

TWELFTH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time



June 20, 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 Father's Day!

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in our parish and to all the fathers visiting with us this weekend.

—Fr. Mark Keene

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 20-Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Margaret Morehead
10:30 a.m. Frances Grogan

Monday, June 21-St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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

Tuesday, June 22-St. Paulinus; Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Jim Fricke

Wednesday, June 23

6:30 a.m. Tootie Stone
11:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, June 24-The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

6:30 a.m. Grace Wigger
11:30 a.m. Judy Fewell

Friday, June 25

6:30 a.m. Dec'd of the Tepe & Wells Families
11:30 a.m. Mary Margaret Johnson
6:00 p.m. Wedding: Verst/Deglow Families

Saturday, June 26

8:30 a.m. Kathleen Hodge
4:00 p.m. Gene Whittle

Sunday, June 27-Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Cyril & Betty Zembrodt
10:30 a.m. Ed & Carolyn Brundage

Rosary, Sunday, June 27th at 8:00 a.m.: Tony Summe

6:30 a.m. Servers:

June 21st-Carl Stamm June 28th-Daryl Tepe

Staff Article

Why are you terrified? Have you no faith?

As I think of Jesus' words my thoughts go to Mary and Joseph and fathers. Mary does not show fear in her acceptance of bearing God's son. She questions how it can be but is ready to do God's will. She is an exemplary example of faith. Joseph does not seem to show fear as much as disappointment and being disgraced when he learns Mary is expecting. His first reaction is to seek divorce since they were pledged to each other. However, following a visit from an angel with proof of God's wish, Joseph puts his whole being into protecting Mary and God's son, Jesus. Joseph was such a wonderful model for Dads.

How perfect that we are at Father's Day! As I read the Gospel, my thoughts went to how much we expect from our fathers. Obviously, none are perfect in all aspects, but they are there to protect and provide. I would expect that most men, just like women, have a sense of joy, yet one of being terrified at the thought of having a child come into their care to protect. I decided to

search for prayers and poems as I did for Mother's Day, and I found several good ones. Interestingly this poem that I thought was so good was also hanging on the bulletin board in our laundry room, torn from a booklet sometime in the past!

Strength of a Mountain

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea, The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so, He called it ... Dad
— Author Unknown

I am sure like Moms amongst us, Dads too, might want to say, "I think I fail at some of this." Yes, we are humans with faults, but we must put our faith in God to support us as we answer His call in our lives.

Here are two prayers for all in the role of father to someone.

A Prayer for Christian Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness, and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen. — Author Unknown

Fathers in Our Lives

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways—both big and small—they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.

— Rev. Chuck Currie

Prayers in memory of our dads who have passed and are missed! Happy Father's Day to all in the role of Dad! — Anita Dunn, CRE/DRE

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus and His disciples were in a boat when a violent storm came up. The disciples became frightened and awakened Him as He was sleeping.



Adults: How is your faith most tested in your life today? Do you believe that Jesus can calm your storms if you ask Him? Why or why not?

Teens: Do you ever feel you're perishing? What is the biggest storm you face? Do you have faith to turn it over to Jesus?

Children: Would you have awakened Jesus if you were on the boat when the storm came up? Do you think He might have invited you to rest on His cushion while He calmed the storm? Can you thank Him for all he does for you?

Next Sunday: June 27, 2021

The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

In our Liturgical Calendar we are now in the period called "Ordinary Time". The season is called ordinary because it is ordained, that is, counted: second Sunday, third Sunday, etc. The Liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, unless there is a special feast.

This year we are using Cycle B, and so our Gospel reading this year will feature the Gospel of Mark. During Ordinary Time the first reading, from the Old Testament, is chosen because of a thematic relation to the Gospel reading. For the second reading, we read semi-continuously from a New Testament letter, currently the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading (Mark 5:21-43): This reading is a very dramatic one. The overall story is one of a synagogue official (Jairus by name) urgently pleading with Jesus to come heal his daughter: "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live."

On the way to Jairus' daughter, a woman who has been ill for many years believes that she will be healed if she but touches Jesus' cloak. She comes up behind Jesus and touches his cloak and is in fact healed. Jesus senses what has happened and asks: "Who has touched my clothes?" In fear, the woman

approaches Jesus. Jesus reassures her that her faith has saved her.

Jesus arrives too late to Jairus' home to heal his daughter, for she has died. Jesus says to Jairus: "Do not be afraid, just have faith." Jesus then raises Jairus' daughter from the dead.

This reading develops the theme of the faith in Jesus that leads to answered prayers and to life.

First Reading (Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24): In this reading, the author of the Book of Wisdom ponders the mystery of death in the midst of a Creation that is entirely from the hand of a God who intends nothing destructive: "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living..." In fact, God has "formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature he made him." The mystery of death and suffering is one that humans still ponder.

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15): In this passage, Paul encourages the Church at Corinth to be generous now to those in need, so that when they (the Corinthians) are in need, others will be able to be generous toward them. Paul reminds the Corinthians: "For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich."

Adorers Needed

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

Monday-12AM, 1AM, 2AM

Tuesday-6PM

Wednesday-2AM

Thursday-8AM

Friday-4AM, 7AM

Saturday-12AM, 6AM



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

JUNE 2021: The beauty of marriage—Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian Community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Bulletin Cover Picture

The Saint Joseph Shrine in our sanctuary, during this year, dedicated to Saint Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, and Patron Saint of Fathers. Happy Fathers Day!

