

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	12:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M.
Sunday	8:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., & 12:30 P.M. (in Spanish)
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5:00 P.M.
Wednesday	5:00 P.M.
Thursday	5:00 P.M. 10:30 P.M. (in Spanish)
Friday	9:30 A.M.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAYS 4:00 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.

SATURDAYS 3:30 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.

CONFESSION

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address: 4807 Staunton Avenue
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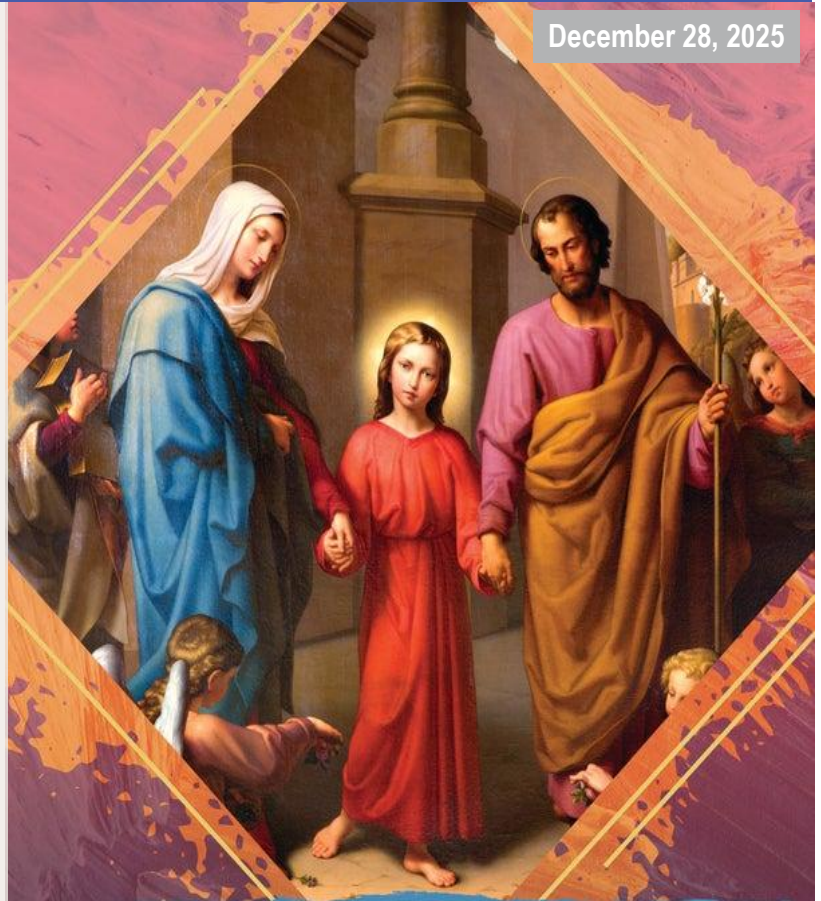
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December 28, 2025



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth,
so that what had been spoken through the
prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

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**The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Thursday, January 1st
(A Holy Day of Obligation.)**

Only Mass at St. Agnes is Thursday, January 1 - 5:00p.m.

We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on January 1st to honor her unique role as the one who bore Jesus, who is both divine and human, affirming Christ's divinity. It's a day to reflect on her faith, obedience, and her example as the first disciple, asking her to intercede for peace and for us as we begin the New Year, linking her motherhood to Christ's gift of peace and her care for the Church.

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

MASS INTENTIONS DEC. 29- JAN. 4

December 20 - December 21

Weekend Attendance: 259

5:00 P.M. - 51; 8:00A.M.- 45 ; 10:30 A.M. - 123; 12:30 P.M. - 40

1st Collection	\$ 4,126. ⁰⁰
2nd Collection - Retired Religious Fund	\$ 777. ⁰⁰
Other collections	\$ 708. ⁰⁰
Total	\$ 5,611⁰⁰

December 28 - Maintenance Fund

January 1 - Mary Mother of God

January 4 - Maintenance Fund

Thank you for your generosity!

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 & online <https://stagnescharlestonwv.org>.

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. If you need to talk with someone, simply move to the vestibule, or into one of the side areas. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

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. To do this, please contact the parish office or fill out the Mass Intention envelope from the narthex of the church. The Mass Intention envelope can be dropped off at the office, mailed or placed in the collection basket. The suggested donation is \$10.00 for a daily Mass and \$20.00 for a weekend Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS

If you are a guy or girl interested in serving at the altar during Mass, you should please email Father Szabo. Thanks to all who already help with this ministry.

