

Fr. Jack's Jottings

KUDOS! As we begin this final week of Advent together we stop to acknowledge a couple of folks who minister to our faith community in various ways.

Kate Harney, who chairs our St. Vincent DePaul Society during these very busy days, was meeting with Jenny, our bookkeeper several weeks ago. When a woman, who was meeting with a group in Aloysius Hall at the same time, collapsed with cardiac arrest, Kate and others responded quickly, and, thanks to the recent purchase of our AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) the EMS folks said she saved her life. After several weeks in Audubon Hospital, the woman was released last week!

I spoke on our morning news at school on Monday, telling the students and faculty, "Yesterday, Ms. Reddington received a call from Ms. Leisa Schulz, Superintendent of Schools, telling her that our principal, Ms. **Carol Meirose**, has been chosen *Distinguished Principal of the Year* in the Archdiocese of Louisville! This is a great honor but also an important recognition, because it acknowledges the ways Ms. Meirose proclaims to us the Kingdom of God. You know, in sports we have MVPs, (most valuable players), and Time Magazine each year awards its "person of the year." But in the Gospels Jesus says, "the last shall be first." Often, if I go jogging later in the day, I'll see Ms. Meirose's car still parked in the lot... she's working hard, the last to leave. Or at a School Board meeting, it's her "tough love" that keeps us focused on the task always with the intentions of you students being number one. And when we discuss the difficult issues of parents, or particular boys or girls, it's common to see tears in her eyes, ...she cares so much for you. Congratulations! Ms. Meirose. We are proud! and very lucky to have you as our principal!"



Our Advanced Children's Choir sang at the Carmelite Monastery this week. Thanks to Joe Edlin, Marilyn Cross and Catherine Smith for the extra hours of rehearsals with all the choirs. Our Traditional Choir (under Geoffrey Vickery) and Contemporary Choir and Bell Choirs surely receive kudos as well!

Last week, during the homily at a daily liturgy, the Gospel was that familiar narration when Jesus addresses his disciples about "taking up our cross and following him." At that moment, while gazing into the congregation, I realized there were four different women who had suffered the death of one of their children. So as we stop during this Advent season to thank those who so worthily deserve our praise, we also acknowledge the quiet holiness and inspiration of many whose very lives speak of the birth of Christ anew. God bless you!

Worship

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 AM Eve & Art Fraas
10:00 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 AM Fr. Jim DeManuele, C.P.
10:00 AM Louis Hartlage/Carolyn Crow

WEDNESDAY – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:00 AM James & Rodman Wimsatt
10:00 AM Whitney Snyder (Anniversary)
Louise Kline/Dorothy English

THURSDAY – CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 PM Special Intention
8:00 PM Special Intention
10:30 PM Special Intention

FRIDAY – CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 AM Special Intention
11:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY – STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

5:00 PM Ed Blandford/Mary Ann Hall
Elfriede Freddy Armour

SUNDAY – HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

9:00 AM Herpel/Abell Families/Gene Cowley/
Deceased of Thomas P. Elder Family
11:30 AM Esther & Richard Receveur
Janell O'Callaghan

ATTENTION: The Fire Department has set the **capacity for St. Agnes Church at 740 people**. We are required to maintain this restriction for safety reasons. Please help us! **No standing or sitting in aisles or other** areas with the exception of the pews. Thank you for your cooperation!.

OUR CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.

Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MIN. OF COMMUNION— DECEMBER 26th/27th

5:00 PM tba
9:00 AM tba
11:30 AM tba

LECTORS – DECEMBER 26th/27th

5:00 PM tba
9:00 AM tba
11:30 AM tba

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th – CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 PM Charles Bisig, Philip Bisig, Larry Bisig, & Lawrence Bisig, Jr.
8:30 PM Patrick Stewart, Tom & Susan Kaelin, & Mitch Patenaude
10:30 PM Mike Bisig, Frank Campbell, Dale Frize, & Jerry Spanyer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25th – CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 AM Ed & Nancy Kimmel, Steve Mock, & Joe Deck
11:00 AM Charles Glaviano, Jack Abby, Mike or Vanessa Ruppe, & Ray Scheller

