

Jack's Jottings

The Christmas season closes with our celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Like you and I, Jesus receives his identity at the moment of Baptism: "You are my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased." His identity is Son, unconditionally loved by God. Oh! If only we could believe that! If only we could believe that we are unconditionally loved by God as son and daughter.

I suppose there are too many voices out there thundering the opposite: achieve this status and you'll be accepted, acquire this grade or income or possession and you'll be accepted, do this and you'll be worthy. This might come from the corporate world, the advertising or marketing world; perhaps even our parents or the Church.

Even Jesus had to listen to those deceptive voices. "If you really are the Son (loved unconditionally)... prove it! Change these stones into bread." And so he began his ministry. And he concludes his ministry and his life by having to listen to the same deathly voices, "If you really are the Son... come down off that cross."

How is the devil trying to rob you of your Baptismal identity? What negative tapes play between your ears that "beat you up" and try to deny the unconditional love that God has for you?

The original meaning of the sign of the cross was a renewal of our Baptism, each time we made it. As we touch forehead, chest, shoulders, we repeat the words by which we were born into the Body of Christ, the Church. On this feast of the Lord's Baptism, let's recommit ourselves to receiving God's wholesale and unconditional love.

Worship

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY – WEEKDAY

7:00 AM Helen Barnes
10:00 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY – WEEKDAY

7:00 AM Anita Kustes (1st Anniversary)
10:00 AM Charlaine Hays

WEDNESDAY – ST. HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR

7:00 AM Jim Cecil
10:00 AM Norman Linton

THURSDAY – WEEKDAY

7:00 AM Thelma Young
10:00 AM Mary Abell

FRIDAY – WEEKDAY

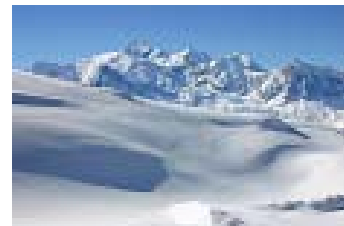
7:00 AM Fr. Howard Ralenkotter, C.P.
10:00 AM Ray & Helen Neal

SATURDAY – BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5:00 PM Bruce F. Boldt, Sr./Kevin Endresen
Elaine Goulet

SUNDAY – 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Thos. P. Elder
Family
11:30 AM Frank McConnell (Anniversary)
Andrew & Susie Glaviano



SENGA NEWS

SENGA JANUARY OUTING

The bus will leave the St. Agnes parking lot for the Louisville Science Center for the Titanic Exhibit and Imax movie at 10:45 a.m. this Wednesday, January 13th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY–JANUARY 10th

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
 10:15 AM Catholic Faith Café – Aloysius Hall
 12:45 PM Justice Ministry Network mtg. – A. Hall
 6:30 PM Bridge – Aloysius Hall

MONDAY – JANUARY 11th

10:00 AM MOM'S Club – Ray's
 6:00 PM Building/Grounds – MR-C
 7:00 PM Scouts – MR-A&B

TUESDAY – JANUARY 12th

7:30 AM Comp/Action mtg – Aloysius Hall
 11:00 AM Recovery – Aloysius Hall
 3:00 PM Children's Bell Choir – School
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts – Charity Hall
 6:30 PM School Board mtg. – MR-C

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 13th

10:45 AM Senga trip – meet in parking lot
 3:00 PM Children's Bell Choir – School
 4:30 PM PTS Conferences – School
 6:30 PM Religious Education – St. S. Martyr
 7:00 PM Contemporary Choir – Church

THURSDAY – JANUARY 14th

3:30 PM PTS Conferences – School
 5:00 PM Market Day Pick-Up – Parish Center
 7:00 PM RCIA mtg. – Aloysius Hall
 7:00 PM Traditional Choir – Church

FRIDAY – JANUARY 15th

NO SCHOOL TODAY!

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group – Staff lunchroom

SATURDAY–JANUARY 16th

SUNDAY – JANUARY 17th

Nursery in Charity Hall during 9AM Liturgy
 Nursery Volunteers: tba
 Sunday Sch for Preschool in Charity Hall during 9AM Liturgy
 Teachers: Monica & Paul O'Bryan Topic: "Gave Us Fish"
 Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9AM Liturgy
 Teachers: Hinkebein-Spalding
 10:20 AM Open Prayer Day – Aloysius Hall

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MIN. OF COMMUNION– JANUARY 16th & 17th

