

17th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



July 25, 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](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.

**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

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, July 25-Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

#### Monday, July 26-Sts. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

#### Tuesday, July 27

6:30 a.m. Frank Henn, Sr.  
11:30 a.m. Charles Mayleben

#### Wednesday, July 28

6:30 a.m. Patti Quiroa  
11:30 a.m. Bob Moffitt

#### Thursday, July 29-St. Martha

6:30 a.m. Jim Brown  
11:30 a.m. Joe Melching

#### Friday, July 30-St. Peter Chrysologus

6:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:30 a.m. Carl & Emma Kuchle Family

#### Saturday, July 31-St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 a.m. Rose T. Poage  
4:00 p.m. Anne Droege

#### Sunday, August 1-Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Helen Wells  
10:30 a.m. Mary, Marvin & Steve Wigger

needs to be done at the same time, and I don't care what anyone says, multitasking is a good way to do several things poorly or in a mediocre way at best. A frazzled, agitated and anxious person cannot do their best.

Now when I say stop, I don't mean do nothing. That would be surrendering to being frazzled. No, the first thing I do is ask God for help. St. Paul says in Philippians, "Have no anxiety at all, but by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." He goes on to say, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:6-8)

Turning over to God the things that are bothering you, gets you a partner in your daily activities, teaches trust and takes the burden off of you and gives it to Christ. Remember He said: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

God Bless  
Deacon Gary Scott



### Ministry / Volunteer Schedule for Aug. 31st/July 1st

#### Special Ministers of the Word

4:00 p.m. Joe Stratman  
8:30 a.m. Theresa Uthe  
10:30 a.m. Joe Lawrie

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Diane & Tony Eilerman  
8:30 a.m. Barb Lewin & Volunteer  
10:30 a.m. Karen & Joe Elfers

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

July 26th-Tony Eilerman August 2nd-Paul Kleier

#### Rosary, Sunday, Aug. 1st at 8:00 a.m.: Fred Summe

### Staff Article

## Frazzled

Did you ever feel like the world was closing in on you? Did you ever feel like you had more to do than there was time to do it? Did this feeling make you agitated, grumpy and anxious? It has for me.

So, what do I do when I get this way? I stop. That's right, I stop. There is no way to do everything that

### Parish Worship

## Faith Sharing Questions

**Theme of this week's Gospel: A large crowd (five thousand people) was following Jesus and they became hungry. Jesus told them to sit down and then He took five loaves and a few fish and blessed them and distributed them among His followers...and they had more than they could eat!**

Adults: Do you think the people who were fed became believers in Jesus and followed His word? What miracle would it take to make your faith stronger?

Teens: After Jesus had fed His followers, He told His disciples to gather up whatever was left so that it would not be wasted. How can you do a better job in being frugal...not wasting...being sure that everyone has enough to eat and a place to live?

Children: If you could ask Jesus to perform one miracle for you what would it be? Ask your friends if they would have a special "miracle" request.

## Parish Worship continued

### Next Sunday: August 1, 2021 The 18th 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 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 6:24-35):** We are in a "Cycle B" year, 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 The Gospel According to Saint John. This chapter contains the "Bread of Life Discourse." The chapter begins with Jesus' feeding a multitude with a few loaves and fish (cf. Gospel reading for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday). In this Sunday's reading the people, after witnessing the miracle of the loaves and the fish, are portrayed as seeking Jesus out in order to have their physical hunger satisfied. They are portrayed as understanding Jesus only in this light. Jesus, however, is trying to get them to see a deeper form of hunger—spiritual hunger—which is the hunger he can truly satisfy, but only if they believe in him: "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." The Gospel of John often depicts exchanges between Jesus and his followers as characterized by misunderstandings where the followers seem able to understand Jesus only in a most literal way, whereas Jesus intends a deeper, more spiritual sense.