Saint of the Week

Saints John Fisher and Thomas More



This week we celebrate two saints who share the same feast day because they shared the same manner of death for the same reason. John Fisher was the older of the two. He was born on October 19, 1469 in the north of England. He attended Beverley Grammar School (that now has a building named in his honor) and then he went to Cambridge University receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1487 and a Master's degree in 1491 at the age of 22. He was ordained a priest in 1491 after getting a papal dispensation because he was not old enough for ordination. He became Bishop of Rochester in 1504. He became the confessor and chaplain to the mother of King Henry VII and helped her to found Saint John's and Christ College at Cambridge. He received his doctorate of theology in 1501. In 1504 he became, among other things, the tutor of the future Henry VIII. He is also reputed to be the author of Henry VIII's *Defense of the Seven Sacraments*, which attacked Lutheranism and got Henry the title of "Defender of the Faith" from Pope Leo X.

When Henry VIII started divorce proceedings against Catherine of Aragon, Fisher was her chief supporter and defender. Henry never forgave the Bishop. In 1532 Fisher preached against the divorce and in 1534 he refused to agree to the oath naming Anne Boleyn's child as an heir to the throne. He was sent to the Tower of London where he was tricked into saying the king was not the head of the Church. He was named a cardinal in 1535. He was tried and executed on June 22, 1535. Many people saw a parallel between his death and that of John the Baptist who had also spoken out against an illicit marriage.

Thomas More was born on February 7, 1478 in London. His father was a lawyer. From 1490 to 1492 he was the page of the Archbishop of Canterbury who nominated him for a place at Oxford University. After his education he briefly thought of becoming a monk but decided instead to marry and pursue the law. He did continue some of the ascetical practices of the monks. He married in 1505 and the couple had four children before his wife died in 1511. He married again in the same year.

Beginning in 1510 More served as an undersheriff in London where he was renowned for his honesty and effectiveness. He then became secretary to Henry VIII. He was knighted in 1523 and became Speaker of the House of Commons, and in 1529 he was made

Chancellor of England. At the same time More began to oppose the Protestant Reformation, which he saw as heresy. He also opposed the marriage of Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn and refused to attend the wedding. He was later charged with accepting bribes and imprisoned. At his trial he refused to answer questions about the validity of the king's marriage saying that legally, his silence implied consent. The court did not see it that way and sentenced him to death. He was executed on July 6, 1535. He and Saint John Fisher share the feast day of June 22nd. An excellent movie about Thomas More, called *A Man for All Seasons*, is available and worth a watch.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 06/14/21)	\$1,135,594
Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 06/14/21)	\$1,177,000

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)**

As of May 31st (the latest day we have figures for) 333 parish households have given or pledged a total of \$151,562 (\$119,066 actually given) toward our parish goal of \$160,500.00.



So as of May 31st, this leaves \$8,938 to reach our parish goal. Any funds donated above our goal will be rebated to Saint Agnes. We plan to use any rebated funds to help pay for needed repair, paving and sealing work in our parking lots.

This past week parishioners who have not yet responded to our 2021 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal (DPAA) should have received a follow-up letter and pledge card. If you misplaced your pledge card, 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

2020 DPAA Rebate Check Received

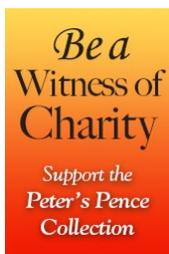
Last year our parish exceeded our DPAA goal by \$6,229. We recently received our rebate check for this amount. These funds will be placed in our building fund where they will be used to help pay for tuck-pointing work that will be done on our school building this summer. Thank you to everyone who supported last year's appeal. –Father Mark Keene

Stewardship continued

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a Witness of CHARITY

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and other most in need. Please be generous. Join our Holy Father as a **Witness of CHARITY** and **Be a Sign of MERCY** to those who are suffering.



Baby Bottle/Envelope Campaign Ends

The Baby "Bottle" Envelope Campaign officially ends today - Father's Day. If you have already made a donation to the campaign, thank you! However, if you would like to make a donation you still can. Pick up an envelope in the foyers of the church. You can drop your donation in the collection basket or at the parish office over the next couple of weeks. A reminder... the donations from the campaign will be given to the student pro-life organizations at NKU and TMU, Madonna House of NKY, Catholic Charities Lifeline Fund and the Rose Garden Home Mission.

Parish News

Wedding Banns

III-Chelsea Verst & Andy Deglow, Saint Agnes

Family of God

We welcome into the Family of God the following infants who were baptized recently at St. Agnes:

Autumn Rose-Irene Wachs

Child of Kadie Wachs

Henry Otto Wolff

Child of Michael & Cathleen Wolff

Faith Formation

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

First Saturday Devotion

We are happy to announce that CLAY Ministries and World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army will unite efforts and lead the Rosary for First Saturday Communion of Reparation beginning July 3, 2021 and each first Saturday thereafter. It will follow the 8:30am Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue to be available. Please join us in responding to Our Lady's request to save souls. At the July 13, 1917 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said, "I shall come to ask for ...the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays." She then came expressly to request the First Saturday Devotion when she appeared to Sister Lucia on December 10, 1925, in Pontevedra, Spain.

RCIA

HAVE YOU BEEN COMING TO MASS FOR A WHILE, BUT ARE NOT CATHOLIC? ARE YOU A NON-PRACTICING CATHOLIC CONSIDERING RETURNING TO THE CHURCH? Do you ever ask

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



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? How can I know the right path God has in store for me? 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. In today's readings, Jesus describes the kingdom of God. Catholics believe that we experience a glimpse of Jesus' kingdom every time we celebrate the Mass and the Sacraments. The Catholic way of life unites us intimately with Jesus and prepares us for eternal life in His Kingdom. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith please call the parish at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com.

FORMED

Would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and help your children to know Jesus as well? As we move into summer and possibly have more free time, why not access **FORMED** and enjoy a summer of fun rekindling your faith and sharing it with your family and friends? Register now for our free parish subscription to **FORMED**. 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.