

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Pro-Life, Pro-Family, Stewardship Parish 49th Street and Staunton

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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

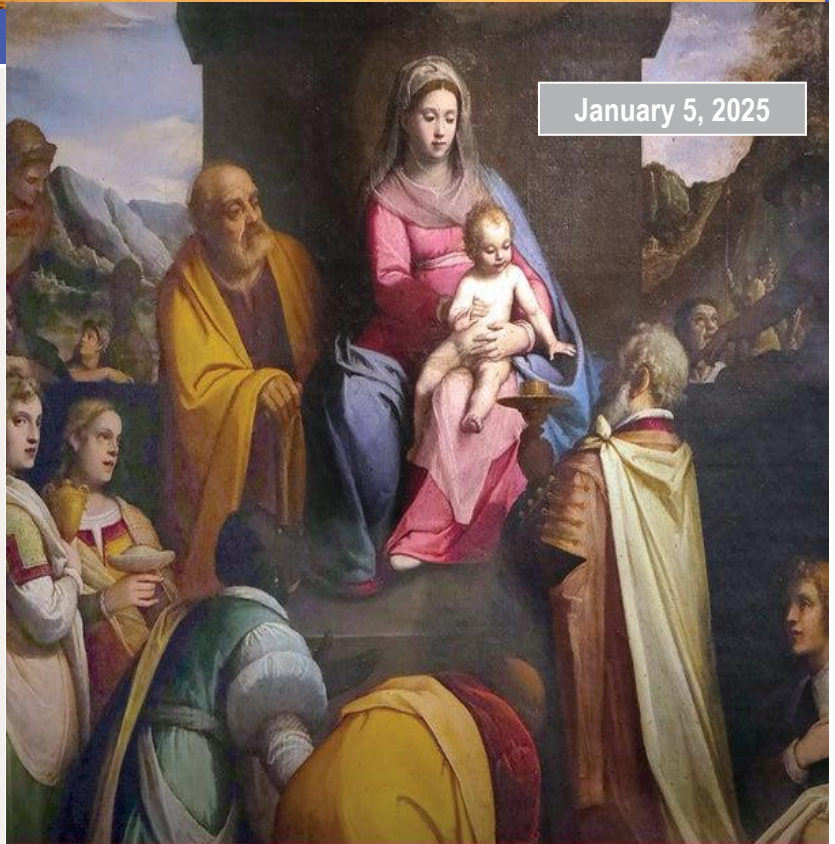
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January 5, 2025

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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

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

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

MASS INTENTIONS (JAN. 6 - JAN. 12)

December 28 - December 29

Attendance: **258**

5:00 P.M. **63**; 8:00A.M. **34**; 10:30 A.M. **124**; 12:30 P.M. **37**

1st Collection \$ 3,829 .⁰⁰

2nd Collection-St. Agnes Bldg. & Maintenance \$ 576 .⁰⁰

Other Collections \$ 65 .⁰⁰

Total \$ **4,461** .⁰⁰

Christmas: 1st collection \$ 4,694.⁰⁰

2nd Collection - Catholic Charities \$ 1,132.⁰⁰

Upcoming: January 12-- Common Grounds Outreach

January 19 - Church In Developing World

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!

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.

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.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Mass Time	January 4 - 5	January 11 - 12
5:00 p.m.	Lisa Wood	Sarah Casey
8:00 a.m.	Dana Fox	Dana Fox
10:30 a.m.	Bunnie Perrine	Ashley Murphy
12:30 p.m.	Gladys Cuartas	Jesus Torres

MON 6	***	No Mass
TUE 7	6:00 P.M.	No Mass
WED 8	8:30 A.M.	No Mass
THU 9	6:00 P.M.	No Mass
FRI 10	8:30 A.M.	No Mass
SAT 11	12:00 P.M.	No Mass
	5:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
SUN 12	8:00 A.M.	People of the Parish
	10:30 A.M.	Ruth & John Cesare (D,D) by Dana Fox
	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.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Carolyn Jones.**

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~

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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

