

6th Sunday
of Easter



May 9, 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.

Happy Mother's Day!

We wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our parish and to all the mothers of our parishioners. We also express our appreciation for the gift of life and nurturance we receive through our mothers.

— Fr. Mark Keene



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

- Sunday, May 9**-Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Joan Bowman
10:30 a.m. Jane Menkhaus
- Monday, May 10**-St. Damien de Veuster
6:30 a.m. Communion Service
11:30 a.m. Charles Caruso
- Tuesday, May 11**
6:30 a.m. Terry McClure
11:30 a.m. Charles Brungs
- Wednesday, May 12**
6:30 a.m. Mary Margaret Johnson
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Judy Fewell
- Thursday, May 13**
6:30 a.m. Dec'd of Tepe & Wells Families
11:30 a.m. Joann Thinnes
- Friday, May 14**-St. Matthias
6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:20 a.m. Special Intention (A.L.)
11:30 a.m. Larry Schrand
- Saturday, May 15**-St. Isidore
8:30 a.m. Kathleen Hodge
1:30 p.m. Wedding: McMurry/Shore Families
4:00 p.m. Harry Traynor
- Sunday, May 16**-Ascension of the Lord
Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Dec'd of Tepe & Wells Families
10:30 a.m. Dec'd of Scott & Havlicek Families

Rosary, Sunday, May 16th at 8:00 a.m.: Dan Summe

Staff Article

Love as I Have Loved You

In these past couple of weeks our readings have focused on Jesus' message or teaching to all — "God's love for us," "His sacrifice in love for us," "as the Father loved me, so I also love you," "love is of God" When we watch our world, we must ask, "Does anyone get the message?"

My answer would be, "Pay attention to the little children." Over the many years of working with kids from 5 to 19 years old, some of the treasured things seem silly — flowers found on a garbage can as they walked to school, silly drawings, pipe cleaners formed into a heart, lumps of coal at Christmas, a BUNNY for my birthday. It was their feelings and message behind the gifts that mattered. This quote from Bishop Fulton Sheen sent by Dynamic Catholic fits what Jesus wanted us to get, "**Nothing ever happens in the world that does not happen first inside human hearts.**" Yes, our hearts need to fill with love as God gave us AND as we see and feel in the children's actions before they are tainted.

These thoughts came to mind as I pondered tying Jesus' message to Mother's Day. I found these two quotes to share about children and mothers:

"God sent children for another purpose than merely to keep up the race — to enlarge our hearts, and to make us unselfish and full of kindly sympathies and affections; to give our souls higher aims; to call out all our faculties to extended enterprise and exertion; and to sing round our firesides bright faces, happy smiles and loving, tender hearts." —Mary Botham Howitt

Yes, while children can sometimes seem like terrors; they have true, un-blinded love to give and from which to learn. And then come mothers. A popular saying that has been around says God cannot be present everywhere so he created mothers. Mothers are there to give their love and protection and prayers for their children.

St. Augustine of Hippo said, "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

To me that describes exactly what all mothers do or try to do at least. Sometimes we fail; sometimes others fail to recognize our acts. Let us pray in gratitude for mothers.

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God,
we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.
Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.
Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.
Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. - *Author Unknown*

May all the mothers out there have a wonderful, love-filled day!
God bless You!

Anita Dunn, DRE/CRE



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus admonishes His disciples to continue the love He has shown to them by keeping the commandments and loving one another.

Adults: How can you best show your love for those in your life that are most important?

Teens: What did Jesus mean when He told His disciples "it was not you who chose Me, but I who chose you"...? Do you feel "chosen" by God? Do you feel Jesus loves you?

Children: If Jesus as a youngster was a member of your play group how do you think He would act? Can you try to be like Him by sharing, taking turns, trying to be friendly with everyone?

Next Sunday: May 16, 2018

The Ascension of the Lord, Easter Season, Cycle B

In November of 1998, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States voted to allow the bishops of each ecclesiastical province in the United States to determine whether the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord was to be celebrated on the traditional fortieth day after Easter—a Thursday—on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This decision was subsequently confirmed by the Holy See (Rome).

