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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

ALL SAINTS

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 1-All Saints

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

Monday, November 2-All Souls

6:30 a.m. Marilyn Stoeckle
11:30 a.m. George Freudigen

Tuesday, November 3-St. Martin de Porres

6:30 a.m. Joan Bischoff
11:30 a.m. Anthony Brandner

Wednesday, November 4-St. Charles Borromeo

6:30 a.m. Geneva Riehemann
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Thomas Vogt

Thursday, November 5

6:30 a.m. Elmer Cleves
11:30 a.m. Antoinette Andaloro

Friday, November 6

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:20 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Dolores Todd Lyon

Saturday, November 7

8:30 a.m. All Members of Clay Ministries
4:00 p.m. Irene Ruberg

Sunday, November 8-Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Ron Kenning
10:30 a.m. Joe Melching

Rosary, Sunday, Nov. 8th at 8:00 a.m.: Jesse Boone

Staff Article

Jesus Calling to Jesus Always: A Steadfast Heart in Hard times

For a number of years, at Christmas, our parish has been giving everyone who wants one, a book. For Christmas, 2016 we gave out the book *Jesus Calling*. It is a collection of reflections and associated Scriptural passages for each day of the year, given in a "voice of Jesus" manner. The author, Sarah Young, has had more than her share of challenges in life. Her insightful and calming reflections are the fruit of her struggles. We received a tremendous response from people who were delighted to receive a copy of the book, which was first published in 2004. Sarah Young released a similar work, *Jesus Always* in 2016, and some parishioners have been using this book daily as part of their prayer ritual.

Colleen Read is a life-long member of our parish. She also coordinates our Greeters and is a greeter herself. She has used *Jesus Calling* and now has been using *Jesus Always*. Together we were greeting before the 10:30 Mass on October 11th and she mentioned how

helpful the reflection for October 5th from *Jesus Always* was for the times we are living in. I looked it up and agree... I offer the following quotation from the October 5th reflection:

I want you to have no fear of bad news. The only way to accomplish this feat is to have a steadfast heart, trusting in Me. There is an abundance of bad news in the world, but you don't need to be afraid of it. Instead, confidently rely on Me—believe in Me. Find encouragement in My sacrificial death on the cross and My miraculous resurrection... When things around you or in the world seem to be spinning out of control, come to Me and pour out your hearts. Instead of fretting and fuming, put your energy into praying. Come to Me, not only for comfort but also for direction; I will help you find the way forward... Don't dread bad news or let it spook you. Instead keep your heart steadfast and calm through confident trust in Me.

All Saints Day is one of the oldest traditions in our Church. On one level, the lives of the saints model many different gifts and virtues. However, I think all of them represent what can be found by everyone in the pursuit of holiness... the type of steadfastness of heart, awareness, gratitude and humility described by Sarah Young in her writings.



Father Mark Keene

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus teaches His disciples what it means to live the beatitudes and what makes a person a "saint."

Adults: Whom do you know in your life that you consider "blessed?" Why? Which one of the beatitudes do you feel is the hardest one to follow?

Teens: Why do you think that Jesus loved the "poor" so much? If you were on the mountain when Jesus preached the beatitudes to His disciples, do you think you would have changed your life?

Children: Do your friends ever say things about you that are not true? Can you be a "peacemaker" and forgive them?

Next Sunday: November 8th, 2020
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A
In our Liturgical Calendar we are now in the period called "Ordinary Time". The season is called

Parish Worship continued

“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 First Letter to the Church at Thessalonika (Thessalonians).

Gospel Reading (Matthew 25:1-13): Chapter 25 in the Gospel of Matthew concludes Matthew’s description of the teaching mission of Jesus. It consists of three images: 1) the five wise and the five foolish bridesmaids, 2) the parable of the talents, and 3) the image of the Last Judgement where the Son of Man comes in his glory and separates the righteous from the unrighteous based on their response to those who were hungry, thirsty, naked, a stranger, ill or imprisoned. (What eventually became known as “the corporal works of mercy.”) We will read about each of these three images on November 8th and the following two Sundays. These three images also conclude our church’s Year of Worship for 2020 and our readings from the Gospel of Matthew. Christ the King (November 22nd) is the last Sunday of the current Liturgical Year. Both Matthew through his Gospel and the Church through our Liturgical Year wish to impress upon us the importance of such things as 1) being prepared to be vigilant for the long haul of life, 2) actively developing the talents/graces God has given us, and 3) being open to having our lives overtaken by concern for the needs of others.

