

PALM SUNDAY

of the Lord's Passion



March 28, 2021

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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 6:00 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

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 28-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Carl & Emma Kuchle Family
10:30 a.m. Charlene Keltz

Monday, March 29

6:30 a.m. Communion Service
11:30 a.m. Dan Cahill

Tuesday, March 30

6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
11:30 a.m. Anthony Siegrist

Wednesday, March 31

6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Mary Margaret Johnson

Thursday, April 1-Holy Thursday

No 6:30 or 11:30 Mass
7:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, April 2-Good Friday

No 6:30 or 11:30 Mass
12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy (Repeated)

Saturday, April 3-Holy Saturday

No 4:00 p.m. Mass
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4-Easter Sunday of the

Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Thomas Flick
10:30 a.m. Gary Heidrich

Rosary, Sunday, April 4th at 8:00 a.m.: Easter

Staff Article

What a Week it Was for Jesus!

That title belongs to a version of the living stations often performed by students in area Catholic schools, including St. Agnes in past years. You witness Palm Sunday's triumph, to the shocking crucifixion and burial, to the Easter Sunday triumph. The church is very solemn and totally silent as Jesus is carried to His burial during the ending section. After this past year, many might say, "What a year it has been for Jesus and all!"

March 15th last year saw us bid farewell to in-person Mass, as well as much activity in our lives. We hoped for short times, but had several months without community at Mass. Our Holy Week services and Easter celebrations became virtual through TV as we set up altars and made quiet spaces to be with Jesus in our homes. For many that continues with the danger of the virus.

As adults we all hope that we are building lifelong

traditions and faith values in our children's lives. A vital way to do this is through the Church's celebrations. An important reminder is that FAMILY is the FIRST sense of CHURCH that children experience. We must be Church in home and family before we enliven Church here in community.

Growing up I recall working at my grandmother's store and on Good Friday we closed at 12, left for services, then came back and reopened at 3. Surprisingly, every business in the area did the same; just as all closed on Sundays. Today, it is almost unheard of to have stores close for religious reasons and when they do, they face criticism.

Religious traditions are constantly changing with time and culture. This year we have seen a switch to ancient ways, such as 'sprinkling the ashes' instead of tracing the 'cross on the forehead'; no shaking hands for the sign of peace; and no Chalice at Communion time. Sadly, we see a dwindling of people returning and that makes us worry about the bad habits that can develop. A worry too if the masks are creating a nonchalant reception of the Eucharist.

As we enter Holy Week we need to think, 'What about in our own lives and families? What does this week mean?' Spring Break time is here? Sweet Sixteen is happening? The Easter Bunny is coming? Do we give time to Jesus? Yes, it takes true dedication to faith and appreciation of Christ's gift to us to make sure we attend all services. On the other hand, we can make sure each day to do special prayer with our families for the event of the day.

All are called to be witnesses to God's love and to share it. Our actions speak much louder than our words. Taking time to attend the special services of this week says to others, "Jesus is important to me and I appreciate His gift of heaven to me." That is the first step in evangelizing - showing someone your love of Jesus.

Holy Week begins today, Palm Sunday. The most solemn holiest days of the year are this week. The most solemn Liturgies are this week. Be a part of our parish's commemorations of these days. Be a part of our parish's worship and thanksgiving to God. Join us and invite friends as we share in Jesus's week. At least try to make it to one to pray with Him. Give Him thanks for what He did for us.

Anita Dunn, DRE/CRE



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: In triumphant glory, Jesus comes into Jerusalem and the people spread their cloaks on the ground for Him, wave olive branches and sing in His honor!

Adults: Can you imagine the mentality of the people in Jerusalem? One week they were glorifying Jesus crying out "Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord." The next week they nailed Him to a cross! How often do you "change" your thinking about your friends, the clergy, politicians, family members? What usually causes you to change your mind? Do you try to see good in all people?

Teens: If you had been with the crowds when Jesus came into Jerusalem would you have been a cloak spreader, a wreath waver or maybe a quiet observer? Do you think you would have stuck with Jesus when the others betrayed Him? Do you try to stick by your friends when others make fun of them?

Children: Only one more week until Easter! Are you still trying to do penance? Never too late to start!

