

# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

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## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	12:00 P.M. , 5:00 P.M. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	08:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 12:30 P.M. (in Spanish)
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	06:00 P.M.
Wednesday	06:00 P.M.
Thursday	06:00 P.M.
Friday	08:30 A.M.

*(For holy days, see pg. 2 or check our website.)*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

THURSDAYS 5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

WEDNESDAYS FOLLOWING 6:00 P.M. MASS -  
12:00 MIDNIGHT

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 minutes prior to Daily Mass, Thursdays  
from 5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M. and  
Saturdays from 3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
or by appointment.

December 1, 2024



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### A Holy Day of Obligation

December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent. Advent always takes precedence in order of importance. Therefore, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception has been transferred to Monday, December 9. The Masses for the Holy Day will be 8:30am and 6:00pm on December 9th. There is no Vigil Mass.

## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Agnes Parish, a Christian family located in Kanawha City, is a multi-generational community committed to Catholic spiritual and moral values. We Share the Gospel of Christ through the liturgical, charitable and social efforts as we endeavor to live out our baptismal call. All are welcome, especially visitors, guests and those new to the community.

## WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

## MASS INTENTIONS (DEC. 2- DEC. 8)

### November 23 - November 24

Attendance: **237**

5:00 P.M. **62**; 8:00 A.M. **50**; 10:30 A.M. **80**; 12:30 P.M.

<b>1st Collection</b>	\$ 4,392 . <sup>00</sup>
<b>2nd Collection: Debt Reduction</b>	\$ 551 . <sup>00</sup>
Cross Roads	\$ 224 . <sup>58</sup>
Debt Reduction	\$ 30 . <sup>00</sup>
Thanksgiving	\$ 190 . <sup>00</sup>
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10 . <sup>00</sup>
Christmas	\$ 20 . <sup>00</sup>
Wish List	\$ 150 . <sup>00</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5567 .<sup>58</sup></b>

**Upcoming: Dec. 1 Common Grounds Outreach  
Dec. 8 Retired Religious Fund**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

MON 2	***	No Mass
TUE 3	06:00 P.M.	Gtetchen Fleming by John Scaggs
WED 4	06:00 P.M.	Francesca Escalante (D) by Jeanne Zekan
THU 5	06:00 P.M.	Carmen & Leopoldo Cano (D, D) by John & Margarita Carr
FRI 6	08:30 A.M.	Repose of the soul of Father Charles Carroll
SAT 7	12:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
	05:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
SUN 8	08:00 A.M.	Elizabeth Blake (D) by John & Terri Blake
	10:30 A.M.	John Wegmann(D) by Wegmann Family
	12:30 P.M.	Juanita Leon(D) by Maria G. Lopez

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To report suspected cases of child sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888 434-2637 or 30) 233-0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304 230-1504.

### OFFER A MASS

The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer to God. It is customary for the faithful of a parish to have Masses offered for their own intentions, especially for loved ones who have passed away. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one or a special intention, please contact the parish office or fill out the Mass Intention envelope from the narthex of the church. The suggested donation is \$10.00 for a daily Mass and \$20.00 for a weekend Mass.

## WELCOME TO ST. AGNES!

If you are new to our area or parish & have not registered, we invite you to do so. You can find parish registration forms in the church narthex and online at <https://stagnescharlestonwv.org>. Paper forms can be dropped off at the parish office or place it in the mail.

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

Mass Time	November 30 - December 1	December 7 - December 8	December 9 Solemnity of Immaculate Conception
05:00 p.m.	Lisa Wood	Lisa Wood	8:30 am - Lisa Wood
08:00 a.m.	Dana Fox	Dana Fox	6:00 pm - Sarah Casey
10:30 a.m.	Bunnie Perrine		<b>December 12</b>
12:30 p.m.	Mary Onate	Gladys Cuartes	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> 10:00 pm Juanita Mata

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## HORARIO REGULAR DE MISAS

LUNES	SIN MISA
MARTES	06:00P.M.
MIÉRCOLES	06:00P.M.
JUEVES	06:00P.M.
VIERNES	08:30A.M.
Sábado	12:00P.M. , 5:00 P.M. (Misa de Vigilia)
DOMINGO	08:00A.M., 10:30A.M., AND 12:30P.M. (EN ESPAÑOL)

## SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

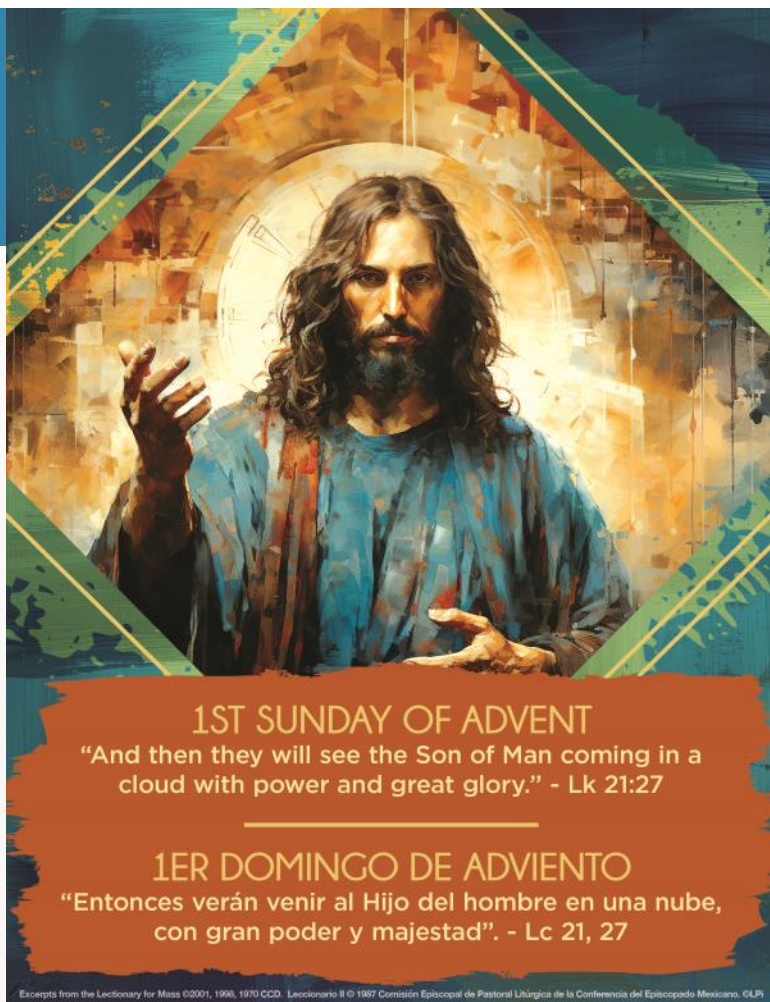
30 minutos antes de cada Misa Diaria,  
Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:30 P.M.  
Jueves de 5:00 P.M. a 5:45 P.M.  
o con cita previa.



## ADORACION EUCARISTICA

Jueves a las 5:00pm-5:45pm,  
antes de la Santa Misa a las  
6:00pm

Miércoles después de la misa a  
las 6:00 pm hasta 12:00 am



## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." - Lk 21:27

## 1ER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre en una nube, con gran poder y majestad". - Lc 21, 27

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## FIESTA DE NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE

Todo empieza a las 10:00PM el 12 de Noviembre. Tenemos el Rosario a las 10:00PM, Misa, una procesion con la estatua de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe hacia el gimnasio de la escuela donde cantaremos las Mananitas y festejamos. Por favor, invita su familia y amigos, especialmente los que todavía no asistien a misa!



## MISIÓN PARROQUIAL

Nuestra Comunidad Hispana de Santa Inés, localizada en Kanawha City, es una familia multicultural comprometida a fomentar los valores espirituales y morales de nuestra fe Católica. Como bautizados, nos esforzamos a vivir el Evangelio de Cristo en nuestra liturgia y obras de caridad. Si quieres ser parte de nuestra familia, te invitamos a que nos acompañes a la Misa Dominical, la Hora Santa y a todas las actividades que tenemos durante el año.

*¡Bienvenido a nuestra familia!*

## ST. AGNES WEEKLY UPDATE

My Dear St. Agnes Family,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends, and, I hope that you have not let the old devil convince you that you are all alone. He loves to pull that trick on us, especially during the holiday seasons! When we don't have family or friends close by, the devil loves to make us think that nobody cares about us.

Many priests, in fact, fall into this trap. Since the life of a priest is so unique, with challenges that very few other people can relate to, it is easy to think that you are totally alone. Due to the priest shortage and the divisions that exist among priests today because of bad catechesis in the past and the confusion following the Vatican II Council, finding that fraternal support as a priest is even harder.

Thankfully, Jesus lived through this struggle too. Aside from His Mother, nobody understood what He was going through, and, near the end of His life, almost everyone abandoned Him or worse. Holidays were certainly not easy for Jesus. He and his parents spent Christmas alone in a cave. He was usually under attack during the Jewish festivals because of the way He was changing things, and as if the days leading up to Easter weren't already bad enough, He even had to work hard to convince people that He was actually risen from the dead!

Should we be sorry for Him and ourselves? Not at all! we should imitate the example of Jesus in His loneliness. Did he sit at home and wallow in His misery? No. Despite His struggles, He went out and found those who were most in need of His mercy and spent time with them. He worked hard to bring lonely people together and gave of Himself even when he didn't receive anything from anyone else. In fact, it was at the moment when He was most forgotten, abandoned, and hated that He gave up His life for us all on the Cross. We too can do this and, despite the struggle we continue to experience, find the answer to our loneliness.

