

16th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



July 18, 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 18-Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 19

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

Tuesday, July 20-St. Apollinarius

6:30 a.m. Ruth Cleves-14th Anniversary
11:30 a.m. Bob Moffitt

Wednesday, July 21-St. Lawrence of Brindisi

6:30 a.m. Kevin McKinley
11:30 a.m. Charles Mayleben

Thursday, July 22-St. Mary Magdalene

6:30 a.m. Joseph Connelly
11:30 a.m. Jane Menkhaus

Friday, July 23-St. Bridget

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Mary Margaret Johnson

Saturday, July 24-St. Sharbel Makhluf

8:30 a.m. Kathleen Hodge
1:30 p.m. Wedding: Bayer/Goecke Families
4:00 p.m. Ron Coldiron

Sunday, July 25-Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mecklenberg Family
10:30 a.m. Larry Schrand

Rosary, Sunday, July 25th at 8:00 a.m.: Jesse Boone

6:30 a.m. Servers:

July 19th-Jim Bramlage July 26th-Tony Eilerman

Staff Article

A Lesson From the Cicadas

Last month when the cicadas were at the height of their 17 year emergence, I was sitting on my porch during my morning prayer time, enjoying the beautiful day. We have a tree in our front yard and I was able to observe many cicadas as they would soar into the air. I also saw quite a few birds stuffing themselves with this rare treat. My wife and I love to feed the birds and we noticed that the birds hardly touched their bird food during the time of the cicadas.

I know many people who found the cicadas disgusting, and who are glad they're no longer here. I myself enjoyed them during the short time they were around, even though I got dive bombed several times, sometimes had to pull one off of my neck, and would sometimes find one in my car or even our house. I'll admit though that I'm glad their stay is temporary and that they're not here all the time.

I find it interesting that after 17 years of feeding,

sleeping, and growing underground, these critters only live for a day or two once they emerge from the ground. What really struck me was that they seemed to make the most of their short life above ground celebrating by soaring, singing, sometimes becoming food for other creatures, mating, and reproducing more cicadas to emerge in another 17 years.

A lesson we can learn from them is that while our lifespan is quite a bit longer than theirs, our time here on Earth is limited. In John, Chapter 10, Jesus says, "I came that they might have life and have it to the full." I believe we are called to make the most of our lives, to love God and to love one another as best we can.

In our Gospel this week, upon seeing the crowd, Jesus' "heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

Lord, God, there are many ways that you reveal your wisdom to us. May our eyes and hearts be opened to recognize these blessings and give you thanks. Help us to follow you, the Good Shepherd, that like the cicadas, we may live our lives to the full, loving you and one another as best we can. Amen.



Bobby Fisher
Director of Music Ministries

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus called the disciples and told them to rest, but the people followed them and Jesus ministered to the crowd Himself.

Adults: Have you ever felt you were overloaded with way too much to do? What do you think is a good way to handle stress? Pray over it?...talk to a friend or counselor?...get away by yourself or maybe just cut back on some of your activities?

Teens: What causes you the most stress in your life? Is it school?...friends?...family? Is there someone you know who needs your help today in handling some stress in their life? Ask the Lord how you might help them?

Children: Jesus felt sorry for the people who were following the disciples and decided to minister to them Himself so that His disciples could get some rest. Who in your life do you feel sorry for and how can you help them?

Parish Worship continued

Next Sunday: July 25, 2021 The 17th 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 The Cycle B Lectionary readings, 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 now until late August.

Gospel Reading (John 6:1-15): We are in a "Cycle B" year with our Sunday Lectionary, and normally our Gospel readings are from The Gospel of Mark. However, during the summer of Cycle B, for five Sundays (17th - 21st Sunday) we read from chapter 6 of John's Gospel. This chapter contains the "Bread of Life Discourse." The discourse begins with an account of Jesus feeding a multitude with a few loaves of bread and a few fish. In John's Gospel, Jesus does this twice. Such "feedings" are described four other times in the other three Gospels. These types of stories must have been very important to the early church which no doubt experienced itself as having very meager resources in the face of great need. There is an obvious similarity to these stories and the story about Elisha which is our first reading for this Sunday. Our Gospel readings over these next weeks from John, chapter 6, move from a more earthly understanding of these types of events to a more "spiritual" understanding. (From what satisfies bodily hunger to what satisfies spiritual hunger.)