First Reading (Wisdom 6:12-16): This reading is a beautiful poem/prayer in praise of Wisdom. As the wise bridesmaids in the Gospel reading, we are invited to be vigilant, for Wisdom rewards the vigilant.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18): At the time of 1 Thessalonians, people expected Christ to return in their lifetime. Much in the New Testament must be viewed with this awareness of people’s concerns during this time. Today’s reading gives Paul’s answer to the concern of those who thought those who had already died would be at some disadvantage when the Lord returned.

Bulletin Cover Picture

Happy Halloween! The Jack-O-Lantern that peers out a window of the parish offices.

Advent and Christmas Flowers for our Church: Gifts in Memory Of

Again this year we plan to decorate our church with poinsettias during Advent and Christmas Seasons. With the Covid-19 virus currently spiking again as of this writing, it is hard to know exactly what protocols will be in place during Advent and Christmas. However, we are fairly certain that we will be live-streaming whatever is allowed. Naturally, we would like our church to look nice for the Advent and Christmas Season, both for those who attend Mass in person and those who will be viewing from the live-streaming. Our church is beautiful as it is, but with the poinsettias and other Advent and Christmas decorations, it looks especially so!



In recent years we have financed all of these poinsettias through memorials donations. The response has been great! Thank you again to everyone who contributed.

If you would like to donate one or more poinsettia (\$50/ each) as a gift to the parish or in memory of a loved one, please clearly mark your gift and put it in the regular Sunday collection or send it to the Parish Office on or by Monday, November 23rd. Those who make such gifts and memorials will be acknowledged in the bulletin on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20th. The name(s) of the donor will be included along with the name(s) of those who are being memorialized: For example: "A Gift from John Doe" or "In memory of Frank H. Keene by Father Mark Keene" or "Anonymous, in memory of Mary Doe." –Thank you, Father Mark Keene

Monthly Intention of Pope Francis

For use with The Morning Offering Prayer
NOVEMBER 2020: For “Artificial Intelligence” - We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 10/30/20) \$316,916

Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 10/30/20) \$352,064

Actual Compared to Budgeted

\$35,148

Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2020/2021) \$1,233,000

Stewardship continued

Our 2020-2021 Parish Budget

Finalizing our parish budget this year has been particularly challenging as you might imagine. While our teacher salary scale was frozen at last year's level, essentially all of our teachers have advanced an additional year in seniority on that scale, and so our salary levels have increased. Other parish personnel salaries have remained at their 2019-2020 levels. Per diocesan mandate, our tuition levels were also frozen at the 2019-2020 level. In putting the 2020-2021 budget together, we had to have a balanced budget and one that is realistic.

After much effort at keeping expenses at a minimum, we have put together a balanced budget that requires a total of \$1,233,000 from the Sunday collections. This is \$26,000 less than was budgeted for 2019-2020, but \$24,000 more than we actually collected in 2019-2020. This \$1,233,000 is a 2% increase over what we actually received in 2019-2020.

In the 2020-2021 budget, the parish provides our school operating budget with a \$382,000 subsidy. This is in effect "tuition assistance" that helps all school families. Tuition covers about 73% of school expenses.

The John Francis Murphy Endowment Fund for Saint Agnes School provides an additional \$55,000/year in funds for operating expenses that benefit all school families.

In addition to this, our parish tithing fund, which is also funded by the offertory collections, provides around \$40,000 in additional tuition assistance to school families that apply for it. Each application is reviewed and, an amount granted based on need.

Our school is our parish's largest ministry/apostolate in many ways: personnel, volunteer involvement, funding, etc. Historically, Catholic Education has been the largest contribution our Catholic Church has made to our local communities.

This year particularly, we need everyone to pitch in to help us meet our expenses. The 2% increase mentioned above is certainly within our reach as a parish, but we need everyone to do their part. Please consider increasing your financial commitment to our parish and its ministries, especially our school. Thank you, Father Mark Keene

Saint Agnes School Annual Appeal

Our school has begun its annual appeal for this year. In the past, our Fish Fries and particularly our Oktoberfest have provided crucial support for our school, both for special projects and for operating

expenses. We had to cancel half of our Fish Fries this past Lent and our Oktoberfest this fall was cancelled altogether. The result is that our Saint Agnes School Annual Appeal is all the more important. Please consider making a substantial donation to help offset the funding we would have realized from Fish Fries and Oktoberfest. Donations should be clearly marked and sent to the parish office (1680 Dixie Highway, Fort Wright, Kentucky 41011).

