



St. Agnes †

Faith First for Families

January



Happy New Year! We are still concluding the season of Christmas with the Epiphany of the Lord on Sunday, Jan. 8 and the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, Jan. 9. Did your students bring their workbooks with them tonight? Their teacher will be teaching from it but if they forgot it, they can share with one of their classmates. We are following the same agenda from the previous months, as follows.

5:45-6:40, Dinner. Attendance will be taken by the teachers in the classrooms. Please say grace as a family & enjoy your dinner! There is overflow seating under the Parish Center canopy. No food is allowed in the classrooms or worship spaces. Dinner is a \$10 donation per family, per month. Please accompany your child to the restroom and drinking fountain during this time to maintain the focus of the assembly and respect to teachers.

6:40-7:00, Opening Prayer. Gather in the main Church for prayer and scripture. Starting this month, we are inviting the entire parish community to attend this portion of the assembly in the Main Church on both Sunday and Monday evenings.

7:00, Classroom Time. Children in grades K-5 will walk to their classrooms with their teachers. Parents may accompany their child to the classroom and then return to the main church for the parent session at 7:10. Free childcare for children under 5 is in the Nursery, located in the Parish Center (first door on your left in the main hallway.)

7:10 Parent Sessions Begins in the Main Church (and on Mondays in Spanish in the Chapel). The parent session is new this year and we respectfully ask that you promptly return to the adult portion of the evening. Please do not leave the premises prior to dismissal without the director's consent. No early dismissals are permitted from the classrooms out of respect for the teachers who have prepared the lesson for the full class period and to minimize interruptions. Homework sheets are given out during the parent session. The 3 release forms given out in November will be available tonight and can be returned the teacher or to the office.

Tonight's prayer celebration is about "The Gifts from the Maji" with the questions...

Adults: How have I come to understand who I am in God's eyes?

Adultos: ¿Cómo me he dado cuenta quién soy ante los ojos de Dios?

Children: What special times have I been able to call God "my Father," like Jesus?

Niños: ¿Cuándo he llamado a Dios, "mi Padre" como lo hizo Jesús?

Tonight's session topic is "Theme 17: Ways of Praying."

7:50 Closing Prayer & Dismissal. Parents will be dismissed from their session to go to their children's classroom and sign them out. Feel free to stop at the Children's Reception desk to turn in forms or if you need assistance in any way. We are here to serve the faith formation needs of your family!

Announcements

Our parish designs and plans monthly events for the entire community of faith! We encourage you to volunteer and participate in as many of these events as possible. Look for more details in the church bulletin and on the Narthex communications board. **Save the dates:**

- ◆ The 11am Children's Choir is seeking new voices. Practice is every Tuesday, 5-6:16pm in the main church. There is a saying, "When you sing, you are praying twice."
- ◆ Next Sunday: New Parishioner Welcome after the 5pm Mass in the Narthex. Come make new friends.
- ◆ Feb. 12 is the International Day of Matrimony. We would like to display your wedding photo in the Narthex during the weekend Masses. Sam's Club can print a 20 x 30 photo for \$9 which should be attached to a poster board of the same size. Photos boards can be dropped off in the office during the week prior and picked up during the week after. We hope you will be a part of the celebration.

The Next Faith First for Families assembly is Sunday, Feb.12 or Monday, Feb. 13, 6-8pm.

Middle School "EDGE" Youth Group meets every Thursday in the Youth Room, 6-7:45pm. Registration never closes! Friends always welcome!

High School "LifeTeen" Youth Group meets every Sunday immediately following the 5pm Mass, from 6-8pm in the Youth Room. Plus social nights, service projects & diocesan events which will be published in the weekly bulletin. Registration never closes! Friends always welcome!

Teachers & Helpers. Our ministry still needs adult volunteers for a variety of our classes, programs & special events. Please contact Ivy O'Malley in the parish office this week in find out more.

Absences/Information. All forms, handouts, and parish information including the weekly bulletin is posted at our parish website: www.StAgnesNaples.org. Office hours are M-F, 9-4pm. Phone: 239-592-1949 Fax: 239-325-1150.

Sacrament Preparation Classes

First Communion (all ages) – Next session: 1/23, 6-8pm, parent & student meeting in the New Parish Center for those who are preparing to receive First Communion in May. Dinner will not be provided at these sessions. If you missed the 11/28 meeting please contact the Faith Formation office this week.

Confirmation, Year 2 (10th grade and up) – Next session: 2/6, 6-8pm in the Youth Room. If you missed the 12/5 meeting please contact the Faith Formation office this week.

January Homework

Workbooks and family guides were given in October. 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 Guide** changes every year according to grade level.

This Week: No worries! There is never homework on the week of the Family Assembly! You and your children did “Theme 17 – Ways of Praying” in class tonight.

