March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saved by God’s Love

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.
Welcome, New Parishioners

Please pick up a registration form in the Narthex, at the doors of the church, in front of the office or on our website www.stagnesnaples.org.

Completed forms may be dropped in the collection basket, hand delivered, mailed, emailed or faxed. Thank you for becoming part of our Parish Family.

God bless.

Bienvenidos, nuevos Feligreses

Por favor recojan su registración en el Narthex y puertas de la Iglesia, a la entrada de la oficina o en nuestro website, después de ser completada puede colocarla en la canasta de las ofrendas durante la misa, entregarla en la oficina, mandarla por correo, fax o e-mail. Gracias por hacerse miembro de nuestra familia. Dios lo bendiga.

Scripture Readings for the Week

March 19 – 25

Monday, March 19
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday, March 20
Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 21
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 22
Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 23
Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 24
Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, March 25
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]
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ST. AGNES FINANCIALS

This Week (3/4/18) $51,316.00
One Year Ago $44,339.50
% of Change 15.73%
Mass Attendance 7,730

This Week (3/11/18) $43,011.00
One Year Ago $40,079.50
% of Change 7.31%
Mass Attendance 6,935

PALMETTO RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL MASS

$1,989.00 (3/4/18)
Mass Attendance 287

$1,814.00 (3/11/18)
Mass Attendance 273

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL Stewardship beyond our Parish

Calendar year 2018 Goal $545,000.00
Pledged $266,627.29
Received $177,230.85
% of Registered Households 15.85%

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

$12,021.00

PARISH DEBT $149,976.05

Debt Reduction Collection (3/4/18) $27,695.00
Debt Reduction Collection (3/11/18) $11,185.00

REGISTRATION

St. Agnes registered households are now at 4,830.
We are aware that many people visit and live in our area who support other parishes. We urge you to consider prorating your charitable giving to give St. Agnes a share.

ST. AGNES Mass

at Palmetto Ridge High School

Sundays at 10:00am

Through April 29th

Feast of St. Joseph

Monday, March 19th at 8:30 a.m.

In celebration of the Feast of Saint Joseph, there will be an expanded daily Mass, featuring special musical compositions. Italian cookies and coffee will be offered after Mass in the Narthex.

ST. AGNES Pastoral Plan

Did you know that St. Agnes has a plan? The Pastoral Plan is a set of goals that helps guide the direction the parish will take over course of three years. It is developed in cooperation with the Pastoral Council, Fr. Bob and the parish staff. Copies of the current plan are available in the revolving kiosk in the Narthex, online, and in the Parish Office.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who made St. Vincent De Paul’s St. Patrick’s Day celebration a great success. The luck of the Irish was with us as your generous contributions will enable us to continue to provide rental and utility assistance to those in need through out the summer months when the need is the greatest. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Baptism Class

All parents seeking baptism for their child and who have not had a class in the last three years are encouraged to attend the baptism class scheduled Sunday, March 25th at 12:15 p.m. in the Parish Center, Classroom #1.

Please call the office at (239) 592-1949 to register.

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at Palmetto Ridge High School

Sundays at 10:00am

Through April 29th

Save the Date!

Paul Todd and Friends End of Season Concert

April 26th at 7 p.m.

Tickets on sale now!

PRAY FOR PEACE AND SAFETY:

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask God’s blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return home safely so that we may rejoice with you.

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### Fifth Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 5:7-9  
**Gospel:** John 12:20-33

**Adults:** In what ways have I sacrificed my own desires to be of help to others?  
¿De qué maneras me he sacrificado para ayudar a los demás?  
**Children:** Have I given something up to help my family, a classmate, or a friend?  
¿Cuándo he dejado de hacer una cosa para ayudar a mi familia, a un compañero de clase o a un amigo?

