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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

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

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

Monday, November 16-St. Margaret; St. Gertrude

6:30 a.m. Grace Poncer
11:30 a.m. Bill & Grace Poncer

Tuesday, November 17-St. Elizabeth

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Shirley D'Orazio

Wednesday, November 18-The dedication of the Basilicas
of St. Peter & St. Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Dec'd of Jack & Helen Grayson

Thursday, November 19

6:30 a.m. Dec'd of Tepe & Wells Families
11:30 a.m. Harry Arnzen

Friday, November 20

6:30 a.m. Joseph Connelly
9:20 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Susan Lietzenmayer

Saturday, November 21-The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Mel Weber
4:00 p.m. Jack Droeger

Sunday, November 22-Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

8:30 a.m. Intention of Elaine Cetrulo
10:30 a.m. Ron Kenning

Rosary, Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 8:00 a.m.: Carl Stamm

Staff Article

Last Week

The election is over. The irritating ads that blasted onto our TVs over and over again have been tossed into whatever waste bin that they throw them in. However, the vote counting and the recriminations about cheating are still going on with one party claiming victory and the other refusing to concede.

I was and am worried about my country. When I was a child, I believed what the news told me and I knew that all elections were fair. That is not the case now. The reputation of both have been sullied, probably for a long time. But this article is not about politics. It's about hope. Presidents come and go, majorities in Congress come and go, and if I look back across my life when this has happened, not much changed.

What will change the world is the love of God. What will change the world are followers of Jesus Christ, Catholic and others coming together to bring the love

of Christ into the world that needs to be healed by that love. Jesus is the only one that can bring true peace. Jesus is the only one that can bring true justice and Christ is the only one that can fix what is wrong with this world. Pray and work to bring Christ to this world.

God Bless you.
Deacon Gary Scott



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus tells the parable about the man who went on a long journey. Before he left he entrusted his possessions to his servants. When he came home, he asked them for an accounting!

Adults: If someone asked you to be in charge of their possessions for a period of time, would you try to do a really good job or would you be satisfied with just an "okay" performance or would you be envious if they had more than you and really not try at all?

Teens: Can you think of a time when you could have tried a lot harder and done a much better job taking care of someone's pet...their yard...or maybe helping someone who was ill and needed company? How would you want someone to act if they were taking care of you or someone in your family?

Children: How do you feel when you know you've done a really good job for someone? How do you think Jesus feels when we really try to do what He expects of us?

Next Sunday: November 22, 2020 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King is celebrated on the last Sunday of our Church's Year of Worship. The new Year of Worship begins the following Sunday with the First Sunday of Advent (the fourth Sunday before December 25th). This solemnity is one of the newest on our Church's calendar. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to the rise of totalitarianism: Bolshevism in Russia, fascism in Italy, civil wars and fears of new dictatorships elsewhere. He declared "The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ." Pope Pius XI was hoping that a day

Parish Worship continued

acknowledging Jesus Christ as King of the Universe would serve as a corrective to these political ideas and threats. The solemnity was originally observed in October, but then was moved to its present position, the last Sunday of the Year of Worship in the reform of the church's calendar, following the Second Vatican Council.

Still today, there are many ways in which our allegiances can become misguided: consumerism, nationalism, materialism, etc. The need to keep Christ before us as our King—as the ultimate authority to which we must answer—is even more necessary. As we end this Year of Worship 2020, the Liturgy reminds us that in and through all that we have prayed for, asked forgiveness for, given thanks for, and praised God for... Jesus Christ is King.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 25:31-46): Chapter 25 in the Gospel of Matthew is the conclusion of Matthew's description of the teaching ministry of Jesus. (What follows in Matthew are the accounts of The Last Supper, the Passion and Crucifixion and the Resurrection.) This conclusion in chapter 25 contains parables that impress upon the listener the importance of paying attention and being ready for the "long haul" (the five foolish and five wise bridesmaids) and putting into practice the teaching that has been entrusted to the listener (parable of the talents). The Gospel reading for the Feast of Christ the King is the final "parable" although "image" is probably a better word. Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man at the end of time and how the Son of Man will separate people according to whether they have fed the hungry, given drink to thirsty, clothed the naked, visited the ill and imprisoned. What we now know as the "corporal works of mercy." It is a very sobering image. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus is presented as a teacher, and in Matthew's Gospel this reading is the last of Jesus' teachings. Matthew is presenting Jesus as teaching that in the end, all of his teaching can be summarized in God's expectation that we respond to people in need, for to do so is to respond to God himself.... Christ, "in the distressing disguise of the poor" as Mother Teresa said.

First Reading (Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17): Ezekiel ministered to the Jewish people who had been defeated by Babylon and deported there, starting in 597 BC. Ezekiel presents a very hopeful image of the Lord shepherding his people as a shepherd leads his flock and as a shepherd seeking out the lost and bringing them back home. This image was to inspire consolation and hope in the Jewish people, scattered among Babylon and the other nations like sheep.

