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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday, October 19-Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

6:30 a.m. Intention of Lynn Cetrulo Watson
11:30 a.m. Bud & Alene Weisel

Tuesday, October 20-St. Paul of the Cross

6:30 a.m. LM "Mike" Poage
11:30 a.m. Vincent Behan

Wednesday, October 21

6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Charles Dahlenburg

Thursday, October 22-St. John Paul II

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Tepe Family

Friday, October 23-St. John of Capistrano

6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
9:20 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Ruth Dahlenburg

Saturday, October 24-St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m. Roy Romes
6:00 p.m. Wedding: Knasel/Overstreet Families

Sunday, October 25-Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
10:30 a.m. Thomas Flick

Rosary, Sunday, Oct. 25th at 8:00 a.m.: Dan Summe

Staff Article

Dear Friends

In this weekend's Gospel, the Pharisees and Herodians thought they had come up a fool proof plan to ensnare Jesus. If He said it was lawful to pay the census tax, the people would turn against Him since they hated the tax. If He said it was unlawful, He would have been in trouble with the Roman authorities. In order to look sincere, they prefaced their question by flattering Jesus. But Jesus saw right through their plan and called them on it.

Clearly, hypocrisy was something that angered Jesus. In a series of "woes" He called the religious leaders who opposed Him hypocrites for not following the very precepts they were teaching. And in His Sermon on the Mount, He warns people not to pray or fast like the hypocrites who do it just to look good in front of others.

The word hypocrisy comes from the Greek word "hypocrisies", which means acting on a stage. When we are hypocritical, we are putting on a act, saying one thing and then doing the opposite, but when our

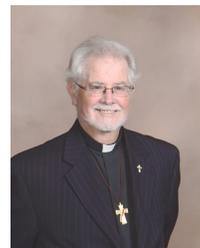
actions betray our words we have to ask ourselves if we really believe what we say we do.

We are all susceptible to hypocrisy, it's one of those unfortunate consequences of our fallen human nature. For example, we might lecture our children about not spending too much time on their screens and then spend hours and hours watching T.V. Or we may claim that we are a team player at work but then create division by criticizing a fellow coworker.

It can be a painful process to search our consciences and discover ways in which our actions aren't lining up with our beliefs. But the Lord understands our struggles and will forgive us and help us to change.

Best of all, the more we are able to authentically live out our Christian beliefs, the more we can become living witnesses to Jesus, and the kingdom He has ushered in.

God Bless
Deacon Bob



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: The Pharisees try to trap Jesus into saying that they should not pay taxes to Caesar.

Adults: Do you ever feel that the taxes you are paying today are being used to fund programs that you think are not Christian? Do you think you still have an obligation to pay your "share"? Why or why not?

Teens: Do you think we all must follow the law and pay our taxes even if we know some of the tax money is used to fund programs we do not believe are Christian, like abortion clinics, food stamps to people who refuse to work, or stem cell research?

Children: Do you think if Jesus were running our country today that He would give free food and housing to everyone or would He expect us to work and earn our living?

Next Sunday: October 25, 2020

30th 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

Parish Worship continued

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 (I Thessalonians).

Gospel Reading (Matthew 22:34-40): In this Gospel passage, the Pharisees are again trying to entrap Jesus. They question Jesus about which commandment in The Law (The Torah) is the greatest. Jesus answers with "love of God, love of neighbor and love of self." It all comes down to this. His answer would not have been new. It is found in The Law or "Torah" itself (Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18). Matthew depicts Jesus and His teaching as being solidly rooted in Jewish Traditions. This is consistent with Matthew's depiction of Jesus as being a "new Moses" and a fulfillment (not a repudiation) of the Old Testament Covenant. The Torah was attributed to Moses. This also supports the thinking of Scripture scholars that the Matthean community was composed largely of Jewish converts to Christianity, many of whom maintained their Jewish practices along side their belief in Jesus.

First Reading (Exodus 22:20-26): The Book of Exodus is the second of the five books that collectively comprise the Law or the "Torah." Exodus, as the name implies, describes the Jewish people's exodus from slavery in Egypt and their journey through the dessert until they reach the Jordan River, across from the Promised Land. The setting of this particular reading from Exodus is the Jewish encampment at Mount Sinai. At this point in the story, Moses has received the details of the Covenant between the Jewish people and God. Today's reading gives us some of the very practical details of this Covenant. In explicit language it describes the care for others that God expects, even of aliens in their midst. The reading concludes with God saying of Himself "for I am compassionate."

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10): Like the reading for the previous Sunday, this passage is from the introductory portion of I Thessalonians. Paul compliments the Thessalonians on their conversion, saying they have become a "model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia" and the entire region (present day Greece and its environs), describing how they "turned to God from idols to serve the living God and to await His Son from heaven, who He raised from the dead." First Thessalonians is the oldest book in the New Testament, dated around AD 51. In this passage we see evidence of the early Christian belief that Jesus would return in their lifetime.

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

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

No totals due to early bulletin deadline.

