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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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday, November 9-Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. David Martini

Tuesday, November 10-St. Leo the Great

6:30 a.m. Raymond Grogan
11:30 a.m. Intention of Carol E. Cetrulo

Wednesday, November 11-St. Martin of Tours

6:30 a.m. Roy Romes
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Mary Arzen

Thursday, November 12-St. Josaphat

6:30 a.m. Vince Melching
11:30 a.m. Jan Flood

Friday, November 13-St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

6:30 a.m. Wilbert Klump
9:20 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Grace Poncer

Saturday, November 14

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m. Bernie Cummings

Sunday, November 15-Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Joanne Deters Byrne
10:30 a.m. Warren Cook

Rosary, Sunday, Nov. 15th at 8:00 a.m.: Fred Summe

Staff Article

God, Grant Me the Wisdom

Wisdom is a key component of our readings this week, both in the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins as told in Matthew's Gospel, and in our first reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom. I've been given the daunting task of writing this bulletin article that is due prior to the election, but won't be published until after the election. I'm writing this on Friday, October 30th. In preparation I've been reflecting on the Scripture readings for the week and praying the well known Serenity Prayer..."God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." In praying this prayer I accept the fact that I alone cannot change the outcome of the election whatever the result may be. I do pray for the courage to follow the Lord's two great commandments to love God and love neighbor even if it means speaking out against injustice and to use whatever means God gives me to work for

needed change. Music has been a primary vehicle God has given me in this work including both my work as your music director and my work in organizing the Share the Journey concerts (www.shareinthehope.com). Finally I pray for the wisdom to recognize my own limitations, the ability to discern what I can take on and what I need to let go of, and to empower others in the sharing of this work. I close with this prayer. God, whoever our elected officials are, may their leadership be guided by truth, compassion, and love. Grant them the willingness to put aside their own self interests in order to work together from both sides of the aisle for the common good of all. May the spirit of divisiveness that has plagued our country be replaced with a spirit of unity and civility. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Bobby Fisher, Director of Music Ministries

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus tells His disciples the parable about the ten virgins who were waiting for the bridegroom. Some brought oil for their lamps and some didn't bother...and the virgins who brought no oil weren't able to come to the wedding feast because they were unable to light their lamps. When they left to buy oil, the bridegroom took the ones who were prepared to the wedding feast, but did not allow the ones who were not prepared to enter.

Adults: Can you imagine what message the bridegroom was trying to send to the virgins... always be prepared?... don't count on someone else to do the work for you?... maybe something else?

Teens: If you had been there and been one of the "wise" virgins, would you have shared your oil with the virgins who didn't bother to bring any? Why or why not?

Children: Do you think the "foolish" virgins really forgot the oil...didn't save enough money to pay for it...or maybe they just thought they could sponge off their friends? How do you feel when one of your friends tries to use you for their benefit?

Parish Worship continued

Next Sunday: November 15th, 2020 **33rd 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. 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 25:14-30): Chapter 25 in the Gospel of Matthew concludes Matthew's description of the teaching mission of Jesus. The "Passion Narrative" begins afterwards in Matthew. Chapter 25 contains some very vivid parables that are meant to get our attention and impress upon us the importance of waking up and setting ourselves on the spiritual path where "Christ consciousness" can grow in our minds and hearts, so that we will begin to see and love the world and all its people as Jesus does. This particular passage (vv.14-30) contains the "Parable of the Talents." This parable teaches that while what is entrusted to each person is unique for that person, each person is nonetheless called/expected to develop the talents entrusted to them, or risk losing them. "For everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

First Reading (Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31): Proverbs is one of a number of books in the Old Testament that are collectively called "The Wisdom Books" or "The Writings." As its name suggests, the Book of Proverbs is largely a collection of proverbs, (little wise sayings) and practical advice. This particular passage is an exception though. This passage (often used at weddings) communicates the advice that Lemuel, King of Massa received from his mother. In literature, particularly during the age in which

Proverbs was written, wisdom is often imagined as a woman. For this reason, this hymn in praise of "an ideal wife" that concludes the Book of Proverbs can be interpreted on deeper levels. This hymn—while making use of images from another age and economy—conveys an image of a self-possessed and shrewd woman who knows how to make her way in the world. Such a woman is a personification of the wisdom that Proverbs advocates.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6): Some of the Thessalonians were concerned that their deceased brothers and sisters would not share in Christ's second coming, which in the time that Paul wrote this letter was expected in the near future. Paul affirms this belief in Christ's immanent return, but warns against trying to figure it out as to the exact day and time. He counsels the Thessalonians to just be alert and ready.

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 rectory 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.

—Thank you, Father Mark Keene

Parish Worship continued

Adorers Needed

Adorers are needed to fill the following hours in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel:
Monday-12AM, 1AM, 2AM,
Tuesday-10AM
Wednesday-2AM
Thursday-12PM, 1PM, 11PM
Friday-4AM, 10AM, 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.

Bulletin Cover Picture

On the cover of the Sunday bulletin for this week is the display of Saints' relics that was in our sanctuary last Sunday, The Solemnity of All Saints. Our parish has three relics of Saint Agnes, one of Saint Agatha, one of Saint Anthony of Padua, one of Saint Gerard Majella, and one of Saint Clement. Father Trinity has a relic of Saint Joseph and one of Saint Paul which he lent to the display. Saint Paul is the patron saint of our diocese. The round window on the front of our church is dedicated to Saint Paul. Its words *Spiritus Gladius* are Latin for "The Sword of the Spirit" which is a term coined by Saint Paul in the Letter to the Ephesians. The window displays a sword (which is also symbolic of Saint Paul's martyrdom. He was beheaded) and a book, indicating Saint Paul's teaching of the Gospel. Thanks to Father Trinity for putting together such a moving and reverential display.

-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 11/02/20)	\$331,387
Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 11/02/20)	\$361,600

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, 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

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 project 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

Rockin' the Socktober

A big THANK YOU to all who participated in the Socktober. Our parish collect 3,607 pairs of socks! Together with Saint Pius X Parish, we collected over 7,100 pairs of sock. That's a lot of feet! The Northern Kentucky Men's Club sponsored this event. Mike Monson of our parish is a member and proposed our parish's participation. The Men's Club conveys their thanks for our parish's generous response!

-Father Mark Keene

Stewardship continued

Seminarian Education Collection

A vocation to the priesthood is an answer to Jesus' call to participate in His work. Christ is the One who calls. The Diocese of Covington has been blessed to have a number of men who have responded to Christ's call. These men will need the love and support of the community to complete their journey. Estimated Diocesan cost for providing our seminarians with tuition, books, room and board, health insurance, living allowances and retreats for the coming year will amount to more than \$56,000 per seminarian. You can help by making an immediate gift to the Seminarian Education Fund. Please pray daily for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Parish News

Family of God

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

Harper James Lindloff
Reid Bradley Lindloff
Children of Bradley & Meghan Lindloff
Theodore Hale Sweet
Child of Robert & Julie Sweet

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!

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our faith is a gift and like the torch in His parable of the ten virgins, our faith needs to be kept alive, nourished and growing so it may be a source of light to others. Please pray for our RCIA inquirer and help him to experience the light of Christ through our examples of Catholic Christian living.

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.