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY – DEC. 26th/27th

5:00 PM Shirley DeFelice and Rita Harrod
9:00 AM Ed Kimmel or Nancy Kimmel, Philip Bisig, Larry Bisig, and Steve Mock
11:30 AM Charles Glaviano, Dianna Curtsinger, and Tony Murphy

GREETERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th – CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 PM The Stein Family
8:00 PM Rudy & Dana Schlich
10:30 PM The Tony Murphy Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25th – CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 AM The Deck Family
11:00 AM The Kassebaum Family

GREETERS – DECEMBER 26th/27th

5:00 PM The Scott Karem Family
9:00 AM The Reinert Family
11:30 AM Ingrid Lim & Maki Juillerat

MINISTERS OF MUSIC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th – CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 PM tba, Joe Edlin, Combined Children Choirs
8:00 PM Lori Codey, Geoffrey Vickery, Trad Choir
10:30 PM Lynn Smuskiewicz, Joe Edlin/Geoffrey Vickery, Contemporary Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25th – CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 AM Beverly Bisig, Geoffrey Vickery, Schola
11:00 AM Barbara O'Daniel-Munger, Joe Edlin, Adult Bell Choir

DECEMBER 26th/27th

5:00 PM Tony Lindauer, Geoffrey Vickery
9:00 AM Lori Codey, Geoffrey Vickery, Trad Choir
11:30 AM Barbara O'Daniel-Munger, Joe Edlin, Adult Bell Choir

WEEKDAY SERVERS—DECEMBER 22nd-23rd

10:00 AM (TU) Joey Gardner and Kent von Nostitz
10:00 AM (WED) Joey Gardner and Ryan Donahue

WEEKEND HIGH SCH. SERVERS—DEC. 26th/27th

5:00 PM Maria Kosse and Catherine Kosse
9:00 AM Natalie Van Hamburg and Ian Ordning
11:30 AM McCauley Paulin and Cicily Rauen

Community

Please pray for our sick

Helen Schmidt	Jenny Robinson Sass
Marce & Bernie Trager	Edward Stauble
Mary Masterson	Shirley Renders
Herman Karrer	Jim & Marlene Ryan
Margaret Reed	Phil & Ann Meisel
Damion Kline	Pat Lega
John Johnson	Bill Buchart
Jesse & Wanda Johnson	Nancy Bowling Thompson
Jennifer Lee	Andrew McKinley
Irene Walsh	David Smucker
Charlaine Hays	Janie Duggins
Amanda Bern	Mary Joann Taylor
Serena Summers	Jane Wagner
Helen M. Krebs	Terry Powell
Anna Maria Beck	Pat Sheehan
Robert Coury	Barbara Yates
Michelle McCoy	Sandee Schweickart
Karen Cocker	Karen Wright
Kevin Lamkin	Emily Deutsch Schmitt
Lisa Whitus	Doris Ward
Cisi Burlew	Clarence Schreck
Susan Masters	Tommy Gutierrez
Tina Bittel	Daphne Herzog
Martha Spalding	Steve Stout
Jim Hall	Sr. Jane Hall, SCN
Dick Hall	Pat Vincent
Suzanne Bischoff	Riley Pfeiffer
Bill Moore	Lois Hunn
Jane Ekart	Bob Crush
Jeanie Durbin	Mary Starr
Patrick Hanley	Jerome & Jean Raque
Chris Ising	Ron Powers
Naomi Sanrope	John Tarter

Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers loved ones of our parish family who have died:

Madelyn Kast

May God grant her eternal joy and peace.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY–DECEMBER 20th

Nursery in Charity Hall during 9AM Liturgy
Sunday Sch for Preschool in Charity Hall during 9AM Liturgy
Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9AM Liturgy
10:00 AM Gr. 2 Brwn Muffins with Mom – Al. Hall
7:00 PM St. Agnes Christmas Concert – Church

MONDAY – DECEMBER 21st

7:00 PM Scouts – MR-A&B

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 22nd

11:00 AM Recovery – Aloysius Hall
7:30 PM Adult Bell Choir – School

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 23rd

Parish Office closed!

11:00 AM Combined Children Choirs – CH & AH
7:00 PM Traditional Choir – Church

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 24th – CHRISTMAS EVE

Parish Office closed!

