



# CHRIST THE KING



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*The Church of Saint Agnes*

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, November 22-Our Lord Jesus Christ Our King

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

#### Monday, November 23-St. Clement; St. Columban;

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro  
6:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:30 a.m. Dick Finke

#### Tuesday, November 24-St. Andrew Dung-Lac

6:30 a.m. Camillo D. Cetrulo  
11:30 a.m. Mary Jane Sassin

#### Wednesday, November 25-

6:30 a.m. St. Catherine of Alexandria  
11:30 a.m. Jan Flood

#### Thursday, November 26-Thanksgiving Day

9:30 a.m. Charlene Keltz

#### Friday, November 27

6:30 a.m. Camillo D. Cetrulo  
11:30 a.m. Bill Dickman-13th Anniversary

#### Saturday, November 28

8:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Paul Zembrodt  
4:00 p.m. Don & Lisa Wilder-50th Wedding Anniver

#### Sunday, November 29-First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Denny & Jeff Vieth  
10:30 a.m. Martin Crowe

Rosary, Sunday, Nov. 29th at 8:00 a.m.: Fran Lee

### Staff Article

## Christ the King

Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe or simply Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925. Seven years after a pandemic like we are going through! He established it in response growing secularism and hostility against the Church. He spoke of the attitude of those who were trying to remove Christian influence from political life (USCCB). As I researched and read about this, I was like, "Wow, what similarities to today!"

This day is also the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year 2020. Aren't we all waiting for the end of this year? The way things have been since back in March, March 13th, a Friday to be exact, no one can say they are not ready to leave this year behind. Next week starts Advent, but we will see many differences to our usual Christmas prep and celebrations due to today's world pandemic. Sadly, we are fearful of not being able to celebrate Christmas at church but remotely like we had to do for Easter.

As we listen or go back and read today's Scripture passages, let us take heart in the message of our Lord as the shepherd who watches over us. Then too, take to heart the message in Corinthians that leads us from

Adam's sin casting darkness on us to the light of Christ's Resurrection. Christ still is our shepherd trying to protect and care for us. We must ask, "Are we turning from him?"

Finally, we hear in the Gospel that Christ will come again as a shepherd to separate us. Those (sheep) who followed Christ are put to the right with Christ. Those (goats) who did not follow Christ are put to the left and not allowed into the gates.. He says we will inherit the kingdom because we fed the hungry, clothed the naked, took care of the sick, and visited the imprisoned. He asks that we see Him in ALL people, not putting down everyone who disagrees with us.

Today is the day to meditate on our actions. We are challenged to look at ourselves. Do we have Christ the King, our Shepherd in view? As I say to my two-year-old granddaughter who loves to race us but watches us instead of looking forward. "Keep the finish line insight, not the other person." That finish line for all is being with Christ in heaven. Let that guide our lives, not political or personal goals, not monetary things or being first for publicity. Christ is the goal of creation. Keep that in mind.



Anita Dunn, CRE/DRE

### Parish Worship

## Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus talks to His disciples and tells them how He expects them to treat each other if they hope to enter heaven.**

Adults: Do you ever think about what will happen to you when you die or do you just try to avoid coming to grips with your eternity? Can you spend some time really giving consideration to your own "final judgement?" How difficult is that to do?

Teens: Jesus tells the disciples they must feed the hungry...clothe the naked...give drink to the thirsty, etc. Can you think of ways you and your friends can live out these instructions in your daily life?

Children: Can you think of someone in your life that you can welcome into your circle of friends... someone who needs to be accepted...someone who isn't part of the "in" crowd?

## Next Sunday, November 29, 2020

### The First Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Advent: Advent season begins four Sundays before Christmas. As it begins, so too begins a new "church

## Parish Worship continued

year." Advent is the first part of the "Advent/Christmas" cycle which begins on the first Sunday of Advent (November 29th this year) and ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 10, 2021). There is one other such "cycle" in the Year of Worship, the Lent/Triduum/Easter Cycle, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Pentecost Sunday.

