

# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

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## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 12:00 P.M. , 5:00 P.M.  
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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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December 15, 2024



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

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## 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. 16 - DEC. 22)

### December 7 - December 8

Attendance: **232**

5:00 P.M. **37**; 8:00 A.M. **42**; 10:30 A.M. **110**; 12:30 P.M. **43**

1st Collection	\$ 3789 <sup>.00</sup>
2nd Collection: Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 918 <sup>.12</sup>
Christmas Flowers	\$ 240 <sup>.00</sup>
Cross Roads	\$ 24 <sup>.62</sup>
Common Grounds	\$ 240 <sup>.00</sup>
Thanksgiving	\$ 40 <sup>.00</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5251<sup>.74</sup></b>

Upcoming : December 15 St. Agnes Renovation  
December 22 St. Agnes Debt Reduction

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### 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.

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know will be going through a life-threatening surgery in the near future, or is at an age where it is unclear how much more time God has planned for them to spend here on this Earth, please contact the office as soon as possible so that Fr. Szabo can hear their confession and anoint them.

MON 16	***	No Mass
TUE 17	06:00 P.M.	Francesca Escalante (D) by Verna Zekan
WED 18	06:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
THU 19	06:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
FRI 20	08:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
	12:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
SAT 21	05:00 P.M.	Francesca Escalante (D) by Jeanne Zekan
	08:00 A.M.	People of the Parish
SUN 22	10:30 A.M.	Carmen & Leopoldo Cano (D, D) by Kohn & Margarita Carr
	12:30 P.M.	Catalina Onated) by Maria G. Lopez

### 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.

### 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.

## WEEKEND LECTOR SCHEDULE

Mass Time	December 14 - 15	December 21 - 22
5:00 p.m.	Nancy Stark	
8:00 a.m.	Dana Fox	Dana Fox
10:30 a.m.	Lou Dent Smith	Bunnie Perrine
12:30 p.m.	Jesus Torres	Gladys Cuartas

# Comunidad Hispana de Santa Inés

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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

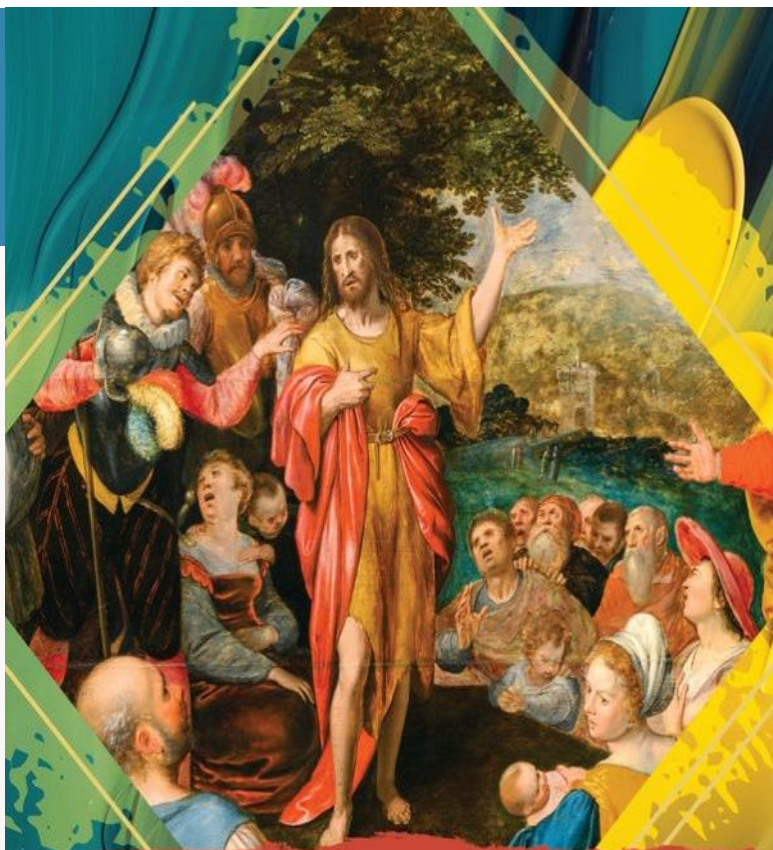
30 minutos antes de cada Misa Diaria,  
Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:30 P.M.  
Jueves de 5:00 P.M. a 5:45 P.M.  
o con cita previa.



## 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



## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

## 3ER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: "Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo". - Lc 3, 16

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## 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!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### *Advent Penance Service*

*Prepare the way of the Lord...*

Join us on **Wednesday, December 18th at 6:45PM** in the church for our Advent Penance Service! We will be blessed to have Fr. Paul Wharton and Fr. Sojan Xavier here as well to assist with Confessions.

