

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 -
11:00 P.M.

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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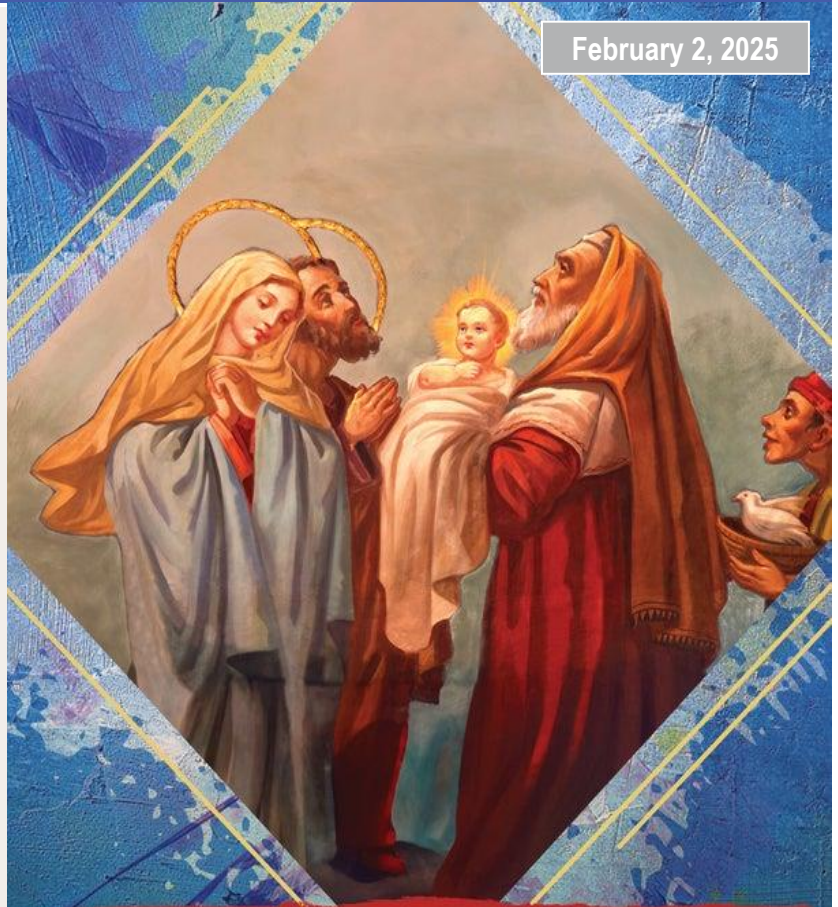
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February 2, 2025



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the
fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

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See the link below (or find it on our website/Facebook page) to fill out the survey so that your voice will be heard!

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xdg4d6>

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

MASS INTENTIONS (FEB. 3 - FEB. 9)

January 25 - January 26

Weekend Attendance: **264**

5:00 P.M. **45**; 8:00A.M. **44**; 10:30 A.M. **133**; 12:30 P.M. **42**

1st Collection	\$ 4,770. ⁰⁰
2nd Collection - Renovation	\$ 703. ⁰⁰
Other Collections	\$ 376. ⁰⁰
Total	\$ 5,849.⁰⁰

February 9 - Church Missions within the United States

February 16 - Maintenance Fund

Thank you for your generosity!

MON 3	6:00 P.M.	No Mass
TUE 4	6:00 P.M.	Wayne Maresch
WED 5	6:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
THU 6	6:00 P.M.	Carolyn Jones (D) by Mary Marockie
FRI 7	8:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
SAT 8	12:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
	5:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
SUN 9	8:00 A.M.	People of the Parish
	10:30 A.M.	People of he Parish
	12:30 P.M.	People of the Parish

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!

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. 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.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Mass Time	February 1 - 2	February 8 - 9
5:00 p.m.	Nancy Stark	Sarah Casey
8:00 a.m.	Dana Fox	
10:30 a.m.	Ashley Murphy	Bunnie Perrine
12:30 p.m.	Jesus Torres	Juanita Mata

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.

ANNONTING 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.

DIOCESAN CLI SURVEY

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. We hope that you will give some of your time to improve our ministry to you and all of the people of WV!

