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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 25-Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, October 26

6:30 a.m. Vince Melching
11:30 a.m. Thomas Vogt

Tuesday, October 27

6:30 a.m. Robert C. Cetrulo
11:30 a.m. Victor Egolf

Wednesday, October 28-Sts. Simon & Jude

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Tom Fricke

Thursday, October 29

6:30 a.m. Ruth Dahlenburg
11:30 a.m. Clem Hellmann

Friday, October 30

6:30 a.m. Dodd & Connelly Families
9:20 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Charles Dahlenburg

Saturday, October 31

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m. Jan Flood

Sunday, November 1-All Saints

8:30 a.m. Charlene Keltz
10:30 a.m. William Bohman

Rosary, Sunday, Nov. 1st at 8:00 a.m.: Theresa Gray

Staff Article

Discipline and Government

Over the course of our formal education, most of us receive some information, or even an entire course about our government. It might be through a history course or a civic course, or even a course in government or political science. As far as government in the United States, we are usually informed about the three branches of our federal government (legislative, executive and judicial) which are mirrored in our state governments. We are instructed that our constitution defines these branches of government in such a way that there is “a system of checks and balances” which is supposed to function as a guard against abuses of power by any of the branches. This same constitution also defines/establishes a “floor” so to speak or minimum, which governmental bodies and agencies (federal, state, local) must uphold with regard to respecting the liberty/rights of citizens (and institutions also I suppose).

For all of this to have a chance of working effectively and fairly, it is important that all citizens first be informed and knowledgeable of the roles of the branches of government so as to know how to participate effectively and fairly along with other citizens in our government. It also helps us to avoid misplaced expectations. With that knowledge also comes the responsibility to respect the boundaries of those roles. It takes discipline to govern and to be governed. As for example, in recent years it seems that many look to the judicial branch for some of the roles/responsibilities of the legislative branch and/or executive branch (so-called “policy outcomes”). I suspect this is because effecting legislative changes is much more difficult. It involves informing/changing the minds/hearts of citizens, which in turn effects the people those citizens elect to represent them, which in turn effects the laws those representatives enact. While policy “victories” in a court can be achieved more quickly at times, it seems to me that damage is done to our system at a fundamental level when this happens. Likewise, interpretations of legislation that “correct” or “update” the legislation in the eyes of some, in general do not respect the role of the legislative process and can do great damage to respect for the process. So “the vote” is where it all starts and whereby the system can be kept honest. We have an obligation to exercise that vote conscientiously.

With our election coming up in less than two weeks, we are reminded, that as citizens of our country, and as a people of faith and for whom the content of that faith should underpin responsible citizenship, we have an obligation

- Understand our system of government as defined in our Constitution and its Amendments... to understand how it is designed to work (and how it actually works) and what is the proper way to effect outcomes in our government... to respect the process as designed in the Constitution and to respect the boundaries so defined. These are the rules that, as citizens, we’ve agreed to “play by” and we should play by them, and not discount the importance of our example in this regard. We all as citizens are called to : *support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; [and to] bear true faith and allegiance to the same.*

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- To be wary of “cults of personality” which can cloud our judgements about candidates and issues, as well as cloud our evaluations of the endorsements given to candidates.
- To be knowledgeable of the platforms of the political parties and how those platforms conform to our values and beliefs about what is good/bad and right/wrong, and to consider this taking a view to the “long-haul” of things. We should ask what does it mean when a party does not have a platform.
- To make a thoughtful assessment of candidates on a number of levels, such as policy positions, temperament, communication ability, trustworthiness, experience, knowledge, etc.
- As Catholics, to be informed regarding church teaching (both the reasoning and the conclusions) and to consult publications, like the document “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship—A Call to Political Responsibility” put out by the leadership of our church (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)
- To pray about all of this... about our decision about who to vote for... for our country... and for our leaders. We are always “Citizens of the Kingdom of God” first and foremost and to let this allegiance guide us in our citizenship.
- Vote.

I conclude with the words from the Preamble of the Constitution which reminds of its purposes:
We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

—Father Mark Keene



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week’s Gospel: The Pharisees asked Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest...and He answered them with a very brief response...“Love God first and love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.”

Adults: If you were asked which commandment of the law is the greatest, how would you respond? Can you imagine how the world would be if everyone loved their neighbor as much as they loved themselves?

Teens: Who do you think is your neighbor, your friends, your teachers, your siblings, your enemies? How hard are some people to love? What can you do for one of your “neighbors” today to show love?

Children: What would you like for someone to do for you to show that they love you? Is there someone in your life that you can “love” today?