Thank you, Father Mark Keene

2020 DPAA

Hope does not disappoint... the love of God has been poured out into our hearts. (Romans 5:5)

Getting Still Closer! 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! If you have not yet made a gift of pledge and need a pledge card, please contact the parish office (431.1802).



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

Seminarian Education Collection

"May God who has begun this good work in you bring it to completion." Philippians 1:6

The Seminarians for our Diocese are preparing through prayer, education and service to others, to become the future priests of our Diocese. They have dedicated themselves to follow the Lord and have the heart of the Good Shepherd. As the Lord has called them, so too are we called to support them on their journey. Please be generous in your gift and in your prayers for them. The collection will be taken up next weekend at all Masses.

Parish News

Family of God

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

Wade Thomas Metz

Child of Andrew & Kelly Metz

Parish News continued

Deceased of our Parish (October)

Please pray for the family and friends of the following parishioners who recently passed away:

Mr. Jacob Erpenbeck
Mr. Thomas Vogt

New Parishioners (October)

Welcome the newest members to Saint Agnes Parish:

Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy & Teisha Gates
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Allison Johnston
Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Theresa Luegering
Mrs. Mary Monaghan
Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Kristy Ortwein
Mr. & Mrs. Rob & Mikel Quast
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew & Ellen Wagenlander

Christian Service Sunday

Saint Agnes Christian Service Sunday is Sunday, November 22nd. The purpose of our Christian Service Program is to provide assistance to those Saint Agnes parishioners and school families in need, but who don't have access to an established assistance program. The weekend of November 14th & 15th, members from the Christian Service Committee will be giving a brief talk at all Masses. Grocery bags will be handed out for you to take home and fill with non-perishable food items, paper goods and personal care items. Also, an envelope will be included in the bulletin that weekend for any monetary donations you may wish to make. Grocery bags and envelopes will be collected at all Masses the weekend of November 22nd. All grocery bags will be delivered to Be-Concerned, Welcome House and Rose Garden Mission. The monetary donations will be used to provide assistance to parish/school families and other forms of outreach when there are special needs in our area over the next 12 months. Thank you for your support!

Boy Scouts Christmas Wreaths

Saint Agnes Boy Scout troop 31 are taking orders for Christmas wreaths. If interested please contact Chris Daly (christopherdaly@outlook.com), Greg Gemeinhardt (greggem2@gmail.com), or Ed Frondorf (froned@fuse.net). Orders must be in by November 8th.

You can also order them online. Go to www.vermontcenterwreaths.com/fundraising-store. Enter "wreath" (all lower case) for the access code. This will take you to the online catalog. Select the items you wish to purchase. Be sure to scroll down to find "Troop 31" as the fundraising group.

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.*



School News

Saint Agnes Kindergarten Registration

If you have a kindergarten student for the 2021-22 school year, it is time to register! Priority registration for current school and parish families is through November 13th. If you need help with the registration process, please contact the school office at 261-0543.

Faith Formation

RCIA

As we celebrate All Saints Day today and recall the "living witnesses" of the joy and peace that living the Catholic life can bring, let us ask the saints to intercede for those who are inquiring into the Catholic faith. Please keep our inquirer in your prayers as he begins to devote himself to Jesus within our Catholic faith.

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic way of life, or just have questions about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com.

FORMED

GOOD NEWS! Saint Agnes has renewed our parish subscription to FORMED. Enjoy this free subscription to an incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content, all in one place. With FORMED, you can prepare for Sunday Mass, enjoy a movie with your family, enrich your marriage, and help your children grow in character and embrace the beauty and wonder of the faith. FORMED provides inspiring content 24/7 for you and your family to grow in your faith. It's now EASY and FREE to register. Go to www.formed.org. Click the "sign in" button and choose "I belong to a Parish..." Enter St. Agnes Church Ft. Wright Kentucky, select our parish and follow the instructions. Every time you go to www.formed.org you will be sent to the sign-in page. No password needed, just click sign in and you are there. Please sign up today.