

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time



June 27, 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.

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

**PARISH FACILITIES MAY NOT BE USED
FOR GATHERINGS UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE.**

THIRTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 27-Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, June 28-St. Irenaeus

6:30 a.m. Communion Service
11:30 a.m. JoAnn Ginn French

Tuesday, June 29-St. Peter & St. Paul

6:30 a.m. Dodd & Connelly Families
11:30 a.m. Grace Poncer

Wednesday, June 30-The First Holy Martyrs of the
Holy Roman Church

6:30 a.m. Nanci Kleier Eiting
11:30 a.m. Joanne Deters Byrne &
Fr. Fred Deters SJ

Thursday, July 1-St. Junipero Serra

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Bob Moffitt

Friday, July 2

6:30 a.m. Nanci Kleier Eiting
11:30 a.m. Dorothy Weber

Saturday, July 3-St. Thomas

8:30 a.m. All Clay Ministry Members & Benefactors
4:00 p.m. Anthony Siegrist

Sunday, July 4-Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Earl Arnold
10:30 a.m. Dennis Deye

Rosary, Sunday, July 4th at 8:00 a.m.: Tony Summe

6:30 a.m. Servers:

June 28th-Daryl Tepe July 5th-John Zembrodt

Staff Article

Dear Friends

Have you ever pondered what Heaven might be like? You may have thought of a summer day, the bloom and smell of the flowers, the warmth of the sun, God's creation bursting with life. Who would ever want to leave such a beautiful place? And yet that's what Jesus did when He left heaven, and came to earth to save us.

St. Paul explains why Jesus made such a sacrifice: "So that by His poverty we might become rich." Jesus took on the poverty of our human limitations so that we could inherit the richness of eternal life. He entered so fully into our poverty in fact, that He endured death—all so we could live forever.

Now, because of Jesus sacrifice you can receive His riches every single day. But how? Today's Gospel shows us the way. Both Jairus and the hemorrhaging woman knew they were in desperate circumstances and that they needed the healing that only Jesus could

provide. Similarly, when we acknowledge our spiritual poverty, we open our hearts to receive Jesus' riches.

So confess your weaknesses and our sins to the Lord. Acknowledge the temptations that always seem to trip us up. Tell Jesus that we need Him.

Yet Jairus and the hemorrhaging woman didn't just admit their poverty. They also believed in the riches of Jesus' love. Their faith opened a way for His divine power to flow. Likewise when you confess your neediness to the Lord, you can be confident that He will fill you—not with material wealth, but with the riches of His presence, His forgiveness and His wisdom.

Jesus' poverty has won us untold riches—riches that are available to us in a special way in Holy Communion. So come to Him in poverty and humility and faith. Come let Him fill you.

God Bless
Deacon Bob



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus heals the daughter of one of the synagogue officials and then heals another woman who had been hemorrhaging for over twelve years!

Adults: If you could ask Jesus to perform one healing miracle for you what would it be? Do you have the strong faith that the woman in the Gospel had? How can you strengthen your faith?

Teens: Jesus healed many people during His public life. Why do you think He chose the woman who was hemorrhaging and the twelve year old child who was thought to be dead?

Children: Can you imagine what it was like to see a twelve year old whom everyone thought was dead get up and walk around? What miracle would you like in your life?

Next Sunday: July 4, 2021
The 14th 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 ordinated, 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

Parish Worship continued

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 6:1-6): This Gospel passage describes Jesus' return to His "native place" where He teaches in the synagogue. He impresses His listeners, but they find it too hard to accept that someone from their midst could have attained such wisdom. The story seems to be a characterization "in miniature" of Jesus' reception by all of Judaism and by extension, His reception by the whole world in general.

First Reading (Ezekiel 2:2-5): This reading from Ezekiel describes Ezekiel's mission to the Jewish people, who were in exile in Babylon. This was around 600 years before Jesus was born. Ezekiel is the only prophet to receive his call outside of Israel. He received his call while in Babylon. Part of his mission was to prepare the Jewish people in exile in Babylon for the destruction of Jerusalem, which occurred in 587 B.C. This and the reality of their exile may have made them even less disposed to listening to anything a prophet might have to say. They are described as being "hard of face and obstinate of heart." That being said, the Lord tells Ezekiel: "But you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God!' And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them."

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 12:7-10): In this reading from 2 Corinthians Paul speaks of his own lessons in humility from a "thorn in the flesh" that confounded Paul. Paul never says what this "thorn" is. However, and more importantly, the Lord said to Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Paul concludes with "I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong." This is indicative of a fundamental, paradoxical tenet of Christianity: that God's Providence can and does use everything for good, even our failings and our weaknesses... even, especially through our weakness.

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-9AM, 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.

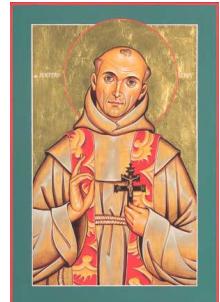
Bulletin Cover Picture

This photo was taken last summer by parishioner Lee Ransdell, near Mount Rainier in Washington State. Part of the Milky Way Galaxy (our home galaxy) is visible, the rather hazy object that runs top-to-bottom toward the left edge of the photograph. The bright object at the left edge of the photograph is the planet Jupiter. Most of the stars in the photograph are "nearby" stars in the Milky Way. By the way, the Milky Way Galaxy is 100,000 light years across and about 30,000 light years "thick" at its thickest. Our sun and solar system are about 30,000 light years from the center.