### Mass Intentions

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### Wine & Hosts:
In Memory of Vincent G. Florentine

**We pray for:**

- Gary Orvis  
- Carol Bobbit  
- Geraldine Inglese  
- Kathleen Tyrrell  
- Jessica Seacor  
- Bob Lawrence  
- Gina Richardson  
- Laura Teems  
- Ann Jacobson  
- Richard Swetz  
- Deborah Cassara  
- Barbara De Angelis  
- Elizabeth San Filippo  
- Estelle Hutta  
- Kristin Smith  
- Steve Prizeman  
- Kate Hosmer  
- Richard Schump  
- Anthony Ruggerio  
- Vincent Murphy  
- Ronald O’Keefe  
- Linda Wagner  
- Gerta Keane  
- Elsise Kaminker  
- Kim Menard  
- Mary Zigler  
- Jack Dorsey  
- Margie Guess  
- Michael Mackmane  
- Don Brown  
- Mary Zigler  
- Sue Weatherman  
- Jacqueline Pelton  
- Mitchell Reidy  
- Chuck Ciampi  
- John McKeon  
- Jim Walker  
- Veronica Renaud  
- Richard Flynn  
- Claire Boyle  
- Dottie Yedzik  
- Raymond Sanchez  
- Dottie Yedzik  
- Bill Dicicco  

**Requested by:**

- Annette Mahoney  
- Don Weatherman  
- Nick DeMatties  
- Jemec Walter  
- Peter McCabe  
- Emily Jannusch  
- Carrie Vezina Palagi  
- Joann Tortora  
- Robert Donahue  
- William Mountford  
- Charles Cassara  
- Joseph Coppola Jr.  
- Paul Coburn  
- Milli Dara  
- Mary Irons  
- Brian Cooley  
- Jean Balbert  
- Ralph Congello  
- James Martin  
- Carrie Griffin  
- Haley Ranelk  
- Elizabeth Murphy  
- Michelle Espinosa  
- Elaine Joy Bramante  
- Ann Basler  
- Dante Adddeo  
- Cathy Gallagher  
- Charles Wichtendahl  
- Don Weatherman  
- Dr. John Sexauer  
- Elyse Appell  
- Wyatt Eastwood  
- Sharon Clark  
- Barbara Berber  
- Janet Caione  
- Davey Adddeo  
- Tony Wichtendahl  
- Frank Wakeham  
- Drena Justice  
- Patrice Ferrara  
- Jane Talbott  
- Nancy Lawrence  
- Hannah Jannusch  
- Gregory Purri  
- Christine Newton  
- Liza Bammerlin  
- Luke Cassara  
- Ana De Meglio  
- Tim Curran  
- Caroline Grabenbauer  
- Jim Norton  
- Suzanne Giannotti  
- Luke Dillon  
- John Lala  
- Carmine Demeglio  
- Robert Abrosini  
- Margie Mosele  
- Marie Cozzolino  
- Anthony Lepore  
- Weingart Family  
- Diane Owens  
- Maggie Scosele  
- Carol Cohen  
- Connie Carven  
- Dr. Carol Ann Malizia  
- Odette Joseph  
- Patrice Gallagher  
- Peggy Wichtendahl  
- Joy Taylor  
- Arthur Denero  
- Molly Coulter  
- Megan Shramovich  
- Connie L. Donahue  
- Dee Jeter  
- Meg Dempsey  
- Janet Verner  
- Ann Curran  
- Dell Rogers  

**Names will remain on the prayer list for approximately 4-6 weeks, as space allows. To update, notify the Parish Office by calling 592-1949 or e-mail maggie@stagnesnaples.org. Thank You.**
God's Powerlessness

Jesus is God-with-us, Emmanuel. The great mystery of God becoming human is God's desire to be loved by us. By becoming a vulnerable child, completely dependent on human care, God wants to take away all distance between the human and the divine.

Who can be afraid of a little child that needs to be fed, to be cared for, to be taught, to be guided? We usually talk about God as the all-powerful, almighty God on whom we depend completely. But God wanted to become the all-powerless, all-vulnerable God who completely depends on us. How can we be afraid of a God who wants to be "God-with-us" and needs us to become "Us-with-God"?

-Henri Nouwen
A year ago this month, we conducted a “View from the Pew” survey, asking our parishioners for their impressions of and suggestions for St. Agnes Parish. 601 people responded on paper or online. The statistical results were reported in the bulletin last May. Among the highlights:

- The top three reasons for attending here are liking the priests/staff, location, and the music.
- 98% of respondents would recommend St. Agnes to family and friends.
- People were most satisfied with worship, Youth Group & Hispanic ministry.
- Respondents agreed attending Mass is a fulfilling spiritual experience, we care about our members, and it’s clear how to become more involved in the parish.
- The top three areas to increase our focus were serving the poor and marginalized, hospitality & a sense of welcoming, and a sense of community.