Mass Schedule: 5:30pm, 8:00pm, & 10:30pm

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 25th – CHRISTMAS DAY

Parish Office closed!

Mass Schedule: 9:00am & 11:00am



Christmas Blessings to All!!!

SATURDAY–DECEMBER 26th

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 27th

Nursery in Charity Hall during 9AM Liturgy
Nursery Volunteers: Kara & John Schmidt
NO class for Sunday Sch for Preschool in Charity Hall during 9AM Liturgy
Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9AM Liturgy
Teachers: O'Daniel & Wolf



Advent Activities

Check out the table in the back of the church for Advent resources which include the "blue book" daily Advent Study Guide and a prayer card to use with your own Advent Wreath.

Make plans to attend the St. Agnes Christmas Concert on tonight, Sunday, December 20th at 7:00 in the Church!

Kevin Skendzel representing **Diocesan Publications** (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office, 451-2220. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

SENGA NEWS

SENGA JANUARY OUTING

We will go by Tarc bus to the Louisville Science Center for the Titanic Exhibit and Imax movie on Wednesday, January 13th. Reservations are required and the cost is \$10.00 and must be in by January 6th. Guests are welcome at \$13 per person. There will be no refunds. Please make all checks payable to Senga and call Ann Plamp, 491-4011 for reservations. Bus will leave St. Agnes at 10:45 a.m.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH, SERVICE, COMPASSION
AND ACTION**

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE has begun the formal process for determining who will receive the 2009 stewardship gifts. The Committee is now accepting nominations. **Nomination forms are available at the Parish office or on the Parish web page and are due back in December.** Final decision and awards will be made in March. Please consider a worthy charitable organization that deserves your nomination. Outreach is more than just a giving of our treasure; much more can be gained by our giving of our time and talent as well.

GIVE THE GIFT OF COWPASSION THIS SEASON!

Honor the people on your list with a gift that is unique, sustainable and compassionate. Just **\$150 will extend a micro-loan**, allowing a family in Randham, Tamilnadu, in Southeast India to take a step out of poverty. The program is administered by Passionist colleagues of Fr. Nelson, who served there before coming to Saint Agnes. The \$150 loan from the Passionist parish, in the name of the honoree/s that you designate assists the family in purchasing a cow. A cow costs about \$250. The family, typically earning about \$2 a day, pays the balance. In addition to improving the family's daily nutrition, the cow increases the family's income, with the parish serving as a milk co-operative. The parish then sells the milk to a processing plant. Thus, the program is fully sustainable. Your \$150 loan continues to benefit family after family.

How this works: You fund a CowPassionate micro-loan with your check to St. Agnes in the amount of \$150 or more (or you can give a "share of a cow" in any amount) and submit it to Fr. Nelson at the Parish House. In about a week, you'll receive a full color gift certificate, which you may then present as a gift to your designated honoree/s, that acknowledges the honoree as a compassionate supporter of this sustainable micro-loan program that is helping families out of poverty. About 6-8 weeks later, you will receive a photo of the individual or family (and their cow) who benefited from your micro-loan in the name of your honoree. Please make your tax deductible donation check payable to: St. Agnes.

**OUR EMERGENCY PANTRY NEEDS FOOD
DONATIONS!**

Your donations are needed to help us restock the St. Agnes/ St. Vincent de Paul emergency pantry. Especially useful is macaroni and cheese, canned meats/fish, canned fruit and vegetables, toilet paper, dish liquid and laundry detergent. Please bring your donations to church or the parish house. MANY thanks.

**SILENT PRAYER FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM NEXT
SUNDAY**

You are invited to be part of our monthly silent prayer service on an area of life concern, celebrating the beauty of all God's creation. Please join on **Sunday, December 27th, to pray specifically for Immigration Reform legislation that reflects the teachings of our tradition.** Come and stay for a moment or as long as you can between masses, from 10:20 – 11:20am in Aloysius Hall. Light a candle for all refugees and immigrants in our country who struggle with many needs. This event is cosponsored by the St. Agnes Compassion and Action Committee and the Parish Social Ministry Department of Catholic Charities.

