

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.)

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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December 22, 2024



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

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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

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

December 14 - December 15

Attendance: **242**

5:00 P.M. **52**; 8:00 A.M. **42**; 10:30 A.M. **106**; 12:30 P.M. **42**

1st Collection	\$ 3324 ^{.33}
2nd Collection: St. Agnes Renovation	\$ 565 ^{.00}
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25 ^{.00}
Debt Reduction	\$ 40 ^{.00}
Retirement Fund For Religious	\$ 75 ^{.00}
Immaculate Conception	\$ 365 ^{.00}
Total	\$ 4394^{.33}

Upcoming : December 22 St. Agnes Debt Reduction
 December 25 Catholic Charities of WV
 December 29 St. Agnes Building & Maintenance

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 on 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.

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

MON 23	***	No Mass
TUE 24	5:00 P.M.	Brown and Fulcher Families by Pat & Rich Fulcher
WED 25	12:00 A.M.	Noah Canipe (D) by Mandy & Kenny Canipe
	10:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
THU 26	6:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
FRI 27	8:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
	12:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
SAT 28	5:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
	8:00 A.M.	Ruth & John Cesare (D, D) by Dana Fox
SUN 29	10:30 A.M.	Emily Lamb (D) by Wegmann Family
	12:30 P.M.	Francesca Escalante (D) by Patty Zekan Crumpler

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.

WEEK LECTOR SCHEDULE

Mass Time	December 21 - 22	Mass Time	December 24 - 25	Mass Time	December 28 - 29
5:00 p.m.	Alex Macia	5:00 p.m.	Lou Dent Smith	5:00 p.m.	Nancy Stark
8:00 a.m.	Dana Fox	12:00 a.m.		8:00 a.m.	Dana Fox
10:30 a.m.	Bunnie Perrine	10:30 A.M.		10:30 a.m.	
12:30 p.m.	Gladys Cuartas			12:30 p.m.	Mary Onate

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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

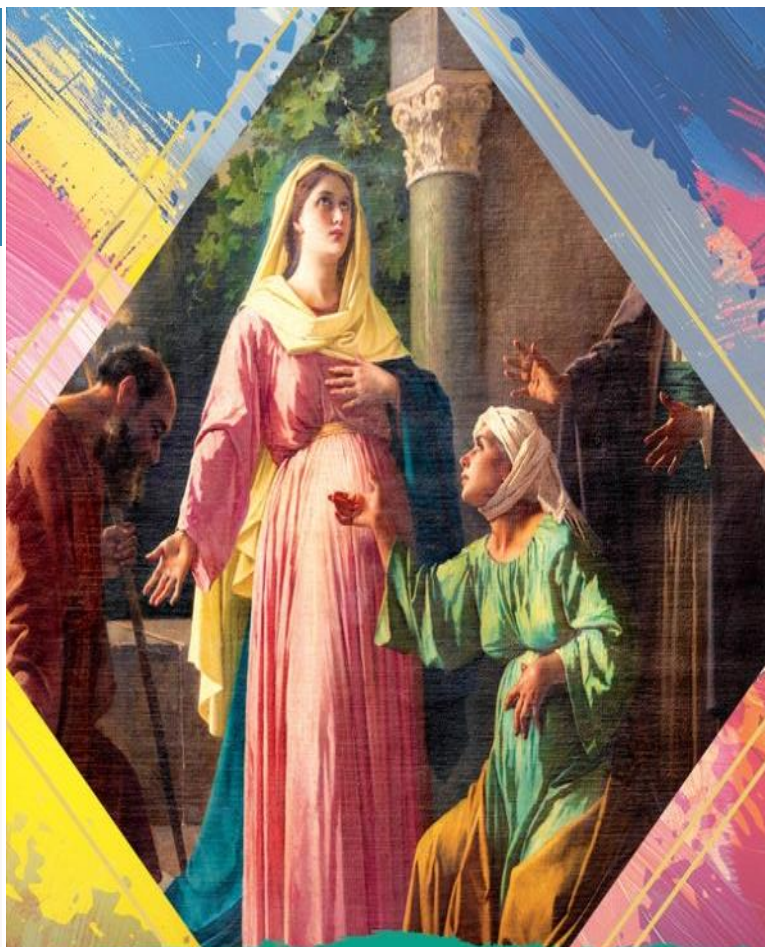
30 minutos antes de cada Misa Diaria,
Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:30 P.M.
Jueves de 5:00 P.M. a 5:45 P.M.
o con cita previa.



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



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken
to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1:45

4° DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Dichosa tú, que has creído, porque se cumplirá cuanto
te fue anunciado de parte del Señor". - Lc 1, 45

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Christmas Masses

Vigil Mass 5:00p.m.