LECTORS

Mass Time	Dec. 27 & 28	Jan. 1	Jan. 3 & 4
5:00 p.m.	Carolyn Harmon	Pat Fulcher	
8:00 a.m.	Dana Fox	-----	Dana Fox
10:30 a.m.		-----	
12:30 p.m.	Jesus Torres	-----	

MON 29	5:00 P.M.	No Mass
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TUE 30	5:00 P.M.	No Mass
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WED 31	5:00 P.M.	No Mass
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THU 1	5:00 P.M.	Connie Carey + by Olivia Klee
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	10:30 P.M.	No Mass
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FRI 2	9:30 A.M.	No Mass
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	12:00 P.M.	Parishioners of St. Agnes
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SAT 3	5:00 P.M.	Albert Dery +, Carlotta Yonkers & Pat Fulcher by Birthday Fairy
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	8:00 A.M.	Parishioners of St, Agnes
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SUN 4	10:30 A.M.	Robbie Monroe + By Susan Tipton & Family
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	12:30 P.M. (IN SPANISH)	Parishioners of St. Agnes
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HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOME VISITS

If you or a loved one are no longer able to make it to Mass in person, please call (304) 881-3228 to speak with Mr. Stanley Lewis who helps coordinate our homebound and nursing home ministry.

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 more information: contact Mark Sadd at (304) 345-2000 ext/ 1101 or msadd@lewisglasser.com.

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.

DEC/JAN

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3
8:00AM Mass 9:15AM Rel. Ed. 10:30AM Mass 12:30PM Mass	Fr. Szabo Home for Christmas Vacation	Fr. Szabo Home for Christmas Vacation	Fr. Szabo Home for Christmas Vacation	Holy Day of Obligation Mary, Mother of God 5:00PM Mass (Fr. John F.)	Fr. Szabo Home for Christmas Vacation	10:00AM Family Adoration 12:00PM Mass 3:30PM Confess 5:00PM Mass
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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ST. AGNES WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear St. Agnes,

What a joy it is to have a much larger and more complete Nativity Scene here at the church thanks to the generosity of so many of you! And praise God for the generous donor who covered the cost of the new stable under which these beautiful new statues rest!

There is something special about having a visible representation of this sacred moment in time. Although we are all gifted with a soul that has the ability to imagine what things would have looked like in the past, we are also gifted with physical bodies that are equipped with five amazing senses. By seeing, hearing, smelling, touching, and tasting, we are able to get an even fuller sense of God's revelation than our imagination alone can provide.

This is surely what St. Francis of Assisi was thinking when he organized the very first Nativity Scene back in the thirteenth century. He wanted the people of his community to use their bodily senses as tools to rekindle their wonder at the Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Back then, as well as today, our bodily senses are most often directed towards our daily duties and responsibilities: school, work, eating, sleeping, etc. However, St. Francis knew that the human body is directed to something much greater than mere survival. We are made for worship!

Therefore, although our new Nativity set is certainly a nice addition to our Christmas decorations, please know that it has the potential to be so much more if only we allow it to engage our God-given senses in an act of worship. Look upon the Holy Family with awe and wonder as they stand beside their Son, surrounded by the animals and shepherds. Listen to the beautiful sounds of the baby Jesus, the sighs of His loving parents, the grunts of the animals, and the whispers of the stunned shepherds. Smell the hay upon which the animals fed, and, yes, even the unpleasant smells associated with a place where animals dwell. It all helps the scene come to life! Touch the softness of the hay and the little feet of Jesus, and taste Him in the Eucharist. He who first lay in a manger where animals feed, now feeds us with His own Flesh and Blood!

With this in mind, I encourage you to make some time this Christmas season to come and pay a special visit to our new Nativity Scene. The church is open during the day, and, with a little patience, you may even get some alone time with them. Unlike our usual prayers that are said with eyes closed, mediating with a Nativity Scene is done with your eyes wide open! Come and see the Savior of the world, born in Bethlehem and lying in a manger!