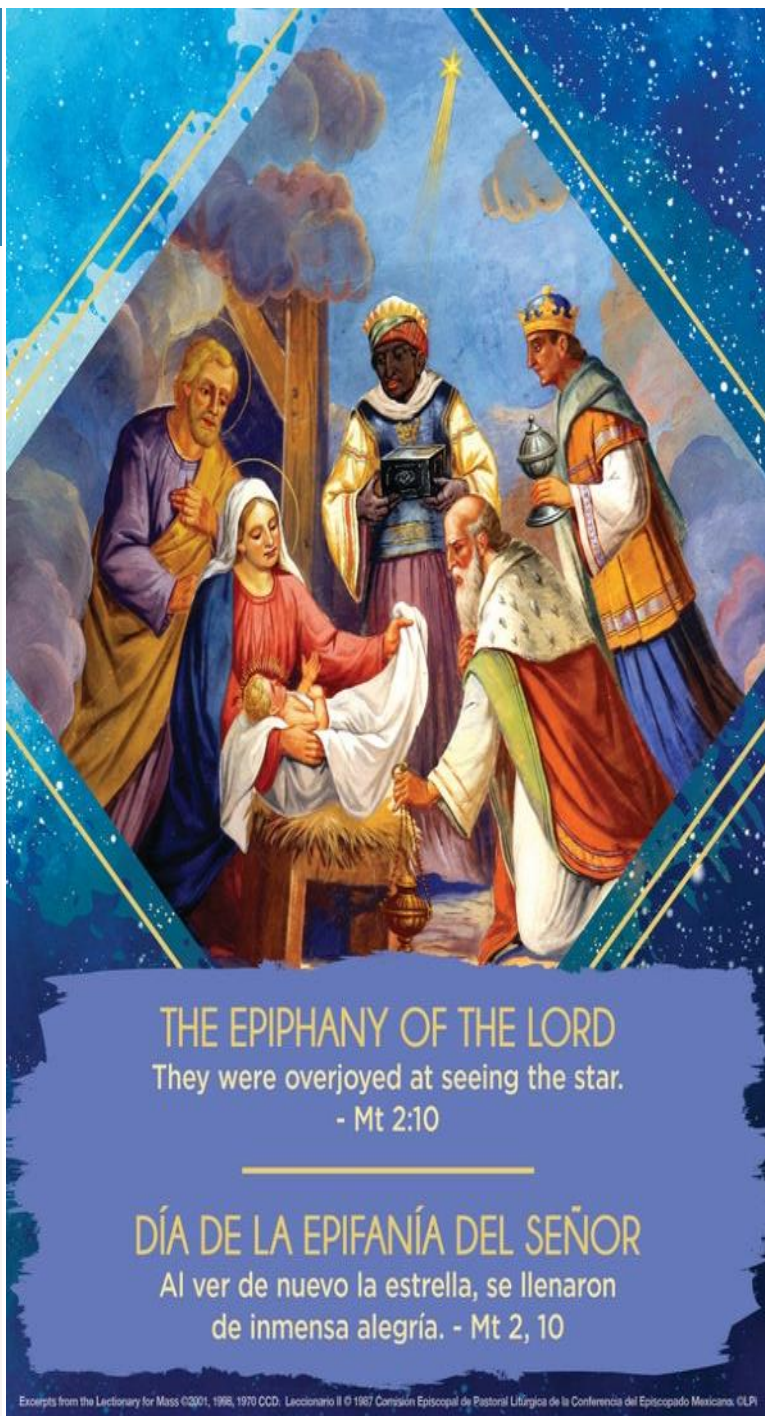
30 minutos antes de cada Misa Diaria,
Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:30 P.M.
Jueves de 5:00 P.M. a 5:45 P.M.
o con cita previa.



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



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

DÍA DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron
de inmensa alegría. - Mt 2, 10

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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

GOING AWAY FOR A WEEK

This upcoming 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 5:00pm 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 this week. I will miss you all!

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH KIDS IN RELIGIOUS ED!

