

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	05:00 P.M. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	08:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 12:30 P.M. (Spanish)
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	06:00 P.M.
Wednesday	08:30 A.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. - 6:00 P.M.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
or by appointment.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK WITHIN THE MASS

The Third Friday of the month at 8:30 A.M.

May the Lord bless you all!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIGHT CAME INTO THE WORLD.

— JOHN 3:19 —

March 10, 2024

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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

March 2-3

Attendance: **166**

5:00 P.M. **32**; 8:00 A.M. **28**; 10:30 A.M. **71** 12:30 P.M. **35**

1st Collection \$ 3,693 .⁰⁰

2nd Collection \$ 1,044 .⁰⁰

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund

St. Agnes Bldg. & Maintenance \$ 96 .⁰⁰

St. Agnes Renovation \$ 35 .⁰⁰

St. Agnes Debt Reduction \$ 25 .⁰⁰

St. Agnes Outreach \$ 355 .⁰⁰

Church Mission within the U.S. [02-11-24] \$ 1 .⁰⁰

Ash Wednesday [02-14-24] \$ 5 .⁰⁰

Palm Sunday [03-24-24] \$ 70 .⁰⁰

Holy Thursday [03-28-24] \$ 20 .⁰⁰

Good Friday -Holy Land [03-29-24] \$ 20 .⁰⁰

Easter [03-31-24] \$ 20 .⁰⁰

Easter Flowers \$ 165 .⁰⁰

Votive Candles \$ 243 .⁴¹

TOTAL \$ **5,792 .⁴¹**

Upcoming Second Collections

Mar. 17 St. Agnes Debt Reduction

Mar. 24 St. Agnes Building & Maintenance

Thank you for your generosity!



2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA)

As of March 6, St Agnes has raised \$ **905** of our parish goal of \$ **15,150**. If you would like to support our Parish visit us at www.stagnescharlestonwv.org and click link "Give Now." Thank your for your support!



INTENTION OF THE MONTH OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE NEW MARTYRS

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

<https://popesprayerusa.net/2022/02/14/pope-francis-reveals-2023-prayer-intentions/>

MASS INTENTIONS (MAR 11-17)

MON 11	***	No Mass
Tue 12	06:00 P.M.	Juanita León (D) by Juan & Maria Lopez
Wed 13	08:30 A.M.	John Brinegar (D) by Daniel & Lisa Wood
Thu 14	06:00 P.M.	No Mass
Fri 15	08:30 A.M.	Juan Cedeño (L)
Sat 16	05:00 P.M.	Haze Martin (D) by Shawn & Sarah Casey
Sun 17	08:00 A.M.	Leonard Francesconi (D) by Dana Fox
	10:30 A.M.	Ruth Neenan (D) by Joe & Beacher Neenan
	12:30 P.M.	Hispanic Community

OFFER A MASS

We invite you to offer a Mass for your loved ones, living or deceased. Offer a Mass for anyone who is in need of God's assistance, for the sick, unemployed, or for any good intentions you have. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please contact the parish office or fill out the Mass Intention envelope from the narthex of the church and drop it in the collection basket. A suggested donation for a daily Mass is \$10.00 and \$20.00 for a weekend Mass.

Lenten Opportunities

Bilingual Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 5:00 pm.

Reconciliation Service
Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 pm.

DAILY READINGS DURING LENT – MARCH 11-17

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33



MYSTERIUM FIDEI ENCYCLICAL OF POPE PAUL VI ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SEPTEMBER 3, 196

Writings of the Fathers

48. "Instructed as you are in these matters," says St. Cyril of Jerusalem, at the end of a sermon on the mysteries of the faith, "and filled with an unshakeable faith that what seems to be bread is not bread—though it tastes like it—but rather the Body of Christ; and that what seems to be wine is not wine—even though it too tastes like it—but rather the Blood of Christ . . . draw strength from receiving this bread as spiritual food and your soul will rejoice." (52)

49. St. John Chrysostom insists upon the same point with these words: "It is not man who makes what is put before him the Body and Blood of Christ, but Christ Himself who was crucified for us. The priest standing there in the place of Christ says these words, but their power and grace are from God. This is my Body, he says, and these words transform what lies before him." (53)

50. Cyril, the Bishop of Alexandria, is in wonderful harmony with John, the Bishop of Constantinople, when he writes in his commentary on the Gospel of St. Matthew: "He said This is my body and this is my blood in a demonstrative fashion, so that you might not judge that what you see is a mere figure; instead the offerings are truly changed by the hidden power of God Almighty into Christ's body and blood, which bring us the life-giving and sanctifying power of Christ when we share in them." (54)

https://www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_03091965_mysterium.html

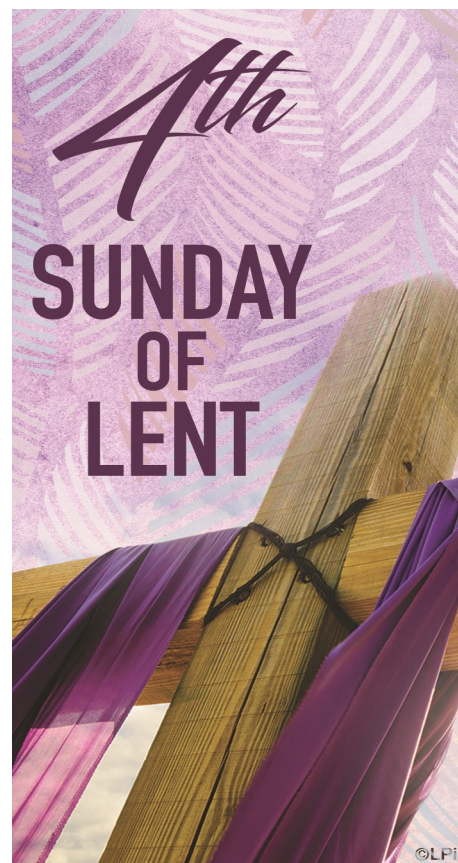
MINISTRY OF THE SICK

For more information contact us at 304-881-3228

Please pray for our sick and homebound...

Nancy Baker, Dustin Basham, Edgel Blake, John Blake, Harry Bowe, Francisca E. Calderon, Steve Bukovinsky, Connie Carey, Jeff Carroll, Betsy Chigo, Jannell Cochran, Sara Coen, Joanna Collins, John Cincinnati, Cathy Dorsey, Sister Nancy Dunn, Eva Celine Elkins, John Elswick, Cindy Fish, James Ford Jr., Dana Fox, Jay & Tiara Francis, Lucy Fulcher, Mary Hanson, Ann Harris, Bonnie Jackson, Carolyn Jones, Christopher Jones, Matthew Jones, Thomas Jones Jr., Camille Keller, Mary Keeler, Elizabeth Kelley, Marianne Kogoy, Ann Lancaster, Christine Lawrence, Suzanne Lawrence, Stanley Lewis, Paula Long, Mara Lomas, Rick Mason, Lewis & John Meadows, Tammy Milam, Tina Miller, Marsha Morton, Paul Morris, Bridget O'Connell, Sarah Price, William Rader, Linda Radochio, Joan Reishman, Reynolds Family, Joel Riveria, Maria Roberts, Alberto Rodriguez, Magdalena Pineda, Kevin Sarrett, Mary Maggio-Sheets, Diana Smith, Keith Smith, The Smith Family, John & Sara Snyder, Theresa Sprouse, Mike Surdyk, Vivian Sword, Andrew Tignor, Nancy Tompkins, Barbara Theierl, Sharon Wade, Matt Wazelle, Danny Whelan, Bill Wilson, Anna Wise, John Witek, Christine Wood Saaty, Shari Woodrum, Wright Family.

(Please contact the parish office if you would like to remove your name or family member's name from our prayer list.)



On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, called "*laetare*", that is, "rejoice", because this is the opening antiphon of the Eucharistic liturgy that invites us to joy: "Rejoice, Jerusalem" — thus, it is a call to joy — "Be joyful, all who were in mourning". This is how the Mass begins. What is the reason for this joy? The reason is God's great love for mankind, as today's Gospel passage tells us: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). These words, spoken by Jesus during the encounter with Nicodemus, summarize a theme that lies at the center of the Christian message: even when the situation seems desperate, God intervenes, offering man salvation and joy. Indeed, God does not remain apart from us, but enters the history of mankind; he "meddles" in our life; he enters, in order to animate it with his grace and save it.

— Pope Francis

LECTOR SCHEDULE — March 9-10

Weekend	Mass Time	Liturgical Celebration	Lector's Name
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sat. 09	05:00 P.M.	Vigil Mass	Sarah Casey
Sun. 10	08:00 A.M.	Sunday Mass	Dana Fox
	10:30 A.M.	Sunday Mass	Gina Joynes
	12:30 P.M.	Sunday Mass (in Spanish)	Gladys Cuartas

GOD'S PROFOUND LOVE

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

When I first saw each of my three children, I loved them with a love that I did not realize existed in me. These were flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone, and were the result of the love between their mother and me. This made them mine. My love for them continues to be so strong as they grow older and I cannot fathom ever losing them. Then I look around and see friends of mine who have lost a child. It makes me want to hold them tighter and not let go. But as I have continued to grow in this stewardship way of life, I realize that these three wonderful human beings and not really mine. They belong to God. They are entrusted to me in this world, but they belong truly to the One who loves them even more than I do. Yet, it is not easy to offer them back to God, especially due to tragedy. If that day ever were to come, how could I handle it? Not only did God offer his Son to the world, the offering was done with full knowledge that the Son would die a brutal death. God loves us so deeply he placed Himself in the very position that any parent dreads the most. So this Lent I will look at my children and I reflect on the depth of love a parent has for a child and the even more profound love God has for us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

— Meditation —

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge:

This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir
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CHAPTER ONE THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Article 2 THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

II. The Signs and the Rite of Confirmation

1293 In treating the rite of Confirmation, it is fitting to consider the sign of anointing and what it signifies and imprints: a spiritual seal.

Anointing, in Biblical and other ancient symbolism, is rich in meaning: oil is a sign of abundance and joy;¹⁰² it cleanses (anointing before and after a bath) and limbers (the anointing of athletes and wrestlers); oil is a sign of healing, since it is soothing to bruises and wounds;¹⁰³ and it makes radiant with beauty, health, and strength.

— Catechism of the Catholic Church.

COMMON GROUNDS OUTREACH

2024 UPDATE

Common Grounds Outreach is entering our 17th year of being a 100% operated volunteer organization. The ministry opened doors to the Eastern Kanawha County qualified residents in September 2007 with the vision of Fr. John H. McDonough and several committed St. Agnes Church members. Soon to follow our community, we welcomed the support of Morris Memorial Methodist and Village Chapel Presbyterian.

Common Grounds has continued to serve clients, with a brief closing for COVID-related safety concerns. Even during COVID, precautions were taken, and measures were implemented to serve clients by a drive through method.

The ministry continues to offer a 3-day supply of food once a month and utility assistance based on need one time per year.

As with all local food banks, we continue to experience a growing number of families needing assistance and an increased number of homeless seeking food. Special boxes are made available for the homeless.

In 2023, Common Grounds served	5471 Individuals / 2,126 Families
Thanksgiving Boxes for 2023	148
Utility Assistance provided	\$ 21,919.27
Food Purchased	\$ 51, 579.84

Funds collected by the generous members of St. Agnes for 2023 totaled \$ 19,254.88.

New volunteers are always welcome! We could certainly use any help.

Volunteers are needed to assist in carrying out boxes, unloading purchased food, completing information for new and existing clients, sorting donated bread and picking up bread from donations from Panera Bread. As with any organization our volunteers do go out of town and have other obligations. A list of backup and even part time volunteers would be so very helpful.

IF INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE CALL

Tina Tallarico 304-546-8010 Connie Carey 304-552-5286 or Kay Amole 304-419-1702
Common Grounds continues to operate on Tuesday/Thursday from 10AM - 2 PM

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN SO VERY GENEROUS!

*"amen, I say to you, whatever
you did for one of these least
brothers of mine,
you did for me."
Matthew
25:40*

LITURGICAL EVENTS & NEWS

Don't forget
**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME!**

Pilgrimage to Catholic Italy

Fr. Don Higgs, Rector of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, invites you to join him on a spiritually enriching 12-Day pilgrimage to Catholic Italy October 14-25, 2024. Highlights include: Florence, Siena, Assisi, the Isle of Capri, Pompeii, Rome, The Vatican and an audience with the Pope. Flight to and from Charleston, W.V. included. Early Bird Discount of \$50 for those who register before February 3rd. The cost of \$5899 includes breakfasts and dinners, tours, r/t flights, 4-5 star hotels, motorcoach, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome. For more details and to register online, go to: <https://bit.ly/HiggsItaly> or call Fr. Don at 304-685-2367.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

This Office of Consecrated Life presents a discernment retreat for single Catholic women ages 18 and over. It will take place on June 21-23, 2024 at St. Joseph Retreat Center in Wheeling. To register, please contact Sister Martha Gomez at mgomez@dwc.org or (304)-233-0880 ext. 264.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St John XXIII Pastoral Center is currently seeking to fill the following three positions – Cook, Housekeeper, Maintenance Worker. For more information, see the diocesan website <https://dwc.org/diocese/administrative/human-resources/employment-opportunities/> Contact the Director, Gerri Wright at 304.342.0507 or gwright@dwc.org to schedule an interview or for more information.



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 (304) 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 and have not registered yet, we invite you to do so. You can find the parish registration forms in the narthex of the church and online at <https://stagnescharlestonwv.org>. After you have completed the form, you can drop it off at the parish office or place it in the mail.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

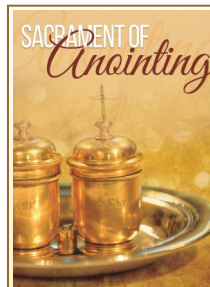
The position of Administrative Assistant at St. Agnes is available. The job can be full-time or part-time. The successful candidate must be customer focused, be intermediate to proficient in Microsoft Office and able to pass a background check. If interested, please send your resume to our parish office at stap1101char@dwc.org. Job description and salary will be discussed at time of interview.

ST. AGNES OUTREACH

Common Grounds, the St. Agnes supported food pantry, could really use our parishioners' help to replenish our food stocks. If you would like to donate, please drop by the Common Grounds Food Pantry at 6600 MacCorkle Ave., on Tues. or Thurs. btw 10:00 am & 2:00 pm. A basket is available in the narthex of the church for food donations. For more information call (304) 720-9690 or (304) 552-5286. Thank you for your support!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday at noon, email or written copy please, no bulletin announcement will be taken over the phone. Contact us at stap1101char@dwc.org. Please include topic of announcement in the subject line.



PLEASE JOIN US!

This upcoming Friday, March 15th, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick within the Mass at 8:30 am.

You are all invited!

LÆTARE "To Rejoice"

Young Adult Catholic Group Charleston Vicariate

Laetare is young and will grow with your participation and membership.



The QR code will allow you to chat on GroupMe, where most of our communication, coordination, and activities take place.

Comunidad Hispana de Santa Inés

OFICINA PARROQUIAL Y PERSONAL

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Horas de Oficina de Martes a Viernes
de 12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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SANTA MISA DOMINICAL

12:30 P.M.

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:30 P.M.

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS DURANTE LA MISA

Tercer Viernes del mes a las 8:30 A.M.

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.

¡Bienvenidos a nuestras familia!

HORARIO LITÚRGICO EN TIEMPO DE CUARESMA (Del 11 al 17 de Marzo)

Lunes 11	***	No hay Santa Misa
Martes 12	06:00 P.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Miércoles 13	08:30 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Jueves 14	05:00 P.M. 06:00 P.M.	No habrá Hora Santa No habrá Santa Misa
Viernes 15	08:30 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Sábado 16	3:30-4:30 P.M. 05:00 P.M.	Confesiones Santa Misa en Inglés
Domingo 17	08:00 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
	10:30 A.M. 12:30 P.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés Santa Misa en Español



¡Oremos por la Paz en el Mundo!



VIA CRUCIS

Les invitamos a rezar
el Via Crucis Bilingüe
todos los Viernes
de Cuaresma a las 5:00 p.m.



SERVICIO PENITENCIAL DE CUARESMA

Jueves, 14 de Marzo a las 6:00 p.m.

Habrán otros sacerdotes escuchando
confesiones en Inglés.

INTENCIÓN DEL MES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO POR LOS NUEVOS MÁRTIRES

Oremos para que quienes en diversas partes
del mundo arriesgan su vida por el Evangelio
contagien a la Iglesia su valentía y su impulso
misionero.



<https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/todas-las-intenciones-de-oracion-del-papa-francisco-para-los-12-meses-de-2022-36904>

LECTURAS DIARIAS EN TIEMPO DE CUARESMA —DEL 11 AL 17 DE MARZO

Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado	Domingo
Is 65, 17-21/ Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11-12 y 13/ Jn 4, 43-54	Ez 47, 1-9. 12/ Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 5, 1-3. 5-16	Is 49, 8-15/Sal 144, 8-9. 13-14. 17-18/Jn 5, 17-30	Ex 32, 7-14/ Sal 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23/ Jn 5, 31-47	Sab 2, 1. 12-22/Sal 33, 17-18. 19-20. 21 y 23/Jn 7, 1-2. 10. 25-30	Jr 11, 18-20/Sal 7, 2-3. 9-10. 11-12/Jn 7, 40-53	Jr 31, 31-34/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 14-15 (12)/ Heb 5, 7-9/Jn 12, 20-33

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