**First Reading (Exodus 16:2-4,12-15):** This reading recounts how the Lord fed the Israelites in the desert with quail in the morning and "manna" in the evening. The manna became known as the "bread from heaven" which the Lord gave to the people during their journey in the desert. For the Christian community, this story, which takes place during the Exodus of the Jewish people, would become symbolic of the Eucharist feeding of the Church during its "Exodus" from all that enslaves us in this life and as

we journey toward our "Promised Land," the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Second Reading (Ephesians 4:17,20-24):** In this reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, the Ephesians (and us) are encouraged to a complete change of heart and to "put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."

### Adorers Needed

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

Monday-12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 4PM

Tuesday-6PM

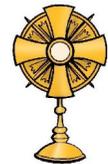
Wednesday-2AM

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).



### 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.

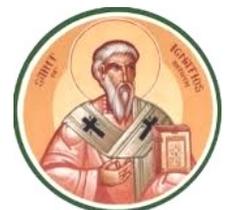
### Bulletin Cover Picture

The Statue of Saint Anne with Mary, in the annex of our church. On the scroll in Latin are the words from Isaiah 11:1: *Egredietur Virga de Radice Jesse*. ("And there shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse.") The full statement from Isaiah reads: *Egredietur Virga de Radice Jesse et flos de radice eius ascendet*. ("And there shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root.") July 26 is the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, who are named in "The Protoevangelium of James," an apocryphal work from the second century.

## Saint of the Week

### Ignatius of Loyola

Iñigo Lopez de Loyola was born on October 23, 1491 in Azpeitia Spain, which is in the Basque part of that country (in the north of Spain near the French border). He was the youngest of 13 children. As an aristocrat he was interested in the life of a soldier and read the romantic stories about knights and when he



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became a soldier he amused himself by fighting duels. He went to war in 1509 when Spain was attacked by a French and Navarrese army that attacked the fortress at Pamplona. Iñigo was badly wounded in the leg. This incident would change his life. While recovering he read *Da Vita Christi* by Ludolph of Saxony (a 14th century German theologian). Ludolph's book asked the reader to place himself in the place where the action is happening, at the manger, at the wedding at Cana and on Golgotha. Iñigo would later use this method as part of the Spiritual Exercises.

As he recovered Iñigo read more about the life of Christ and about the saints. When he recovered he took his military gear and hung it before an image of the Virgin Mary at a monastery and went to live in a cave for several months, living as an ascetic. He then went to the Holy Land but was not allowed to stay. He and the companions he had begun to attract went to Madrid and then travelled to Paris where he studied and became known as Ignatius. He earned a master's degree and became known as "Master Ignatius."

It was in Paris in 1534 that he gathered six of his companions; Francis Xavier, Alfonso Salmeron, Diego Laynez, and Nicholas Bobadilla, all Spanish; Peter Faber, a Frenchman; and Simão Rodrigues of Portugal. These men began the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. Ignatius of Loyola was the first Superior General of the order. One of the key elements of what is called Ignatian spirituality are the Spiritual Exercises which is a 28 day series of prayers and meditations designed to help the practitioner to discern Jesus in his life.

The Jesuits became a key player in the Counter Reformation and became a powerful force in much of Europe. They also served as missionaries all over the world. Our current pope, Francis, is a Jesuit. (Read about the Jesuits in Canada and the northern part of the US and the Reductions or missions in South America.) Jesuits have contributed to history as theologians, scientists and educators. They were also suppressed or expelled from many countries during the 18th century. The Jesuits were even suppressed by Pope Clement XIV in 1773.

Ignatius died in Rome on July 31, 1556. He was beatified in 1609 and canonized in 1622. You are encouraged to read about this saint, the Jesuits or to try the Spiritual Exercises (there are several good books available to help guide you). Ignatius of Loyola's feast day is July 31st.