So, I invite all who, like me, often experience feelings of loneliness to reject the devil and those temptations to despair. Instead of remaining isolated, think of Jesus and ask Him for the grace to be the answer to someone else's loneliness. Then, watch God heal your own loneliness in the process. Maybe there are people in your life who need a phone call, a letter, or a visit. Make that call, write that letter, or go and visit them, even if they should be the one reaching out to you! Be the one to offer your assistance here at the parish or in another area where help is needed. Pray about ways that God may even be asking you to be a leader who gathers others together for prayer, good works, or just a simple meal together.

And don't hesitate to tell me if you are struggling with loneliness and need help finding out how to move forward. I am here for you! Remember that even I often struggle with these feelings myself, so helping others who are struggling with loneliness is an answer to my own loneliness as much as it is to those I get to help! This is just one of those wonderful ways that God brings good out of our suffering. May God bless you all!

Fr. Szabo

### ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Join us for our Advent Penance service on Wednesday, December 18th right after our 6:00PM Daily Mass, then caroling to our local shut-ins on Friday, December 20th and finally an Advent Part in the rectory on Saturday the 21st at 6:30PM. See the activities page for more information!

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES' ANGEL TREE

Catholic Charities Angel Tree is set up in the church narthex. Pick an angel to provide Christmas gifts for a child, teen or senior. Return unwrapped items by Sunday, December 15th either beside the tree or at the office weekdays 10:00am - 3:00pm. Catholic Charities will be picking up all Angel Tree items on Monday, December 16. Help a child or senior have a Merry Christmas.

### SACRED SILENCE IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to maintain a sacred silence when you are in the main body of the church, especially before and after Mass. This allows others to pray and sets a very important example for the younger members of our community who are still learning about the sacred nature of the church. If you need to talk with someone, simply move to the vestibule, or into one of the side areas and make sure that the door is closed

### FUNERAL PREPARATION

If you or a loved one is planning a funeral that will be held at St. Agnes or celebrated by Fr. Szabo, please contact the Parish Office before speaking to the Funeral Home. This will ensure that Fr. Szabo will be available and will make your meeting with the funeral home much easier.

## ST. AGNES TO-DO LIST

*Perhaps you have wondered before, “What can I do to help around the church?” Well, take a gander! Here are some chores that need doing. Though I enjoy this kind of work, I can’t say that I’ll get to all of these things in a reasonable amount of time, so your help would be much appreciated! Just email me (pszabo@dwc.org) once you have taken care of something so I can remove it from the list!*

**Brightening the Way for the Elderly!** Despite my best efforts to use every inappropriate material to fill the cracks before finding the right stuff, the handicapped ramp leading into the church is all fixed! However with the time change, we have another problem. The lighting is so dim on that side of the church that you can hardly see! We are looking for someone to wire up a flood light for us on that side of the church off of the dim light that shines just outside of the doorway. If you have some experience wiring lights, let me know!

**Furnish and Decorate a New Multi-Purpose Room in the Old Convent:** Since I moved my office down to the Parish Office, there’s a large empty room that we can use for other purposes such as Bible Studies, Prayer Groups, Youth Group meetings and more. However, it is in need of some more furniture, decorations & organization. If you have the gift of design & wouldn’t mind perhaps even donating some furniture, let us know!

**Resetting Walkway Patio Stones to the Parish Office:** The pavers of the walkway from the lower parking to the office have become quite displaced by the beautiful tree right next to it. We can’t really blame it I suppose, since we put the pavers over its roots! Someone patient with some landscaping experience, and a little OCD would be a perfect candidate for this job!

**Decorative Fence around AC Units:** One of the gems of Kanawha City is the beautiful park-like area we have down behind the church. Sadly, the massive AC unit beside the church and the smaller unit beside the Old Convent stick out like giant sore thumbs! I would love if someone was willing to help us build a decorative fence around/in front them that would keep that area looking sharp, and maybe even dampen the sound a little.

**Clearing Brush along the Bank:** The bank that runs from 49th street across to the school is covered in a mess of brush and trash. We would love to have some folks come help us knock back the weeds a little and pick up the trash that has been thrown down amongst them. We might even be able to clear off a section for sled-riding this winter if we work hard enough!

**Cleaning up Lower Parking Lot:** The lower parking lot is getting smaller as grass and dirt slowly moves its way in. It wouldn’t take much with a shovel and rake to clean up the edges. We even have some leftover yellow paint if you wanted to refresh the parking lines too!