The Diocese of Covington is part of the Louisville [Ecclesiastical] Province or "Archdiocese of Louisville" which includes all of the dioceses in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. (Cincinnati is in the Ohio Province.) In 1999, the bishops of the Louisville Province discussed this issue and for pastoral reasons decided to transfer the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, beginning in 2000. So next Sunday, we will observe the Ascension of the Lord and use the readings of that Solemnity, rather than for the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Gospel Reading (Mark, 16:15-20): This Gospel reading is from the so-called "longer ending" to the Gospel of Mark. It seems that this longer ending was added to the Gospel immediately before what is called the "shorter ending" which is the more original ending. (This longer ending reads like an insertion in Chapter 16 of the Gospel of Mark.) This longer ending is a general summary of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus and is based on the Gospels of Luke and John (whose dates of composition are uniformly believed to be after that of Mark). This insertion, while not included in all early manuscripts

of Mark, has always been accepted as inspired and as a part of the Gospel of Mark.

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11): For the Solemnity of the Ascension, the first reading is always this account of the Ascension from the opening lines of The Acts of the Apostles. This reading is the "introduction" to the Acts of the Apostles. It also points the disciples—and us—to Pentecost. Jesus instructs His disciples (and their descendants) that they are to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Two thousand years later, this is our charge from Jesus, to be faithful witnesses to all that is revealed in Jesus Christ... to the ends of the earth!

Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13): Both of the passages from Ephesians—either of the two can be chosen—contain words of encouragement and exhortation. Because the language of the Letter to the Ephesians is rather general, there is doubt that the letter was written exclusively for the Church at Ephesus. (One would expect a letter written to a particular congregation that Paul had lived with for two years to be more personal.) Also, language and style concerns cause there to be a division among Scripture scholars as to whether Paul himself actually wrote the letter, or someone in his "school."

Bulletin Cover Picture

Madonna and Child Painting in the Mass Chapel. May is the month for Mothers' Day and May is a month especially dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ.

Monthly Intention of Pope Francis

For use with The Morning Offering Prayer

MAY 2021: The World of Finance - Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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

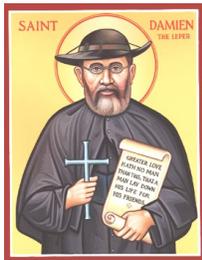
If you are interested in helping to fill these open times or have any questions please contact Don Able at 513-403-5242 or abledrky@gmail.com.



Saint of the Week

Saint Damien de Veuster

This week on Thursday, May 10th we honor the memory of a recent saint, Father Damien de Veuster, better known as Father Damien of Molokai (1840-1889), who was canonized on June 4, 1995. This Belgian saint gave his life to the service of the lepers of Hawaii. He lived and cared for them, meeting both their spiritual and physical needs. He was initially considered too uneducated to become a priest but after he learned Latin he was permitted to be ordained. Damien went to Hawaii as a replacement for his brother, Auguste, who was also a priest, after he became too ill to make the trip.



In Hawaii Damien initially worked with the sick of the islands but in 1873 he volunteered to serve the lepers in the island's leper colony. He arrived on May 10th and served there the rest of his life. The future saint stated, "I make myself a leper with the lepers to give all to Jesus Christ." In 1884 Damien was found to have contracted leprosy. Knowing that his time was short he worked all the harder for the lepers that were his flock. Damien died on April 15, 1889 and was attended at his deathbed by Sister Marianne Cope, who herself became a saint. You can learn more about this saint on Wikipedia or just put his name into your search engine. There is a lot to learn about our saints.

Stewardship

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)**

Regarding our 2021 DPAA, as of March 31 (the latest day we have figures for) our parish has \$89,318 in pledges with \$51,630 in actual funds collected. Our parish goal is \$160,500. So we are \$71,182 under our goal as of March 31.



If you misplaced your pledge envelop, there are extras in the foyers of church, or call the parish office (431-1802) and we'll be happy to mail one to you. Thanks to everyone who has supported our appeal so far!
 –Father Mark Keene

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 05/03/21) \$1,001,134
 Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 05/03/21) \$1,038,581

We Are His Hands

Thanks: ACUE

We received an acknowledgment letter from Bishop Foy for our parish's donation to the Alliance For Catholic Urban Education (ACUE). Each month we share a percentage of our Sunday offerings with the urban education mission of our diocese.