Week 2: *At Home Family Guide*, Theme 7: Baptism and Confirmation

Kindergarten – Chapter 15	Grade 2 – Chapter 12	Grade 4 –Chapter 12
Grade 1 – Chapter 11	Grade 3 – Chapter 12	Grade 5- Chapter 12

Week 3: *At Home Family Guide*, Theme 21 & 22 Parables and Teachings of Jesus

Kindergarten – Chapter 21 ,14	Grade 2 – Chapter 13,19	Grade 4 –Chapter 9,23
Grade 1 – Chapter 6, 22	Grade 3 – Chapter 14 ,18	Grade 5- Chapter 19

Week 4: *At Home Family Guide*, Theme 5: Holy Spirit

Kindergarten – Chapter 18	Grade 2 – Chapter 9	Grade 4 –Chapter 8
Grade 1 – Chapter 7	Grade 3 – Chapter 7	Grade 5- Chapter 8

If you have internet access, when children are done with their chapter, they may go to the Parish Website to take the chapter review test. Here’s how to take an online chapter review test:

1. At the www.StAgnesNaples.org website, go to **Faith Formation K-5**. Click on **Faith First** Link.
2. From the Faith First website, click **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 FaithFormation@StAgnesNaples.org.
5. For every test sent, your child gets a Treasure Ticket from the classroom teacher next month.

NO TEST? NO INTERNET? If you do not have internet access and cannot borrow a friend’s computer or get to the public library OR if your weekly assignment does not have an online test associated with it (such as Kindergarten and Advent, Lent, & Easter) bring your completed workbook to class and show your teacher the completed chapters.

Extra Credit: Find the “Question of the Week” printed in the parish bulletin. You will usually find it on the inside front cover of the bulletin in a brown box under the Mass Readings. Pull out your family bible and re-read the Gospel reading. 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. **EARN TREASURE TICKETS!** Be sure to email the Faith Formation Office with your family’s response to the question to earn a Treasure Ticket that can be cashed in for prizes at the next family assembly. The homework email is:
FaithFormation@StAgnesNaples.org

We are here to serve you. If you need assistance call the office at (239) 592-1949.

2011-2012 FaithFirst for Families Classroom Assignments Second Sundays (6-8pm)				
Grade	Classroom	Teacher	Co-teacher	Notes
Pre-K	Room 4	Allisanne Manhart	OPEN	+ MSYG helpers
K	Room 3	Sarah Ostertag	Carolyn Pierce	
1 – A	Room 1	Sheila Miller	Patrick Miller Laurie Phelan	
1 - B	Room 2	Michele Novecosky	Sue Aceto	
2	Seminar Room	Kathleen Willett	Michelle Hankey	
3	Parish Center Main Hall	Sylvia Rajska	Mary Logan Tammye Burnette Jaime Ryan	
4	Prep Room	Heather Mitchell	Scott Mitchell	
5	Bride's Room of the Chapel	Lanetta Warrenburg	Beth Tenbarga	
All Parents	Main Church	Deacon Ed & Jane McCarthy	A/V: Paul Pelak	OPEN
High School	Youth Room	Robert Massey	Core Team	

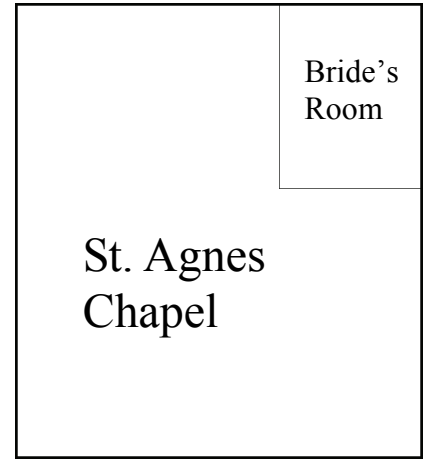
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Grade	Classroom	Teacher	Co-teacher	Notes
Pre-K	Room 4	Allisanne Manhart	Moe Medina	+ MSYG helpers
K	Room 3	OPEN	Maria Benavides	
1	Room 2	Valerie Anderson	Karen Figueroa Eileen Barnicoat	
2- A	Narthex, Main Church	Suzanne Pleskin	Mayra Benitez Aida Restrepo	Anna Maria Seward
2 -B	Cry Room Main Church	Linda Heaps	Tanny Medina	
3- A	Youth Room	Duane Barnes	Sharon Barnes	
3- B	Bride's Room of the Chapel	Joe Mocco	Ernesto Medina	
4 -A	Seminar Room	Lisa Lewis	Luz Velasquez Edith Perez	
4 -B	Main Hall	Rebecca Scopano	Anthony Scopano	
5	Room 1	Monica Ramos	Roberto Ramos	
Parents in English	Main Church	Deacon Ed & Jane McCarthy	A/V: Robert Massey OPEN	
Parents in Spanish	Chapel	Manuel Benitez Sandra Cespedes	Rocio & Ivan Barrentes Elvis Vacarez	Tanny & Ernesto Medina

