

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 11, 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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 11-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 12

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

Tuesday, July 13-St. Henry

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Velma & Carl Appel

Wednesday, July 14-St. Kateri Tekakwitha

6:30 a.m. Bob Ruberg
11:30 a.m. Bob Moffitt

Thursday, July 15-St. Bonaventure

6:30 a.m. Helen Wells
11:30 a.m. Edward & Ursula Stamm

Friday, July 16-Our Lady of Mount Carmel

6:30 a.m. Alberta Hein
11:30 a.m. Bob & Irene Ruberg

Saturday, July 17

8:30 a.m. JoAnn Cetrulo Andrews
4:00 p.m. Jeanne Able

Sunday, July 18-Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Char Keltz
10:30 a.m. William Sommerkamp

Rosary, Sunday, July 18th at 8:00 a.m.: Theresa Gray

6:30 a.m. Servers:

July 12th-Don Able July 19th-Jim Bramlage

Staff Article

Consider a Spiritual Retreat

Now that summer is here people are taking vacations and getting much needed rest and relaxation. For this article I'd like to share some thoughts on a special type of vacation, a spiritual retreat. These "thoughts" are taken from a larger article found at www.retreatguide.com. I encourage you to go there for more information.

There are many great reasons why you should go on a retreat and some surprising ones too! Life is demanding, and everyday we give more of ourselves, living a good life, helping those around us who need it. It all adds up and takes a toll on us. There is nothing wrong with taking a step back and saying to yourself, "I need to go do something for me! I need to recharge and refresh myself." Retreats offer you the perfect way to do this, in a serene setting that will allow you to return as a stronger, better person.

Faith is tested on a daily basis. Just read the news, or browse through Facebook. You will see a stream of

reports and findings that stretch our faith to its limits. That is not to say there is no good left, there is plenty. But as a society, we are flooded with the negative, because that is what sells: the shock and sensation of it all. Going on spiritual retreats is one manner in which you can push aside the negativity and reassert your faith. Replenish your soul, so that you can face the world head on again.

It's also been proven that going on spiritual retreats can have a healthy affect on your brain. The time spent at the retreat is focused on finding peace and reconnecting with your spiritual side. A time of actual contemplation and relaxation. With that comes several effects on your body's chemistry that can have a long-lasting impact. Serotonin and Dopamine levels have been shown to decrease during time spent on a retreat. The result of this means that your neural transmitters are freed up. This plays a direct role in combating things like mood, fatigue, and general energy levels.

We all know that feeling you get when you come back from a vacation: refreshed and energized! Yet, often, that feeling is gone pretty quickly, normally, before that first meeting back at the office. When coming back from a retreat, you are not only relaxed, but your eyes are open to the life you had been living and the small changes that can be made to get things running smoother. Spiritual retreats are about contemplation and reflection. Recharge and realign your soul with your faith. Through these practices, you will gain a clearer understanding of how you can keep that feeling running once you get back home. Attend retreats regularly, and you will find that your quality of life will improve and make you a better person as a result.

Fr. Trinity Knight



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus sent out His twelve apostles telling them to take only a walking stick...no money or food! He instructed them that if the people in one city refused to take them in, they should leave and go somewhere else.

Adults: If the apostles had come to your house do you think you would have welcomed them or tried to get rid of them? Is there someone you can welcome into your home today?

Teens: If the apostles were to come to your home today and you could ask them for one miracle what would it be? Why not ask Jesus for that special miracle.

Parish Worship continued

Children: Can you think of anyone you know today who reminds you of the apostles? Why?

Next Sunday: July 18, 2021 The 16th 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 letter of Saint Paul to the Church at Ephesus, which we will be reading from now until late August.

Gospel Reading (Mark 6:30-34): This reading describes the scene when the disciples return from the mission that Jesus sent them out on, described in last week's Gospel. Jesus and his disciples are trying to find a place where they can rest and restore themselves. However, the needs of the world prevent this from happening. This story reinforces the sense of urgency that is one of the characteristics of Gospel of Mark. (Urgency because at the time the Gospel of Mark was written, Christians believed that Jesus would return soon and that the world would end.) This story also relates how great was the "hunger" of the people for Jesus' teaching. This "hunger" supports the idea that Jesus came "in the fullness of time." If you knew where to look, you could see that the world was ready or "ripe" for His teaching.

First Reading (Jeremiah 23:1-6): Through the prophet Jeremiah the Lord rebukes the "shepherds" of Jeremiah's day—the religious/governmental leaders. This is during the years just before the Babylonian exile. Evidently they were trying to secure their own future and material prosperity, to the exclusion of their responsibilities toward the people they were sent to serve. (They are the opposite of the "Good Shepherd" of Psalm 23, and later Jesus.) Jeremiah promises a future leader who will govern wisely and "do what is right and just in the land."

Second Reading (Ephesians 2:13-18): One of the themes of the Letter to the Ephesians is unity

(between Jew and Gentiles?). This passage seems to be addressed to Gentiles ("you who once were far off") and offers them reassurance, that Jesus has broken down the "wall of enmity" between Gentile and Jew, and through Jesus "both have access in one Spirit to the Father."

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.



Bulletin Cover Picture

Our Saint Agnes Chapter, Saint Vincent de Paul Society food pantry. Thank you to everyone who helps keep the pantry stocked, via the "blue bags" that are located in the foyers of the church. The pantry has been an important component to the assistance and outreach of our parish chapter of Saint Vincent de Paul. It has proven effective in helping to make sure the assistance we give is used for the purpose for which it was given.