Thanks: Welcome House

We received an acknowledgment from Welcome House of Northern Kentucky for a donation St. Agnes made. Welcome House served over 3500 clients last year.

Thanks: Parish Kitchen

We received an acknowledgment from Parish Kitchen. Last year when Parish Kitchen relocating to Madison Avenue, St. Agnes donated funds to help with the renovation of the building for Parish Kitchen use. Last year Parish Kitchen provided 67,000 meals. Parish Kitchen is a ministry of the Diocese of Covington–Catholic Charities.

Parish News

Wedding Banns

III-Kaitlin McMurry, Saint Agnes & Daniel Shore

Deceased of our Parish (March/April)

Please pray for the family and friends of the following parishioner who recently passed away:

- Mrs. Lorraine Dickhaus
- Mr. Jose Enriquez
- Mrs. Kathleen Hodge
- Mr. Brian Holtz
- Mr. David Holzderber
- Miss Brenda Lee
- Miss Kathee Lemker
- Mr. Robert Moffitt
- Mr. Stanley Tieman
- Mrs. Jean VonHandorf
- Mrs. Helen Wells



Parish News continued

New Parishioners (March/April)

Welcome the newest members to Saint Agnes Parish:

Dr. & Mrs. Tyler & Allison Blincoe
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander & Jessica Dunham
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony & Joy Suwinski
Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Rebecca Tepe

Baby "Envelope" Campaign

This weekend is Mother's Day weekend and the kickoff of the parish's annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Due to COVID restrictions, we thought it best to forego the baby bottles this year and use "baby envelopes." An envelope is stapled in this bulletin. We will also have extra envelopes in both vestibules of the church. Donations from this year's Baby Envelope Campaign will go to the student Pro-Life groups at Thomas More University and Northern Kentucky University to help with their pro-life missions. Donations will also be distributed to Madonna House (www.madonnahousenky.org), The Rose Garden Home Mission (www.exclusivesoftware.com/RoseGardenMission) and the Lifeline Fund at Catholic Charities. This fund allows Catholic Charities to provide assistance to low income women facing an unplanned pregnancy. The fund will provide living expenses, medical care, and the additional resources for these vulnerable women, their families, and their unborn children. Donations can be made with cash or checks. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Scott (jacob@fioptics.com) or 859-586-4017.

Faith Formation

RCIA

During these Easter weeks, our new Catholic, Charlie, is learning what it means to live the mysteries of our Catholic life. Our Easter readings remind us that Jesus died and rose from the dead for love of us. His saving actions are meant to challenge us to love as He loved us. Through celebrating the Sacraments and attending Mass every Sunday, we as Catholics participate directly in His saving mysteries. By our Baptism, we are called to live as Jesus taught us and share His saving power and His great love with everyone we meet. Please invite someone to come to Mass with you during this Easter Season. **If you know someone**



who is, or you are, a non-practicing Catholic, a baptized non-Catholic, or an unbaptized person, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com for information on how to learn more about Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church. Please pray for our new Catholic, Charlie.

Beyond Belief

Save the dates! *Beyond Belief* is a summer informal gathering for women who are longing for deeper connections and a deeper faith. We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays starting on May 19th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Bring a chair, snack, and beverage of your choice. Questions? Call or email Shelly Sandfoss at 859-240-2452 or shellysandfoss@gmail.com.

Our Lady's Blue Army

On Thursday, May 13th join the Covington Diocesan Division, World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, Our Lady's Blue Army at Our Lady's Farm, 5820 HWY 159 N. Falmouth, KY 41040 for Mass of The Ascension of The Lord. Rosary begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 11:30 a.m. For any questions contact kathymgrace@gmail.com.

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This Easter Season, would you like to grow in your faith? If yes, how can you do that in the midst of the demands of your already busy daily life? The answer is **FORMED**. Register now for our free parish subscription to **FORMED** where you can access at home at your convenience prayer experiences, bible studies, documentaries, movies and more that will deepen your love for Jesus and help you become a more effective and powerful witness to our Catholic faith. 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

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"