

# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

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## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	12:00 P.M. , 5:00 P.M. (Vigil Mass)
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.)*

## EUCCHARISTIC 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.

December 8, 2024



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."  
- Lk 3:5-6*

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### A Holy Day of Obligation

December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent. Advent always takes precedence in order of importance. Therefore, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception has been transferred to Monday, December 9. The Masses for the Holy Day will be 8:30am and 6:00pm on December 9th. There is no Vigil Mass.

## 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.

## WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

## MASS INTENTIONS (DEC. 9- DEC. 15)

### November 30 - December 1

Attendance: **210**

5:00 P.M. **40**; 8:00 A.M. **45**; 10:30 A.M. **86**; 12:30 P.M. **39**

<b>1st Collection</b>	\$ 3782. <sup>00</sup>
<b>2nd Collection: St. Agnes Outreach</b>	\$ 1485. <sup>00</sup>
Building & Maintenance	\$ 512. <sup>00</sup>
Debt Reduction	\$ 203. <sup>00</sup>
Christmas	\$ 45. <sup>00</sup>
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 50. <sup>00</sup>
Catholic Charities	\$ 165. <sup>00</sup>
Christmas Flowers	\$ 110. <sup>00</sup>
Thanksgiving	\$ 504. <sup>00</sup>
Retirement for Religious	\$ 225. <sup>00</sup>
Immaculate Conception	\$ 60. <sup>00</sup>
Renovation	\$ 291. <sup>00</sup>
All Saints Day	\$ 20. <sup>00</sup>
All Souls Day	\$ 20. <sup>00</sup>
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$ 175. <sup>00</sup>
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20. <sup>00</sup>
Black and Indian Missions	\$ 150. <sup>00</sup>
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 40. <sup>00</sup>
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ 20. <sup>00</sup>
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 100. <sup>00</sup>
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 100. <sup>00</sup>
Church in Latin America	\$ 100. <sup>00</sup>
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$ 225. <sup>00</sup>
Diocesan Scholarship Membership Drive	\$ 75. <sup>00</sup>
Easter	\$ 20. <sup>00</sup>
Easter Flowers	\$ 20. <sup>00</sup>
Holy Land	\$ 50. <sup>00</sup>
Mission Appeal - Church at Home	\$ 100. <sup>00</sup>
Palm Sunday	\$ 20. <sup>00</sup>
Universal World Mission	\$ 100. <sup>00</sup>
Sunday Donuts	\$ 225. <sup>00</sup>
Education of Seminarians	\$ 125. <sup>00</sup>
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	\$ 130. <sup>00</sup>
Ring Camera or Greatest Need	\$ 125. <sup>00</sup>
Cross Roads Pregnancy Center	\$ 601. <sup>65</sup>
<b>Total</b>	\$ <b>9993.<sup>65</sup></b>

MON 9	08:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
	06:00 P.M.	Nancy Brown by Pat & Rich Fulcher
TUE 10	06:00 P.M.	Cindy DeChiazza
WED 11	06:00 P.M.	Carmen & Leopoldo Cano(D,D) by Jphn & Margarita Carr
THU 12	06:00 P.M.	Francesca Escalante (D) by Verna Zekan
FRI 13	08:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
SAT 14	12:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
	05:00 P.M.	Francesca Escalante (D) by Verna Zekan
SUN 15	08:00 A.M.	People of the Parish
	10:30 A.M.	Sarah McGuire(D) by Joe & Beacher Neenan
	12:30 P.M.	Francesca Escalante(D) by Patty Zekan Crumpler

### 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.

### 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.

Mass Time	December 7 - December 8	December 9 Solemnity - Immaculate Conception 8:30 am - Bunnie Perrine	December 14 - December 15
05:00 p.m.	Lisa Wood	6:00 pm - Sarah Casey	Nancy Stark
08:00 a.m.	Dana Fox	<b>December 12</b>	Dana Fox
10:30 a.m.	Ashley Murphy	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	Lou Dent Smith
12:30 p.m.	Mary Onate	10:00 pm Juanita Mata	Jesus Torres