We are well into our Sacramental Formation classes for those intending to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the Spring and it is time to make sure that we are all on the same page. First of all, we need reliable email addresses for every family to ensure that upcoming information will make it to each family in a timely manner. Please email Fr. Szabo at pszabo@dwc.org as soon as you can with 1) a reliable email address, 2) your name and the name(s) of your child/children involved, and 3) the Sacrament(s) they intend to receive. Once we double check our list to make sure that everyone is accounted for, we will reach out to you with more instructions. Also, don't delay! If we don't hear from you, we cannot guarantee that your child will be able to complete their Sacramental Formation this year. Thank you!

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)



MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 24th!

Email Fr. Szabo at pszabo@dwc.org and ask him to send you more details and the registration link for this year's March 4 Life Trip!



Polar Plunge in Honor of Jesus' Baptism!

From ancient times, Eastern Rite as well as Orthodox Christians have gathered at a lake, a river, or even the sea to bless water during this time of year in commemoration of the Baptism of Jesus. Most Roman Catholics will simply attend Mass on this day like any other, but this year we are offering everyone a chance to celebrate this special season with a little more excitement! Join us on Sunday, January 26th at Susie Fox's dock (4908 Kanawa Ave. SE) at 3:00PM where we will bless the river and take a quick swim before enjoying some hot refreshments and lunch!



ST. AGNES WEEKLY UPDATE

My Dear St. Agnes Family,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! Despite being sick for part of this holiday season, I still had a wonderful time celebrating these liturgies with you all for the first time. Funny enough, being sick resulted in me getting even more gifts! I was well stocked on cough medicine, herbal teas, and soup thanks to many concerned parishioners who could tell that I was not going to take good care of myself unless they intervened! Thanks moms!

During my short time here, I have learned that many of you deal with tremendous physical, mental, or emotional suffering on a constant basis due to health problems, anxiety, or other struggles that you experience in your life. Some of you deal with suffering that would make my cold look like a walk in the park on a summer's eve! I have seen how your suffering makes even ordinary day to day activities a great burden for you. When I see you continuing your work, sometimes without letting others see the suffering you are enduring, I am greatly inspired. I myself experience relatively little suffering, and even then it is easy for me to complain!

Although I cannot explain why God allows each of us to suffer in the ways that we do, I can say something about how He intends to bring a greater good out of it. In short, suffering offers us the potential to add spiritual weight to our prayers and good deeds. As a simple example, consider a child who is in a great mood, full of energy, and has plenty of spare time when his parents ask him to help them with some chores. He will likely find it very easy to help them, right? If he didn't, we would have a serious problem! Now, also consider another child who is very tired and short on time when his parents ask him to help them with the same sort of chores. He will likely find it very difficult to help them, would he not? Now let's say that both of these children choose to help their parents dutifully. After their work is finished, which one deserves the greater praise from his parents? The answer is obvious. The child who worked with his parents despite being tired and busy made a much greater sacrifice and so performed a much greater act of love. Therefore, the value of his work would be much greater.

Something similar to this happens when Christians choose to remain faithful to their prayers and good works despite their suffering. Our prayers and good works are much more valuable to God when they are accompanied by suffering because it requires a much greater act of love to perform them under those conditions. Thus, the more we suffer while we do good, the more we love. This is undoubtedly why God chose a manger for His crib and a Cross to for His throne. His love is perfect and He wants to teach us to love that way too.

So, whether you currently deal with a great amount of suffering or not, consider our Lord Jesus on the Cross. If we ask for His help and do good, he will transform our suffering into grace that will help save the world.

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!

MARCH FOR LIFE 2024

Join us for a great adventure to D.C. on Friday, Jan. 24th where we will join thousands of other people who choose to show their love and support of unborn children and their mothers by peacefully marching through the streets of our nation's capital. Email Fr. Szabo at pszabo@dwc.org and ask him to send you more information as well as the link to sign up!

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 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. 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

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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! (\$7,000): 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!

BUILDING INSURANCE

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!

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION

Contacting Father for Emergencies



I would like everyone in the parish to be able to get ahold of me day or night in the event that you or someone you know experience a family emergency and need me for any reason. At your earliest convenience, please email me and I will send you my cellphone number so you can have it handy. God bless you all!



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