

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Pro-Life, Pro-Family, Stewardship Parish 49th Street and Staunton Avenue, Charleston WV 25304 Phone: 304-925-2836 www.stagnescharlestonwv.org Vol. 3437

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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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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December 29, 2024



THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them
and asking them questions. - Lk 2:46

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Solemnity 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 (Solemn Masses with Procession)

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

MASS INTENTIONS (DEC. 30 - JAN. 5)

December 21 - December 22

Attendance: **261**

5:00 P.M. **35** ; 8:00A.M. **38**; 10:30 A.M. **153**; 12:30 P.M. **35**

1st Collection \$ 4346 .⁰⁰

2nd Collection - St. Agnes Debt \$ 621 .⁰⁰

Other Collections \$ 376 .⁰⁰

Total \$ 5343 .⁰⁰

Upcoming Collections:

January 5 - St. Agnes Maintenance Fund

January 12 - Common Grounds Outreach

Thank you for your generosity!

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 behind you. Thank you!

WELCOME TO ST. AGNES!

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.

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| MON 30 | *** | No Mass |
| TUE 31 | 6:00 P.M. | People of the Parish |
| WED 1 | 8:30 A.M. | People of the Parish |
| | 6:00 P.M. | People of the Parish |
| THU 2 | 6:00 P.M. | Jesus Javier Patino Linda Cadavid - Karcz |
| FRI 3 | 8:30 A.M. | People of the Parish |
| SAT 4 | 12:00 P.M. | People of the Parish |
| | 5:00 P.M. | People of the Parish |
| SUN 5 | 8:00 A.M. | People of the Parish |
| | 10:30 A.M. | Velva Page (D) by Wegmann Family |
| | 12:30 P.M. | Familia Lopez Onate 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.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

| Mass Time | December 28 - 29 | Mass Time | Dec. 31 - Jan. 1 | Mass Time | January 4 - 5 |
|------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|------------|----------------|
| 5:00 p.m. | Nancy Stark | 6:00 p.m. | Pat Fulcher | 5:00 p.m. | Lisa Wood |
| 8:00 a.m. | Dana Fox | 8:30 a.m. | Lisa Wood | 8:00 a.m. | Dana Fox |
| 10:30 a.m. | Lou Dent Smith | | | 10:30 a.m. | Bunnie Perrine |
| 12:30 p.m. | Mary Onate | 6:00 p.m. | Sarah Casey | 12:30 p.m. | |

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HORARIO REGULAR DE MISAS

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| 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

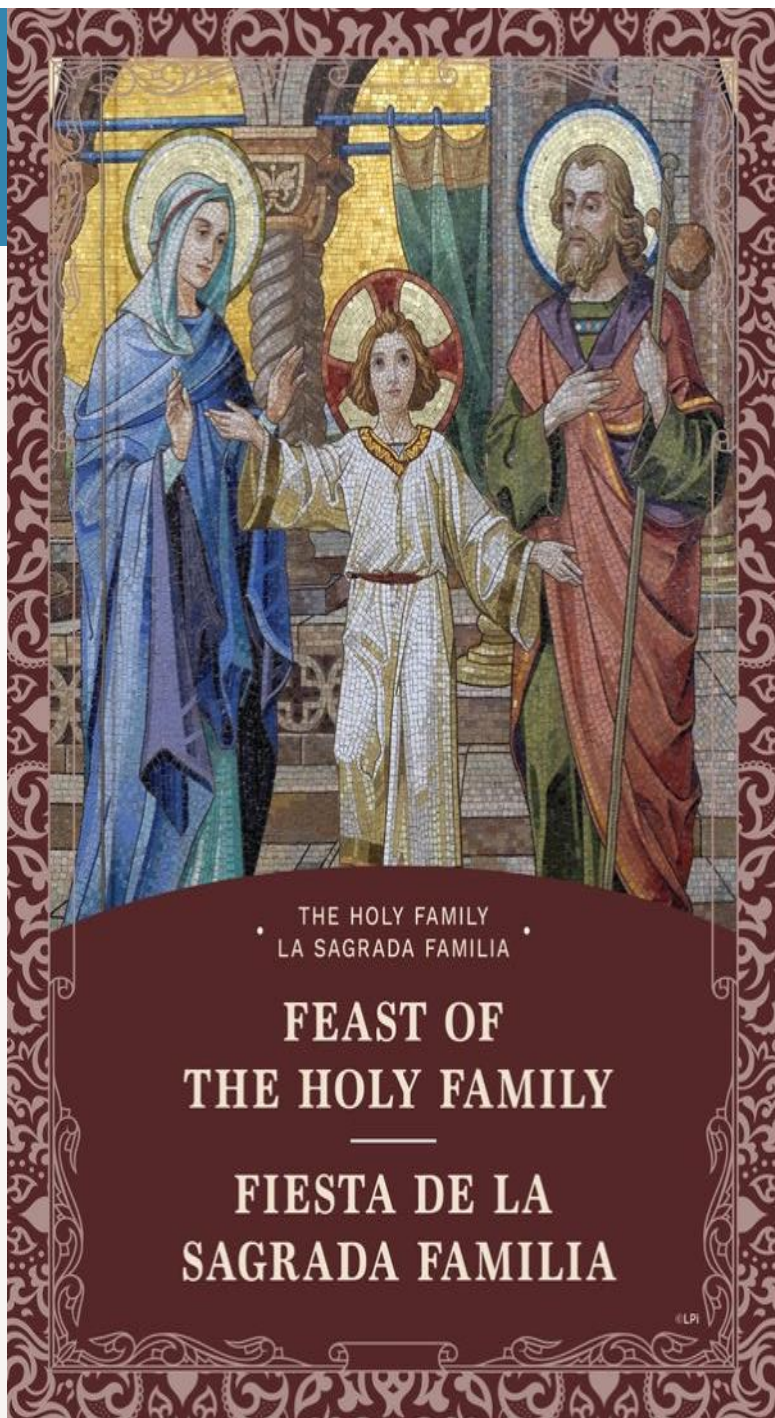
30 minutos antes de cada Misa Diaria,
Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:30 P.M.
Jueves de 5:00 P.M. a 5:45 P.M.
o con cita previa.