# 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	12:00P.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

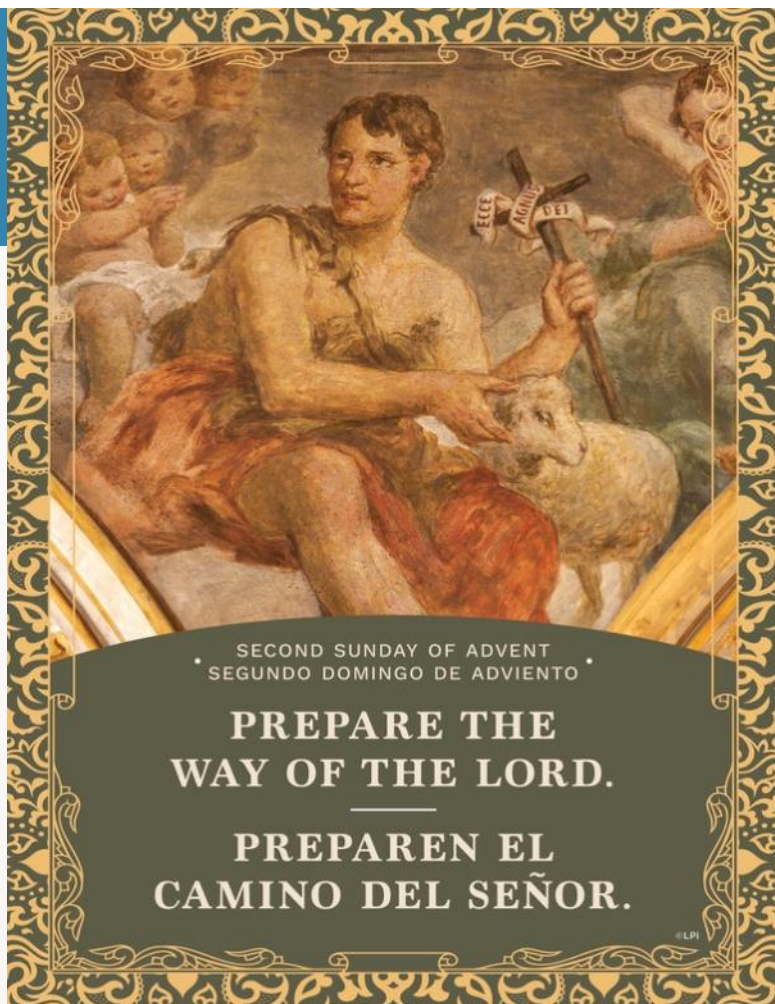
30 minutos antes de cada Misa Diaria,  
Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:30 P.M.  
Jueves de 5:00 P.M. a 5:45 P.M.  
o con cita previa.



## 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



## FIESTA DE NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE

Todo empieza a las 10:00PM el 11 de Diciembre Tenemos el Rosario a las 10:00PM, Misa a las 11:00PM, y, al fin de la Misa, una procesion con la estatua de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe hacia el gimnasio de la escuela donde cantaremos las Mananitas y festejamos. Por favor, invita su familia y amigos, especialmente los que todavia no asisten a misa!



## 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!*

## ST. AGNES WEEKLY UPDATE

My Dear St. Agnes Family,

Please be aware that, after only being here for 4 months, people are already using my name in various scams. A woman recently received an email from “Rev. Phillip Szabo” with a strange-sounding request for a response. Thankfully, she immediately reported it to me. Remember that I will never ask you to send money to me or someone else via an email or a phone call from a strange number. Even if it sound like me, don’t listen! Artificial Intelligence is so advanced that it is even possible to make an image or video of someone that looks and sounds real.

As always, any transfer of money to the parish should occur in our regular collections, given to a trusted St. Agnes representative, or mailed directly to the office.

Thankfully I’m not aware of anyone who has fallen victim to a scam like this yet. Let’s keep it that way and make sure that all of your generous donations actually support the mission of St. Agnes!

On that note, I am supremely grateful for all who have donated to the parish in one way or another. It was with great joy that I purchased a weed eater from Lowe’s last week so we will be ready for the Spring. And, as it turns out, winter time is a great time to buy lawn equipment. It was on sale!

According to the law of the Catholic Church, “The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the works of the apostolate and of charity, and for decent support of ministers” (Can. 222 1). You all have certainly done this so far and, considering the financial issues that we have had in the past here at St. Agnes and in the diocese, I am even more humbled that you continue to place your faith in me and in the Church as a whole. God will certainly reward your faithfulness.

My promise to you is that I will always strive to use the money of the parish prudently. However, I too am an imperfect person. Therefore, as I have said before, please always know that I am always open to suggestions and constructive criticism. If you see something of concern, please do not hesitate to ask me or a member of parish council about it. I am here to serve you and very happy to be doing so!

May God bless you all!

