



3rd Sunday
of Easter



April 18, 2021

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.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 18-Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Bob & Ritz McAtee
10:30 a.m. Dave Mullen

Monday, April 19

6:30 a.m. Communion Service
11:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 20

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

Wednesday, April 21-St. Anselm

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Grace Poncer

Thursday, April 22

6:30 a.m. Marilyn Stoeckle
11:30 a.m. Keltz Family

Friday, April 23-St. George; St. Adalbert

6:30 a.m. Dodd & Connelly Families
9:20 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Joyce Beasley LeVan

Saturday, April 24-St. Fidelis

8:30 a.m. Rob Miller
4:00 p.m. Richard Maier

Sunday, April 25-Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Tina Albonetti
10:30 a.m. Lynn Bright

Rosary, Sunday, April 25th at 8:00 a.m.: Carl Stamm

Staff Article

Remembering Baptism

During this Easter season I think it is important for us all to reflect and remember the dignity and responsibility we all received at our Baptism. We've renewed our baptismal promises together, so I thought I'd share with you excerpts from an article on the nature of Baptism from the website: www.thework-fso.org.

An Indelible Character

In the sacrament of Baptism we received an indelible character, invisible to the eye. Christ conferred His likeness on our souls imprinting His seal on us. For this reason the disciples of Jesus were soon called Christians (see Rev. 11:26). By means of Baptism we belong forever to Christ. He made us His brothers and sisters. *"Baptism has given us a new family name: Christian"* (Mother Julia). Pope Leo the Great called out with astonishment: *"Christian, know your dignity!"* Being baptized, we should bear witness to Christ, give honor to His name and let our lives echo and reflect His life. St. Paul says: *".. I beg you to live lives worthy of your high calling"* (Eph 4:1). Baptism is a powerful

gift, at the same time it brings with it a lifelong responsibility.

Called to Holiness

By means of Baptism we were admitted into the life of God, but human frailty, fickleness, and inclination to sin which the teaching of the Church calls concupiscence, remains. It is part of the responsibility of the baptized to walk the way of holiness. Grace, which has to be nourished by our willing cooperation, enables us to do this. Striving for holiness means that our whole life, speech, conduct, thinking and understanding be permeated by the supernatural light of our Lord. The world has urgent need of Christian witnesses, men and women who accept the grace of redemption in faith and radiate it in their being. Redeemed men and women are 'discerning' individuals; they perceive God and His truth. Their heart is not stone, but flesh; they are enabled to love and to serve. By faith-inspired self-denial and love, they overcome the various kinds of self-centeredness. Thus they are strengthened in will and mind to overcome evil and, in the spirit of discernment, to do what is right.

Renewing Baptismal Awareness

The writings of the Old and New Covenants teach us that we must never forget the blessings God has bestowed on us. Holy Baptism is one of these blessings which we have received in our lives. We invite you to take up one or other of the following suggestions to help you become more aware of the great gift of Baptism.

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church contains a passage on Baptism, which we could read and discuss (CCC 1213-1284).
- When visiting a church, or entering or leaving our home, we consciously cross ourselves using holy water. Parents are invited to bless their children frequently, giving a parental blessing by making the sign of the cross on their forehead (for example, at night before bed-time, before important steps in their lives such as tests, examinations, special tasks, before a journey, etc.). A holy water font might be mounted in the home if one does not exist.
- It is good to remember one's baptismal anniversary as a day of thanksgiving; make a celebration of the children's anniversary.
- In the manifold situations of life, in times of temptation and testing, in joy and sadness we are called to renew our baptismal vows and consciously to affirm: "I renounce Satan" and "I believe in God".

Our Lord called us to eternal life. As a consequence of our Baptism, we already participate in a hidden

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way in this eternal life. Let us pray to Mary, the Mother of the Church, that we may be given grace to remain faithful to our baptismal covenant, to live out our faith in daily life and thus to arrive at life's ultimate destination: the joy of heavenly glory.

