

# St. Agnes † Faith First for Families



OCTOBER



*Welcome back! Tonight the students will meet their teachers, get their workbooks and new families will get their At Home Family Guide and a tote bag. NEW THIS YEAR...your children should bring their workbook with them to every Faith First for Families assembly because their teacher will be teaching from it. Here's what you can expect tonight.*

**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 are two locations for dinner this year: Narthex of the Main Church and in the Parish Center with 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 before beginning the rest of the evening to maintain the focus of the assembly and respect to teachers.

**6:40-7:00, Music & Prayer.** Gather in the main Church to sing and pray. We will step through taking an online chapter review test and pass on other tips to be successful at home with your weekly studies as a family.

**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 of the large hallway.) Be sure to leave your cell phone number in case your child needs you before the session ends.

**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.

**7:50 Closing Prayer & Dismissal.** Parents will be dismissed from the main church to go to their children's classroom and sign them out. Thank you for your enthusiasm and patience in adjusting to our new format. Have a peaceful evening and we look forward to seeing you again.

## 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:**

Oct. 16-International Festival, 2-5pm

Oct. 30 – Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Celebration & Safety Event, 6-8pm

Nov. 12-13 – Ladies of St. Agnes Weekend Bazaar

Dec. 10 – Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 18 – Live Nativity, 5pm (in English & Spanish)

**Middle School “EDGE” Youth Group** meets every Thursday night in the Youth Room, 6-7:45pm.

**High School “LifeTeen” Youth Group** meets every Sunday night, immediately following the 5pm Mass, 6-8pm in the Youth Room. Plus, other dates are planned throughout the year for the teens including social nights, service, & diocesan events and are published in the weekly bulletin. Registration never closes! Friends always welcome!

**Teachers & Helpers.** Our ministry still needs adult volunteers for a variety of our programs & special events. Please contact Ivy O’Malley in the parish office.

**Information.** All forms, handouts, and parish information including the weekly bulletin is posted at our parish website: [www.StAgnesNaples.org](http://www.StAgnesNaples.org). Office hours are M-F, 9-4pm.

## Sacrament Preparation Classes

**First Communion (all ages) – 10/24, 6-8pm**, parent & student meeting in the New Parish Center for those who are preparing to receive First Reconciliation & First Communion in May. Dinner will not be provided at these sessions. If you missed the 9/26 (or the 8/28 in Spanish) orientation meeting please contact the Faith Formation office this week.

**Confirmation, Year 2 (10<sup>th</sup> grade and up) – 11/7, 6-8pm in the Youth Room.** If you missed the 9/26 (or the 8/28 in Spanish) orientation meeting please contact the Faith Formation office this week.

## October Homework

Workbooks and family guides will be given this 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 Guide* changes every year according to grade level.

**This Week:** No worries! There is never homework on the week of the Family Assembly! This is the month of the Rosary! Say the rosary as a family.

**Week 1:** *At Home Family Guide*, Theme 19: Mary

All grades: Say the rosary this week as a family.

Kindergarten – p. 153, 154, 171, 172.

Grade 2 – Chapter 10

Grade 4 –Chapter 6

Grade 1 – Chapter 3

Grade 3 – Chapter 3

Grade 5-Chapter 6

**Week 2:** *At Home Family Guide*, Theme 15: Making Good Choices

Kindergarten – Chapter 19

Grade 2 – Chapter 22

Grade 4 –Chapter 17

Grade 1 – Chapter 21

Grade 3 – Chapter 22

Grade 5-Chapter 18

**Week 3:** *At Home Family Guide*, Theme 9: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

Kindergarten – Chapter 23

Grade 2 – Chapter 14

Grade 4 –Chapter 14

Grade 1 – Chapter 11

Grade 3 – Chapter 15

Grade 5-Chapter 16

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:FaithFormation@StAgnesNaples.org)

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

**2011-2012 FaithFirst for Families Classroom Assignments  
Second Sundays (6-8pm)**

Grade	Classroom	Teacher	Co-teacher	Notes
Pre-K	Room 4	Stephanie Headley	OPEN	+ MSYG helpers
K	Room 3	Sarah Ostertag	OPEN	
1 – A	Room 1	Sheila Miller	Patrick Miller OPEN	Gina McCabe
1 - B	Room 2	Michele Novecosky	Sue Aceto OPEN	
2	Seminar Room	Kathleen Willett	Michelle Hankey	
3	Narthex in the Main Church	Sylvia Rajska	Mary Logan	
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	
High School	Youth Room	Robert Massey	Core Team	

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1	Room 2	Valerie Anderson	Karen Figueroa Eileen Barnicoat	
2	Narthex in the Main Church	Linda Heaps	Mayra Benitez Aida Restrepo	Anna Maria Seward
3	Youth Room	Duane Barnes	Sharon Barnes	
4	Seminar Room	Lisa Lewis	Luz Velaquez Edith Perez	
5	Room 1	Monica Ramos	Roberto Ramos	
Parents in English	Main Church	Deacon Ed & Jane McCarthy	A/V: Robert Massey	
Parents in Spanish	Chapel	Manuel & Mayra Benitez Sandra Cespedes	Rocio & Ivan Barrentes Elvis Vacarez	Tanny & Ernesto Medina

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