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Szabo

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**Join us for
Family Adoration!**

January 3rd at 10:00am

**St. Agnes
Charleston, WV**

Ladies' Night

*Reflection and Fellowship in the Rectory of
St. Agnes in Charleston*



*Sunday, January 3rd at 6:00pm
Open to All Ladies 21+*

Young Adult Night

Open to those in their 20s and 30s

Thursday, January 8th at 6:45pm

St. Agnes in Charleston, WV



Featuring: Deacon Kawash

Written on the Heart:

Moral Truth in a Culture of Relativism

Join Us For A Living Rosary

*A Musical Reflection on the
Joyful Mysteries*

Featuring:

Schubert's Ave Maria

French Horn

Piano

Harp

Choral Performance

and MORE

*Friday, January 9th @ 5:30pm
Saint Agnes in Charleston, WV*

Couples Night at Saint Agnes

An Evening of Reflection for Married,
Engaged, and Dating Couples



Effective Communication in Marriage

Presented By: Mr. Oliver Crawford
Provisionally Licensed Counselor

Saturday, January 10th at 6:30pm

SKI TRIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH

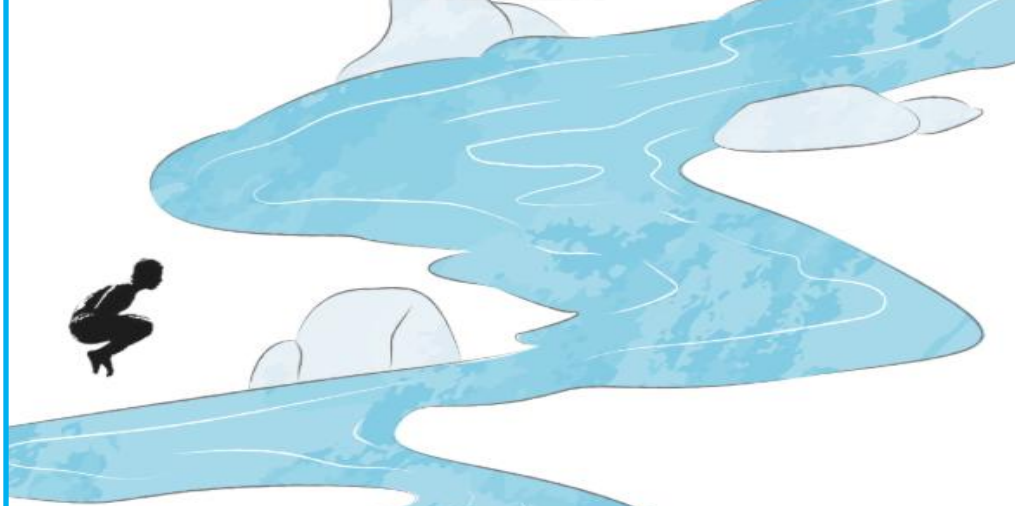


WINTERPLACE SKI RESORT CARAVAN AFTER 10:30 MASS

Interested in Attending?

Contact dre.stagneswv@gmail.com

POLAR PLUNGE AND BLESSING OF THE KANAWHA RIVER



SUNDAY JANUARY 18TH, 2026

@ 4908 KANAWHA DRIVE

**RSVP BY JANUARY 11 TO
DRE.STAGNESWV@GMAIL.COM**



Christmas Flowers in the Church
Additionally in Honor or
Memory:

Tom Persinger: Mr. & Mrs.
Meridith T. (Mary Boland)
Persinger; Powers Persinger

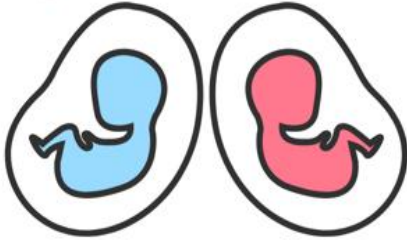


Thank You to all those who
helped decorate the Church
last Sunday afternoon and
Tuesday evening. Your help
preparing the Church for
Christmas was appreciated.



Join Saint Agnes in Charleston for the

MARCH FOR LIFE



January 23, 2026

Sign Up

Bus Leaves: 5:00am

Bus Returns: ~10:30pm

Not able to attend but still wish to support our cause? Ask us how to help provide others the opportunity to go!



Questions?

dre.stagneswv@gmail.com

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You were made for this.®

SCAN



Are you interested in introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith?
Learn more today!



Ladies' Dinner and Saint Study
Mondays @ 7:00pm

For Location and Other Information Contact Trinity Gray
trinity000gray@yahoo.com

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WEST VIRGINIANS
IN NEED OF
FOOD ASSISTANCE?



MOUNTAINEER



FACING HUNGER



DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION

Camp Carlo is having a coloring contest!

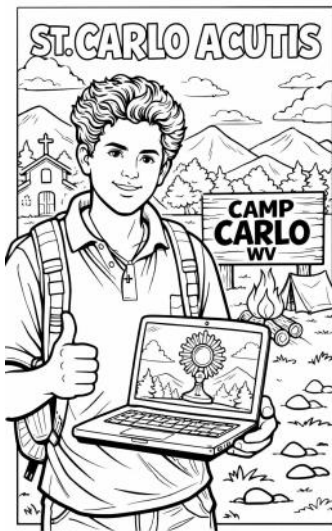
This is for children in grades 3rd-12th.