First Reading (2 Kings 4:42-44): In the Old Testament, God is understood as the source of life. Part of a prophet's mission was to be an agent of life for the people. For a great prophet such as Elisha, even contact with his dead bones could restore a man to life (2 Kings 13). This Sunday's particular reading portrays Elisha as feeding a hundred people with twenty barley loaves. Such stories are not meant to glorify the prophet, but to show that he is a representative of God, the source of all life.

Second Reading (Ephesians 4:1-6): From prison, Paul urges his listeners to live a life of virtue "worthy of the call you have received." Unity is a theme of

this letter, and in this reading Paul points to the source of that unity: "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Bulletin Cover Picture

Very Reverend John Iffert, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Covington

Our New Bishop

In an email this past Tuesday morning, Bishop Foys announced that his resignation as our bishop has been accepted and that Very Reverend John Iffert of the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois will be ordained and installed as the 11th Bishop of Covington on Thursday, September 30, at 3 PM. Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Foys as our diocesan administrator until Father Iffert is ordained and installed as our bishop. Please join me in praying for Father Iffert as he prepares for his ministry as our bishop.

The following is from the Belleville Diocese's newspaper, also called *The Messenger*, from last September when Father Iffert was made Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Belleville Diocese.

Father Iffert was born in Du Quoin, and is the youngest of John and Mary Iffert's three children. His sisters are Kim (Steve) Dorsey and Kathy Nesbit. He grew up on a farm on the outskirts of Du Quoin, and attended Sacred Heart School and Du Quoin High School.

After high school, he attended Illinois State University where he studied political science and economics. Upon graduation, he accepted a fellowship with the state of Illinois and worked as an analyst in Illinois' Bureau of the Budget.

As a parishioner at St. Joseph Parish in Springfield, he served as a catechist, preparing 8th graders for Confirmation. He also became active in Koinonia and Teens Encounter Christ. He credits these movements as helping him develop the habits of daily prayer, daily scripture reading and daily Eucharist.

In August 1992, he entered Mundelein Seminary where he earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology and a Master of Divinity degrees. On June 7, 1997, Bishop Wilton Gregory ordained Father Iffert a priest for the Diocese of Belleville.

Father Iffert served as parochial vicar at the Cathedral of St. Peter and later as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia. He spent the next five years with the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great. As temporary vows ended, however, he returned to the Diocese of Belleville.

Father Iffert has served as the pastor of St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Parish in Mount Vernon and

Parish Worship continued

St. Barbara Parish in Scheller for the past 13 years. Until now, he has served as Vicar Forane and Vicar for Clergy for the North Central Vicariate. He is a member of the College of Consultors, the Priest Personnel Board, the Diocesan Finance Council, and the planning committee for the Into My Vineyard program. He also serves on the Spiritual Ministry Team for the TEC Conference. In Mount Vernon, he worked alongside community and church leaders to found Lifeboat Alliance Family Shelter, where they "help people who are homeless weather life's storms." In 2013, this ecumenical ministry received the Governor's Cup Award as an exemplary service project to the local community.

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.



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

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

Lawrence of Brindisi was born on July 22, 1559 in Brindisi, Italy to a merchant family. He was named Giulio Cesare Russo. He was educated at Saint Mark's College in Venice. After college he joined the Capuchins (an offshoot of the Franciscans) and was named Brother Lawrence. He went to the University of Padua where he excelled in European and Semitic languages.



Lawrence went to Rome where he became the Definitor General for the Capuchins, a position equivalent to an assistant Dean or a priest in charge of small ecclesiastical districts. He was also placed in charge of evangelizing the Jewish population of Rome

until 1598 when he went to Germany to establish Capuchin monasteries as part of the Counter-Reformation.