Fr. Szabo

### ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Join us for our Advent Penance service on Wednesday, December 18 right after our 6:00PM Daily Mass.

Caroling to our local shut-ins is on Friday, December 20th.

Advent Party in the rectory on Saturday, December 21st at 6:00PM.

See the activities page for more information!

### 2025 CALENDARS

The 2025 calendars are available in the vestibules of the Church. There are both English and Spanish versions.

### FUNERAL PREPARATION

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES’ ANGEL TREE

Catholic Charities Angel Tree is set up in the church narthex. Pick an angel to provide Christmas gifts for a child, teen or senior. Return unwrapped items by Sunday, December 15th either beside the tree or at the office weekdays 10:00am - 3:00pm. Catholic Charities will be picking up all Angel Tree items on Monday,

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.

## 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!*

**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!

**Resetting Walkway Patio Stones to the Parish Office:** The pavers of the walkway from the lower parking to the office have become quite displaced by the beautiful tree right next to it. We can’t really blame it I suppose, since we put the pavers over its roots! Someone patient with some landscaping experience, and a little OCD would be a perfect candidate for this job!

**Decorative Fence around AC Units:** One of the gems of Kanawha City is the beautiful park-like area we have down behind the church. Sadly, the massive AC unit beside the church and the smaller unit beside the Old Convent stick out like giant sore thumbs! I would love if someone was willing to help us build a decorative fence around/in front them that would keep that area looking sharp, and maybe even dampen the sound a little.

**Clearing Brush along the Bank:** The bank that runs from 49th street across to the school is covered in a mess of brush and trash. We would love to have some folks come help us knock back the weeds a little and pick up the trash that has been thrown down amongst them. We might even be able to clear off a section for sled-riding this winter if we work hard enough!

**Cleaning up Lower Parking Lot:** The lower parking lot is getting smaller as grass and dirt slowly moves its way in. It wouldn’t take much with a shovel and rake to clean up the edges. We even have some leftover yellow paint if you wanted to refresh the parking lines too!

## ST. AGNES WISH LIST

**A Subscription to Formed.org for the Parish. (\$2,300)**It’s basically Catholic Netflix. It is an online subscription that gives the entire parish access to countless hours of Bible studies, Theology courses, Sacramental Preparation Courses, talks on every topic of the faith imaginable and lots of Catholic movies too! Talk to Fr. Szabo if you are interested in sponsoring this resource for the parish!



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

On Wednesday, December 11th, starting at 10:00PM, we will celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will begin with the Rosary, then Mass and finally a procession to the school gym where we will sing a traditional hymn to Mary known as the “Mañanitas”. After that, we will enjoy some delicious Mexican food. Come join us as we celebrate this special day for the Hispanic community here at St. Agnes!

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be celebrating the great Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Join us at St. Agnes at either 8:30AM or 6:00PM. If those times do not work for your schedule, check around at the other parishes to see if they are offering a time that will work. Don't miss this great day!



## Christmas Caroling!



We will be caroling to the shut-ins and others in Kanawha City on Friday, December 20th. We will meet at the Church at 5:45pm. Following caroling, there will be a gathering at Anita Casey and Jim Garvin's home. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the Church so we can have a head count of carolers and to plan for refreshments following caroling. If you would like to bring a side dish to share, that can be marked on the sign-up sheet (if you can't bring anything, don't let that stop you from caroling).

## Rectory Advent Party!

All parishioners are invited to join Father Szabo in the rectory for an evening of fellowship on Saturday, December 21st starting at 6:30PM. Please feel free to bring some kind of finger food or snack to share. Wine, beer and beverages will be provided.



# 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 begin to 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. The next gathering: Saturday, Dec. 28 at 6:30PM

## 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.

### 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.

### 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](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)



# DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION



**CHRISTMAS  
OPEN HOUSE**

19 | DEC | 2:30PM

*Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center*  
2010 QUARRIER STREET, CHARLESTON

BRING A GROUP FOR A TOUR & TREATS!  
RSVP TO  
304-344-4511



**RSVP  
by  
12/6**

Join the Serrans  
and Bishop Mark E. Brennan  
**Social Hour and Dinner**  
Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 5:30 PM  
St John XXIII Pastoral Center

Please respond by December 6, 2024  
email [msadd@lewisgianola.com](mailto:msadd@lewisgianola.com) or call (304) 345-2000

Freewill contributions for our religious and priest guests are accepted.

**OUR MISSION**  
Serrans are Catholic women and men  
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to promote and support vocations  
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