May the dignity of our baptism motivate us daily and lead us to witness to the saving power of our Lord during this holy season of rebirth!

Fr. Trinity



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus once more appears to His disciples. He proves He is not a ghost...He eats with them and tells them all that has happened is to fulfill the words of scripture.

Adults: Why do you think Jesus appeared so often to the disciples after the crucifixion? Do you think the disciples continued to doubt that He was the Christ? What do you ever doubt about your faith?

Teens: If you had been there when Jesus appeared what would you have said to Him? Do you ever feel that Jesus is present in your life today?

Children: Jesus liked to eat and drink with His friends. When you and your friends get together to have a party be sure to ask Jesus to be with you and bless your food.

Next Sunday: April 25, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Easter Season, Cycle B

During 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 John. The Gospel Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter always conveys the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and so this Sunday is also called "Good Shepherd Sunday."

The synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are each featured on the Sundays of Liturgical Cycles A, B and C. The Gospel of John does not have a "year of its own" but rather is featured during the Easter Season of all three years, and at other times.

Gospel Reading (John 10:11-18): This Gospel passage is John's depiction of Jesus' description of

Himself as the "good shepherd"—good for many reasons, including His intimate knowledge/relationship with the people He shepherds. Consistent with John's overall portrayal of Jesus, the description of Jesus in this reading shows that Jesus does this of His own free will. In no way is Jesus coerced by or subject to another's will. His love to the point of laying down His life for His sheep is something He does with His "eyes wide open" and He chooses to do it willingly. If ever you feel lost and/or unloved, this passage is a love-letter to you reminding you (and all of us) how much we mean to God.

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12): This passage is from a larger story about the cure of a crippled man by Peter and John. This larger story seems similar to stories of Jesus' altercations with the religious authorities, often after He had performed a miracle. The same people who confront Peter and John for healing a crippled man are the same people who condemned Jesus. This passage is Peter's address to his accusers: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, what it means to be saved, then you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus the Nazorean..."

Second Reading (1 John 3:1-2): This passage from the First Letter of John proclaims, "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." What we shall become in the afterlife remains to be "revealed", except that "we shall be like Him..."

Adorers Needed

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

Monday-12AM, 1AM, 2AM

Tuesday-6PM

Wednesday-2AM

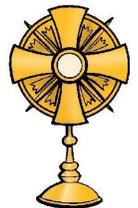
Friday-4AM, 7AM

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.



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

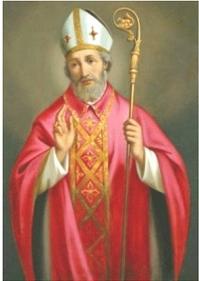
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Bulletin Cover Picture

Saint Agnes' "Giving Tree" – a "Kid magnet."

Saint of the Week

Saint Anselm



Anselm is known as Anselm of Canterbury, Anselm of Bec or Anselm of Aosta. He was born in Aosta in Upper Burgundy between April 1033 and April 1034. He wanted to enter a monastery when he was 15 but his father, a noble, would not allow it. Anselm became ill because of the denial; some say that it was psychosomatic. Once he recovered he quit his studies and followed a carefree life.

His mother died soon after the birth of Anselm's sister. His father became strictly religious, in fact so severe that Anselm found him unbearable. His father eventually entered a convent and the then 23-year-old Anselm took to the road. With one servant he crossed the Alps and traveled for 3 years. In 1059 he went to the Abbey of Bec, in Normandy, France where Lanfranc, a countryman of Anselm's, was prior. A few years later Anselm's father died and he inherited the family property. He was not sure whether to use the estate funds to provide alms for the poor or renounce the estate and enter a monastery. Lanfranc sent him to the Archbishop of Rouen to help him decide. He advised Anselm to enter a monastery. Anselm became a novice at Bec at the age of 27.