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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

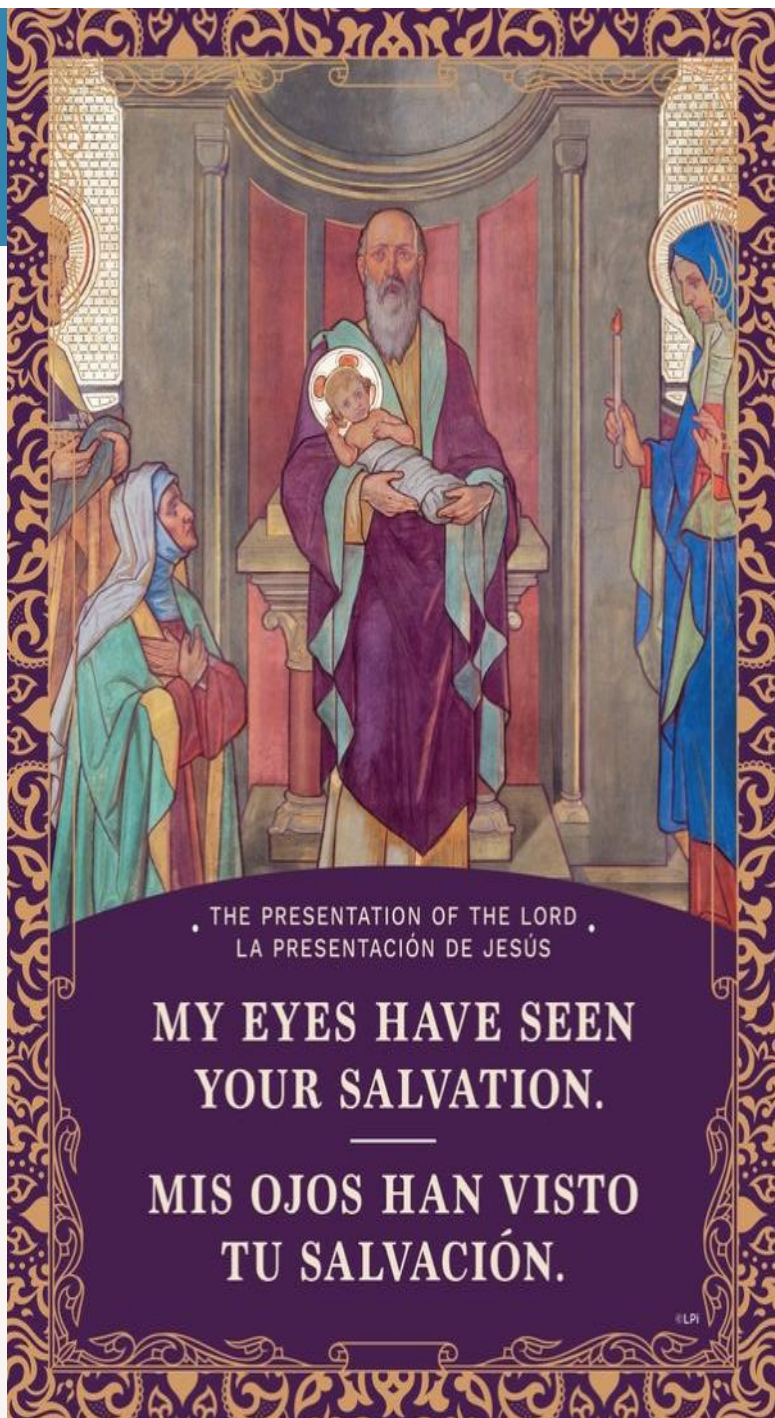
30 minutos antes de cada Misa Diaria,
Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:30 P.M.
Jueves de 5:00 P.M. a 5:45 P.M.
o con cita previa.



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 11:00 pm



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
LA PRESENTACIÓN DE JESÚS

MY EYES HAVE SEEN
YOUR SALVATION.

MIS OJOS HAN VISTO
TU SALVACIÓN.

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!

A Big Thanks to Susie Fox and Her Family for Hosting the Polar Plunge in Honor of Jesus' Baptism!



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

LADIES GUILD

We will be meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at China Buffet in Kanawha City at 6:00pm. All women of the parish are invited to attend. To play an optional game, bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped/bagged gift. RSVP or questions: Ann (304-552 7434) or Pat (304-382-5311).



Join Father Szabo for a day of Winter Fellowship!

Monday, February 17th

Meet @ St. Agnes at 11am for Mass followed by lunch & then carpool to Winterplace for a tubing session!

Tubing is \$40 per person

(discounts may apply depending upon number participating)

Contact Father Szabo ASAP to sign up & hold your spot at: pszabo@dwc.org

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH KIDS IN RELIGIOUS ED!

Below you will find the dates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Confirmation: Saturday, March 8th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass

First Confessions (for all First Holy Communion students): Saturday, May 3rd at 3:00pm.

