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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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday, October 12

6:30 a.m. Vince Melching
11:30 a.m. Rob Miller

Tuesday, October 13

6:30 a.m. Intention of Cara C. Cetrulo
11:30 a.m. Jeffrey Taeuber

Wednesday, October 14-St. Callistus I

6:30 a.m. Mary Ann Brown
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Joan Bauereis Bowman

Thursday, October 15-St. Teresa of Jesus

6:30 a.m. Jimmy Bayless
11:30 a.m. Joan Bauereis Bowman

Friday, October 16-St. Hedwig;

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

6:30 a.m. Marilyn Stoeckle
9:20 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Jan Flood

Saturday, October 17-St. Ignatius

8:30 a.m. Estelle McGrath Cetrulo
4:00 p.m. James Bayless

Sunday, October 18-Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Karen Johnson
10:30 a.m. Warren Cook

Rosary, Sunday, Oct. 18th at 8:00 a.m.: Tony Summe

Staff Article

“The Lord is my Shepherd...”

Today’s readings speak of having abundance and being in need. St. Paul talks of ‘living in humble circumstances as well as living in abundance.’ He ends with, “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” In the Gospel, Jesus’ parable tells of a king inviting people to the feast for his son’s wedding. The initial, wealthier friends ignore the invitation or they are cruel to the king’s servants. He then invites whoever his servants can find. In the crowd he sees one not dressed properly and has that guest cast out.

So, what are we to learn? How do these passages relate to our lives? If we pause to think of our lives, how we live, how we view what we have been given, we may realize that at times we view ourselves as better and more deserving than others and that shows in our actions. On the other hand, we see that we are humble and recognize the goodness that comes to us from God. We realize He supplies what we need, and

we try to share His goodness.

Our psalm today is such a well-known one, “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” Its entirety reflects recognition and gratitude for all God gives. A shepherd meets the needs of his flock. He gives protection, food, caring, rest... Do we fully put our trust in the Lord? Are we filled with gratitude?

On October 1st, we enrolled 47 students into the preparation period for Confirmation. Part of their preparation is to think of people who need them, how God needs them for His work, and how they themselves need others and God. All of us should think of the many around us who may be in need. We have the lonely, the poor, the hungry, those who need friends, and those who need God. Be humble in knowing God has provided each of us with gifts to share and He is giving nudges to help do His work.



Anita Dunn, CRE/DRE

Please pray for our candidates who are to be confirmed on November 10th:

Grady Ackerman, Chloe Anneken, Mark Antrobus, Ava Auberger, Marisa Bloemer, Dillon Cain, Andrea Carothers, Lucas Cousineau, Hannah Dannenberg, Allison Dilbert, Vaughn Ditrick, Ian Fariello, Brian Finke, Abigail Fischer, Walker Haaser, Riley Herald, Sasha Holbrook, Maya Lawrie, Will Leach, Alexys Lear, Alexa McClure, Reese McGonigal, Ben Melching, Will Melching, Andrew Michels, Jocelyn Monson, Samantha Murphy, Avery Myers, Jake Nader, Lucas Nienaber, Aiden O’Hara, Jake O’Hara, Landon Ramsey, Katherine Resing, Adyson Rigney, Aidan Ritz, Riley Robinson, Owen Robertson, Morgan Russell, John Ryan, Josie Stallard, Tyler Stevens, Landon Walker, Keegan Wall, Andrew Weitzel, Dolan Whelan, Connor Wolnitzek

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week’s Gospel: Jesus told the parable about a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son and the invited guests didn’t come! Then he sent his servants to invite whoever they could find!

Adults: Have you ever invited friends to a party and they didn’t show up or they made excuses not to come? How angry and hurt did you feel? Do you think Jesus is inviting us to His heavenly banquet for all eternity? Will you be a “no show?”

Teens: If you were throwing a really big party and had invited lots of your friends, how angry and hurt

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would you be if they didn't show up? Would you invite them to the next party? How often do you think Jesus will invite us to share eternity with Him?

Children: Can you think of a time when someone "stood you up?" Would you ever do that to a friend...or to Jesus?

Next Sunday: October 18, 2020

29th 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, read semi-continuously. 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 First Letter to the Church at Thessalonika (Thessalonians).

Gospel Reading (Matthew 22:15-21): This Gospel passage is the story of when Jesus is asked whether Jews in conscience can pay taxes to the Romans. The Pharisees were Jews who were very strict about remaining "apart" from the Romans and all Gentiles. (The word "Pharisee" means "separated ones.") The Herodians (and the Sadducees) were Jews who collaborated with the Romans in ruling Israel. The Pharisees and Herodians were normally bitter adversaries of each other. Here they have teamed up against Jesus to ask this trick question. In this story with its unlikely allies, we can see how controversial a figure Jesus has become. The trap is: If Jesus says "yes" to paying the taxes, the Pharisees can brand him as an unfaithful Jew, a collaborator with the Romans. If Jesus says "no" the Herodians can brand him as advocating insurrection against the Romans. Cleverly, Jesus simply says "give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

First Reading (Isaiah 45:4-6): This reading from Isaiah is from the part of the Book of Isaiah that is concerned with the Israelites' return from exile in Babylon. Cyrus was the King of the Persians who had recently conquered the Babylonians and issued an "edict of religious toleration" allowing the Jews to return to their homeland, and restore their religion, particularly the cult of the Temple in Jerusalem. Cyrus even financed this rebuilding of the Temple and

of the city of Jerusalem itself. Isaiah, however, is saying that Cyrus cannot congratulate himself for this, for he is merely an instrument in God's hands to assist the Israelites: "Thus says the Lord to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him... For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you (Cyrus) by your name giving you a title, though you knew me not."