Ezekiel helped keep alive the hope that one day Yahweh would gather them from all the nations to which they had been scattered and bring them back to their homeland. (Which in fact happened about 60 years later around 538 BC.)

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28): In this reading from I Corinthians Paul describes his vision of the resurrection of the dead. "For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order..." He presents Christ as a King who reigns above all things, even – and especially – death itself: "For [Christ] must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death."

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 memorial 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

Bulletin Cover Picture

On the cover of the Sunday bulletin for this week is a photograph taken on November 6th, when the crosses for "Respect Life Month" were removed by our 8th graders. We began with a prayer.

Parish Worship continued

Saint of the Week

A Big THANK YOU to Many

It has taken a lot to get our church ready to resume public worship, which we did back on May 24th. While we are not through all of this, we should take time to thank the many people for making this happen in as safe a way as possible.



- Rick Wolking, our Maintenance Supervisor and Dan Lee, his assistant for taping off the pews in church, marking the six foot separations on the church floor, ordering and organizing the disinfectant, spray bottles, rags, gloves, etc. for disinfecting the pews after Mass ...and for having the foresight to order all of these things in advance.
- Paula Fritz for organizing the volunteers to help sanitize the pews after Masses.
- Annette Ward for putting together the internet
- sign-up for volunteers to sign up to help sanitize pews.
- All volunteers who have been staying after Mass and wiping down the pews, especially the many who do it every weekday and/or Sunday Mass.
- Everyone for helping by leaving your kneeler down so we know where to sanitize.
- Everyone for wearing masks and otherwise abiding by the protocols.

Thank you everyone...and to anyone we might have missed. You all are a blessing!

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.

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.

Saint Margaret of Scotland

The future Saint Margaret of Scotland was born in Hungary in 1045. She was an English princess of the House of Wessex that was in exile at the time. In 1057 the family returned to England but fled to Scotland in 1066 after the beginning of the Norman Conquest. According to legend she landed in Scotland at a place now know as Saint Margaret's Hope on the north side of the Firth of Forth. In 1070 she married Malcolm III, the King of Scotland (reigned 1058-1093).

Margaret was known as a pious woman and had a civilizing effect on her husband. It is reported that she read Bible stories to him. She also pushed for religious reform by linking the practices of the Church in Scotland to be more in line with the practices of Rome and the churches on the continent of Europe. One of the changes she helped make was to have Lent start on Ash Wednesday rather than on the following Monday, which had been the Scottish custom.

She was also known for her charitable actions; she fed the poor and orphans each day before she herself ate. Margaret also washed the feet of the poor and she woke at midnight to attend Church services. Margaret was also known for her private devotions and one of her prayer books is preserved in a library at Oxford University.

On November 13, 1093 her husband Malcolm and their eldest son Edward were killed at the Battle of Alnwick. Already ill, the news pushed her to death and she died three days later on November 16th. She and her husband were buried at Dunfermline Abbey. In 1560 Mary Queen of Scots had her head brought to her as a relic to aid in childbirth. Her head later went to the Scots College in Douai, France but it was lost during the French Revolution. After the reformation in Scotland the rest of her and Malcolm's bodies were transferred to Madrid, Spain, but they have also been lost.

Pope Innocent IV canonized Margaret in 1260. Her feast day was originally June 19th but was changed in 1693 to June 10th in honor of the birthdate of James VII of Scotland (also known as James II of England). When the Roman Calendar was revised in 1969 her feast day was moved to the anniversary of her death, November 16th. She is a patron of Scotland, Dunfermline, the Shetland Islands, the Scottish county of Fife (where she landed in 1068), Queen's Ferry and Anglo Scottish relations.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 11/09/20)
\$343,371
Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 11/09/20)
\$384,700

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

We Are His Hands

Thanks: From NDUEC

We received nice acknowledgments from the Notre Dame Urban Education Center (NDUEC) for contributions made to them from our tithing fund (We Are His Hands). They want us to know that they greatly appreciate our support and that we are “a blessing to NDUEC.”

Thanks: From Family Promise

We received an acknowledgment from Laura Green, the Interim Executive Director of Family Promise of Northern Kentucky.

Parish News

Wedding Banns

I-Kelsey Delaney, Saint Agnes &
Zach Koenig, Saint Paul

Pro-Life Yard Signs

There are a few pro-life yard signs still available. If you would like one for your yard, you can find them at the Parish Office.

Early Bulletin Deadline

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the bulletin for November 29th must be sent early. The deadline for this bulletin is Friday, November 20th by 10:00 a.m.

Christian Service Sunday

Saint Agnes Christian Service Sunday is Sunday, November 22nd. This weekend, 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 is included in the bulletin 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!

Faith Formation

RCIA

Our Scripture readings today remind us that we can either take risks; choose Jesus and be blessed or reject Jesus and stagnate. We are invited to consider how much we have let the Word of God influence our spiritual growth and move us closer to Jesus. Please pray for our RCIA inquirer that he may continue to be willing to take risks to get to know Jesus more closely through the 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.

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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. 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.