In 1063 Duke William II of Normandy (William the Conqueror) made Lanfranc the abbot of the new abbey of Saint Stephen in Caen and Anselm was named Prior of Bec. He became the Abbot of Bec in 1079. Anselm turned the Abbey of Bec into one of the foremost centers of learning in Europe. While there Anselm wrote philosophical works on nature, truth and free will as well as defending the Trinity and other theological subjects.

After the Norman conquest of England the Abbey of Bec was granted lands in England. Anselm began to visit the lands there and also to visit his friend Lanfranc who had been made Archbishop of Canterbury in 1070. When Lanfranc died in 1089 Anselm was named Archbishop of Canterbury. As Archbishop Anselm worked to secure the independence of the Church from secular control, which led to him being exiled from England twice, in 1097 and in 1103. During his time as

Archbishop of Canterbury he oversaw the expansion of Canterbury Cathedral. Anselm died on April 21, 1109 and he was interred in Canterbury Cathedral, but after a fire in the cathedral in 1170's, his remains were lost.

Anselm was also a prolific writer and has been called "the most luminous and penetrating intellect between Saint Augustine and Saint Thomas Aquinas" and he tried to take articles of faith and establish them as a rational system. Anselm was canonized in 1163 and was made a Doctor of the Church in 1720. He is called the Magnificent Doctor or the Marian Doctor. His feast day is April 21st.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 04/12/21)
\$944,796

Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 04/12/21)
\$968,400

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 myself 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 also read articles in our diocesan newspaper *Messenger*. This year's video can be viewed via our diocesan website: <https://covdio.org/stewardship-missions/>. I think this video is the best one yet. 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



Stewardship continued

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.



Parish News

Wedding Banns

I-Jillian Brake, Saint Agnes & Deric Grooms

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral

On Sunday, May 23rd at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Bishop Foys will confirm adults who have missed the Sacrament. This is meant for those older than 8th grade age. If you or someone you know has not been confirmed and desires to receive, please contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com. Registrations are due no later than April 30th.

Faith Formation

RCIA

Easter season gives us the opportunity to ponder the meaning of Easter in our daily lives. In the Gospel, Jesus invites the apostles to touch Him. How can we touch Jesus today? We can touch Him in praying and meditating, in reaching out to others in compassion and kindness, and in responding to the inspirations of grace He gives us each day to act in His name. Our new Catholic, Charlie, is focusing now on living for Jesus, and we who have known Him for a while are challenged to a deeper intimacy with and commitment to Him as we all journey through this Easter Season. Please continue to pray for Charlie whom God has called to join us in our pilgrimage to our Father in Heaven.



Calling All St. Agnes parishioners! During this

Easter Season, live the Easter Alleluias by inviting someone to Mass and to learn more about our Catholic faith.

If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith, or you know anyone who might be interested, please contact our priests, deacons, or Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com or call the parish office at 431-1802 for information.

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HAPPY EASTER! During these Easter days, we hear Jesus in Scripture encouraging the Apostles to go out and make disciples of all nations. Did you know that Jesus asks us to do the same thing by virtue of our baptismal call? Often the opportunity presents itself for us to share our faith with others. Maybe we feel we do not know enough about our faith to comfortably share it. **FORMED** offers us abundant resources to deepen our understanding of our faith so that we can be more confident in sharing it with others. Begin to learn more now at home at your convenience by checking out the Symbolon series or enjoying any of the movies under Modern Day Saints, or reading the e-books or listening to presentations or watching *The Jesus Stories* with your children. It's EASY and FREE to Register! Go to www.formed.org Click the "sign in" button in the middle of the page. Next choose "I belong to a Parish..." Then enter St. Agnes Church Ft Wright Kentucky and select our parish. Enter your name and email. Click "sign up" and you are ready to enjoy FORMED. 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!



Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"Christ invites us to trust in His invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (Mt 25:40)."

