

# 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. 3443

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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., &  
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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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February 9, 2025



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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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>  
(Complete Online by 2-11)

## WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

## MASS INTENTIONS (FEB. 10 - FEB. 16)

<b>February 1 - February 2</b>	
Weekend Attendance: <b>247</b>	
5:00 P.M. <b>44</b> ; 8:00A.M. <b>32</b> ; 10:30 A.M. <b>110</b> ; 12:30 P.M. <b>61</b>	
1st Collection	\$ 4,267. <sup>00</sup>
2nd Collection - Debt Reduction	\$ 1,105. <sup>00</sup>
Other Collections	\$ 355. <sup>00</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,727.<sup>00</sup></b>
February 16 - Maintenance Fund	
February 23 - Common Grounds	
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	

MON 10	6:00 P.M.	No Mass
TUE 11	6:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
WED 12	6:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
THU 13	6:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
FRI 14	8:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
SAT 15	12:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
	5:00 P.M.	Karen Boyles (D) by Ed Boyles
SUN 16	8:00 A.M.	People of the Parish
	10:30 A.M.	Victor Joseph Martin (D) by William Martin
	12:30 P.M.	Todos los Sacerdotes by Maria G. Lopez

### 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 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.

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

Mass Time	February 8 - 9	February 15 -16
5:00 p.m.	Sarah Casey	Dean Lauffer
8:00 a.m.		Dana Fox
10:30 a.m.	Bunnie Perrine	Lou Dent Smith
12:30 p.m.	Juanita Mata	Mary Onate

### 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.

### ANNONING 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! (If you can't take the paper survey at Church and take it with you, it needs to be returned to the Church (office or the table in the main narthex by 2-16.)

# 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	12:00 P.M. , 5:00 P.M. (Misa de Vigilia)
DOMINGO	08:00A.M., 10:30A.M., AND 12:30P.M. (EN ESPAÑOL)

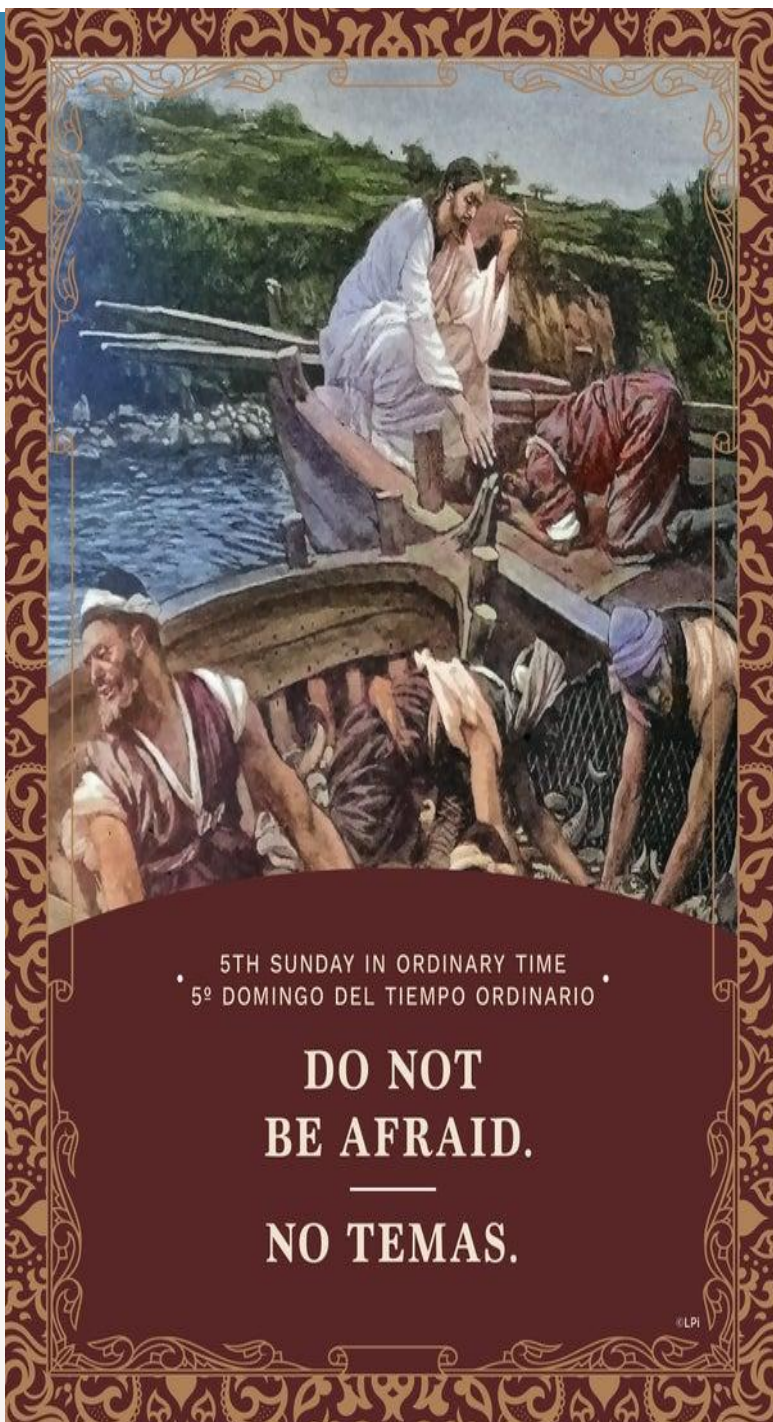
## SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
5º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

**DO NOT  
BE AFRAID.  
—  
NO TEMAS.**

## 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

## 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](mailto:pszabo@dwc.org)



**Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan**  
*Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston*  
cordially invites you to the celebration of the

## RED MASS

The annual Mass, calling on the Holy Spirit to guide members of the local bar association, members of the court, and other civil officials in the administration of justice and good government will be held on **Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart here in Charleston. A light reception will follow afterwards.