The Liturgical readings for the days of Advent through December 16th, are directed more toward Christ's coming at the end of time. From December 17th-24th, the readings for the days of Advent remind us of the days before the first coming of Christ. Advent is not a "mini-Lent," nor is it even so much about Jesus' birthday, though it does conclude with that celebration. Advent is a season where we use the memorial of Jesus' first coming (Christmas) as a "foundation" for appreciating that He will return again. God was true to His word the first time and so there is no reason to doubt about the second coming. Through the readings at the Liturgy, Advent reminds us that we are a people living in this "in-between" time who have been entrusted with a great treasure of which we are stewards, not owners. There will come a time when we will be asked to give an accounting for what we have been entrusted with, therefore we are to be vigilant and purposeful in our living all the days of our life.

The Gospel of Mark will be featured on Sundays during the Year of Worship we are just beginning (Cycle B). In every year (A, B and C), the Gospels for the Sundays of Advent follow the same themes: the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent has to do with Christ's coming at the end of time. The Gospels for the Second and Third Sundays of Advent have to do with the ministry of John the Baptist. The Gospel readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent are from the Scripture stories about Jesus' birth ("Infancy Narratives"). The first readings in Advent are Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah and Messianic times, particularly from Isaiah. The second readings are from the New Testament Epistles and present exhortations and instructions on themes of the Advent Season.

**Gospel Reading (Mark 13:33-37):** The Gospel of Mark concludes its description of Jesus' teaching ministry with a passage that depicts Jesus as preaching about being vigilant and ready. This reading comes from that part of Mark's Gospel. It contains a familiar image, that of a man who has gone on a journey and left his servants in charge of his household. He will one day return. Wise servants, because they don't know the exact day, will

live each day in readiness. Jesus is the man and we are those servants. We ought to strive to be ready and alert—good stewards of what the master has entrusted to us until His return.

**First Reading (Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7):** This passage from Isaiah is from among the final oracles in the Book of Isaiah. They present an idealized picture of the relationship between God and Israel. In this reading Isaiah reflects back on the nation's history, particularly the events that lead to the Babylonian exile, wishing God had "taken a stronger hand" in teaching them humility... perhaps many of the tragedies of the Exile could have been averted.

**Second Reading (I Corinthians 1:3-9):** The Second Reading is from the introductory portion of I Corinthians. It is very enthusiastic in expressing Paul's desire that God keep the Corinthian church "irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

## Last Chance! 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

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### Parish Worship continued

#### Adorers Needed

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

Monday-12AM, 1AM, 2AM,

Wednesday-2AM

Thursday-12PM, 1PM, 11PM

Friday-4AM, 11PM

Saturday-11AM

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](mailto: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.

#### Bulletin Cover Picture

Today is Christian Service Sunday in our parish. The cover photo is of volunteers helping to load up the groceries from a previous Christian Service Collection.

### Saint of the Week

#### Solemnity of Christ the King

The Solemnity of Christ the King was first instituted by Pope Pius XI in the encyclical letter *Quas primus* in 1925 to confront growing secularism in Europe. Originally it was held on the last Sunday in October, immediately before All Saints Day. Blessed Pope Paul VI changed this in 1969 to its current place, the last Sunday of the liturgical year.



After World War I Pope Pius XI realized that while the fighting had stopped peace had not been achieved. The rise of nationalism, the rise of communism, the rise of fascism with all of the evils that accompanied those "isms" threatened to drive the world into war again. Also at the end of World War I many long-standing ruling families, such as the Hapsburgs of Austria-Hungary, the Hohenzollerns of Germany and the Romanovs of Russia, had fallen and were no more. Pius XI wanted the world to know that true peace can only be found under the "Prince of Peace," Jesus Christ the King, the King whose rule will have no end. He instituted this solemnity so that the faithful would remember that their allegiance was to their heavenly

king rather than the rulers of the earth.

*Quas primus* quotes Cyril of Alexandria who said that Christ has dominion over the world not through violence but through the nature and essence of who He is. Pius said, "Jesus Christ reigns over the minds of individuals by His teachings, in their hearts by His love, in each one's life." Pope Benedict XVI said that Christ's kingship is not based on human power but on loving and serving others. Remember, we have a King who not so much rules us as loves us and encourages us to follow Him to the life that He has made for us.

### Stewardship

#### Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 11/09/20)

\$370,403

Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 11/09/20)

\$407,800

#### 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 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.

Thank you. -Father Mark Keene

### Parish News

#### Parish Office Closed

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th.