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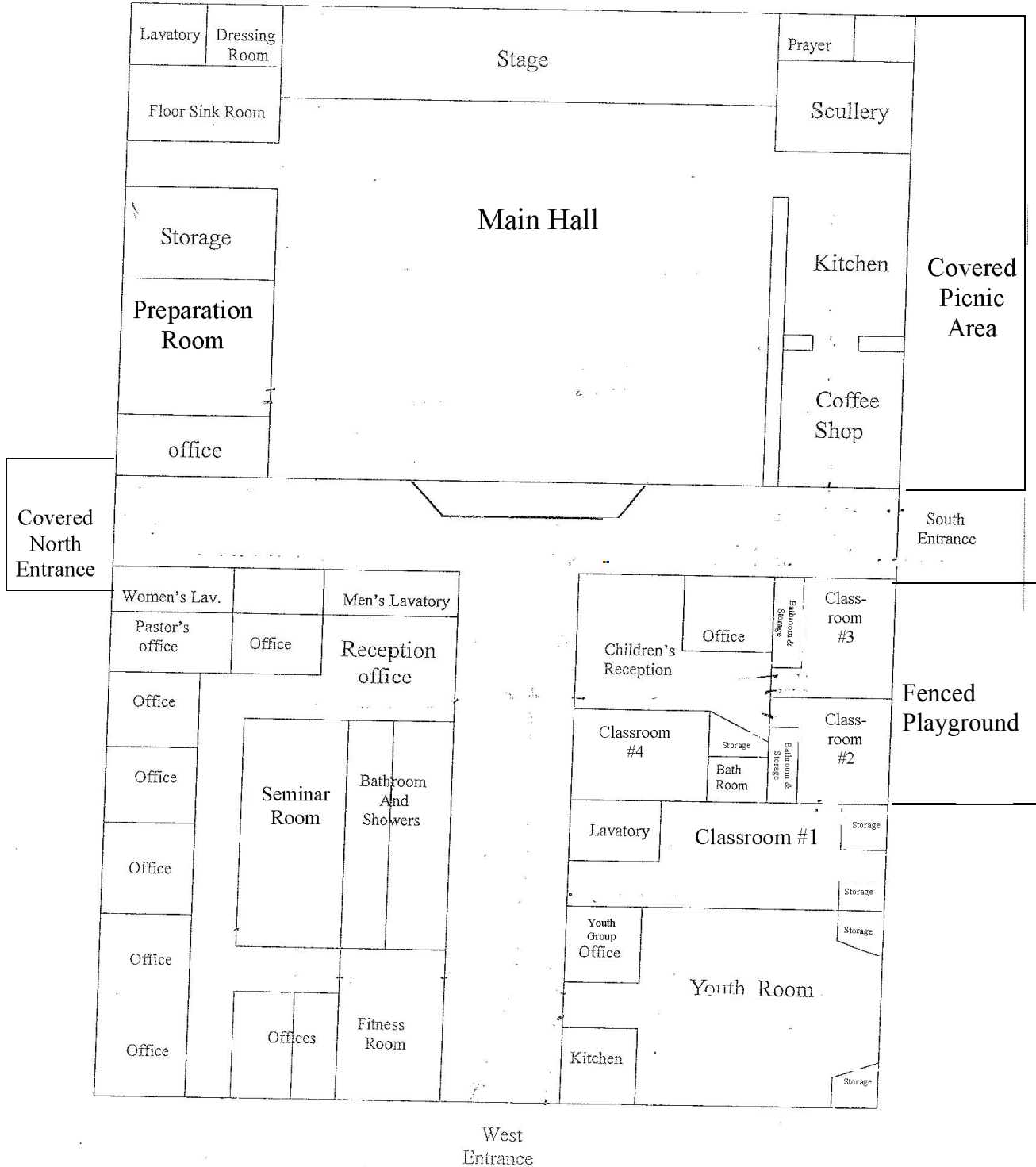
Welcome to Faith First for Families!

Your child's classroom location is on the back of this sheet according to grade and teacher. For questions or assistance please visit the Children's Reception desk before or after the session. We are happy to help!

Homework sheets are given during the Parent-only session which takes place in the Main Church (and in the Chapel in Spanish on Mondays) from 7:10-8:55pm.



St. Agnes Parish Center
7690 Running Buck Court



St. Agnes Main Church
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd.

The Narthex & Cry Room are Located in the Main Church