

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
*in Ordinary Time*



*July 4, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

#### **Sunday, July 4**-Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

#### **Monday, July 5**-St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth

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

#### **Tuesday, July 6**-St. Maria Gorreti

6:30 a.m. Mary Margaret Johnson  
11:30 a.m. Jane Menkhaus

#### **Wednesday, July 7**

6:30 a.m. LM "Mike" & Rose Thiel Poage  
11:30 a.m. Grace Poncer

#### **Thursday, July 8**

6:30 a.m. Dec'd of Tepe & Wells Families  
11:30 a.m. Charles Brungs

#### **Friday, July 9**-St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:30 a.m. Gregory Cleves

#### **Saturday, July 10**

8:30 a.m. Monika Cyranek  
4:00 p.m. Kathy Hodge

#### **Sunday, July 11**-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Paul Michels  
10:30 a.m. Robertson & Caruso Families

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**Rosary, Sunday, July 11th at 8:00 a.m.:** Dan Summe

#### **6:30 a.m. Servers:**

July 5th-John Zembrodt    July 12th-Don Able

### Staff Article

## The Bishops Document on the Eucharist

There has been a lot of "buzz" in the media about the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) decision to commission the writing of a document on the Eucharist. To listen to most news stories, you would think it was a document that would ultimately and solely be about whether certain prominent political figures should be denied Communion at Mass given their lack of support for legislation that would encode a respect and reverence for unborn human life. Truthfully, many of these stories have been painful for me to listen to, as news reporters try to speak about something they apparently have little knowledge of, and even less personal experience. Anymore, I have essentially little trust in the face value of what gets reported and have resorted to trying to do my own "reporting" from original sources. Regarding the document in question, I found the following on the USCCB website:

*Since the conclusion of the Spring Plenary Assembly of the U.S. bishops last week, there has been much attention on the vote taken to draft a*

*document on the Eucharist. The question of whether or not to deny any individual or groups Holy Communion was not on the ballot. The vote by the bishops last week tasked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine to begin the drafting of a teaching document on the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The importance of nurturing an ever deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist in our lives is not a new topic for the bishops. The document being drafted is not meant to be disciplinary in nature, nor is it targeted at any one individual or class of persons. It will include a section on the Church's teaching on the responsibility of every Catholic, including bishops, to live in accordance with the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist we celebrate.*

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, is chairman of the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which is writing the document. He said:

*As the bishops discussed at our meeting, there is a great need for a Eucharistic revival in the church, a deeper understanding of the Eucharistic mystery and its centrality in our life. The doctrine committee has been entrusted with the task of preparing this document. The outline we presented to the body of bishops uses the outline followed by Pope Benedict XVI in his apostolic exhortation Sacramentum Caritatis ("The Sacrament of Charity"): the Eucharist as a Mystery to be believed, a Mystery to be celebrated and a Mystery to be lived. Within the section on the Eucharist as a mystery to be lived, the topic of Eucharistic consistency arises. We are called to live what we receive, to live in a way that is consistent with the self-giving love of Jesus that is made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice. This is related to our call to be missionary disciples. In our current time and culture, there is a temptation to privatize our faith or to separate our celebration and reception of Holy Communion from our responsibility to live in communion with the church and to live lives that are consistent with the deep meaning of the Eucharist, the sacrament of charity.*

Anyone with eyes to see (and who attends Mass regularly themselves) knows that a "Eucharistic revival" is needed. Few younger Catholics take their faith and the Eucharist with the seriousness they deserve. Regarding Mass, they simply are not there... ever. At Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and graduations I am often asking myself, "Who are these people/parents?" I've never seen them before, even though they may have had children in our school for up to nine years. I suspect that many (most?) young people today do not even

## Staff Article continued

know anyone who regularly attends Mass and practices their faith.