## Stewardship

### ACUE Collection This Weekend

A number of years ago our diocese united our diocesan educational institutions that are located in urban areas under the aegis of The Alliance for Catholic Urban Education or "ACUE" as it is popularly known. The current configuration of Catholic grade schools and high schools is the result of all of the catholic parish grade schools and high schools that have existed in urban areas of Northern Kentucky. Many of our current parishioners received their educations from these schools, as did their parents. Our diocese has a track record of commitment to our schools in areas that are often under-served. Education is proven as the most effective long-term remedy to poverty. These ACUE schools need our help. Please contribute to the special ACUE collection taken up this weekend (July 24/25). If you weren't prepared to make a contribution this weekend, you can do so by clearly marking your contribution and including it in the collection next week, or sending it to the parish office. We will forward all donations to ACUE. --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)**

As of June 30th, a total of 385 parish households have pledged or donated at total of \$167,212, which is \$6,712 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, 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

### Wedding Banns

I-Meghan Huber & Jonathan Metzger, Saint Agnes

### Coffee & Donuts Returning

Next Sunday, August 1st, you are invited to Murphy Hall immediately following the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses for donuts, fruit, coffee & juice. Sponsors this month are members of the Walking With Purpose group.

## Parish News continued

### Save the Date for Homecoming

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

### First Thursday Rosary

Rosary Night is Thursday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for 30 minutes of prayer and meditation. Pray to Mary, Our Mother to guide and protect our country. Join your prayers for special intentions, world peace, our priests and our families with other faithful. Rediscover the power and peace of prayer. *Enter by way of the annex door by Sleepy Hollow Road.*



### Pre-School Religion & Liturgy of the Word

Currently Saint Agnes is regrouping to have these programs. We hope that we can reopen these two programs, but **that will require volunteers to lead and assist.** *Pre-school Religion* takes place during the 10:30am Mass. The program is for children ages 3, 4 and 5. *Liturgy of the Word* would take place during the 10:30am Mass. Children in grades 1 thru 4 are called to go to the Chapel or the hall to hear the Word. Leaders use *Children Celebrate!* a great, scripted lesson. Contact Anita Dunn at [adunn@saintagnes.com](mailto:adunn@saintagnes.com) for information.

### Evening Religion Classes

Classes for those students attending public schools in grades 1 thru 8 are scheduled to begin on August 23rd. Parents and children will meet for Prayer and Orientation at 7pm in Church. Regular classes begin on August 30th. Classes are held in the school. Drop off is at the cafeteria using the back drive. Classes run 7pm until 8:10pm. Registration forms and calendar are available on the bulletin boards and the Saint Agnes website. Contact Anita Dunn at [adunn@saintagnes.com](mailto:adunn@saintagnes.com). **Volunteers** are needed, especially for teaching 1st, 6th and 8th grade. Contact [adunn@saintagnes.com](mailto:adunn@saintagnes.com). Adult volunteers must be VIRTUS trained. Teens can also help or lead a class. Great opportunity for service hours!



### Confirmation

Bishop John Iffert is scheduled to administer Confirmation at Saint Agnes on November 9th. If you have an 8th grade age student not enrolled at Saint Agnes or in the Evening Religion Program please contact Anita Dunn at [adunn@saintagnes.com](mailto:adunn@saintagnes.com). Parent meeting on Confirmation is scheduled for September 16th at 7pm in Church. Enrollment/Sponsor Sunday is *tentatively* scheduled for September 26th beginning at the 10:30am Mass followed by Sponsor/Candidate time until 1pm. Donuts will be provided.

## Faith Formation

### RCIA

**ATTENTION ALL WHO ARE NOT CATHOLIC OR ARE NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS!** Do you ever ask yourself...What am



Have you thought about becoming Catholic?

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. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe and strive to live. 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! GOD IS CALLING. ARE YOU LISTENING?** 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 [pfritz@saintagnes.com](mailto:pfritz@saintagnes.com). Please pray for our current inquirers, Amelia, Meg, and Don.

### 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. 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!