Next Sunday, April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord, Cycle B

Regardless of which year we are in, (A, B or C), the readings for Easter Sunday are always the same. The Gospel reading is the account of the discovery of the "empty tomb" from the Gospel of John. The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (as it will be all Easter Season, weekdays and Sundays). For the Second Reading, there is a choice from either the Letter to the Colossians or First Corinthians.

Gospel (John 20:1-9): This passage is the account from John's Gospel of the discovery of the "empty tomb." In all of the Gospels, there is not a single eye-witness account of the moment of Jesus' resurrection. There are only accounts of the discovery of the empty tomb and then later appearances of the resurrected Jesus. This account of the empty tomb from the Gospel of John seems to have much symbolism. It also raises many questions: Who is this "disciple that Jesus loved?" (His name is never given.) Why does he not enter the tomb right away, but defers to Peter? Why the attention to the details of the burial cloths?

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43): This passage comes from the first "speech" that Peter gives to Gentiles. It takes place in the home of the Roman centurion, Cornelius. Just prior to this, Peter had a dream which convinced him of the rightness of

preaching the Gospel to Gentiles and welcoming them into the community of followers of Jesus. In this address Peter summarizes the purpose of Jesus life, death and resurrection.

Second Reading Option A (Colossians 3:1-4): This reading is from an exhortation to those who are already believers, encouraging them to keep in mind the larger picture, to "think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

Second Reading Option B (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8): Saint Paul reminds the Church at Corinth that "our Paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Catholic Traditions

Easter and renewal: new oils, new fire, new Paschal Candle, confession and the renewal of Baptismal promises. Much like the season of Spring, with Easter there is a sense of newness and renewal. At some point, all of the holy water, all of the holy oils, all of the "fire" (the tabernacle vigil lamp), the Paschal (Easter) Candle from the previous Easter, and even all of the hosts that are kept in the tabernacle are disposed of.

New oils are blessed each year during the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

The first thing that is done at the Easter Vigil is the blessing of a new fire. The new fire is then used to light a new Paschal Candle which is blessed and which will be used throughout the coming year.

During the Easter Vigil, holy water will be blessed for the Baptism of this year's catechumens/elect. This water will be used to sprinkle us after we renew our Baptismal Promises. This holy water will also be used in the fonts at church, which were emptied on Good Friday.

Any remnants of the Blessed Sacrament (Consecrated hosts or Consecrated wine) that are left after the Good Friday service are to be consumed or properly disposed of (buried). At the Easter Vigil, the Eucharist is celebrated and the remaining Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle and the tabernacle vigil light (which has been extinguished since Holy Thursday evening) is lit.

The renewal of one's Baptismal Promises is also a motivation for some to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a way of readying themselves ("wiping the slate clean") for this new beginning at Easter.

In many ways, the season of Lent and our Lenten

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Parish Worship continued

observances have been directing us toward the renewal of our Baptismal Promises. In this sense, we are in solidarity with our "Elect" who will be making their Baptismal Promises for the very first time. It is by our Baptism that we enter the Sacramental life of the Church and so become part of the corporate witness of the Church, which itself is a "Sacrament" to the world. Baptism is never a private matter or a matter solely between the one Baptized and God. By Baptism, we place our lives in union with the lives of all other Christians, who are the Church, who have pledged to live lives in witness to and service to Christ. This is discipleship. The Baptism that we share with one another, we share with Christ, so like Christ, we should support one another in our vocations.

Monthly Intention of Pope Francis

For use with The Morning Offering Prayer

MARCH 2021: Intention for Evangelization - Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

APRIL 2021: Fundamental Rights - We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Bulletin Cover Picture

The Passion of Jesus, as portrayed by our eight grade a few years ago: The body of Jesus is taken to the tomb.

Adorers Needed

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

Monday-12AM, 1AM & 2AM

Wednesday-2AM, 1PM & 5PM

Thursday-11PM

Friday-4AM

Saturday-12AM

Sunday-8PM

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.



2021 DPAA

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." (John 3:17)

By now all registered parishioners should have received a letter from Bishop Foys and me regarding our 2021 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal (2021 DPAA). As your pastor, I ask that you read this letter carefully. Included with this mailing was information about this year's DPAA. While our diocesan goal is the same as last year (\$2,600,000) our parish's share in that goal increased somewhat from last year. This year our parish goal is \$160,500—an increase of \$1,800 or 1%.