#### Wedding Banns

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

#### Family of God

We welcome into the Family of God the following infant who was baptized recently at Saint Agnes:

Emmalyn Mae Schuler

Child of David & Elizabeth Schuler

## Parish News continued

### Walter Kraus: Breaks the Century Mark!

Our parishioner, Walter Kraus turned 100 last Sunday. We congratulate Walter on this remarkable birthday! His daughter, Gretchen Mueller supplied the following information about Walter... Amazing times he's lived in. Happy Birthday Walter!



*St. Agnes parishioner Walter Kraus turned 100 years old on Sunday, November 15th. He was born in Bamberg, Germany in 1920 and immigrated to the U.S. in 1925, where his family settled in Newport, KY. He attended Corpus Christi grade school and Newport Catholic High School. Walter joined the U.S. Navy for a 4-year stint in 1938 and signed up for submarine service. World War II started before that stint was over, and Walter ended up making 11 war patrols as part of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet. After WWII ended, Walter elected to stay in the Navy and became an officer. He served in both Korea and Vietnam and retired as a Naval Commander in 1969 after 30 years of service. Following retirement, he worked as a consultant in Mexico City for 4 years before moving back to the Cincinnati area in 1973. Walter and his wife, Enriqueta, have lived in northern KY and been members of St. Agnes Parish since 1975. Their two daughters graduated from St. Agnes School and Notre Dame Academy. When Walter looks back on his time in the Navy and traveling the world - he has spent time on 6 continents and in Central America, sailed many seas and speaks 3 languages - he is reminded that prayer, particularly his devotion to the Rosary, always brought comfort, connection and peace. He credits his long life to his faith, his wife, and a glass of beer with dinner every night. In his "older" age he remains a voracious reader and enjoys spending time in his wife's garden and visits from his grandchildren.*

### Christian Service Sunday is Today, Sunday, November 22nd

Our Christian Service Program is steered by a committee of Saint Agnes parishioners. The food collected supports Welcome House, Be Concerned and Rose Garden Mission. Your monetary donations provide assistance to those Saint Agnes parishioners/school families in need, but who don't have access to an established assistance program. Please be generous as you have been for so many years. **Volunteers will be needed today after the 10:30 Mass to help move and load the food.**

### First Thursday Rosary CANCELLED

Sadly, in these times of needing prayer, we are putting our Rosary on hold. Bishop Foys is concerned for all and has asked that nonessential gatherings go virtual or be put on hold. You can take part in the Rosary anytime on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). Just search Rosary. EWTN has the rosary daily at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Pray that we get back in January.

### Sacraments & Evening Religion Update

As of November 3rd, Bishop Foys postponed all Confirmations until after the new year begins. By November 9th, he requested no non-essential meetings or gatherings except by virtual methods. This led to deciding to put First Confession on hold until Spring.

Fr. Keene also felt with the Bishop's concerns that we should cancel our Evening Religion Classes until after Christmas. We have NO CASES, but Father felt it was in the best interest of those children as well as the school children.

Please pray for our Evening Religion teachers and students as they navigate the next few weeks. They are so faithful to coming. We will miss them. Pray for our 2nd and 8th graders as they continue to prepare for their sacraments.

## Faith Formation

### Advent Reflections

Advent 2020 will be here soon! Have you made any prayerful plans yet to prepare for the Lord's coming? Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to offer any in-person opportunities to study and pray together at St. Agnes. However, we can all still take advantage of some of the many online free resources available to enrich our Advent prayers and preparations. For example, [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) provides many faith formation resources including *Opining the Word* (under programs, the Faith Formation tab), which reflects on the Sunday readings each week with special insights for Advent. Or, sign-up for Matthew Kelly's (Dynamic Catholic's) *Best Advent Ever*, which include daily brief video meditations sent to your email (go to [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com), under my parish find Best Advent Ever). Or sign-up for Bishop Robert Barron's daily Advent reflections at [www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog](http://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog). Also, please check out our resource center in the back of church. You will find many up to date Advent books, booklets, wreaths, candles, and activities for children. Most importantly, please join us for Sunday Mass each weekend in Advent, and of course, on Christmas!