5:00 PM Clarice Casper CB, Tim O'Dea MB,
 Vincent Kokojan MW1, Philip Bullock
 MW2, Sharon Schwarz JB, Emily
 Felhoelter JW1, Carol Browning JW2
 9:00 AM Ron Bisig CB, Pat Duerr MB, Barry
 Queenan MW1, Jim Bibb MW2, Debby
 Horn JB, Catherine Spalding JW1, Kevin
 Horn JW2, Andrea Denbow CHB,
 Suzanne Mullins CHW
 11:30 AM Ashley Becker CB, Bridget Babcock MB,
 Kay Russell MW1, **Volunteer Needed**
MW2, Mary Ellen Potts JB, Nicole
 Brinkman JW1, Matt Becker JW2

LECTORS – JANUARY 16th & 17th

5:00 PM Erlinda Paguio & TJ Echsner
 9:00 AM Angela Bisig & David Schuler
 11:30 AM Patrick McElhone & Anne Sansbury

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY–JANUARY 16th & 17th

5:00 PM Mary Bohler & Russ Dages
 9:00 AM Ed Kimmel or Nancy Kimmel, Joseph
 Bisig, Tim Niehoff, and Mike Helling
 11:30 AM Jack Abby, Diana Curtsinger, & Vince
 Lucchese

GREETERS – JANUARY 16th & 17th

5:00 PM The Foote Family
 9:00 AM The Eric George Family
 11:30 AM The Sasser Family

MINISTERS OF MUSIC - JANUARY 16 & 17th

5:00 PM Barbara O'Daniel-Munger, Joe Edlin
 9:00 AM Lori Codey, Geoffrey Vickery, Traditional
 Choir
 11:30 AM Winnie Spitz, Joe Edlin, Cont. Choir

WEEKDAY SERVERS–JANUARY 12th-15th

10:00 AM (TU) tba
 10:00 AM (WED) tba
 10:00 AM (THURS) tba
 10:00 AM (FRI) tba

WEEKEND HIGH SCH. SERVERS–JAN. 16th & 17th

5:00 PM Adam Badaracco & Ryan Coyne
 9:00 AM Luke Ervin & Lauren Schwarz
 11:30 AM Alexa Sandbach & Molly Badgett

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
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	Jerome & Jean Raque
Lois Hunn	John Tarter
Jane Ekart	Bob Crush
Jeanie Durbin	Mary Starr
Patrick Hanley	Ron Powers
Janie Duggins	Riley Pfeiffer
Chris Ising	Marge Spalding
Linda & Rich Jeskel	

Rest In Peace

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

Charlaine Hays

Helen Barnes

Mary Kathryn Hill (Mother of Laura Heinzen)

May God grant them eternal joy and peace.

For Your Reflection this week

Scripture Readings for January 17th:

Reading I – Isaiah 62:1-5

Reading II – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel – John 2:1-11

COMMUNITY OUTREACH, SERVICE, COMPASSION AND ACTION OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS

THANKS TO THE 35+ *COMPASSION* GIFTS!

Deep gratitude to those who shared a microloan for a cow for a poor family in India this Christmas.

This kind of gift is unique, sustainable and compassionate. **\$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.

Gifts can be given at any time. For more information about how this works contact Fr. Nelson at the Parish House or John Fitzgerald at john@fitzio.com.

SILENT PRAYER FOR RESPECT FOR LIFE AND AN END TO ABORTION *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 us on **Sunday, January 17th, to pray specifically for an end to abortion.**

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 people (mothers, family members, healthcare workers) struggling with decisions involving unborn babies. This event is cosponsored by the St. Agnes Compassion and Action Committee and the Parish Social Ministry Department of Catholic Charities.

A CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS IN OUR COMMUNITY: The Next "Justice Sunday"

The next Justice Sunday will be **Jan 24th from 6:30 to 9pm at Aloysius Hall.** We will have the opportunity to learn about some of the fine current ministries of the Dominican Sisters of Peace (seven newly merged Dominican communities including the Kentucky Dominicans), the Ursuline Sisters, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and the Sisters of Mercy. Come celebrate, hear and tell stories of the many ministries (past and present) that have shaped the Catholic Church of Louisville for two centuries. Refreshments at 6:30 with presentations and discussion following at 7pm.



ST. AGNES 2010 CARNIVAL will be July 16th & 17th. Lots of volunteers are needed – so please plan your vacation around it. More information available on the parish website.

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.

REPAIR AFFAIR – For all of you “regulars” and those waiting for another good reason to come out in June and help the St. Agnes team work miracles on a Saturday, we have an offer for you! You may or may not have heard about Disney’s “Give A Day/Get A Day” volunteer program which entitles you to a free pass to any Disney Park for a day that you give to volunteerism, but New Direction’s Repair Affair is on the list! Go to www.disneyparks.com and pre-register for New Direction’s Repair Affair for June 12, 2010. There are other worthy causes you can sign up for if you can’t make it on that day, but we’ll be looking for your “Mickey Ears” on Saturday, June 12th! Questions, call Jerry or Cherie, 339-8567. Thank you!