REFUGEE MENTORING TRAINING

Want to share a little of your life with a newly arrived refugee family? Mentors make all the difference to a family from another land and culture – helping with adjusting and just being a friendly face. If you have a little time and some heart to share, come learn more at a mentor training session **THIS TUESDAY** at 10 am at Catholic Charities (2911 S. 4th St). Please call Anne Walter if you are interested: 583-6419.

THANKS TO ALL WHO

brought donations to Sister Visitor program and those who sponsored individuals through the HCM Angel Tree. Your kindness is deeply appreciated!

Christmas Flowers & Decorations Donations

Donated by:	In Memory of:
Juanita Riehl	Stuart J. Riehl, Will Pridemore
Mary Jo Gleason	John F. (Jack) Gleason
Shirley DeFelice	Catherine & Jimmy DeFelice
Jack, Maggie & Lily Abby	Abby, Bates, Carta & Fass Fams
Margaret, Marty, Katie & Anthony	Denny Anderson
Shirley DeFelice	Catherine & James DeFelice
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Juanita Riehl	Stuart J. Riehl/Will Pridemore
Mary Jo Gleason	John F. (Jack) Gleason
Kay Marty	Fred Marty
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Joan Gillespie	Gillespie/Mazzoni Families
Ed/Norma Delmenhorst	Anna & George Hahn/Marie King Erna/Marlin Delmenorst and Dorothy Rushing
Catherine Vessels	Robert Vessels
Spanyer Family	Joseph & Margaret Spanyer
Spanyer Family	Rose & Embry Brown
Mary Jane Voll	Fitzgibbon & Voll Families
Ann & Clark Weeks	Kleine-Kracht & Weeks Families
Barry Queenan	Paul Queenan/Helen Porter
Klan & Smith Families	Joe Klan
Coretta Wolford	Cora & Marvin Lucas
Martha Blair	Joseph & Elizabeth Blair/Jane Kaelin
Pat & Phil Barber	Barber, Abell & Herpel Families
John & Joan May	John Schnieders, Margaret Schnieders,
Jack Flick, Arthur Garrison, Marcia Meier	
Karlene Moran	Bill Moran
Doris Trossky	Anna & Samuel Trossky
O'Bryan Family	Shannon O'Bryan
Landenwich Family	Dot & Peggy Landenwich
Pape Family	Mary, Marion & Rosemary Abell
Eleanor Venhoff	Kitty Venhoff Loran
Ann Kupper	Irvin, Damian & Joseph Kupper
Vince Spoelker	Margaret Spoelker
Penny McTighe	Michael Stegeman & Joseph McTighe
Mary Daly	Jack & Patrick Daly



Once again we are so grateful to Byerly Ford/Nissan, John Daunhauer, Greg Daunhauer, and John Paul Daunhauer for so generously donating our 2010 St. Agnes calendars this year!!!

Our Christmas Liturgies could not happen without the generosity of many parishioners. Thank you to all the Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, Greeters, Servers, Cantors, Choirs, Art & Environment Committee and all who always donate their time and talent at this busy time.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you for the many cards and remembrances and gifts that we have received this holiday season. May the celebration of the Christmas Season and New Year fill your hearts and homes with love, joy, and peace. Remember the important gifts of Christmas are the gifts of ourselves to each other!

Fr. Jack, Fr. Nelson, and the St. Agnes Parish Staff



LECTORS: Please pick up your new Lector Workbook at the Parish House M-F, 9am-5pm.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

4th ADVENT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 20th, 2009

"Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings you neither desired nor delighted in – in other words, God takes away the first covenant to establish the second."
Hebrews 10:8-9

The first covenant emphasized sacrificial giving, duty, and obligation. The second covenant which involves us as stewards emphasizes thanksgiving, gratitude, and cheerfulness.

Administration

Collection from

12/13/09

\$18,735.00

Envelopes	\$18,440.00
Loose	294.75
Children's Envelopes	.25
ACTUAL	\$18,735.000

Thank you for your generous gift of Treasure!