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5): The First Letter to the Thessalonians is considered by many to be the earliest of the New Testament writings, written by Saint Paul about 51 AD. This reading is from the introductory portion of the letter. There is a formal greeting wishing "grace and peace" and giving thanks to God. Paul compliments the Church at Thessalonika for their "work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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

USCCB Statement on Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities has issued a statement encouraging Catholics to allow "the Gospel of Christ to touch and transform our own hearts and the decisions we make." Archbishop Naumann's full statement follows:

"As Catholics in the United States, we will soon mark our annual observance of October as Respect Life Month. It is a time to focus on God's precious gift of human life and our responsibility to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

"This year's theme, 'Live the Gospel of Life,' was inspired by the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*. Pope John Paul's masterfully articulated defense of the right to life for children in their mothers' wombs, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the marginalized is more relevant today than ever before.

"Last November, the U.S. bishops reaffirmed that 'the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes

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place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.' While we noted not to 'dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty,' we renewed our commitment to protect the most fundamental of all human rights – the right to live.

"This past January, I shared with Pope Francis that the bishops of the United States had been criticized by some for identifying the protection of the unborn as a preeminent priority. The Holy Father expressed his support for our efforts observing that if we fail to protect life, no other rights matter. Pope Francis also said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue, it is first and foremost a human rights issue.

"The Gospel of Life provides a blueprint for building a culture of life and civilization of love. The important work of transforming our culture begins by allowing the Gospel of Christ to touch and transform our own hearts and the decisions we make. May we strive to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps, caring for the most vulnerable among us. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to live courageously and faithfully his Gospel of life."

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

Bulletin Cover Picture

The "courtyard" in front of the Murphy Hall entrance, the Parish Office and the Rectory.

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.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 10/05/20)	\$257,119
Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 10/05/20)	\$279,161

Alliance For Catholic Urban Education (ACUE): Special Collection

ACUE is our diocesan mission of education in the inner city areas of our diocese. There will be a special collection in support of this mission after the regular collection next week, October 17th/18th. Education is the best long-term solution to poverty and many of the challenges to come with poverty. Please be as generous as you can.

– Fr. Mark Keene

Saint of the Week

Saint Callistus

The earliest information that we have about Callistus is that when he was a young slave from Rome, he lost funds that were collected for widows and orphans and fled from his master, but was caught and taken back to his master. He was released at the request of some of the creditors who hoped he would be able to recover some of the funds. As he was trying to recover some of the funds he got into a fight in a synagogue and was arrested. At another time he was denounced as a Christian and was sentenced to work in the mines of Sardinia, until his release was obtained by one of the Emperor's household who was a Christian.



Callistus was ordained a deacon in 199 A.D. by Pope Zephyrinus and placed in charge of the Christian cemetery in Rome on the Appian Way, which is now called the *Catacombs of Callistus*. This was the first land owned by the Church and is now the burial ground for many popes.

In 217 Callistus succeeded Zephyrinus as Bishop of Rome and began to allow converts from various sects and schisms to come into the Church without requiring them to do penance. He also established the practice of absolving all sins, including adultery and murder. This caused many in the Church to denounce what they considered his lax attitude toward sin. The leader of this group was Hippolytus who was elected as a rival Bishop of Rome and became the first Antipope (Hippolytus would also become a saint).

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In 222 or 223 A.D. Callistus was martyred, it is believed during an uprising in Rome. Legend has it that he was thrown down a well but whether he was already dead or alive is not known. His body was recovered by Asterius, a priest, who buried the body. For this act Asterius was thrown off of a bridge into the Tiber. Callistus' feast day is October 14th. He is the patron of cemetery workers.

Parish News

Parish Office Hours This Week

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

Il-Lauren Knasel, Saint Agnes & Taylor Overstreet

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)

Socktober

Beginning Monday, October 12th, the students of Saint Agnes School will be having a Socktober event collecting new tube socks for the less fortunate. The socks will be collected through October 19th. Once collected the socks will be taken to local shelters and handed out to those who need them. There is a container in Church is you wish to donate. You can also drop them off at the Parish Office during the week. Thank you for your generosity!

Share in the Hope

Share in the Hope, a concert for compassion will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 16th and 17th. This will be a virtual concert featuring a number of prominent Catholic composers including our own Bobby Fisher as well as some name folk and pop artists including Peter and Paul of Peter, Paul and Mary, and Steve Katz of Blood Sweat and Tears. The concert will benefit three organizations including Catholic Charities in their work with immigrants and refugees. Link to the livestream can be found at www.shareinthehope.com.

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.

Diocesan News

SVDP's Annual Turkeyfoot Trot 5K

St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Turkeyfoot Trot 5L Run/Walk is going virtual this year. Run, walk and participate in the scavenger hunt challenge to benefit our ministry of direct service to our neighbors in need. This year you choose where and when to walk or run your 5K. The virtual race and scavenger hunt challenge starts November 12th and ends November 22nd. Earn entries to win prizes by taking part in the scavenger hunt. Registration if available online only through www.svdpnky.org home page. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$25 for children 14 years or younger and includes a "special edition" t-shirt if you register by November 1st. Also, the first 100 participants to register will receive a special gift. Please make sure to join the St. Agnes Conference when you register so that your registration will directly benefit our parish outreach. **Sponsorship opportunities are still available.** To sponsor, donate or for more information, go to www.svdpnky.org or contact Lou Settle at 859-446-7727 or lou.settle@svdpnky.org.