At this time the Ottoman Turks were threatening large parts of central and eastern Europe. The Holy Roman Empire was determined to retake this land and end the Ottoman threat to the Empire. Lawrence helped to recruit the House of Lorraine to assist in the war against the Ottomans. He then led the Imperial Army to capture a town in central Hungary armed with a crucifix.

Lawrence was elected Vicar General of the Capuchins in 1602 and again in 1605, but refused the second term. He was made the Papal Nuncio to Bavaria at the same time. In 1618 he retired, but it was not for long. He was asked by the Spanish king to assist in mediating between him and the Viceroy of Naples in 1619. He died that year on his birthday while in Lisbon, Portugal. He was beatified by Pope Pius IV in 1783 and canonized in 1881 by Pope Leo XIII. In 1959 Pope John XXIII conferred the title of Doctor of the Church on him. His feast day is July 21st.

Stewardship

Baby Envelope Donations: Thanks

We received acknowledgments this past week from Amy Hardin of Madonna House of Northern Kentucky and from Alan Pickett of Catholic Charities (Life Line Fund), for donations their organizations received from our Baby Bottle "Envelope" campaign.

We Are His Hands

Tithing Fund Passes Landmark

This past month our tithing fund (We Are His Hands) surpassed the \$2,000,000 mark. Since 2003 our parish has set aside \$2,005,024, "off the top" for outreach, most of which has come from the 10% "tithing" we set aside from the offertory collection. Currently, this outreach supports: Tuition Assistance to our school, our School Endowment Fund (which currently provides about \$60,000/year to our school budget), Family Promise of Northern Kentucky, Saint Augustine City Heights Mission, Rose Garden Home Mission, Notre Dame Urban Education Center, Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE) and miscellaneous other causes over the years. I am very proud of our parish for making this commitment to outreach and sticking with it, especially during some pretty "lean" years in the economy.

—Father Mark Keene

Parish News

Wedding Banns

III-Olivia Bayer, Saint Agnes &
Jacob Goecke, St. Bridget

Family of God

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

Xander Robert Dunham
Child of Alexander & Jessica Dunham

Happy Birthday Helen Mueller

On your birthday let your heart leap for joy, and praise God with song! Congratulations Helen on your 90th birthday! We hope you enjoy many more beautiful days ahead of you. Happy Birthday! ~*your loving family*



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

Funeral Receptions-Volunteers Needed

Funeral receptions will again be held in the hall beginning in August. Volunteers are needed to host the receptions. A reception usually requires 2 to 4 volunteers and 3 to 4 hours of your time. If you're interested please contact Janis Vogelpohl at 341-3745 or the Parish Office at 431-1802.

Oktoberfest 2021

The Oktoberfest Committee is please to announce the event is returning this year! Oktoberfest will be held on October 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. We are looking forward to record crowds. We need your help to support the Silent Auction Tent. We have set up a display in Church called "helping hands." Just take an item from the flag and return it to Church or the Parish Office by August 1st. Thanks for your "helping hand!"



Cardiovascular Mobile Health Unit

The St. Elizabeth Cardiovascular Mobile Health Unit will be offering Stroke and Cardiovascular screenings onsite at St. Agnes on Tuesday, July 20th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. This quick and painless screening could help you avoid a stroke, heart disease or a ruptured aneurysm. All screenings are \$25 each or \$100 for the entire package. To learn more or to schedule an appointment call 859-301-9355.

Faith Formation

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? In our secular society, we can see how the worldly way of life has the power to keep the Lord out of our lives. We experience the emptiness and suffering that follows a lack of faith and hardness of heart. Are you searching for a better way of life? We invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. For more information, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS! If you know anyone who is not Baptized, 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 at 431-1802 or email pfritz@saintagnes.com. Please pray for our current inquirers, Amelia, Meg, and Don.

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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!