHARITY* to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today’s Collection. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



We Are His Hands

ACUE: Thanks

“You and your parishioners have made such a difference for our ministry! Thank you! Gratefully, Beth Ruehlmann, Director of Development, Department of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Covington (Alliance for Catholic Urban Education, ACUE)

Saint of the Week

Our Lady of the Rosary

On Wednesday, October 7th, we recognize the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Did you know that this was originally called the Feast of Our Lady of Victory and commemorates a naval battle fought on October 7, 1571? In the late 1500’s the Ottoman Empire, which was an Islamic empire centered in Turkey but held most of the Middle East, north Africa and a large part of south eastern Europe was advancing against Italy and attempting to take control of the Mediterranean Sea, and with it access to the newly discovered Americas.



The Ottoman fleet threatened to advance toward the Italian peninsula, which was the immediate goal of the Ottoman sultan who had already proclaimed himself the “Emperor of the Romans.” He had 251 ships. Opposing this advance was the fleet of the “Holy League”, a force made up of 212 ships from the nations of Spain, the Papal States and other states of the Italian peninsula.

At first the Holy League’s fleet was outflanked and in danger of defeat but at the last minute the Holy League turned the battle and the Ottoman force was defeated. The Holy League lost 50 ships while the Ottomans lost 210. They never fully recovered as a naval power and the threat in the Mediterranean was practically over.

The Holy League credited the victory to the intercession of the Virgin Mary. Pope Pius V had called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory and also led a rosary procession in Rome before the battle. One of the commanders of the Holy League fleet, Andrea Doria, also kept an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Extremadura Spain.

Originally titled Our Lady of Victory by Pius V, in honor of the successful battle, the name of the Feast was changed to Our Lady of the Rosary in 1573 by Pope Clement XI. Although the name of the feast was changed to Our Lady of the Rosary the name Our

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Lady of Victory is still used. Our Lady of Victory in Lackawanna, New York is a popular pilgrimage site and there is Our Lady of Victory in Manhattan, which was dedicated in 1947 to the dead servicemen of the United States.

The story of the Battle of Lepanto and the poem of the same name by G.K. Chesterton make good reading and you are encouraged to learn more about this important event in our history.

Parish News

Parish Office Hours Week of Oct. 12th

From Monday, October 12th to Friday, October 16th the Parish Office hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wedding Banns

I-Lauren Knasel, Saint Agnes & Taylor Overstreet

Family of God

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

Crew Daniel Smith

Child of Justin & Lauren Smith

Christian Service Assistant Available

We would like to remind parishioners and school families that the Saint Agnes Christian Service Committee may be able to provide assistance if you are in need of help with utilities, rent, mortgage, food, medical treatment/medicine, repairs, or other needs. Many individuals and families who never thought they would need help are now finding themselves in difficult situations. The Christian Service Committee has been assisting parishioners and school families for almost 50 years. All information is kept confidential and only known to the five members of the committee. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call/email the Parish Office (431-1802/parishoffice@saintagnes.com) and provide your contact information. One of the committee members will reach out to you.

Sincerely,

Saint Agnes Christian Service Committee
(Carol Allison, Steve Lorenz, Dave Rehtin, Kevin Schwartz and Ted Vogelpohl)

Evening Religion Help Needed

Evening religion classes are in need of classroom helpers. Perfect service project for high school students! Classes are Monday's from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and meet in the school cafeteria. Contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com. If 18 or older, you must be Virtus certified.

Early Bulletin Deadline

The bulletin for October 18th must be sent early. The deadline for this bulletin is Thursday, October 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Faith Formation

RCIA

ATTENTION ALL WHO ARE NOT CATHOLIC OR ARE NON- PRACTICING CATHOLICS! 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. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches and ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. For more information, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or Paula at email pfritz@saintagnes.com.

FORMED

Would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and help your children to know Jesus as well? Would you like to become a better defender of the faith? Check out **FORMED**, an online free subscription that offers faith based movies, documentaries, books, audios, and children's resources. **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. Follow the instructions. Every time you go to 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.



Word of Life Bulletin Brief

The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (EV 2). *Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae*, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permissions. All rights reserved.