Please submit the colored sheet to ggust@dwc.org by **January 5th, 2026**

In the submission, include the child's first and last name, age, and address.

Winners will receive a copy of **Digital Disciple: Carlo Acutis and the Eucharist** "a comic book for kids featuring the inspiring story of St. Carlo Acutis."

Coloring sheets can be found at campcarlowv.org or on our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CampCarloAcutis>.



Encounter with Jesus

JANUARY 10TH & 11TH 2026

"THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND STIRRING ADVENTURE THAT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU IS THE PERSONAL MEETING WITH JESUS, WHO IS THE ONLY ONE WHO GIVES REAL MEANING TO OUR LIVES".

-ST. JOHN PAUL II

AGES

18-30



CONTACT: (304) 240-6835

4030 MIDDLEWAY PIKE KEARNEYSVILLE, WV 25430

DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

2026 Men's Discernment Retreat

WWW.WVPRIESTS.ORG

FEBRUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 15

PRIESTFIELD PASTORAL CENTER
4030 MIDDLEWAY PIKE, KEARNEYSVILLE, WV 25430

- OPEN TO MEN 18 AND OLDER
- PRAY, SHARE MEALS, AND MEET WITH CURRENT WV SEMINARIANS
- HEAR TALKS ABOUT PRIESTLY LIFE AND DISCERNMENT

Register Today!



Opened:
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2024

Closes:
Feast of Epiphany
January 6, 2026

The Catholic Jubilee Year 2025 is coming to a close. It runs for just over a year, starting on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, and concludes on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2026, providing a period for spiritual renewal, forgiveness, and pilgrimage. Holy Doors are significant in Jubilee Years. They are special doors in major basilicas, such as St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. The doors were opened at the beginning of the Jubilee Year and will be closed and sealed on the Feast of Epiphany until the next jubilee year,

There is still time to obtain plenary indulgences during the Jubilee Year by fulfilling specific spiritual acts. These are:

- Making a pilgrimage to a designated site.
- Participating in confession.
- Receiving the Eucharist.
- Praying for the pope's intentions.
- Being detached from all sin, even venial sin.

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!

Bulletin Advertisements: We have a lot of room on the back of our bulletin for more advertisements. If you have a business that already supports the church, let us know so we can put your ad on the bulletin. If you have a business that is not directly supporting the church yet, or if you know of another business owner who would be interested in supporting the church, please let us know!

Stick Collection: Despite all of the tree trimming we have done this past year, the trees continue to drop branches all over the yard. There are some large enough to cause trouble for anyone helping mow the lawn. If you have about an hour a week to spare, consider taking a walk around the property here once a week with our wheelbarrow to pick up sticks that are laying in the yard. Let us know and we will tell you how to access the wheelbarrow.

Painting Stairs by Old Convent: The metal stairway leading up to the lower entrance into the old convent is in rough shape. You can tell that it was last painted black, but the green, and other colored paints from the past, are showing through. This will take some time to scrape and repaint. Let us know if you can help.

Phone Call Ministry: We are looking for a volunteer to organize a phone call ministry to homebound parishioners. This person would help connect interested volunteers with homebound parishioners who would appreciate a phone call on a regular basis. This ministry would also reach out occasionally to people who are listed as our parishioners, but no longer attend Mass to see if they are in need of any help. Let us know if you can help us start this ministry.

Rides to Mass Ministry: We are looking for a volunteer to organize a group that is willing to help bring people to and from Mass that are unable to drive themselves, or who do not have a car. At times, these volunteers may also help people get to and from doctors appointments and other places that they cannot usually get to themselves. Let us know if you can help us start this ministry!

Cleaning the Church: We are looking for some more volunteers, either individuals or families, who would be willing to help clean the church one week a month. Contact Donna Michael for more information at (304) 415-5581."

Online Donation Update

Remember that if you have online donations set up with “ParishSoft/Payment Brand”, please stop these donations at your earliest convenience. Then, please go to the St. Agnes website and click on the “Online Giving” link again to set up a new online donation through “Flocknote”. Furthermore, if you are donating to the church through PayPal, please be advised that we cannot tell who the donations are coming from, so it will not be possible to provide you with a statement at the end of the year for PayPal donations. Thank you for your generous support of St. Agnes!