First Communion: Sunday, May 4th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

ST. AGNES WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear St. Agnes,

This past Wednesday afternoon, a little before Confessions began at 5:30PM, I was heading out of the Piggly Wiggly when a lady in a big truck about 30 feet down the parking lot yelled out, “Hey there!” She was waving at me like she knew me, so I waved back with a smile and started moving towards the truck. For a second, I thought that I recognized her, but I quickly realized that I no idea who she was. Still, I continued to approach the truck figuring that it was someone who at least knew me. “Maybe a parent from the school or a friend of a St. Agnes parishioner who has heard about me?” I thought. I’ve been in many scenarios in Charleston where people knew who I was even though I had never met them before. That’s the good thing about wearing a cassock. It’s easy to spot me in a crowd, or in a Piggly Wiggly parking lot!

When I got up close to the truck, much to my surprise, the lady asked me for my name. She didn’t know me either! So, I introduced myself and told her that I was the priest serving at St. Agnes Church nearby. She then proceeded to explain that her daughter had seen me in the Piggly Wiggly and was wondering who I was because of my strange attire and because I just “seemed like a nice person.” At that, I laughed out loud and so did they, and we went on to enjoy a good conversation before I returned to St. Agnes for Confessions. Of all the unusual interactions I have had with people from wearing my cassock in public, this one has to be the best of all so far!

Thinking back on my behavior in the Piggly Wiggly, I can remember seeing the girl and her grandmother as I was walking down an aisle. All I did was look at them both, smile, and nod my head as if to say hello as I walked by them. That was it! It didn’t seem like much, but that simple interaction was enough to peak their interest and for God to bring about a good conversation. As complicated as we make “evangelism” and “spreading the Gospel,” it is really quite simple. Just live a joyful life and let other people ask you about it.

As an introvert, it has taken a while, but I have finally made it a habit to look at people as I walk by them in public just to smile and nod, and maybe say “hello.” You just never know who God is going to invite you to have a conversation with. It’s kind of like a game we can play with God while going about our daily duties. “Who are we going to talk to today, Lord?” It beats staring at a phone!

Give it a shot yourself and see what happens. If you are an introvert like me, don’t despair! Introverts cannot become extroverts, but we can learn skills that enable us to communicate well even with complete strangers. My conversations with random people are actually quite scripted if I think about it. I usually say hello and comment on the weather, the style of peanut butter they are examining, or any other relevant thing. Then I introduce myself and ask for their name and where they are from, and finally I ask where they go to church and use that as an excuse to talk about St. Agnes! The Lord always takes care of the rest! Even if the conversation is awkward, God can work with it. Remember, He made everything out of nothing so He can do a lot with the little we offer!

May God bless you all! Fr. Szabo

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes are scheduled to begin on Saturday, February 22nd. CGS is a Montessori approach to Catholic Catechesis shaped to the needs of children 3 to 6 years old. If you have a child 3 to 6 years of age as of January 2025, there is still time to get more information and sign them up to participate in this class. Contact Aisling Whelan at aislingterese@gmail.com.



SAINT IGNATIUS STUDY BIBLE

There is still time to sign-up for the St. Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. This Bible has easily accessible notes right on the same page of the Scriptures that you are reading. The Bible normally costs \$70. The company mentioned that if at least 25 Bibles were ordered, the cost per Bible would be \$50. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex if you want to join us for this bulk order!

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!

Help our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Group: The team that is organizing our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Group has requested help from folks who have the skills necessary to paint and repair small wooden furniture. If you have skills like this, reach out to me and I will get you connected with our CGS team!

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!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR INSURANCE BILL

St. Agnes is in need of your financial help to pay a significant outstanding insurance bill on the St. Agnes School building. Donations can be made to the Lawrence Gallagher Foundation and earmarked for "Insurance Bill," and then either send to the parish office or put into the collection basket. Please feel free to contact Fr. Szabo if you have any questions, and, as always, thank you for all that you do to support our parish!

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 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 Whelan at aislingterese@gmail.com, so we can build a class list. Classes begin Saturday, Febru-

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. This 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.

Women's Ministry

LADIES GUILD

All women of the parish are invited to Ladies' Guild. We usually meet the second Tuesday of the month. To play an optional game, bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped/bagged gift. RSVP or questions: Ann (304-552 7434) or Pat (304-382-5311) Our next meeting 2/11 at 6:00pm at China Buffet - Kanawha City.

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION

Sacred Heart Grade School

Open House

for prospective families



February 5th
5-7 pm

Please join us to learn more about SHGS and our mission to guide students as they develop spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally, and socially.



For more information
www.shgs.us
304-346-5491

1035 Quarrier St.
Charleston, WV 25301



Charleston Catholic High School

Winter Open House

for prospective families

February 4th
5-7 pm

Please join us to learn more about CCHS and our mission to challenge students intellectually, spiritually and personally in a supportive atmosphere.

5:30 pm presentation by Principal Colleen Hoyer
5:45 pm tours provided by current students

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