Next Sunday: November 1, 2020

All Saints

Ordinary Time. Cycle A

This year the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Sunday, and “bumps” the regular Sunday celebration, which would have been the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. The earliest documentation of this feast is from the 4th century in the East with a feast of “All Martyrs,” observed on May 13th. With time this feast was celebrated on other days, such as Easter Friday and the Sunday after Pentecost, which was the day it was observed in some places in the West. On May 13, AD 609 or 610 the Roman Pantheon was dedicated under the title Saint Maria and the Martyrs. Many see this as the origin of All Saints Day. In the 9th century Pope Gregory transferred the feast from May to November. The reasons for the transfer are not clear, but perhaps to adopt the English-Gallican practice of remember the dead at this time. (from The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2009)

Gospel Reading (Matthew 5:1-12): Although the Gospel of Matthew is featured in “Cycle A” years, this Gospel reading from Matthew is assigned to this feast regardless of which year we are in. This reading is Matthew’s version of “The

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Beatitudes.” The Beatitudes are the opening words of Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount,” which is the first of the five major discourses that form the framework of Matthew’s description of Jesus’ public ministry. While this passage is famous for its poetic beauty, it is also to-the-point regarding who is “Blessed.” Particularly challenging are its last words: “Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” For a tradition of honoring saints that began with the blood of the martyrs (see above), this passage is very appropriate for today’s feast.

First Reading (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14): While often misinterpreted and used to frighten people, Revelation is thought to be a very liturgical book whose purpose is to inspire hope to a persecuted Christian Community. This passage describes in great detail the great, glorious Liturgy being celebrated eternally in heaven, of which our earthly Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is a reflection and sign of. (A *mysterium* in Greek, or a *Sacramentum* in Latin, or “Sacrament” in English) Of course at the Liturgy in heaven, the ones attending are wearing white robes (the origin of white Baptismal gowns, white First Communion dresses, white wedding dresses and the albs that ministers wear) and “are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.” Revelation tries to encourage those to whom it is written to listen to its words and so be encouraged to be faithful in the midst of their trials... so they can ultimately participate in the great heavenly Liturgy.

Second Reading (1 John 3:1-3): In this passage John teaches, “See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.” Then teaches, “Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.”

Bulletin Cover Picture

The Sugar Maple tree at the foot of the steps in our parking lot

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.

Adorers Needed

Adorers are needed to fill the following hours in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel:

Monday-12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 10AM

Tuesday-10AM

Wednesday-2AM

Thursday-12PM, 1PM, 11PM

Friday-4AM, 11PM

Saturday-8AM

If you are interested in helping to fill these open times or have any questions please contact Don Able at 513-403-5242 or abledrky@gmail.com.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 10/19/20)

\$291,967

Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 10/19/20)

\$321,613

2020 DPAA

Hope does not disappoint... the love of God has been poured out into our hearts.

(Romans 5:5)

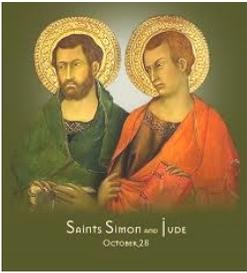
Getting Closer Still! As of September 30, 2020, 350 parishioners have committed \$142,354 in gifts and pledges toward our parish goal of \$158,700. This leaves \$16,346 to go! Not reflected in these figures are gifts made since September 30, of which there have been a few. If you have not yet made a gift of pledge and need a pledge card, please contact the parish office.

I encourage everyone to make a commitment of some amount. No amount is too small. I think we all can be very proud of what we are doing as a church through DPAA supported ministries, particularly during this time of Coronavirus concerns.

Please help our parish reach its goal. We’ve never not made our goal. –Father Mark Keene

Saints of the Week

Saint Simon and Saint Jude



On October 28th we celebrate the feasts of two apostles, Saint Jude and Saint Simon. Both of these apostles are relatively unknown and are only mentioned a few times in the Bible. Saint Simon's name appears in all of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and

Luke) and in the Acts of the Apostles when the apostles are listed. To distinguish him from Simon Peter he is called Simon the Zealot. Simon is the patron of sawyers and leather tanners. Tradition holds that he was martyred by a saw.

Saint Jude is more well known because he is the patron of Lost Causes, but very little is known about him either. It is believed that he is not the author of the Epistle of Jude in the New Testament because the Jude who wrote it does not identify himself as an apostle, but rather as the brother of James. To make matters even more confusing, some scholars feel that Jude and Thaddeus are the same person because the list of the twelve in Matthew and Mark does not contain the name of Jude, but does contain the name of Thaddeus while in Luke and the Acts (both by Luke) the name of Jude is listed in the twelve, but not Thaddeus. One of his symbols is an axe because it is believed that an axe was used to kill him.

All of the stories about them agree that they were with Christ in His life and went forth after Pentecost to spread the Gospel, which probably cost them their lives.

Parish News

Family of God

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

- Isabella Maureen Adkins
Child of Greg & Krista Adkins
- Lucy Wynne Bloemer
Child of Ben & Dee Dee Bloemer

First Thursday Rosary

Please join us on November 5th at 7:00 p.m. in praying the Rosary for the needs of family and our parish. Pray for our country and the world, especially in these dangerous times as we battle the coronavirus. Pray for your special intentions. Give love to our Lord. Give 30 minutes to God and Mary in this Saint Agnes tradition started in 1999. *Please enter via the annex doors facing Dixie Highway.*

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?



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