Saint of the Week

Blessed Junipero Serra

On July 1st we celebrate the feast day of a saint that can be considered an American saint. Although he was born on the Spanish island of Majorca (an island in the western Mediterranean) on November 24, 1713, much of his efforts for Christ and His Church took place in California. When he was 17 he entered the Alcantrine Franciscans, a reform order of the Franciscans. It was here he took the name of Junipero in honor of one of Saint Francis of Assisi's companions, Brother Juniper. Serra's original name was Miguel Joseph Serra Ferrer. He was professor of philosophy at the



Saint of the Week continued

Convento de San Francisco, also on Majorca. During this time he was ordained a priest. In 1749 he left Spain and went to Mexico where he took a position at a Franciscan seminary and college. There he became known as a fervent preacher of missions and went to the Sierra Gorda Indian Missions in central Mexico.

In 1768 the king of Spain expelled the Jesuits from Mexico. They had established missions in Baja California and Father Serra was named as the administrator of these missions. In 1770 he went to Alta California with Governor Portola who was the first European to enter what is now the state of California. It was on this expedition that Father Serra established the mission of San Diego de Alcala. The mission building had begun. He went on to establish a mission at Monterey, California and then he was instrumental in the founding of Mission San Antonio de Padua, Mission San Gabriel Arcángel, Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, Mission San Juan Capistrano, Mission San Francisco de Asís, Mission Santa Clara de Asís, and Mission San Buenaventura. He travelled the length of much of California on foot. He was never made a bishop but was given a dispensation to confer the sacrament of Confirmation and as head of the California missions he confirmed 5,309 people, mostly Native Americans between 1770 and 1784, the year of his death. He is remembered as one of the founders of California and has a statue in the National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol. You can find more about this saint and the missions online or at your library or bookstore.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 06/21/21)

\$1,162,430

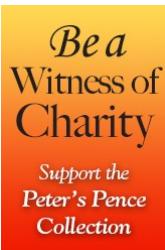
Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 06/21/21)

\$1,201,500

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a Witness of CHARITY

This weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take opportunity to join with Pope Francis and **Be a Witness of CHARITY and Be a Sign of MERCY.** Please be generous in today's Collection.



Parish News

Parish Office Summer Hours

Now through September 3rd, the Parish Office hours will be **Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon.**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Greeters Needed

Recently in our "Walking with a Purpose" Bible study, we read about a young unwed mother who wanted to try going to church. But she was afraid of just walking in—afraid of judgement and condemnation. Imagine how much easier it might have been for her if she had seen someone at the doors of the church, smiling and greeting everyone. This is the purpose of our Greeter Program. We want Saint Agnes to be a welcoming community, not just for a few whom we know, but for everyone who comes to our doors. It's time for us once again to have greeters at each Sunday Mass. Your schedule can be flexible such as every other week, once a month, every third Sunday, etc. Because of the long COVID interruption, please let me know if you would like to be a greeter, even if you were previously on the schedule. Indicate which Mass you prefer and how you wish to be scheduled. The next schedule will be for the months of September through December. If you have any questions please call or email me at 859-445-5022 or ceread67@gmail.com. Please let me know your preferences by **Tuesday, July 13th.**

Christian Service Committee

We would like to remind parishioners and school families that the St. Agnes Christian Service Committee may be able to provide assistance if you are in need of help with utilities, rent, mortgage, food, medical treatment/medicine, repairs, or other needs. Many individuals and families who never thought they would need help are now finding themselves in difficult situations. The Christian Service Committee has been assisting St. Agnes parishioners and school families for almost 50 years. All information is kept confidential and only known to the five members on the committee. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call the parish office and provide your contact information. One of the committee members will reach out to you. Sincerely,
St. Agnes Christian Service Committee

Faith Formation

Rosary for Family and Country

Please join in praying for Family and country as we approach Fourth of July on Thursday, July 1st at 7:00 p.m. We will pray the Rosary together for any special intentions. Pictures of Mary for children to color and a patriotic craft will be available for each family. Join others in our monthly prayer at 7:00 p.m. on July 1st. Treats for all afterwards! Enter via the annex doors.

RCIA

**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? 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. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith please call the parish at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com.



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS! The great gift of your Catholic faith is meant to be shared! If you know anyone who is unbaptized, is baptized in another faith, or is baptized Catholic but not fully initiated, please invite them to the RCIA. We are always welcoming new inquirers. For more information call the parish at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com. Please pray for our current inquirers Amelia, Meg and Don.

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.

Bible in a Year Podcast

Have you ever thought you might want to read the whole Bible, but struggled with where to start and just how to remain committed to it? Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting whenever you decide to begin. Each 20-25 minute episode includes: two to three scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz, and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word. Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure *Bible Timeline®* learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins. Accessing it is easy. Google *Bible in a Year* with Fr. Mike Schmitz and follow the directions. You can download the app or listen on YouTube or other podcast sites. Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."

USCCB "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"

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.

Year of the Family

Pope Francis instituted the *Year of the Family* to inspire Catholics across the world to rise up and transform the culture through their family lives. Bishop Roger Foys invites you to a special Mass for the Year of the Family on Saturday, July 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica. All are invited to attend.