Choir Caroling begins at 4:30p.m.

Christmas Day

Midnight Mass 12:00a.m. (Solemn)

Daytime Mass 10:30a.m. (Solemn)

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

Men's Night!

Saturday, Dec. 28th at 6:30PM in the Rectory

All men 21+ are welcome to join us for a meal together and to continue our spiritual discussion with some more inspiration from St. Francis de Sales' *Introduction to the Devout Life*. Email Fr. Szabo if you plan to come or want to help!



Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1st 2025
(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses

Vigil Mass (Tuesday, December 31 - 6:00pm)

Feast Day Masses Wednesday, January 1 - 8:30am & 6:00pm)



Every Life:
**WHY WE
MARCH**

Friday, January 24th!

Email Fr. Szabo at pszabo@dwc.org and ask him to send you more details and the registration link for this years

ST. AGNES WEEKLY UPDATE

My Dear St. Agnes Family,

I was so blessed to join in on this year's Christmas Caroling event hosted by Jim Garvin and Anita Casey! We had a wonderful time bringing the joy of Christmas to some of our elderly/homebound parishioners, and we didn't sound half bad! Then we enjoyed a delicious meal and great conversation at Jim and Anita's home. I am so glad that they shared their desire with me to restore this tradition. It was a joy to work with them!

I was also very blessed this past week to have two more serious conversations with folks from the parish about some other changes that they would like to see at St. Agnes. I would consider this to be, perhaps, an even greater blessing because I am aware of how hard it is for us in 21st Century America to have discussions about things involving a difference of opinion. I am grateful for these two parishioners, and all of you who have had the courage to bring your concerns and constructive criticism to me as your priest. Your personal view of things here at St. Agnes is very important to me, and I am honored when you share it with me either in person, over the phone, or in an email. As a result of these two conversations, among others, you will notice some changes in how Masses are offered here at St. Agnes on Saturdays and on Holy Day's of Obligation.

First of all, because I know that some do not prefer singing or listening to some of the more ancient Latin music in the Church's repertoire, I will do my best to make sure that at least one Mass is always celebrated without this style of music. On Saturday evenings, we will no longer sing the Mass parts in Latin on those weekends when the Church celebrates a more solemn occasion, and neither will Latin Mass parts be used on the Vigil Masses for Holy Days of Obligation. Also, I will refrain from chanting unnecessarily on these days so that, on both of these occasions, the Mass will appear more like the Masses that are celebrated elsewhere in Charleston. We will also not use incense at these Masses so that there will always be a convenient Mass for folks to attend who may have trouble breathing when incense is used.

In addition to this, I will do my best to indicate those Masses where we will offer a more "solemn" celebration involving more chanting on my part, the use of incense, and the singing of Mass parts in Latin. These Masses will be marked in the bulletin with the word "solemn" after them.

Again, I thank you all for your patience with me as I learn how to be the best priest I can to the community of St. Agnes, and I thank you especially for your courage when bringing your concerns to me. Of course, as a leader of a very diverse community, I cannot promise you that I will always be able to fulfill your request, but I do promise that I will always listen to you, share my view of things, and then work hard to serve you as best as I am able considering the needs of the entire community. So, keep these great conversations coming!

May God bless you all!

Fr. Szabo

IT'S SNOWING! SHOULD I COME TO MASS?

Please remember that, if the road conditions ever make driving an unreasonable risk to your life, then your obligation to attend Mass is automatically dispensed. Of course, what is "unsafe" for one person may be considered "safe" for another depending on various conditions. Just ask yourself, "Would I go to a restaurant, the grocery store, or my doctor's appointment in this weather?" If you would, then come to Mass. If not, then stay home and watch it on EWTN!

FUNERAL FOR CAROLYN JONES

All are welcome to join us for the Funeral Mass of Carolyn Jones which will be held on Saturday, January 4th at 12:00PM. The service will be simple and there will not be a public reception afterwards. Please keep the soul of Carolyn Jones, and her family, in your prayers, and don't forget to ask her to pray for you as well!

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 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, 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.

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

Help us Rent 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! Feel free to ask me any questions you may have and simply mark your donation with “March for Life Bus Donation” to have it directed towards this purpose!

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION



Catholic Leadership INSTITUTE

The Diocese of Wheeling-Wheeling Charleston is partnering with the Catholic Leadership Institute to find out how we can better serve the needs of the Church in West Virginia! Your input is will be essential in identifying these needs and areas of improvement. Surveys will be available online or in print form beginning on Tuesday, January 7th. We hope that you will give some of your time to improve our ministry to you and all of the people of WV!

Save the Date!



MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday Jan 24th



205 Merchants walk sh.
Ctr. Summersville, WV
26651

305 Crossing Mall
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