

# January † St. Agnes Faith First for Families

## WEDNESDAY AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

Dinner & Check-in	5:00
Music & Prayer	5:45
Stations	6:30
Closing Prayer & Treasure Tickets	7:35
Dismissal	7:45
<i>Treasure Table opens this month!</i>	

## SUNDAY AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

Dinner & Check-in	4:30
Music & Treasure Tickets	5:10
Mass	5:30
Stations	6:35
Closing Prayer & Dismissal	7:30
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**Dinner & Check-in.** Say grace as a family & enjoy your dinner out on the lawn. Extra blankets and chairs are available under the canopy near the main doors if you forgot yours. Be sure to check-in at the Reception Desk. Homework sheets will be given out at dismissal. *Optional childcare for children under 5 is in the Cry Room with adult & teen supervision after dinner.*

**Music & Prayer/Announcements (Wed only).** Gather in the main church for songs & prayer. We will focus on the "Question of the Week" for the Sunday Mass Reading.

**Stations.** 3 Stations in 20 minute rotations follow prayer. (See descriptions on back.)

**Homework & Treasure Tickets.** The Treasure Table opens in the Narthex immediately following the closing prayer. Station leaders/assistants will be at the exits to handout this month's homework calendar. Sign up for events at the Sign-in table in the Narthex.

## Stations

**STATION 1 -Holy Living** (Located in the main church.)

Based on "Holy Orders & Matrimony" (Homework Theme 10) we will learn about different ways of serving the Church and living a holy life in our homes.

*ENTER: When exiting the Chapel, enter the main Church through the northeast side door by the handicapped parking.*

*EXIT: Go out through the four glass doors into the Narthex to station 2.*

**STATION 2 - Faith Bracelet Craft** (Located in the Narthex.)

Each child will make "Faith" bracelet in which each colored bead represents a different truth about our life as Christians that began when we were baptized. Based on "Baptism & Confirmation" (Homework Theme 7.) If you finish your bracelet before it is time to rotate to the next station, ask the station leader for some "FUN" pages. Be sure to leave the floor and tables clean for the next group.

*ENTER: from the main church through the four glass doors into the Narthex.*

*EXIT: Walk through the main Narthex doors & follow the sidewalk to the nearest doors of the Chapel. Please do not run or climb on the water features.*

**STATION 3 - Miracles of Jesus** (Located in the Chapel.)

The Bible has many stories of the miracles that Jesus did when he lived among us. How does this makes a difference in our lives? Based on "The Miracles of Jesus" (Homework Theme 23).

*ENTER: from the West chapel doors. Please do not climb or play on water features.*

*EXIT: from the Chapel's back door, follow the path to the main Church (Station 1) through the northeast side door by the handicapped parking.*

## Announcements

### Save the dates! More information will be in the weekly bulletin:

Jan. 21 – St. Agnes Feast Day Mass & Celebration, 7pm  
Jan. 31 – Parent meeting for Teens preparing for Confirmation. (see below)  
Feb. 3 – Wednesday Session of FFF 5-8pm, includes dinner  
Feb. 6 – “Prince Caspian” Free “Dinner & A Movie” Night, follows 4pm Mass @5  
Feb. 14 – Sunday Session of FFF 4:30-7:30pm, includes dinner and Mass  
Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday, 7pm Mass  
Feb. 22, 23, 24 – Parish Mission, 7pm all three nights (Cry Room will be open for those who need it)  
April 1 – Holy Thursday, 7pm Mass  
April 2 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 6pm. (This event replaces the Faith First for Families April assembly for both Wed. & Sun. groups but dinner will NOT be served.)  
April 3 – Holy Saturday Easter Food Blessing & Egg Hunt, 2pm. We will begin in the Chapel with the traditional Polish blessing.  
May 8 – May Crowning Mass & Ice Cream Social, begins with 4pm Vigil Mass. (This event replaces the Faith First for Families May assembly for both Wed. & Sun. groups but dinner will NOT be served.)  
May 19 – First Communion rehearsal 6-8pm for all grades  
May 23 – First Communion at 8:30, 10:30, 12:30 Masses  
June 14-18 – Vacation Bible School week for children entering grades 1 – 5. Adult and teen volunteers needed! Contact Charlotte Locke in the parish office for details.

Youth Group meets every Sunday! Plus other dates are planned throughout the year for the teens including social nights, service, & diocesan events.

Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grades) 4-5:15 pm & High School (9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades) 6:30-8:30pm.

With 5:30 Mass provided in between meetings for everyone. Join us! Registration is always open and friends are welcome!

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF TEENS WHO ARE IN THEIR FIRST YEAR OF CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION IN 2011)...PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND A MEETING TO REVIEW 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION ON SUN, JAN 31 AT 6:30 PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH. *If your student is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade & up and has not been confirmed, you should attend this meeting. Please call the Faith Formation office before Jan. 29 if you are not sure if you should come to this meeting.***

**Adult Volunteers Needed!** Leave your name on the sign-up sheet in Reception to help with:

Set-up/Clean-up

Office Work & Communications

Station Leader/Assistant

Prayer Leader

Special Projects

Photographers

**Information.** All forms and parish information including the weekly bulletin and homework is posted at our parish website: [www.StAgnesNaples.org](http://www.StAgnesNaples.org)

**Absences.** Please be courteous enough to let us know if your family will be absent from all or a part of any session in which you are registered by calling the Parish Office and leaving a message or via e-mail.

## January Homework

Workbooks and family guides were given last month. If you were in the program last year, you will use your *At Home Family Guide* again and every student gets a new workbook according to their grade level. *Spanish Family Guides* change according to grade level every year, also.

**This Week:** No worries! There is never homework on the week of the Family Assembly!

**Week 2:** Theme 10 – Holy Orders & Matrimony

**Week 3:** Theme 7 – Baptism & Confirmation

**Week 4:** Theme 23 – The Miracles of Jesus

If you have internet access, when children are done with their chapter, they may go to the Faith First website to take the chapter test. Here's how to take an online Chapter Test:

1. At the [www.FaithFirst.com](http://www.FaithFirst.com) website, click **Kids' Clubhouse (K-3)** or **Kids Only (4-6)**.
2. Choose **Chapter Review, Legacy Edition**, then choose the appropriate **Grade & Chapter**.
3. Follow the directions on the screen to take the test.
4. Email the results with your child's First and Last Name to **Ivy@StAgnesNaples.org**
5. For every test Ivy receives, your child will get a ticket that can be cashed in for prizes at the Tickets for Treasure table the following month. The table will be open at dismissal.
6. **NOTE:** If your weekly assignment does not have an online test associated with it (such as the Kindergarten and some Liturgical themes) you can send an email stating in your child's own words what they learned and/or what family activity was chosen to be carried out that week.

**Extra Credit! Extra Tickets!** Only after you have completed the homework each week can you attempt the extra credit for extra tickets. Find the "Question of the Week" that goes with the Scripture readings at Mass for Sunday in the St. Agnes Sunday Bulletin. (It is usually printed on the inside front cover of the bulletin inside a tan box.) Re-read the Gospel and discuss your answers to the question(s) as a family. If you did not get a bulletin at Mass you can read or print a copy from the parish website. Be sure to email Ivy with your family's response to the question to earn a Ticket for Treasures! Ivy's email is **Ivy@StAgnesNaples.org**

If you do not have internet access and cannot borrow a friend/relative's computer or get to the public library, write out your family's responses to the question of the week and bring it to next month's assembly to earn your tickets! You may also have your child bring his textbook to show the completed chapters.

**If you need assistance, call the office at 592-1949.**

**We will do our best to help you!**