RESOURCES

 **Woman's Choice**
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER
PO Box 11687 Charleston, WV 25339
304-346-9779 • reception.womchc@aol.com

Woman's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center is a pro-life organization which has been helping women and families since 1977.

Our FREE services include:

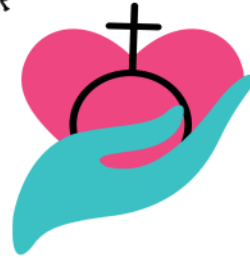
Pregnancy Tests
Limited Ultrasounds
Parenting Classes
Registered Nurse Counseling
Community Resource Referrals
Maternity Clothing and Supplies
"Kids' Klosest" (diapers, wipes, clothing, & baby essentials)



Find us on 

Volunteers needed! Give us a call!

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CROSS ROADS
pregnancy care center



**Catholic
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You are not alone

Healing for those seeking recovery from addiction and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

Please call Nancy at 304-312-1595 for time and location.

SISTERS OF LIFE

UNEXPECTED
PREGNANCY?

CONTEMPLATING
ABORTION?

LOOKING FOR HELP AFTER
ABORTION?

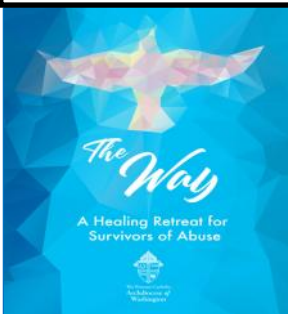
SCAN HERE
FOR HELP



viscenter.org



1116 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, WV 25301



THE WAY

The Way is a free, 3-day guided meditation & prayer program for men & women who are survivors of abuse.

The archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on April 25—26, 2026. In partnership with the Archdiocese of Atlanta, a men's retreat will be held June 12-14, 2026. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>. To register email mcdonald@adw.org.

SHIFT

Too distracted by your phone?

Can't stop yourself from "doomscrolling"?

Struggling to break free from pornography?

Check out the SHIFT app. It's the only one that blocks unwanted/dangerous apps with NO way around it.

Go to shift.retvrn.world to buy now, and use the code FRADD for 20% off at checkout



ST. AGNES MINISTRIES

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.

Men's Ministry

MONTHLY MENS NIGHT

A monthly gathering for men 21 years or older on the last Saturday of the month. This is a time of fellowship, discussion, & prayer for men who are ready to grow closer to God & one another. November's gathering: Saturday, December 27th at 6:30PM. Email Fr. Szabo for more info.

Young Adult Ministry



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Join our GroupMe to find out more or come to our Young Adult Bible study held every Thursday in the St. Agnes Parish Office after 6:00pm Mass!

Social Outreach

COMMON GROUNDS

If you would like to volunteer or donate nonperishable items, drop by Common Grounds Food Pantry at 3810 Venable 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

THERE'S ROOM FOR MORE!

See a need that isn't being met? Let us know and help us start more ministries here!

Family Ministries

FAMILY ADORATION

Family Adoration is held every First Saturday 10:00AM - 10:30AM. This period of Adoration is 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.

Our Next Family Adoration Day is January 3rd.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Montessori approach to Catholic catechesis is designed for children who are 3-6 years of age. The program has resumed on Saturdays at 3:30pm. If you are interested in this program and would like more information, contact our catechist Aisling Whelan at aislingterese@gmail.com



YOUTH MINISTRY

Please see the bulletin or join our BAND group to receive notifications about upcoming Youth Group activities for our young people!

Women's Ministry

LADIES GUILD

Women of the parish are invited to Ladies' Guild. We'll meet Tues., January 13th at 6:00pm at The Fort (on Cantley next to Domino's). To play an optional game, bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped/bagged gift. RSVP/?s: Ann (304-552 7434) or Pat (304-382-5311).

Parish Ministry

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is offered on Thursdays from 4:00PM until 4:45PM and on Saturdays from 3:30PM until 4:45PM. Confession is offered during Adoration as well. If you would like to help us start more hours of Adoration, please contact the office.

ROSARY GROUP

Fridays at 3:00pm we have a weekly Rosary group for all ages. The group will say a Rosary together Fridays at 3:00pm, unless the Church has another event on the same day/time. Fellowship follows either in the vestibule or outside if weather permitting. We also visit local homebound parishioners to pray the Rosary with them,

PRO-LIFE GROUP

Our Pro-Life group works to support local Pro-Life efforts, as well as to provide needed support to families here at St. Agnes and in our local community. If you would like to learn more about this group, or how you can join, please

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