We also compiled and reviewed the written responses, noting recurring themes. The results were reviewed by the staff and Pastoral Council. Here's a summary of the top four areas of comment:

**Serving the Poor and Marginalized (26)**
- visiting the poor and neglected
- more programs in the areas of Justice & Peace, Social Justice
- assisting/running a soup kitchen, food pantry, thrift store, etc.
- strengthen sister parish relationship with Jesus the Worker, Ft. Myers

**Finance (27)**
- lower priced social events allowing more individuals/families to attend
- concern over weekly second collection and awareness of what it is for
- $100 car raffle tickets too expensive for some to participate

- emphasize gratitude originally expressed rather than asking for more
- like 5th Sunday purple basket collections for charitable purposes
- fewer fundraising/financial/Catholic Faith Appeal announcements
- continue to reduce/eliminate parish debt
- less emphasis on finances and solicitation of funds after Mass

**Announcements (30)**
- Fr. Bob's announcements at the end of Mass are unnecessary
- with bulletin and announcements before Mass, no need to repeat them

**Music (32)**
- Less music during Mass/prayer time/time for reflection
- Explain when the music settings for worship change
- Choir needs a music room
- Don't like applause at church for homilies or songs – it’s distracting
- guests can't believe how wonderful the church, Masses and music are
- music volume is sometimes too loud
- the music is the most outstanding of any parish we have ever attended!

Some adjustments have been made in the last year. I've stopped routinely making announcements at the end of every Mass. We've established a separate ministry to better connect with our sister parish. Our annual raffle tickets are back to $25. We've got plans for a choir room. And soon we won't be talking about our debt, because we won't have one! Thanks for your comments. We're listening, and I believe St. Agnes is better for it!

**Thoughts from Fr. Bob**

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**Penance Services in our Area**

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Additionally, all Churches in the Diocese will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, March 23rd from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, March 24th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
**Pastoral Council**

We are seeking wise and prayerful advisors for the Pastoral Council.

This council advises the pastor in matters of the parish and helps implement the Pastoral Plan. Please consider serving Christ and the St. Agnes community on the Pastoral Council.

Qualifications:

- Must be a fully initiated Catholic (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) and a registered member of St. Agnes for at least one year.
- Only one household member may serve during the same term.
- Available **Tuesday, April 24th from 5-7 p.m.** for a prayer and discernment meeting.
- Available to meet monthly from September to May (allowance for seasonal parishioners of at least five months) and be willing to pray, reflect, dialogue, and offer thoughtful advice to Fr. Bob on matters affecting the future of the parish.
- I would: be willing to serve/like to nominate (circle one)

  - Name: ______________________________________________
  - Nominator: ____________________________________________
  - Phone #: _____________________ Email: _____________________
  - Reasons I would like to serve/am nominating the person (include gifts, talents, qualifications, qualities, experience, church service & ministries): ____________________________


Please drop in collection basket or return to parish office by Tuesday, April 10th.

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**Theology on Tap**

Faith • Friends • Fun

The site of the gatherings rotates among different parishes and takes place from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays:

- **First Tuesdays**
  at St. John the Evangelist Parish
  625 111th Avenue North
- **Second Tuesdays**
  at St. Agnes Parish, 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
- **Third Tuesdays**
  at St. Peter the Apostle Parish
  5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
- **Fourth Tuesdays**
  at St. William Parish, 601 Seagate Drive

**Time to Decorate!**

We invite you to help decorate the church and chapel for Easter as we prepare to celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of The Lord!

**When:** Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** Narthex of Church
**Update from the Operations Manager Desk**

As we approach the end of season, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the past few quarters. Our Parish Fiscal Year began July 1, 2017 and as we end the 3rd quarter I thought it was important to share with you what we have been able to accomplish financially thanks to your tremendous gifts to our Parish Community.

The first and second quarters are highlighted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. St. Agnes was blessed to be spared major damage to the buildings. We did however, suffer great damage to our aging exterior lighting system. We lost more than 54 bollard lights. The good news is that we are working on finding the best solution for the parish and hope to share with you more details sometime soon.