A special thanks to our Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter members for all of the outreach they do. There are many roles, from organizing the pantry, to preparing the "brown bags" that are given out, to making the actual visits and deliveries. If you are interested in getting involved personally, please call the parish office (431-1802).

If you'd like to help, pick up one of the blue bags. They have a list of needed items within them. Return the bag full with the items you've purchased for the pantry to church, placing it next to our Baptismal Font.

They are also in need of monetary donations. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes SVDP.

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.

Saint of the Week

Catherine (Kateri) Tekakwitha

Native Americans had their old cultures disrupted by the coming of the Europeans. As they came into contact with Europeans they had changes to the clothes they wore, the weapons they used and to their health. Not being immune to many common European diseases the Native American population suffered great losses to various diseases. To make up for this the tribes embarked on what are called "Mourning Wars." These wars were designed to get captives from other tribes to replace those who had died. Women and children in particular were taken. The Iroquois Confederacy was a group of tribes in New York made up of the Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayuga, Seneca and the Tuscarora.

Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1657 in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, about 40 miles west of Albany, New York. Her mother was a Catholic of the Huron tribe who had been captured by the Mohawks in one of the Mourning Wars and her father was a Mohawk chief. Between 1661 and 1663 the Mohawks suffered from a smallpox epidemic. Kateri lost her younger brother and parents. She also had smallpox and was left with smallpox scars and impaired sight. She was adopted by her aunt's family. Because of the epidemic, the Mohawks moved to a village called Caughnawaga (this name was later attached to Catholic Mohawks). Here, when she was 13, another tribe attacked the village and Kateri assisted the priest in aiding the wounded. When she was 17 her aunt decided it was time for her to marry but she refused, much to the disappointment of her family. On April 18, 1676, at the age of 19 Kateri was Baptized. (This was unusual because the Jesuit missionaries usually withheld Baptism until the convert was at the point of dying because of the possibility of apostasy.) Kateri was recognized by the Jesuits for her modesty and purity. She moved to the Jesuit mission of Kahnawake on the St. Lawrence River near Montreal.

At Kahnawake, Kateri and other Mohawk convert women practiced mortification, such as placing thorns under their sleeping mats and under their knees when they prayed. Kateri was at the mission when she died on April 17, 1680 at the age of 23 or 24. Her last words were reported to be "Jesus, I love you." She was also reported to have appeared to some of her friends right after she died. She is venerated throughout the Americas and in the Philippines. She was beatified in 1980 by Pope John Paul II and canonized in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI. This American saint's life is full of adventure and faith. Her feast is April 17th in Canada and July 14th in the United States.

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 06/30/21)	\$1,192,206
Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 06/30/21)	\$1,233,000
Fiscal Year	-\$40,794

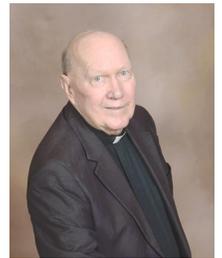
Parish News

Wedding Banns

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

Father Quill Update

As you know, Fr. Quill is now living at St. Charles. He is fully vaccinated and anxious to socialize. He enjoys going out to lunch/dinner or you can visit him at St. Charles. Call him at 859-802-2935 to schedule. If you're unable to visit him, you can send him a letter or card. His address is 600 Farrell Drive, Apt. 306, Covington, KY 41011. He would love to hear from you.



Greeters Needed

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**. Thank you, Colleen Read



Parish News continued

Save the Date for Homecoming

Mark your calendars for our annual Homecoming Friday, August 27th from 6 to 11pm on the parish grounds. It's a wonderful opportunity for friends, old and new, to share fun, food, and fellowship

Faith Formation

RCIA

Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith? Please join us on a journey of faith where we will share with you the treasures of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to members of our parish family. If you are unbaptized, are baptized Christian from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds, or have been baptized Catholic but are not fully initiated, please come to learn more about our holy Catholic faith in which Jesus makes Himself present to us and strengthens us to be His presence in the world. For more information, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



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 that person to the RCIA. We are always welcoming new inquirers. For more information call the parish at 859-431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com Please keep our current inquirers Amelia and Meg in your prayers.

FORMED

Do you know someone who has fallen away from the Church, perhaps a friend, a family member, a co-worker, and you want to reach them but you just don't know how? Would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and help your children to know Jesus as well? 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!

St. Ann Novena

Join in praying through the powerful intercession of St. Ann with daily Novena Prayers and Mass from July 18th thru July 26th at St. Ann Church, 1274 Parkway Ave, Covington. Novena prayers begin at 7:00pm and Novena Mass at 7:15pm. In addition to being in-person, the Novena will be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/StJohnAnnCovington. The theme for this year's Novena is "The blessing of Grandparents." After Mass each evening there will be individual blessings with a relic of St. Ann. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered after the blessing. Holy cards, rosaries and religious items will be available for sale each night. For more information call 859-413-5314.

Diocesan News

Rose Garden Golf Outing

The Friends of the Rose Garden Home Mission will host its 7th annual golf outing on Friday, August 27th at Kenton County's Willows and Pioneer Golf Courses. The format will be a four-person scramble, with a shotgun start scheduled for 9:45 a.m. Following the outing, a dinner and recognition program will take place to celebrate our successes on the course and to thank all who participated in this year's event. For more information or to register online, please visit www.RoseGardenMissionGolf.com or call 859-491-ROSE (7673)!