## ST. AGNES WISH LIST

**A Subscription to Formed.org for the Parish. (\$2,300)** It’s basically Catholic Netflix. It is an online subscription that gives the entire parish access to countless hours of Bible studies, Theology courses, Sacramental Preparation Courses, talks on every topic of the faith imaginable and lots of Catholic movies too! Talk to Fr. Szabo if you are interested in sponsoring this resource for the parish!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Wednesday, December 11th, starting at 10:00PM, we will celebrate the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will begin with the Rosary, then Mass, and finally a procession to the school gym where we will sing a traditional hymn to Mary known as the “Mañanitas.” After that, we will enjoy some delicious Mexican food. Come join us as we celebrate this special day for the Hispanic community here at St. Agnes!

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be celebrating the great Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Join us at St. Agnes at either 8:30AM or 6:00PM. If those times do not work for your schedule, check around at the other parishes to see if they are offering a time that will work. Don't miss this great day!



### Christmas Caroling!



We will be caroling to the shut-ins and others in Kana-wha City on Friday, December 20th. We will meet at the Church at 5:45pm. Following caroling, there will be a gathering at Anita Casey and Jim Garvin's home. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the Church so we can have a head count of carolers and to plan for refreshments following caroling. If you would like to bring a side dish to share, that can be marked on the sign-up sheet (if you can't bring anything, don't let that stop you from caroling).

### Rectory Advent Party!

All parishioners are invited to join Father Szabo in the rectory for an evening of fellowship on Saturday, December 21st starting at 6:30PM. Please feel free to bring some kind of finger food or snack to share. Wine, beer and beverages will be provided.



# ST. AGNES MINISTRIES

## Family Ministries

### FAMILY ADORATION

Family Adoration is held at St. Agnes every First Saturday from 10:00AM until 10:30AM. This period of Adoration directed specifically towards the youngest members of our community. Interested families can join us anytime or contact Aisling Whelan at [aisling-terese@gmail.com](mailto:aisling-terese@gmail.com) for more information.

### FRIDAY FAMILY PLAY DATE

Families with young children are invited to gather after Daily Mass on Fridays. Come & enjoy fellowship with other Catholic parents while the kids play!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We have an extended period of Adoration on Wednesdays following the 6:00PM Mass & continuing until 12:00AM midnight. We are still looking for more people to commit to at least one 30-minute slot each week to ensure that Our Lord is always accompanied by at least one person. Please prayerfully consider signing up in the vestibule!

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Montessori approach to Catholic catechesis which is shaped to the needs of children 3-6 years old. If you have a child who will be between the ages of 3 & 6 in January, and you are interested in enrolling them in our CGS program, please email our catechist Terese Aisling at [aislingterese@gmail.com](mailto:aislingterese@gmail.com), so we can begin to build a class list.

## Men's Ministry

### MONTHLY MENS NIGHT

St. Agnes offers a monthly gathering for men who are 21 years or older on the last Saturday of each month. This is a time of fellowship, discussion, and prayer for men who are ready to grow closer to God and one another. The next gathering is Saturday, Dec. 28th at 6:30PM.

## Young Adult Ministry



### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays right after 6:00pm Mass in the St. Agnes Parish Office. Dinner is provided! If you are a young adult (at least 18+) and interested in this Bible Study, just show up or scan the QR code for more information!

## The Sacraments

### WEDDING PREPARATION

Marriage is a wonderful Sacrament that we here at St. Agnes are happy to help you prepare for. Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before your scheduled wedding date so that we will have enough time to complete the preparation and paperwork.

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one is preparing for serious surgery, undergoing a life-threatening illness, or getting to the age where you are not sure how much more time God has for you on this Earth, contact the parish office to arrange a time when Fr. Szabo can celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

### 1ST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & OCIA

Sacramental preparation for First Communion & Confirmation, as well as OCIA, continues Sundays 9:15am-10:15am. First Communion meets in the gathering room through the left door of the church. Confirmation & OCIA are meeting in the Church office.

## Social Outreach

### COMMON GROUNDS

If you would like to donate, drop by Common Grounds Food Pantry at 6600 MacCorkle Ave., on Tues. or Thurs. 10:00am - 2:00pm. A basket is in the Church narthex for food donations. For more information: call (304) 720-9690 or (304) 552-5286.

## Vocations

### JOIN THE SERRA CLUB OF CHARLESTON!

Serra International is a global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. The Charleston Club is growing & welcomes new members for its important mission of prayer & work for the Church. For more information: contact Mark Sadd at (304) 345-2000 ext. 1101 [msadd@lewisglasser.com](mailto:msadd@lewisglasser.com).

## Women's Ministry

### LADIES GUILD

All women of the parish are invited to Ladies' Guild. We will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00pm at Cracker Barrel in Kanawha City. To play an optional game, please bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped/bagged gift. RSVP or questions: Ann (304-552 7434) or Pat (304-382-5311)

# SUPPORT OUR PATRONS!



**We love having you  
as part of our flock!**

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