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



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



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Family Adoration!

Saturday, January 4h at 10:00AM in St. Agnes

All are welcome to join us for 30 minutes of Adoration on Saturday, January 4th, starting at 10:00AM in the church. This event is especially focused on those families that have young children in the home who may get a little rowdy during prayer. Don't be afraid! Bring them and see what Jesus will do in the hearts of the youngest members of our parish when we place them before His Eucharistic Presence!

GOING AWAY FOR A WEEK

In just one week, I will be taking my first vacation since my arrival here at St. Agnes. After the Spanish Mass on Sunday, January 5th until the noon Mass on Saturday January 11th, I will be home with my family in Augusta, WV. We will not have any of our regularly scheduled liturgies that week. I will miss you all!

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)

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 March 4 Life Trip!

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 WEEKLY UPDATE

My Dear St. Agnes Family,

Merry Christmas! Thanks especially to those of you who have made it out to daily Mass during this Christmas "Octave" as it is called. Since Christmas is such a big Solemnity, the Church has traditionally allowed 8 whole days to celebrate this one most glorious day, from Christmas Day until the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God on January 1st. Of course, for those who prefer, and I certainly do, you can leave up your Christmas decorations until Sunday, January 12th when the Christmas Season officially ends in the Church, and we return to Ordinary Time.

Sadly, I noticed that the beautiful Christmas Tree outside of the Capitol is already being dismantled! I can understand why stores need to move on to the next celebration early so that folks can get the supplies they need to celebrate these days with festivity, but it is sad to see others are also removing their Christmas decorations early despite the fact that we are still in this season when the Church invites us to focus our attention in prayer on this most holy night.

What we can gather from this is that the culture in the U.S. is more excited about preparing for these celebrations than living them out once they get here. This comes as no surprise, of course, as our culture becomes less and less Christian, but is the same thing happening in our lives as Catholics? Perhaps many of us love the energy and excitement of preparing for Christmas, but then we struggle to rest in it once it is here. Are we too excited about moving on to the next celebration lest the current one have a significant impact on our life?

I must confess that I am guilty of this myself! Now as the guy in charge, I am frequently too focused on the tasks that I have to do in preparation for our celebrations instead of on enjoying those celebrations once they get here!

When Judas accused Jesus of wasting money on Himself at one point, Jesus said, "For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me" (Mt 26:11). There will always be more work to do and people to serve, but we will not have anything to give if we do not prioritize our communion with Jesus. When crowds were swarming around Jesus' disciples at one point, seeking healing and other miracles, Jesus took His disciples away by themselves so that they could refresh themselves (Mk 6:31).

So, I encourage you to do the same. Enter into the remaining days of this Octave. Maybe you could just leave your decorations up if you are not used to doing that, or perhaps you could come to some of the remaining Daily Masses before the Octave ends? Somehow, please allow this great celebration to soak into your soul and fill you with the hope that we have in Jesus before it's over!

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!

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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 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. Next month's gathering: Saturday, January 25th at 6:30PM. Email Fr. Szabo for more info.

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.

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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!

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.

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION



Catholic Leadership INSTITUTE

The Diocese of 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 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!

Woman's Choice PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

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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
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- Registered Nurse Counseling
- Community Resource Referrals
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