I look forward to what the Bishops will have to say in their document. For centuries, fidelity to the Eucharist has empowered and inspired many saintly people. It has been a source of unity through the ages. Too many Catholics are unaware of its essential role in Catholicism. I was particularly struck by the last words in Bishop Rhoades statement: *In our current time and culture, there is a temptation to privatize our faith or to separate our celebration and reception of Holy Communion from our responsibility to live in communion with the church and to live lives that are consistent with the deep meaning of the Eucharist, the sacrament of charity.*

When the document comes out, I encourage people to read the actual document and not rely on summaries of it from people who have little or no experience of Catholicism.



Father Mark Keene

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 letter of Saint Paul to the Church at Ephesus.

**Gospel Reading (Mark 6:7-13):** This Gospel passage describes Jesus sending the Twelve out to preach. The sense of urgency is palpable. The Twelve are instructed to make no provision for their material needs: "take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts..." The results of their mission are described very succinctly. This succinctness is a characteristic of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars suggest that the urgency (and succinctness) in the Gospel of Mark is indicative of the belief held at the time Mark's Gospel was written (65-70 AD) that Jesus would return soon and usher in His kingdom. No doubt the increasing tensions between the Jewish People and their Roman occupiers would have added greatly to the sense of impending turmoil, foreboding and change. (Jerusalem in fact was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.)

**First Reading (Amos 7:12-15):** After the death of King Solomon, the Jewish nation split into two kingdoms, one to the north and the other to the south. This is about 800 years before Jesus. The Northern Kingdom was called "Israel" or "Ephraim" and its capital was Samaria. The Southern Kingdom was called "Judah." Jerusalem and the Temple were located in Judah. Amos was a prophet in the Northern Kingdom. The Northern Kingdom was at odds with the Southern Kingdom (where the Temple was located) and so had set up a "Temple" for worship in Bethel. It was a time of great material prosperity for many in the North, but also of great deprivation for the poorest people, who often were taken advantage of by the wealthy. Amos, in God's name, tried to raise the consciousness of the people to not take advantage of the poor, but rather to care for them. Apparently some of the priests of Bethel, such as Amaziah (featured in this reading) were allied with the wealthy and wished to banish Amos to the Southern Kingdom (Judah). In this reading, Amos, attempting to justify his vocation as prophet, describes to Amaziah, how it is that he became a prophet: "I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me, God prophesy to my people Israel."

**Second Reading (Ephesians 1:3-14):** This reading is from the beginning of the Letter to the Ephesians. In a rather poetic style, Paul describes the plan of God for all of Creation, a plan that from the beginning naturally involves all who would be the Church of God, including the people who are the church at Ephesus... and much later, the Church in Fort Wright, KY.

## Parish Worship

### Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus begins to teach in His home synagogue. The people cannot understand the wisdom He shows since they know Him as a carpenter and not a prophet!**

**Adults:** Why do you think it was so difficult for the people who lived near Jesus to think of Him as a prophet? Can you imagine anyone you know really being a prophet?

**Teens:** If you were given the gift of prophecy how would you use it? What special gifts do you think you have been given?

**Children:** What miracle would you like Jesus to perform for you? Why not ask Jesus for a special miracle for you or someone you know.

**Next Sunday: July 11, 2021**

**The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Cycle B**

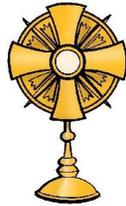
In our Liturgical Calendar we are now in the period called "Ordinary Time". The season is called ordinary because it is ordinated, that is, counted: second Sunday, third Sunday, etc. The Liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, unless there is a special feast.

Parish Worship continued

Adorers Needed

Adorers are needed to fill the following hours in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel: Monday-12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 4PM 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](mailto:abledrky@gmail.com).



