

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



April 4, 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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Happy Easter

On behalf of all of our staff and myself, I wish everyone a Happy Easter! A special greeting and welcome to all visitors with us this Easter Sunday.
– Fr. Mark Keene

Mass Intentions

- Sunday, April 4**-Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Thomas Flick
10:30 a.m. Gary Heidrich
- Monday, Aprils 5**
6:30 a.m. Communion Service
11:30 a.m. Judy Fewell
- Tuesday, April 6**
6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Charlene Keltz
- Wednesday, April 7**
6:30 a.m. Anita Dodd Connelly
9:30 a.m. No School
11:30 a.m. Gretchen Sassin
- Thursday, April 8**
6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
11:30 a.m. Evelyn Hebbeler
- Friday, April 9**
6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
9:20 a.m. No School
11:30 a.m. Grace Poncer
- Saturday, April 10**
8:30 a.m. All Clay Ministry Members & Benefactors
4:00 p.m. Richard Maier
- Sunday, April 11**-Divine Mercy
8:30 a.m. James Martin
10:30 a.m. Raymond Grogan

Rosary, Sunday, April 11th at 8:00 a.m.: Jesse Boone

Staff Article

Dear Friends

Alleluia! Christ is risen! What joy we feel when we hear those words on Easter! We have made it through the forty days of Lent. We have walked with Jesus on the journey to the cross in Holy Week. Now we can proclaim the good news of the resurrection and celebrate with all the angels and saints.

But Easter doesn't end today. As a church we celebrate Easter as an octave, for a full 8 days. We celebrate it as a liturgical season, lasting fifty days, until Pentecost. And we celebrate it every Sunday throughout the year.

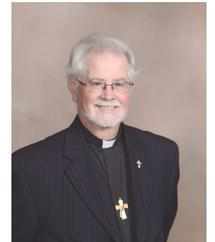
The truth is, Easter never ends! What Jesus accomplished through His death and resurrection can never be undone. What Our Father created is very good, what was corrupted and lost has now been redeemed.

So look beyond this joyous day, to the season ahead. Spend time over the next fifty days reflecting on the Mass readings to see how the apostles responded to this good news. For them the resurrection changed everything, and turned their whole world upside down! Jesus had risen-they had seen Him with their own eyes.

Where once they were afraid, now nothing was more important to them than sharing the good news whatever the cost.

Jesus' resurrection has changed everything for us too. We are loved. We are redeemed. And when Christ our life appears, then we too will appear with Him in glory.

How will you respond to this amazing news? Don't let Easter come and go. Live in the truth every single day. Let it seep into every fiber of your being. Baptized into Christ's resurrection, you are a new creation. Christ lives in you, and you live in Christ both now and forever. "Alleluia".



Happy Easter and God Bless
Deacon Bob

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Let our faith be strengthened as we ponder the mystery of Christ's death and His glorious resurrection!

Adults: When Mary Magdalene and some of the apostles found the empty tomb of Jesus and saw His burial clothes, what emotions do you think they felt...fear...confusion...panic? What emotions do you feel when you think about the death and resurrection of Jesus?

Teens: If you had been there and seen Jesus after His resurrection, what would you have said to Him? What can you say to Him today to thank Him for all He suffered for us?

Children: How does your family celebrate Easter? Be sure to include Jesus in your celebrations as you hunt Easter eggs, wear your best clothes and eat delicious food.

Parish Worship continued

Next Sunday, April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter:

Divine Mercy Sunday, Cycle B

The two most solemn feasts in our Liturgical Year have an octave (eight days) associated with their observance. The "Octave of Christmas" concludes with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st. The "Octave of Easter" begins on Easter Sunday and concludes with the Second Sunday of Easter. Pope John Paul II established the Second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday" recognizing the abundant mercy of God offered us through Christ: "Let us thank the Lord for His love, which is stronger than death and sin. It is revealed and put into practice as mercy in our daily lives... Is not loving God and loving one's neighbor and even one's 'enemies,' after Christ's example, the program of life of every Baptized person and of the whole Church?" (Homily of Pope John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2001)

For the Sundays of the Easter Season, the First Reading comes from The Acts of the Apostles and we read about the early, post-resurrection days of our church. In Cycle B years, the Second Reading is from the First Letter of Saint John. The Gospel Readings for the first three Sundays of Easter Season recount appearances of the Risen Christ.

Gospel Reading (John 20:19-31): This reading from the Gospel of John describes two appearances of Jesus after His Resurrection. In the first appearance, Jesus is described as appearing to His disciples "on the first day of the week" which for us is Sunday. The tradition of worship on Sunday (rather than the Jewish Sabbath) extends back to the experience of the Risen Lord on the first day of the week... the first day of the "New Creation."

This description of Jesus' first appearance also describes Him as "breathing" on the disciples and granting them the Holy Spirit. This is the so-called "Johannine Pentecost." It seems that at least one of the reasons for the giving of the Spirit is for the forgiveness of sins. Hence, one of the roles of the Church (all the Baptized) is to be a reconciling presence in our world. This passage is also used to provide a Scriptural support for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

The second appearance describes Jesus' encounter with Thomas (who was not present at the first appearance). Speaking to Thomas (and to all believers afterwards) Jesus says, "Have you come to believe because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." The

reading concludes with the "first ending" to the Gospel of John. In your Bible you will find a description of another resurrection appearance after this first "ending." Scholars understand this second story to be an appendix that was added to the end of the Gospel of John at a later time.

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35): This reading is a brief description of the life of the early Christian community. We hear that "With great power the apostles bore witness to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus..." These are very important words. We frequently hear about the apostles proclaiming that they "are witnesses of these things" or words to that effect. We also hear about a remarkable sense of community: "There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need."