### **Christmas Caroling!**

We will be caroling to the shut-ins and others in Kanawha 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.



### *Christmas Masses*

*Vigil Mass 5:00p.m.*

*Choir Caroling begins at 4:30p.m.*

### *Christmas Day*

*Midnight Mass 12:00a.m.*

*Daytime Mass 10:30a.m.*

*(In lieu of Christmas, we will not have our regular evening Confessions, Mass and Adoration on Wednesday, December 25.)*

## ST. AGNES WEEKLY UPDATE

My Dear St. Agnes Family,

Just one week from today, seminarian Travis Moger will be ordained as a transitional deacon for our diocese. He will be a “transitional” deacon because he is in formation for the priesthood which means that his ordination to the diaconate is the final step before he is ordained a priest. I have been thoroughly impressed by Travis in every one of my interactions with him. I have no doubt that he will be ordained a priest before too much longer!

Now, Travis is not your ordinary seminarian. Rather than joining the seminary fresh out of college or after working for a short time, he became a seminarian after getting married, having four children and then serving as a Baptist Navy Chaplain for 26 years!

This is one of those events in life that reveals the beauty and complexity of God’s providence. You see, God has revealed to us, through the Catholic Church, that His ministers in the Roman Rite are to be celibate men, and for very good reason! Above all, Jesus Christ Himself was celibate. Rather than have an exclusive relationship with any one person, He wished to share His love equally with everyone. Roman Catholic priests today reveal this generous and inclusive love of God through their radical availability to their people. This is why Catholics should never feel bad about asking their priest to help them when they need it You are the only children we have to take care of!

However, although the celibate priesthood is the ideal in the Roman Rite, and all Roman Catholics must faithfully abide by these rules, God is allowed to break them! In cases where a minister from another Christian faith has served God faithfully, but outside of the jurisdiction of the Catholic Church, an exception can be made for him if he converts to the Catholic faith and wishes to continue his ministry as a Catholic priest, but it does require a lot of humility and patience! After his conversion to the Catholic Faith, Travis shared his desire to become a priest with Bishop Brennan. After prayerfully discerning God’s will, they decided together to petition Pope Francis for this special and rather rare permission for a married man to be ordained as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. Then... we all had to wait. Thanks be to God, this permission was granted just over a month ago, and we are all looking forward to seeing Travis take this final step before becoming a priest for our diocese!

By the way, ordinations are open to the public! If you want to witness Travis receive this beautiful Sacrament live, just show up at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling at 11 a.m. on Dec. 21st! Wear something nice too!

May God bless you all!

Fr. Szabo

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES’ ANGEL TREE

Catholic Charities Angel Tree is in the main vestibule. **Return unwrapped items to the tree by Sunday, December 15th by the end of the 12:30PM Mass.** Catholic Charities will be picking up all Angel Tree items on Monday, December 16. Help a child or senior have a Merry Christmas.

### MARCH FOR LIFE 2024

Join us for a great adventure to D.C. on Friday, Jan. 24th where we will join thousands of other people who choose to show their love and support of unborn children and their mothers by peacefully marching through the streets of our nation’s capital. More details to come soon!

### 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.

# 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 [aislingterese@gmail.com](mailto:aislingterese@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: Saturday, Dec. 28 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.

### ANOINTING 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 volunteer or 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 or [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, January 14 at 6:00pm at China Buffet 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)

## 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!*

**Plumbing:** A number of the faucets around the place are leaking in one way or another, or just doing other unusual things that really old plumbing does. If you know how to do this sort of thing, let me know! We could use a hand replacing these old faucets with new ones!

**Painting in the Office:** The paint in the back room of the office is peeling off of the cinderblock walls. Maybe moisture is getting through too? If you would be up for scraping, cleaning, sealing and repainting these old walls, give us a call!

**Moving Brush and Stacking Wood** To save some money on the high cost of tree-trimming, I asked the guys at Noel’s Tree service to just cut up the wood and leave it around the trees for us to take care of. For anyone who has a strong back, we would like the wood to be stacked on the wood pile located to the left of the parish office door so we can use it in our campfire ring. The brush can be moved to the bank near where the parish has had bon fires in the past so it is ready for our next one.

**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!

## 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!

**Renting a Charter Bus for the March for Life (\$8,000):** Perhaps many of you would like to show your support of the Pro-Life Movement by attending the National March for Life, but you are not available that day or you just aren’t up for walking miles through the cold and snow-covered streets of D.C. No worries! Donating towards the charter bus that will get us there is another great way to help!

# DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION




**CHRISTMAS  
OPEN HOUSE**

19 | DEC | 2:30PM

*Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center*  
2010 QUARRIER STREET, CHARLESTON

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**MARCH FOR LIFE**

*Friday Jan 24th*



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