Please read as well as articles in our diocesan newspaper the *Messenger*. This year's video can be viewed via our diocesan website: <https://covdio.org/stewardship-missions/>. This year's video is the best one yet I think. I think we can be very proud of the work our diocese is trying to do in so many areas, from education to social services, and more. As Catholics, "It's what we do!" You can share in this work through your support of our 2021 DPAA. Thank you if you have already made a pledge or gift. If not, please pray about making a sacrificial gift. "Don't give till it hurts... give till it feels good!"

—Father Mark Keene

Parish News

Thursday Rosary

Rosary Night will be **April 8th at 7pm.**

Due to April 1st being Holy Thursday we are meeting on the second Thursday. Please join us for 30 minutes of prayer and meditation. A time to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection as we pray the Glorious Mysteries. Pray to Mary, Our Mother to guide and protect our country. Pray especially for those affected by the coronavirus. Pray for an end to this and other problems in our world. Join your prayer for special intentions, world peace, our priests, and families with other faithful. Pray for those who have passed. Spend time in the devotion Our Mother asked us to pray to achieve peace in the world. Rediscover the power and peace of prayer. Prayer starts at **7pm on April 8th. Enter by way of annex door by Sleepy Hollow Rd.**



Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 03/22/21)

\$864,557

Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 03/22/21)

\$897,226

Parish News

Kentucky Legislature Update

The 2021 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly is in the closing days. Legislators return on Monday, March 29th, for two days, before adjourning *sine die* (an unspecified time). Several good bills, and some not-so-good ones, have already passed, but there are three important bills that still need a final push to get over the finish line. Please call 1-800-372-7181 to leave a message for your state senator and/or representative. If you are unsure who that is, the operator will be able to connect you to the right person.

HB 91, which would amend the Kentucky Constitution to make clear there is no state constitutional right to abortion, needs only a vote on the floor of the Senate. If it receives that vote and passes, the amendment will be on the ballot in November 2022. If the session ends without the Senate taking action, we have to start all over next year, and we lose an entire year of certainty and opportunity to organize and educate voters on the ballot question. Please urge your state Senator to demand a floor vote.

Also, HB 148, to prevent those with severe mental illness from being subject to the death penalty, also needs only a vote on the Senate floor. If it can get a vote next week and it passes, the bill then will go to Governor Beshear for his signature.

Finally, we are waiting for Governor Beshear to act on HB 563, which would create Educations Opportunity Accounts and was passed by the General Assembly last week.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to Faithful Citizenship.

Faith Formation

RCIA

This weekend we enter the most Holy Week of our Liturgical Year. The Church says that God offered His only begotten Son to suffer and redeem fallen humanity and that this is the ultimate revelation of the depths of God's love for humankind. Jesus' paschal mystery includes His suffering, death, entombment, resurrection, ascension, and sending of the Holy Spirit. This willing action of Jesus opens the way for us to live a new life in wholeness and holiness. Through and in Jesus' sacrifice, our sufferings, pains, and struggles are also transformed. **Please join in praying with all RCIA Elect this week, the holiest of all weeks, as they**



Enter deeply into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus through the liturgies of Holy Week. Make this Holy Week the best one you have ever experienced. All RCIA Elect will complete their preparations for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Complete your Lenten practices this year by walking with Jesus through this Holy Week to Easter joy. Support our RCIA Elect, Charlie, by renewing your Baptismal Promises, confirming your Catholic faith, and receiving the Lord in Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. See the bulletin for times of our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. Please keep Charlie in your prayers.

If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or if you know someone who is interested, please contact Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com or call the parish office at 431-1802.

FORMED

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT THIS YEAR? LENT 2021 IS THE PERFECT TIME TO JOIN FORMED.ORG! NOW MORE THAN EVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW AND LIVE YOUR



CATHOLIC FAITH. Our parish has an online subscription to FORMED, which offers multiple Catholic resources for each of us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our faith with others. FORMED includes faith-based movies, documentaries, books, audios, children's resources, Lenten Bible studies, all beautifully presented to help you and your children grow in your love, understanding and zeal for our faith. **Please register for FORMED (it's FREE)** by going to www.formed.org and click on "sign up." That will take you to a page where you can enter and choose St. Agnes Church, Ft. Wright. Follow the instructions from there and you will be signed up. No password to remember.

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in His love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (*The Gospel of Life* 86).