Second Reading (1 John 5:1-6): The First Letter of John is similar to the Gospel of John in style and there is the strong possibility that they have the same author. It seems that the letter (like the Gospel?) was trying to address the teaching of some groups that denied that Jesus was the Christ, the "Word of God made flesh." These groups also claimed a special knowledge of God that absolved them from acts of faith and love. In the Gospel of John and the First Letter of John, there is a strong emphasis on Jesus' oneness with the Father and the importance of belief in that oneness. Such belief and the love that is indicative of such belief are seen as building upon each other.

Catholic Traditions

Baptismal Promises, Octave of Easter and Easter Season

Renewal of Baptismal Promises: The renewal of our Baptismal Promises is what gives Lent its focus. On the day celebrating our belief in the Resurrection - a day associated with our dying to our old ways and being born as a "new person" in Jesus through Baptism - we renew our faith and our intentions to follow Jesus and His teachings. After the renewal of our promises, we will sign ourselves with newly blessed Holy Water. We have moved from the ashes (death?) of Ash Wednesday to the Water of Easter and the new life in faith that the water signifies.

In our tradition Easter isn't just for a day. It is also marked by a week long observance - the "octave" or "eight days" of Easter. But it doesn't stop there. Easter Season lasts until Pentecost which is 50 days (a "week of weeks") after Easter. Going even further, every Sunday of the year is an "echo" of Easter Sunday. Our tradition of

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worshiping on "Sunday" (and not on the "Sabbath") stems from the tradition of associating Jesus' post-resurrection appearances with the "First day of the week" or "Sunday." The celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays is the oldest of our Liturgical traditions, a weekly celebration of Easter. An annual celebration of Easter became part of the tradition somewhat later.

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.

Bulletin Cover Picture

The Cross of Victory in our Church

Monthly Intention of Pope Francis

For use with The Morning Offering Prayer

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.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July 2020 thru March 2021)

\$872,107

Budgeted Collections (July 2020 thru March 2021)

\$928,000

Actual Compared to Budgeted

(\$55,893)

Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2020/2021)

\$1,233,000

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 *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

2021 DPAA Electronic Donations

Point the camera on your smart device at the QR code below and then tap on the message that says "tap here to go to eservicepayments.com." The eservicepayments.com is the Diocese of Covington's website where you can donate securely online (via credit card, direct debit, or electronic funds transfer) or visit www.covdio.org.



Evening Religion Program Food Drive

Our Evening Religion Program ended their Saint Joseph Food Drive with 160 items!! That is 4 or 5 times what they usually get in Advent. May Saint Joseph protect all!

Parish News

A Legislative Victory

The Kentucky General Assembly overrode Gov. Beshear's veto of House Bill 563. The bill will now become law and implementation will begin in the coming months. This victory is due to the advocacy of thousands of parents and educators across the

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state who worked tirelessly over the years on behalf of Kentucky students. HB 563 will create one of the most expansive educational choice programs in the United States. It will provide flexibility and choices to families who desperately need assistance. As mentioned previously, there are areas where the bill fell short. Most importantly, the EdChoice KY coalition wanted the K-12 tuition assistance portion of the bill to be statewide as opposed to only covering counties with a population over 90,000. But we cannot lose sight of how significant of a victory HB 563 is for Kentucky families. The program will help thousands of students in the near future. When legislators see the success of the program, they will almost certainly vote to expand the availability of tuition assistance statewide. This program is beginning of a new era in education for Kentucky. We will continue to fight to make sure that the program is implemented in the best way possible and that the program is expanded and improved upon in future sessions.

Thank you to everyone who fought for educational choice over the years. This is your victory!

Spiritual Adoption

Month 3 - Developing Baby

"I can suck my thumb!" Your baby is quite active in the womb now - although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He is breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although he obtains the oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce. Early this month - at just 9 weeks - he began to suck his thumb.



Faith Formation

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed His last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (*Spe salvi* 31)."

RCIA

ALLELUIA! CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLIE CAUDILL ON BEING RECEIVED INTO FULL COMMUNION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH! Charlie, your parish family welcomes you and we pray that your worship with us will strengthen your love of the Lord and deepen your peace and joy. God bless you!



ATTENTION ALL WHO ARE NOT CATHOLIC OR ARE NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS! Do you ever ask yourself...What am I looking for in life? What is the meaning of my life? How can I be a better person? What can I do about the loneliness I feel? How can I come to know God's love? If you ask yourself any of these questions, or questions like them, the Catholic way of life awaits you. For centuries people have turned to the Church to find the answers to the deepest, hardest questions of everyday life. Come and meet our Risen Lord in the Catholic Church. If interested contact Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com or call 431-1802.

FORMED

ALLELUIA! The Lord has risen! He is inviting you to follow Him, to truly live as His disciples, to announce in 2021 His Good News of eternal life for all people. Are you prepared to accept and live His mission? Formed.org provides a perfect resource in your own home for you and your family to enrich your faith in order that you may live as intentional disciples of our Risen Lord. There are incredible video, book, and study adventures at your fingertips, all free, when you register for formed.org. Go to formed.org and click "sign-up." That will take you to a page where you enter and choose St. Agnes Church, Ft. Wright. Follow the instructions from there and you will be signed up. No password to remember. Just go to formed.org and click on "sign-in" located in the upper right of your screen. You are ready to watch/read, study, and grow!



Diocesan News

DCCH Care for Kids Raffle

Buy your chances for \$10,000, \$2,500, or \$1,000 and #ChangeLives!
Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be held 04/25/21. You do not need to be present to win. Purchase tickets and learn more at www.DCCHCenter.org or 859-331-2040.