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.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS Sunday, Jan. 10th will be Dinner and a Movie night from 6:30 to 9 p.m. We will be watching “The Bucket List” and making our own bucket lists afterward.

It’s that time of year again! Join us for a Father/Daughter Dance planning meeting Monday, Jan. 11th from 7-8 p.m.

NEXT Sunday, Jan. 17th, we will be joining St. Aloysius and St. Margaret Mary to plan the social portion and design the T-shirt for Food Fast 2010, which will be March 6-7th. We will meet at the Heine Brothers on Chenoweth Ln. from 1-2:30 p.m. – we will meet after 11:30 Mass to carpool there.

There are still a few spots left on Mission Trip 2010 to Atlanta, GA – **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@stagneslouisville.org) and stop by a youth ministry gathering to see what we are about!

Thank you for your Christmas help!

Via Highlands Community Ministries 23 churches and organizations combined resources to help 220 households with food baskets and two gifts per person in each household at Christmas 2009. Thank you for your generosity. God bless you!
Stan Esterle, Highlands Community Ministries

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JANUARY 10, 2010

“After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.” Luke 3:21

Our stewardship journey begins in the waters of baptism. It is through the waters of baptism that we are given a new life and become disciples of Jesus. As Jesus’ disciples, we are called to build the kingdom of God with the gifts God has given to us.



2010 Walk for Life

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville Youth Ministry Office

On Friday, January 22nd, youth and families from around the Archdiocese will gather for a walk around downtown Louisville to pray for life and justice issues of all types. Prayer stops will include the court house, an abortion clinic, and hospital junction. The group will meet in the Cathedral Undercroft at 5 p.m. and will return by 7 p.m.

This event is geared toward high school and junior high youth, but families are welcome to participate as a unit.

To sign up as an individual (teenager) or as a family, contact Mary Furmanek at 452-2502 no later than Wednesday, January 20th with the number that will be attending

Catholic Healing Service led by Fr. Bernie Weber, C.P.; Tues. January 12 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. All are welcome!

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK JANUARY 10-16, 2010

On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord we begin National Vocation Awareness Week. Renew your baptismal commitment as you consider your call to serve God in your particular vocation. Hopefully some of you will hear a call to priesthood, diaconate or religious life and will be open to that possibility.

BAPTIZED IN THE SPIRIT

Administration

This section will be updated in next week’s bulletin.

Collection from

	12/27/09	
	\$29,885.00	
Envelopes		\$29,228.00
Loose		551.75
Children’s Envelopes		105.25
ACTUAL		29,885.00
	12/31/09	
	\$20,233.00	
Envelopes		\$11,283.00
Loose		8950.00
Children’s Envelopes		0
ACTUAL		20,233.00
	01/03/10	
	\$11,380.00	
Envelopes		\$10,897.00
Loose		482.75
Children’s Envelopes		.25
ACTUAL		11,380.00

Thank you for your generous gift of Treasure!

TIME & TALENT

Prepared and/or served lunch for the family of **Charlaine Hays**: Carole Clifford, Kay Marty, Carolyn Pape, Juanita Riehl, and Mary Lou Schrage

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
1st Lt. Maria Borders, US Air Force, Iraq
Major Michael Borders, Jr., Arizona
Cpt. Julie Hurst, Army, Iraq

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!

~ THANK YOU ~

"Dear Folks at St. Agnes,
Thank you so much for the box of food you brought to us this Christmas. We have had an unusually tough time financially since 2003 when Owen was diagnosed with a rare, serious disease. We appreciate your sharing with us. It is a great work to cooperate with God in this way.
Yours in Jesus"

"Thank you for blessing me and my family."

"Thank you to the Church & Volunteers that prepared and delivered the food basket during the Christmas Holiday. This was a huge help during this rough time of the year. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you."

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

Health & Hope, a support group for Catholics struggling with mental health issues will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 21st at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center, 508 Breckenridge Lane. Discussions, spiritual readings and refreshments are included. For more information call Steve at 895-1184.

Celebrate Valentine's Day by spending some quality time with your spouse enriching your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: February 12-14, 2010 at Flaget Center in Louisville or April 23-25 at Our Lady of Fatima Center in Indianapolis. For info brochure or to register call Jack and Kathy at 502-895-8997 or go to www.wwme.org

TWENTY-AND THIRTY-SOMETHINGS

Vincenian Outreach for Young Adults (VOYA) will be offering two service trips in 2010 – northern Louisiana in February and Arizona in August. To find out more about these opportunities to serve the needy with other young adults, please visit www.voya.us.