Bulletin Cover Picture

“Old Glory”: The flag in front of our school. (Photo: Shelly Sandfoss)

Monthly Intention of Pope Francis

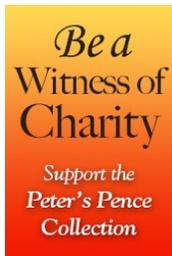
For use with The Morning Offering Prayer

JULY 2021: Social Friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Stewardship

Peter’s Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Peter’s Pence Collection. Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, provide essential support for the Holy See’s activities and help Pope Francis relieve the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disasters around the world. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to donate to this worthy cause. You can drop your check made out to 2021 Peter’s Pence Collection in the collection basket as it comes around in the next few weeks. Thank you for helping Be a Witness of Charity and a Sign of Mercy.



Thanks From ACUE and Bishop Foy

We received a nice acknowledgment and thanks from Bishop Foy for our contribution to the Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE) last month. Each month we forward a percentage of our Sunday offerings to ACUE. This comes to about \$12,000 each year. –Father Mark Keene

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)

Apparently we have exceeded our parish goal for our 2021 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal (DPAA). A total of 362 parish households have pledged or donated at total of \$160,767, which is \$267 above our parish goal of \$160,500. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this year’s DPAA. If you would still like to participate, pledge envelopes are located in the vestibules of church, or contact the parish office (431.1802). All funds collected above our parish goal are rebated back to Saint Agnes, where they will be used to help repair and seal our parking lots. Thank you! --Father Mark Keene



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.

Wedding Banns

1-Olivia Bayer, Saint Agnes & Jacob Goecke, Saint Bridget

New Parishioners (June)

Welcome the newest members to Saint Agnes Parish:

Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Holly Groneck  
Mr. & Mrs. Alex & Krystal Weidner

Deceased of our Parish (June)

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

Mr. Edward Vocke

## Parish News continued

### 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](mailto:ceread67@gmail.com). Please let me know your preferences by **Tuesday, July 13th**. Thank you, Colleen Read



### SVDP Needs Donations



Our St. Agnes Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to offer our sincere thanks to all who have been so generous during the Covid pandemic. Thanks to the time and trouble our parishioners have taken to bring in needed items, our pantry is well stocked. However, we have been inundated with requests from our neighbors in Park Hills, Ft. Wright, and West Covington for assistance with rent and/or utility bills. Last month alone, we spent about \$4,000, which has brought our treasury to its lowest point in the memory of any of our members. If you feel called to make a monetary contribution, please make your check payable to St. Agnes SVDP. You may put it in the boxes by the doors, in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope, or drop it off at the parish office. We pray for you, our benefactors, every day and ask that you keep us and our clients in your prayers as well. Thank you!

### Baby "Bottle" Envelope Campaign

The Pro-Life Committee would like to thank everyone for their generosity to the Baby "Bottle" Envelope Campaign. A total of \$3,859.43 was donated, with \$200 going to both Northern Kentucky University's Pro-Life group and Thomas More University's for Life group. The remaining money was divided amongst the Rose Garden Home Mission, Catholic Charities Lifeline Fund and Madonna House of Northern KY. Thank you for making a difference!

### Villa Madonna Academy Honor Roll

#### Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

**First Honors:** Jonah Ramdass, Quinn Wall

**Second Honors:** Keegan Wall

### 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?** Today's Scriptures speak of a lack of faith and a hardness of heart. In our secular society, we can see how this way of life has the power to keep the Lord out of our lives. We experience the emptiness and suffering that follows this lack of faith and hardness of heart. Are you searching for a better way of life? We invite you to explore the Catholic faith through the RCIA process. For more information, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email Paula at [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com).

**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!** Saint Agnes parish needs your help in welcoming people into our Catholic faith family. 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. For more information call the parish office at 431-1802 or email Paula at [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com). Please keep our current inquirers, Amelia and Meg in your prayers.

## Spiritual Adoption

### Month 6—Developing Baby

**"I'm sitting up straight now!"** Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. She sits up straight now to accommodate her internal organs which have moved into their final place in her little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort.