

2021 Guide Book & Directory



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SAINT AGNES CHURCH

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This publication of the “2021 Guide Book and Directory” for Saint Agnes Parish is the twenty-third annual publication of this helpful and informative parish booklet. We are grateful to the individuals and businesses that have sponsored this edition by purchasing advertising space. Their generous support enables our parish to provide this Guide Book and Directory to you at no charge. Please consider giving them your business.

I take this opportunity to offer a special word of welcome to all who are new to Saint Agnes Parish and for whom this is their first Guide Book and Directory.

This Guide Book and Directory is meant to be a handy reference for our parish. For some of the details, please see the Table of Contents that follows, or page through the Guide Book and become familiar with its content. For more information about our parish, please go to our website at www.saintagnes.com.

If you have any questions about the contents of this Guide Book and Directory or about whom to contact for any group or activity in our parish, please call the Parish Office (431-1802) or email us at parishoffice@saintagnes.com. If you are not currently involved, I invite you to consider participating in a Parish activity. I think you will find your experience at Saint Agnes more enriching.

I encourage everyone to begin their parish involvement with a commitment to come to Sunday Mass at Saint Agnes and worship with their fellow parishioners every Sunday and on Holy Days.

God bless you and all of your loved ones!



Reverend Mark Keene, Pastor

On the cover of this 2021 Parish Guide Book is a photograph of the relief sculpture on our Baptismal Font. The marble carving depicts John the Baptist, Baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is normally the third Sunday after Christmas. Jesus’ Baptism is a reminder for us to remember our own Baptism and to remember the anniversary of our Baptism. If we don’t know, we should try to learn the date of our Baptism and who the priest or deacon was who Baptized us. Our Baptism represents our beginning in partaking of the Sacramental Life of Christ’s Church, a membership that is nourished by the other Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession.

MISSION STATEMENT OF SAINT AGNES PARISH

We, the faith community of Saint Agnes, a Roman Catholic Church and school within the Diocese of Covington, commit ourselves to:

- Be a welcoming, loving community based on faith in the Word of God, love of Christ in the Eucharist, and responsiveness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Strengthen faith in adults, youth, and children through liturgies, sacraments, religious education, and study of scripture, small group sharing, and personal prayer.
- Promote the respect for all human life in recognition of the unique gifts bestowed by God in every individual.
- Witness the love of Christ through service to the parish and community.
- Teach our faith as the first priority within our school.
- Challenge our young people to develop a Christian lifestyle within the Catholic tradition.
- Evangelize the Word of God to inactive parishioners and the community.

As our parish unites in fulfilling our mission towards becoming the Body of Christ, we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Friday (School Mass at 9:20 a.m.) and Saturday 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

6:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. on the Holy Day.

7:00 p.m. on either the evening before the Holy Day or the evening of the Holy Day, depending on circumstances.

For Christmas and New Year's Day schedules, consult the bulletin, website (www.saintagnes.com) or call the Parish Office (431-1802).

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on Saturday mornings after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, every First Friday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, unless there is a funeral, or any time upon request.

BAPTISMS

Attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class is mandatory before a Baptism can be scheduled. Classes are held on the second Thursday of every other month beginning in January. (The class does not have to be repeated for subsequent baptisms.) Baptisms are held every Sunday at 12:00 p.m., except during Lent. Please call the Parish Office to register for the class or to schedule a Baptism.

WEDDINGS

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance in order to set the date and to begin the preparations for marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated every Thursday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, unless there is a funeral.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is also celebrated with and for the parish community during all Masses on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) and at all Masses on the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday).

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FUNERALS

The parish community expresses its Christian concern for one another most intensely at the time of death of one of its members. The Parish Office should be contacted by the funeral home regarding the arrangements. A member of our Parish Bereavement Committee will arrange a suitable time to consult with the family personally about their wishes regarding the Mass of Christian Burial.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Care for the sick is manifested in various ways. A priest, deacon or a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will bring Holy Communion to the homes of confined persons. A call should be made to the Parish Office when there is an extended illness or confinement.

OUR HISTORY

Saint Agnes Parish was initially established as a Chapel annex to Saint Mary Cathedral Parish, for Catholics living in that part of the Cathedral Parish encompassed by Park Hills and its vicinity. Msgr. Gerhard Geisen, the Chancellor of the Diocese, organized the community, which was still considered a part of the Cathedral Parish. The land acquired for "Saint Agnes Chapel," was about 11 acres. Some of this land was donated by August Knochelman and the rest was purchased from him. Mr. Knochelman had hoped that the Chapel would be named in honor of Saint Philomena, but Bishop Howard decided to name it in honor of Saint Agnes, for reasons that appear to be lost to history.

The first parish Mass was celebrated on October 5, 1930. It was celebrated in a framed building that had been constructed on the north end of the property on Old State Road. The story is that this framed building was a "Sears Church," which is to say it was a framed building that could be purchased from Sears Roebuck Company. This building was used by the Saint Agnes Chapel community from 1930-1939 when the new (and current) Church was dedicated. (This same "Sears Church" was then used by Saint Catherine Parish in Fort Thomas, Kentucky when it was founded and then by Christ the King Parish in Lexington, Kentucky when it was founded.) On August 31, 1931, a bell from the Twelfth Street Firehouse was donated to the Saint Agnes Chapel by the City of Covington.

The congregation grew rapidly and in 1938 construction was started on the current Saint Agnes Church. The Church was completed and formally dedicated on February 5, 1939 by Bishop Howard. A series of assistant pastors of the Cathedral served as Curates for the Chapel under the direction of the rector of the Cathedral until 1954. On August 9, 1954 Bishop William Mulloy issued a decree establishing Saint Agnes as a parish in its own right, separate from the Cathedral Parish. The name of the parish was changed from "Saint Agnes Chapel" to "Saint Agnes Church." Monsignor Charles A. Towell was appointed the first pastor. Monsignor Towell served as pastor until 1971.

Successive pastors have been: Monsignor Edward Hickey (1971-1982), Monsignor John Murphy (1982-1992), Monsignor Donald Hellmann (1992-1999) and Reverend Mark Keene (1999-present).

A new rectory, adjacent to the Church, was completed in 1956 to accommodate the additional clergy assigned to the growing parish. At one time, as many as six priests lived in the rectory.

Additional major additions and improvements to the Church included stained glass windows and new pews, which were added to the Church building in the early 1960's. Because of continued growth in membership, in 1964 an annex was completed on the west side of the Church to accommodate the increasing attendance at Mass. In 1980, the Church sanctuary was remodeled to its current appearance. On Sunday, October 19, 1980, as part of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the community, the Church was rededicated to Saint Agnes and the beautiful new altar was consecrated by Bishop William Hughes.

In the late 1980's, what is called "the daily Mass chapel" was renovated. Built when the main Church was constructed in 1938-39, over the years this room had been used for classrooms, a Baptistry and a sacristy. It has been used as a chapel for the daily 6:30 a.m. Mass and other smaller Liturgical celebrations since then. It seats about 70.

In 1990, the Church undercroft was renovated. It would eventually be named "Murphy Hall" in honor of the parish's third pastor, Monsignor John "Jack" Murphy. Also in 1990, the old school gym located in the church basement was remodeled and divided into offices. In 2001, work was done in the rectory to create several offices and make better use of the space.

Saint Agnes School opened its doors on September 8, 1930, on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Sisters of Notre Dame staffed the school, which began with 26 pupils. The first students of Saint Agnes School attended classes in houses on the property and at Saint Joseph Heights. The school grew rapidly, and in 1941 a framed building behind the new Church and facing Old State Road was built. It consisted of four classrooms and a large basement recreation area. This building was dedicated on August 24, 1941 and was meant to be an interim school building until a larger, more permanent building was needed.

Within a few years the school enrollment was increasing rapidly, and the larger school that had been foreseen was needed. Ground was broken in 1955 for a new school building which was completed and dedicated on February 10, 1957. The Sisters of Notre Dame continued to operate the school. The sisters lived at Saint Joseph Heights until 1960 when Saint Agnes built a convent near the north end of the school for the convenience of the sisters teaching at the school.

In the early 1960's, six classrooms and storage space was added to the north end of the school to accommodate the ever-increasing enrollment of the school, which had reached 879 children. This addition was completed in 1964. By 1967, Saint Agnes School enrollment peaked with 939 students. At that time the school was staffed by seventeen nuns and eleven lay teachers. All available space was used as classrooms, including rooms in the Church and Church basement and even at Covington Catholic High School, located down the street.

Ground was broken for new additions to the school on January 13, 1989. In 1990, the new addition to the school was opened. The addition included a multipurpose center, regulation-size gymnasium, science lab, computer lab, classrooms, enlarged kindergarten, guidance counselor's office, and new offices and faculty workroom.

In 2013, Saint Agnes moved forward with renovations to update the school's infrastructure, including new central heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, a new electric system, a state of the art computer network, computer labs and wireless capabilities. The renovation work also included improved lighting, new carpeting, ceiling and paint throughout the building, new doors, a walk-in refrigerator/freezer and various other improvements. All renovations were completed prior to the 2013-2014 school year.

In 1995, the Sisters of Notre Dame ended their administration of Saint Agnes School. However, the sisters and the parish have maintained a close relationship with sisters helping out in the school and parish in various capacities. The sisters administered and taught in the school for 65 years and this great favor to the parish has not been forgotten. In the time period between 1930 and 2014, 138 Sisters of Notre Dame have served at Saint Agnes.

The convent at Saint Agnes has not gone unused with the departure of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Beginning on January 8, 1995, Saint Agnes helped serve homeless families by being a part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) and later known as Family Promise of Northern Kentucky. The building was subsequently refurbished by members of Saint Agnes Parish and was used to host the homeless served by IHN/Family Promise of Northern Kentucky on a regular basis from 1995-2013.

The chapel in the convent was converted for use as a Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began in January 1998. On October 5, 2014, the chapel was blessed and dedicated as "The Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel at Saint Agnes Parish" by Bishop Roger Foy. Perpetual Adoration continues today, every week from Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. through Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Hundreds of adorers commit to spending an hour at a specific time each week in Eucharistic Adoration. Many others stop in at unscheduled times. All are welcome!



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Over the years, Saint Agnes School has always been the largest ministry of the parish. The parish financially supports the school to a large degree. However, the school is not the only ministry of the parish. Many of these ministries, including the school, are described in their current state in this Parish Guide Book. Deserving of special note in this history of the parish however are the following outreach programs:

Christian Service Committee: In 1973, a group of parishioners formed this committee to provide assistance to people in need in the parish and beyond. The annual Christian Service Collection each November collects food donations for area agencies. Financial donations are also collected to be used over the course of the year to help parishioners who have fallen on hard times. Under the Christian Service Committee is the Bereavement Committee, which helps families at the time of death of a loved one. They help with planning the funeral Liturgy, celebrating the Liturgy itself, and the reception following the funeral.

Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter: Saint Agnes has a very active Saint Vincent de Paul chapter whose focus is to provide assistance to persons in need who are not parishioners. The Saint Vincent de Paul chapter receives funding through poor box donations in church and from the “We Are His Hands” (tithing fund).

We Are His Hands Fund (Tithing Fund): Since 2003, the parish has dedicated a percentage of the offertory gifts for outreach. This percentage is currently at 10%. Over this period, the parish has designated well over 1.75 million dollars for outreach in this manner. Included in this outreach are: tuition assistance for families to send their children to Saint Agnes School, the School Endowment Fund, Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter, Notre Dame Urban Education Center, Family Promise, Saint Augustine Parish City Heights Mission, Rose Garden Home Mission and the Diocesan Alliance for Catholic Urban Education.

DIOCESAN AND PARISH VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

For volunteers who work with or near children, please read and be aware of the following.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for our parish and your volunteering will involve working with children/minors or working in proximity of children/minors, then you will need to have completed several requirements in order to be in compliance with our diocesan (and hence our parish’s) policies for Safe Environment for Children (Virtus). A potential volunteer must be in compliance in all of these areas before they can volunteer.

1. Contact the Parish Office (431-1802 or parishoffice@saintagnes.com) to set up a meeting with the Volunteer Coordinator, currently Deacon Bob Stoeckle. At this meeting, you will receive two forms, a Volunteer Application Form and a Policies and Procedures Form (with an explanation for each form), which should be filled out and returned to the Parish Office.

2. Go to www.virtus.org and click on Registration. During the registration process, you can sign up for a Live Virtus Training Session, which is one of the requirements.
3. After registering, go back into your account under the Toolbox tab, in the green column choose Selection.com. This will take you to their website where you will follow the instructions to complete a background check. The cost for the background check is \$25 and will cover you as long as you remain active in Virtus.
4. After you are “approved” by doing all of the above, you will be asked to read a monthly bulletin on the Virtus website. The bulletins are posted on the first Sunday of each month. You have 30 days to complete the bulletin. If you go beyond 30 days, your Training tab will disappear, which means you are suspended and you cannot volunteer. There are three “open” months a year (April, August and December) when all suspended accounts are unsuspended. During the “open” months, you can get caught up.

Please note that the above is required for all volunteers who are responsible for children/minors, or directly involves children/minors, or places them in proximity of children/minors. This includes, but is not limited to: coaches, athletic program/tournament directors, pre-school religion program directors and volunteers, classroom volunteers, those who work with Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, etc. If you have any questions about whether you need to meet these requirements, please call the Parish Office (431-1802).

AREAS OF FOCUS: COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Saint Agnes Church has many volunteer opportunities for you to fulfill your commitment to serve the Lord and His people. Please read the following pages carefully, exploring the breadth and diversity of parish life. Parish life is built on the commitment that parishioners make to the parish and its ministries. Through these ministries and activities, you share the mission of Christ and His Church. Please consider the part you can play. For more information and/or to get involved, please call the Parish Office (431-1802).

WORSHIP

The Bereavement Committee: Trained volunteers assist families at the time of a death and help the family and friends of the deceased in preparing and participating in the funeral liturgy. The committee’s “Memorial Choir” leads the congregation in singing at the Funeral Mass. If the family so desires, members of the committee will arrange for a reception in our parish hall following the funeral. Volunteers also help prepare the desserts served at the reception, as well as serve at the reception itself.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Selected lay members of the parish assist the priests and deacons with distribution of Holy Communion. Among the qualifications are: Must be sixteen (16) years of age, a practicing and fully initiated Catholic (Baptized, First Communion, and Confirmed), attend a Diocesan formation program, and attend a parish formation program. Candidates are nominated by the Pastor and appointed by the Bishop to a four year term that may be renewed.

Gift Bearers: The Gift Bearers are individuals and families who volunteer to bring forward the bread, wine, and offertory collection during Mass.

Greeters: Greeters welcome our parish families and all guests to worship with us. Greeter qualifications include a willingness to open the door, say hello, and smile as people enter our church. Greeters arrive at church about 20 minutes before Mass and greet until about 3 to 5 minutes after Mass has begun.

Lectors: Lectors read the Word of God at all Masses. Among the qualifications are: Must be sixteen (16) years of age, a practicing and fully initiated Catholic (Baptized, First Communion, and Confirmed), attend a Diocesan formation program, and attend a parish formation program. Candidates are commissioned by the Pastor to a four year term that may be renewed.

Music Ministry: Saint Agnes Parish emphasizes congregational participation in the music at all of our liturgies led by volunteer singers and instrumentalists. Specific opportunities include:

Choral Group - 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays

Music ensembles of vocalists and instrumentalists

Cantors - 8:30 a.m. Sundays

Children's Choir

Memorial (Funeral) Choir

Perpetual Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Since early 1998 our parish has had a chapel dedicated to perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *The Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel at Saint Agnes Parish* is located in our convent building. The convent building is located on Sleepy Hollow Road, just past our school. The chapel is normally open 24 hours per day each week from Sunday at 7:00 p.m. through Saturday at 3:00 p.m., weather permitting. While anyone is welcome to come and pray at any time, many people have committed to an hour (or more) of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis.

Prayer Line: Our prayer line volunteers receive prayer requests from people experiencing joys, sorrows, and anxious moments in their lives. They share those requests and prayer intentions by telephone or email with other volunteers who are committed to offer prayer. All parishioners for whom we have email addresses are also made aware of these intentions.



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Sacristans: Sacristans prepare the sanctuary and church for Masses and ensure that servers, lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are in place.

Servers: Servers prepare the sanctuary for all liturgical services and assist the priest and deacon in the sanctuary during the services. Generally, adults serve weekday Masses other than school Masses, and children and teenagers ordinarily serve Sunday Masses and weekday school Masses.

Ushers: Ushers greet and welcome people to Sunday Masses inside the Church, help them find a seat if needed, collect the offering, distribute the bulletin and any special materials, and assist people in times of emergency or special needs.

Vocation Chalice: This program offers prayerful support for vocations to the Diocesan priesthood, religious orders, and the permanent diaconate. At the end of each Sunday Mass, volunteers are presented with a “vocation chalice” and prayer cards that they take home with them to pray for vocations throughout the week.

STEWARDSHIP

Board of Catholic Education: The Board of Catholic Education of Saint Agnes is comprised of nine parish members who are consultative to the educational administrators of the parish. The Board aids in policy formation, offers advice on administrative details when requested, and reviews policies and practices of the educational programs.

Parish Council: Twelve lay members provide counsel to the Pastor regarding pastoral needs of the parish. Members serve three-year terms and meet monthly. Members are nominated and appointed by the Pastor.

Finance Committee: Five lay members assist the Pastor in planning and in overseeing parish income and expenses, budget, financing for maintenance projects, etc. This work is done in conjunction with the Parish Business Manager, the Board of Catholic Education, and the Parish Council. Members serve three-year terms and meet quarterly. Members are appointed by the Pastor.

Yard Maintenance Crew: Volunteers meet on Wednesday mornings throughout spring, summer and fall, and on selected Saturdays to maintain parish landscaping and plantings.

FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation: Our parish's Liturgical/Sacramental Life is of course the centerpiece of our Adult Faith Formation. Celebrating the Eucharist with your parish on the Sundays and Holy Days of the entire Liturgical Year is the foundation of Catholic Faith Formation. Beyond this however, our parish offers various other Adult Faith Formation opportunities, such as studies of our Bible, discussions of DVD's, etc. Please watch for them in the bulletin and listen for them in the Sunday Mass announcements.

FORMED: At formed.org you can find an incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content, all in one place. Enjoy faith based movies, documentaries, books, audios, and children's resources. To register go to www.formed.org and find Saint Agnes to register, then follow the instructions.

Preschool Religion Program: This program is offered by Saint Agnes Parish for children ages 3, 4, and 5. They meet in the school during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays from September to early May. The program's purpose is to help children at this young age experience God through Bible stories and activities appropriate to their age. Catechists are volunteers who spend time at in-service training sessions to prepare and develop activities to meet the needs of the children.

Religious Education Program for Students Attending Public Schools: CCD or Evening Religion Program is provided at Saint Agnes Parish for students in grades 1-8 who do not attend a Catholic school. The catechists are trained volunteers from the parish who work with the pastor and the coordinator of Religious Education. Other volunteers serve as organizers, teachers, substitute teachers, and aides. The program includes Sacramental preparation and a thorough explanation of Christian doctrine appropriate to each grade level.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The RCIA is a process of learning about the Catholic faith. Through this process, the Church introduces you into its rich traditions and deep roots as the family of God. The Church invites you to become one with Jesus and His grace-filled community through Baptism into the Catholic faith if you are not baptized, or into the full communion of the Catholic Church if you are already baptized. Parish members serve as team members, catechists, and sponsors and provide hospitality at weekly meetings.

Youth Group: Saint Agnes Youth Group was developed to give teens in grades 7 through 12 an opportunity to share faith and fun with other teens of the parish. Meetings are usually held every other Sunday during the school year. Leaders are members of the Dynamic Catholic group. Meetings involve spiritual talks, prayers, and discussion but also games and food. The group has participated in the Diocesan Ski Trip and has sent teams to Youth Weekends at Franciscan University during the summer.

SOCIAL CONCERNS AND OUTREACH

Christian Service: Christian Service has existed at Saint Agnes for over twenty years and is steered by a committee of Saint Agnes parishioners. The purpose of our Christian Service is to provide some assistance to those Saint Agnes parishioners/school families in need, but who don't have access to an established assistance program. Christian Service Sunday is held the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Parishioners are asked to donate non-perishable food items, as well as paper and cleaning supplies, which are donated to Be-Concerned, Welcome House and Rose Garden Home Mission. Monetary donations are also accepted and used to provide assistance to parish/school families over the next year.

First Place 4 Health: First Place 4 Health is a healthy weight loss program centered on giving God first place in our lives. By addressing the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional sides of our lives, we strive to pray, lose weight, eat well and exercise to be strong and healthy in order to do the work God has planned for us. First Place 4 Health is a Bible-based program which seeks healthy weight loss as a long term goal rather than a quick fix weight loss program. There is no joining fee and no weekly fee; sessions last for 12 weeks at a time, usually taking a short hiatus during holiday periods.

Pro-Life Committee: The Pro-Life Committee communicates the pro-life message and keeps the parish informed of activities sponsored by the Diocese or the committee itself. Many of the activities take place during pro-life month in October and around January 22nd, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Saint Agnes Parish Wellness Program: A number of health care professionals from our parish volunteer to do monthly blood pressure screenings.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society: The Saint Agnes Parish Chapter of the International Saint Vincent de Paul Society helps those in need, both materially and spiritually. Cases are referred through our parish and the District Office of the Society. With funds received from our Parish Tithing Fund and other funds donated by parishioners, the Society is able to provide aid to local people who are in need of immediate help. Member meetings are held twice each month.

PARISH LIFE

Athletic Boosters: The Boosters organization was formed to support, develop, and supervise comprehensive sports programs for Saint Agnes. The purpose of the Boosters is to provide the means for children and adults to learn and practice good sportsmanship, honesty, integrity, and respect for rules within an atmosphere of Christian principles. The Boosters conduct fundraising opportunities to help support the school, parish, and sports programs at Saint Agnes.

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Scouting: Saint Agnes sponsors Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Daisies and Girl Scout troops.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Big Blue Bash (Parent Teacher Organization-PTO): This annual event is a fundraiser for school programs and normally occurs in March. Volunteers plan, set up, and organize the event, consisting of an evening of food and drink, a silent auction, and a live auction.

Booster Golf Outing: This Golf Outing, held in August, is a primary fund-raiser for our Athletic Boosters. It is usually followed by an evening of good food and good times.

Coffee, Donuts and Fruit: Various parish groups take turns hosting this opportunity for fellowship and welcoming visitors and new members. Coffee, donuts, and fruit are served after Sunday Masses on the first Sunday of each month.

Fish Fries: On several of the Friday evenings during Lent, our parish has a Fish Fry in the parish hall. Watch the Sunday bulletin and other parish communications for dates and other details.

Holy Thursday Potluck Supper: On Holy Thursday evening, before the beginning of the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Triduum, we have a potluck supper in the parish hall.

Homecoming: Our parish's annual Homecoming is an evening of socializing with current, former and future parishioners and neighborhood friends. It is a very "family friendly" event with food and drink, live music, and games for the kids. It is not a fundraiser but a "fun raiser." Volunteers are needed to help plan, set up, work food and drink stations, and clean up.

Oktoberfest: An annual event in late September/early October, with food, live music, grand raffle, silent auction, and other booths.

Parish Breakfasts: Approximately every three months, our parish has a breakfast on Sunday morning during and after Masses. The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausage, home fried potatoes, juice and coffee. Watch the Sunday bulletin and other parish communications for dates.

Smiles and Miles 5K Run/Walk in Honor of Maria Schaffstein: The Smiles and Miles event honors Maria Schaffstein, who was in an automobile accident in 2010 that sadly ended her life just prior to high school graduation. This event includes the Katie Stewart Memorial FROG (Forever Relying on God) Hop for children 6 and under. Katie was tragically killed in 2016 in a hiking accident shortly before graduation from college. Both of these young ladies were Saint Agnes alums. Funds raised are used to support scholarships to Catholic High Schools, help provide tuition assistance to Saint Agnes School, support our Athletic Boosters, and provide for classroom needs of teachers in our school.

SCHEDULE FOR PARISH MEETINGS

Athletic Boosters	3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m. Parish Conference Room
Board of Catholic Education	2nd Tues., 7:00 p.m. School Media Center
Boy Scouts	Wed., 7:00 p.m., Murphy A & B
Finance Committee	1st Thurs. in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov., 7:00 p.m. Parish Conference Room
Music Group	Mon., 7:00 p.m., Murphy E
Parish Council	1st Tues., 7:00 p.m., Parish Conference Room
Pro-Life	2nd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Murphy A & B in Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. & Dec.
Religious Education Program (CCD)	Mon., 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., School (Aug.-May)
R.C.I.A.	Sun., 10:30 a.m. Parish Conference Room (Sept.-May)
St. Vincent de Paul	2nd & 4th Mon., 7:00 p.m., Parish Conference Room

CONTACT PERSONS FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES

Annulment Advocates	Fr. Mark Keene.....	431-1802
Athletic Boosters	Josh Randolph.....	992-6557
Athletic Director.....	Laurie Arnold.....	341-3026
Baptism & Marriage Preparation.....	Parish Office.....	431-1802
Bereavement Committee.....	Parish Office.....	431-1802
Bulletin	Beth Nagle-Love.....	431-1802
Cafeteria	Teresa Daugherty.....	261-0543
C.C.D./Religious Education.....	Anita Dunn.....	431-1802
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Michelle Schulte.....	356-1148
Christian Service	Parish Office.....	431-1802
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion....	Parish Office.....	431-1802
Finance Committee	Ray Wise.....	802-4969
First Place 4 Health.....	Nancy Bradley.....	803.2002
Greeters	Colleen Read.....	445-5022
Hall Rental.....	Ron Lawson.....	803-3216
Lectors/Commentators.....	Parish Office.....	431-1802
Music Ministry	Bobby Fisher.....	431-1802
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)	Stephanie Fieler.....	331-4620
Perpetual Adoration	Parish Office.....	431-1802
Prayer Line.....	Jeannette Melching.....	331-1924
Pre-School Religion.....	Maureen Osterhaus.....	803-0458
Pro-Life Committee	Mary Beth Scott.....	586-4017
R.C.I.A.	Paula Fritz.....	431-1802
Servers	Parish Office.....	431-1802
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	Pat Curran.....	445-1284
Ushers	Parish Office.....	431-1802
Virtus	Beth Nagle-Love.....	431-1802
Vocation Chalice.....	Parish Office.....	431-1802
Yard Maintenance Crew	Parish Office.....	431-1802
Youth Group.....	Anita Dunn.....	431-1802