Alliance For Catholic Urban Education (ACUE) Special Collection

There will be a special second collection for ACUE after the regular collection today. If you are not prepared to make a donation today, you can make one the next couple of weeks by clearly marking your donation and putting it in the collection basket or by mailing it to the parish office. Please be generous!
—Thank you, Father Mark Keene



Thank You From Mustard Seed

Mustard Seed Communities would like to thank Fr. Keene, and the parishioners of St. Agnes for supporting the recent collection of urgently needed supplies. There has been a critical need for diapers and other supplies since the pandemic began and we are so very grateful for the efforts of the good people of St. Agnes to assist us in meeting our urgent needs. A container of supplies is on the way to Jamaica, to support the needs of the poor. May God reward you for your kindness!

We Are His Hands

Thank You From Family Promise

We recently received an acknowledgment from Family Promise of Northern Kentucky, thanking our parish for our support of Family Promise's program to assist homeless families. Each month we give a percentage of our Sunday collection to Family Promise.

Additionally, we host Family Promise client families in our convent building a number of weeks each year. Covid-19 has interrupted that service this year so far. Saint Agnes has been doing this for over 20 years and we look forward to the time when we can resume.

-Father Mark Keene

Saint of the Week

John of Capistrano

On October 23rd, we honor Saint John Capistrano, an Italian Franciscan who has ties to America. He has two missions named after him, one in southern California and the other in Texas. He is the patron of military chaplains and jurists.



John was born in southern Italy in 1386 and died in what is now Croatia on October 23, 1456 at the age of 70 of the bubonic plague. He had just completed helping the forces of Christian Europe defeat the forces of Ottoman Turkey at Belgrade. For this he was named the soldier saint.

Before this he was a preacher of note and was also a reformer of the Church. He also wrote tracts against heresy and emphasized the Holy Name of Jesus. He battled heresy throughout central and northern Europe. He was canonized in 1694 by Pope Alexander VIII or 1724 by Pope Benedict XIII. His feast day was originally on March 28th, but was moved in 1969 to October 23rd.

His name is best known in the United States because of the California mission named for him. The mission was destroyed by an earth quake in 1812. It's also famous for the return of the American Cliff Swallows from Argentina in the spring, traditionally on March 19th, the feast of Saint Joseph, (they traditionally leave on October 23rd, the feast of John of Capistrano). A famous song "When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano" was popular in the last century. The number of swallows returning has lessened in recent years probably resulting in the development that has taken place in the area. The mission is a fascinating place to visit.

Parish News

Wedding Banns

III-Lauren Knasel, Saint Agnes & Taylor Overstreet

Family of God

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

- Mallory Elizabeth Hoyt
Child of Rich & Kim Hoyt
- Hannah Christine Martin
Child of Robert & Michele Martin

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 Rechlin, Kevin Schwartz and Ted Vogelpohl)

Faith Formation

RCIA

ATTENTION ALL WHO ARE NOT CATHOLIC OR ARE NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS!

Do you ever ask yourself...What am I looking for in life? What is the meaning of my life? How can I be a better person? What can I do about the loneliness I feel? How can I come to know God's love? How can I know the right path God has in store for me? If you ask yourself any of these questions, or questions like them, the Catholic way of life may be for you. We invite you to learn about the Catholic faith. For more information, call the Parish Office at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Faith Formation continued

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**. 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. Please sign up today!



Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"We are called to reverence and love every human person as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. *The Gospel of Life* teaches us that 'the task of accepting and serving life involves everyone; and this task must be fulfilled above all towards life when it is as its weakest.'"

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Serving Moms in Need: Living the Gospel of Life"
respectlife.org/serving-moms-in-need

Christian Outreach

Opportunities for Life

For those in turmoil due to an untimely pregnancy, Opportunities for Life offers life affirming hope and help. Go to their website,

www.opportunitiesforlife.org and you will find an online directory of area pregnancy care resource centers. Or, locally call the Catholic Charities at 581-8974 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Project Rachel

Our past decisions can leave us feeling messy. God is bigger than any of our messes. Don't let this keep you from His love and forgiveness. Project Rachel can help. Contact us today at 392-1547 or projectrachel@covdio.org. All communication is confidential.

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.

Marriage Preparation

Effective until further notice: In light of the ongoing circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus, the authorized Marriage Preparation programs for the Diocese of Covington have had to cancel many of their in-person sessions. While we value the benefits of, and in normal circumstances require, in-person programs, we are acutely aware of the need to continue marriage preparation in this time of an unprecedented pandemic. For this reason, we are permitting couples to participate in real-time online marriage preparation that has been developed by each of the approved programs. We invite you to contact the administrators of these programs for more specific information. The facilitators will help determine a date that works best for your situation. Contact information can be found at <https://covdio.org/catechesis-and-evangelization/family-life-ministry/>.

White Mass

Annual White Mass that was to be held on Thursday, October 29th at the Cathedral has been cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions. For information on Sts. Teresa of Calcutta and Faustina Guild of the Catholic Medical Association (CMA) in the Diocese of Covington contact the Pro-Life Office at 391-1500.