DIocese of Wheeling-Charleston



PRIESTHOOD

## Discernment Retreat

- Open to men 18 and older
- Pray, share meals, and meet with current WV seminarians
- Hear talks about priestly life and discernment

ST. JOHN XXIII PASTORAL CENTER  
100 Hodges Rd, Charleston, WV 25314

FRIDAY MARCH 7 → SATURDAY MARCH 8

## 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 with Dinner to follow.

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

**First Holy Communion:** Sunday, May 4th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with Lunch to follow.

## ST. AGNES WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear St. Agnes,

We are so blessed to have many new volunteers who have stepped up recently to lead various ministries in the parish. Just to name a few, we have people who are serving at Mass, people keeping the sanctuary clean and beautiful, people singing in the choir, people serving as greeters and ushers, people taking care of Coffee and Donuts, people helping lead Family Adoration once a month, people helping take care of the yard and other projects around the parish, people training and preparing for our new Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ministry, people teaching First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and OCIA class, people providing food and helping me lead the Young Adult Bible Study, and, most recently, people helping us organize fun activities for the youth like our Snow Tubing event coming up next week! What a blessing!

A wise priest once told me that one of the most important prayers of a priest is this: “Dear Lord, please give me the people that I need in order to do the things that You want me to do!” This prayer is one that I say very often around here and, as everyone can hopefully see now more than ever, God has answered it again and again! A big thanks to all of you who have been a part of God’s answer to my prayers as well as to the prayers of so many people here at St. Agnes who want to see this parish carry out its mission more faithfully.

With that said, I want to invite you to prayerfully consider giving more of your time, talent, and treasure to the work that we are doing and, more importantly, to the work that we want to do but are not able to do for lack of time, talent, and treasure. As great as things are here at St. Agnes, we still have a long ways to go. Each ministry that I have mentioned is lead by either a single person or family, or a small group of people who have nobody else to turn to on days when they are unable to carry out their ministry for whatever reason.

In particular, we could use more people serving as greeters and ushers. I would love for every weekend Mass to have at least two people, men or women, who are present in the vestibule starting 20 minutes before Mass to welcome people, help them find what they need, and especially to greet newcomers who may be traveling through or attending Mass here for the first time. I would also love to see more people serving as lectors, especially at the 8:00AM Mass on Sundays. Our current lectors must often serve three or four times a month because of how few we have. We could also use help with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program that will be serving the entire Charleston area, especially if you would be willing to help serve as a teaching assistant during the classes that will begin later this month. Contact me if you can help with any of these things!

Finally, I come to the most important ministry of all after the Sacraments themselves: those serving in the ministry of teaching the faith to our young people here at St. Agnes. Right now, we have just four volunteers in this ministry. One teaching First Holy Communion Class, one teaching Confirmation, and two helping me teach OCIA. Considering how important it is to help our young people fall in love with Jesus before they leave their homes and enter a world full of confusion, this is the need that weighs most heavily on my heart. Most parishes have religious education classes for every grade level along with both paid employees and a team of volunteers that not only provide classes on Sundays, but also retreats, weekly youth group meetings, and other fun events to help the faith come alive both in the parish and at home.

Many of you may remember a desire that I expressed early on in my arrival. I mentioned that I would love to have a Director of Religious Education at the parish who has a degree in Theology as well as training in the areas of youth ministry and adult faith formation. This person would help us organize our religious education classes on Sundays as well as volunteer catechist training, faith formation activities for the entire parish, youth group events, retreats, pilgrimages, and anything else that will help us all to know and love Jesus Christ so that we can share Him with others!

Of course, adding another employee to our team here at St. Agnes would require a significant increase in regular donations to the parish. However, since my arrival, we are actually in a slightly worse situation financially because the increase in donations has not kept pace with the increase in expenditures on ministries, fun activities and overdue maintenance issues. In fact, looking the bulleting from June 15th, 2024, you can see that there is only about a \$1,000 difference in the regular collection from then until now despite the fact that our attendance has more than doubled. *(continued on next page)*

Of course, I know that not everyone at our parish may be able to donate a large amount of money each week. That is why I said that I want you all to prayerfully consider giving more not just of your treasure, but also of your time and talent. Helping us with various projects and ministries around the parish is an excellent way for families to follow our Lord's command to give alms when you may not be as blessed financially. However, I also know that many are actually able to donate more, but choose not to do so for one reason or another. Please know that I am very happy to talk with you if I can do anything to remove the barriers that are keeping you from being more generous with our parish so that we can do more of the things that God is calling us to do, and also please know that I will use as much of your donation as possible for ministries that you will see right here at the parish, especially to benefit our young people and those other things that you feel most passionate about.

Again, I thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you already bless our parish with. I also humbly ask your prayers for me and our entire parish as we try to discern what God is calling us to do in the future, and I invite you to reach out to me if you think that you may be able to help answer my prayers for the resources we need to carry out our mission! May God bless you all!

Fr. Szabo

## 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](mailto: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!

### 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](mailto:aislingterese@gmail.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.

# 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 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

First Communion & Confirmation classes, as well as OCIA, continue Sundays 9:15am-10:15am. First Communion meets in the gathering room through the left door at the front 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)

# Quo Vadis Retreat

## Middle School Discernment Retreat

Boys in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are invited!

11 am on June 30  
through 1pm on July 3

Priest Field Pastoral Center

Kearneysville, WV

Campers will enjoy outdoor activities including:

Prayer • Kayaking • Discernment  
Camp Fire • Games

Opportunities for Charitable and Spiritual  
Works of Mercy



## Woman's Choice PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

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**Volunteers needed! Give us a call!**



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