TIME & TALENT

Retirement Fund helps senior religious. Religious give thanks. Of the support offered by this appeal, one religious writes, "We deeply appreciate this assistance. God's loving care touches us through the hearts of thousands of Catholics who give so generously to this collection year after year." Women and men religious throughout the country send their abundant thanks for your donation. www.retiredreligious.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2010!

Catholic Faith Café in Aloysius Hall

Eucharist Spirituality – How our deepening and developing understanding of Eucharist impacts our spirituality and prayer life.

Instructor: Ms. Virginia Brown, Educational and Ministry Consultant

Sundays, Once Monthly, from 10:15 until 11:25 a.m.

January 10th, February 14th, and March 14th

Spanish Class for Beginners

Saturdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 27, 2010, 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Hand in Hand Ministries, 2225 Steier Ln. Cost \$45 – Call 459-9930 or for more information, e-mail

maryhelen@hhministries.com.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us THIS Sunday, Dec. 20th, for our first ever Un-Birthday party to celebrate everyone's birth throughout the year. We'll be playing birthday party games and decorating cup-cakes in the Youth Center from 7-9 p.m.

Have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

There are still a few spots left on Mission Trip 2010 to Atlanta, GA – hurry, because spots will be closed after Jan. 13th. **The first payment has been extended until March, making it the perfect time to sign up.** For more information about the trip, please contact Mary. The Mission Trip is open to any young person of the parish currently in high school.

Calling parents and adults of the parish who care about the spiritual lives of our youth – we are always willing to welcome new people to minister and share their gifts with the youth of the parish. If this is a stewardship opportunity that interests you, contact Mary (mfurmanek@stagnelouisville.org) and stop by a youth ministry gathering to see what we are about!

• Christmas is Coming • The Angel Gabriel • O Holy Night • Sing Joy! • The Jesus Gift •

Christmas Concert

featuring the musicians of
St. Agnes Church



Exquisite

music of the

Christmas Season

by the Traditional Choir

and Adult Bell Choir. Soloists:

Douglas Biggs, Kathleen Codey,

Lori Codey, Holli Holmes, Kathleen

and Robert Mattingly, Beverly McAuliffe,

Tom Ording, Melissa Rueff, Geoffrey Vickery,

Choir Director. Rudy Mosier, Handbell Director.

Free

Admission

St. Agnes Church

1920 Newburg Road

Louisville, Kentucky

Sunday, December 20, 2009

7:00 p.m.

• Joy to the World • Angel's Carol • Carol of the Bells • Do You Hear What I Hear? •

• Jesus, Gentle Lamb • O Come, All Ye Faithful • Ding Dong Merrily on High • Christmas in Killarney •

• Silent Night • Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow • 'Twas the Night Before Christmas • White Christmas •

**Eucharistic Ministers and
Lectors are needed for the
following Masses**

Christmas Eve – 5:30, 8:00, and 10:30
Christmas Day – 9:00 and 11:00
Saturday, December 26 – 5:00pm
Sunday, December 27 – 9:00am and 11:30am
New Years Eve – 5:00pm
New Years Day – 10:00am

**There will be sign-up sheets in church
for volunteering or you may call Tom
Sawyer at 454-3368 (home), 852-
8913 (work) or 751-3883 (cell) to
volunteer to minister at any of these
Masses. Thank you very much.**

Fr. Cedric, a Passionist Priest, can be seen on
the Faith Channel 19 on Sundays, 9PM, Mondays,
10AM, Thursdays, 7:30PM, and Fridays, 10PM. The
TV show is "Live With Passion". Please tune in!

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maryhelen@hhministries.com.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR
MILITARY**

**Tech. Sgt. Mary Atkinson & Mast. Sgt. Rob
Atkinson**, U.S. Air Force
Major Todd Knights, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan
Sgt. Randall "Randy" Pike, Kandahar,
Afghanistan
Gen. Christopher Tucker, Army, Saudi Arabia
LCPL Joe Sabel, Marine, Iraq
Spec. 4 Leigh Anne Moffatt, Army, Ft.
Sam, Houston, TX
Brian Silverstein, US Navy
Sgt. John R. Reid, Army
LCPL Joshua Johnson, Camp Le Jeune, North
Carolina
Major Will Kepley, Iraq
Spec. Benjamin Wing, 101st Airborne,
Afghanistan
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