Your generosity really showed in your giving. We conducted three individual collections to help the Hurricane victims as follows:

- **Hurricane Harvey** - $12,124
- **Hurricane Irma** - $13,707
- **Hurricane Maria** - $22,838

In addition to the special collections for those devastated by the hurricanes we also donated to the following entities that were affected as well:

- **St. Vincent de Paul** - $28,321
- **Catholic Charities / Judy Sullivan Center** - $3,848
- **Special Collection to St. Elizabeth Seton for repairs to their church** - $6,158.50
- **Special Collection to St. John Neumann High School for hurricane related repairs** - $6,643.50

As we are well into the third quarter (January through March) it is exciting to see that we are projecting to retire our debt by the end of this month! With no debt we will be able to accomplish so much more as a Parish Community. We have many projects in store for St. Agnes: Exterior Lighting Renovation and Parish Center Expansion are just a few of the many exciting things coming to St. Agnes.

Thank you for your continued support to the St. Agnes Community. May the Lord Bless your entire families and may He continue to help us to spread the message of Jesus Christ to the world...one person at a time.

Deacon Roberto Landron
Operations Manager

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**Long-Sleeve Relief Drive 2018**

The purpose of the LSR Drive is to collect long-sleeve cotton shirts for men and women who work in the fields.

**The drive will run March 18th & 25th**

![Photo of workers in the fields]

**Ways to Donate**

- **NEW THIS YEAR!** Donate online at: youcaring.com/longsleeve
- **By check:** Payable to FloridaCatholic Mail to: LSR PO Box 4993, Orlando, FL 32802-4993
- **Call with a Credit Card:** 407-373-0075 or toll free 1-888-275-9953

The St. Agnes Justice & Peace Committee invites you to participate in our collection of long-sleeve cotton shirts for men and women who work in the fields. They help protect the workers from sun and pesticides.

The Long-Sleeve Relief drives in Florida parishes, over the last 12 years, have made it possible to collect almost 1 million shirts and provide thousands of dollars to the Farmworker Association in our diocese. The need is great and continues.
St. Agnes Parish

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Join Fr. Bob & Fr. Kris for...

SWIENCONKA!

Polish Easter Food Blessing & Children’s Easter Egg Hunt

(For ages 1-10, older ones can help out!)

Date: Saturday, March 31, 2018
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Join us in the main church for a Polish-English basket and food blessing. The Egg hunt will take place after the blessing under the canopy.
Fee: Each participant is asked to bring 12 filled plastic eggs (no chocolate) & one non-perishable item for the St. Vincent DePaul food bank.

Please RSVP to the Parish office by March 26!
Volunteers are welcome to assist.

robert@stagnesnaples.org
(239) 592-1949
Help us beautify our church on Easter with flowers. This is a way to remember those who could not be with us at this special time of the year and it also gives us an opportunity to honor someone very special in our lives. Fill out the form below and enclose a check in the amount selected. Please return both the form and check to the parish office or put in the collection basket. A special listing of the memorials and those honoring someone special will be in the bulletin after Easter. Thank you for your support in making our church look special during this blessed season.

In Memory of __________________________________________

In Honor of __________________________________________

Requested by _________________________________________

___ $10.00   ___ $20.00   ___ $50.00   ___ $100.00
St. Agnes Parish

UPCOMING MEETINGS

St. Agnes Council 14202 | 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road | Naples, FL 34120

First Degree Exemplification: Sunday, March 18, Classroom #1, 10:00 A.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, March 21, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.
Assembly Officer’s Meeting: Monday, March 26, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Officers’ Meeting: Monday, March 26, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, April 2, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, April 4, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, April 9, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Council Meeting: Monday, April 9, PC Hall, 6:30 P.M.
First Degree Exemplification: Monday, April 16, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, April 18, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.
Assembly Officer’s Meeting: Monday, April 26, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Officers’ Meeting: Monday, March 26, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.

St. Agnes Knights of Columbus

4th Degree Assembly 3094 Invites you to attend

Patriotic Spring Fling Dinner Dance

Saturday, April 21st
Vanderbilt Country Club

* $50.00 per person
* 6 p.m. Cocktails (Cash Bar)
* Cheese and Crackers
* 6:45 p.m. Dinner Served

Warm rolls & butter, Garden Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Choice of: 8 oz. Prime Rib of Beef with Potatoes & Vegetables
Or Grilled Salmon w/ Rice Pilaf & Vegetables
Dessert: Chef’s Special Choice
Soft Beverages Included

Entertainment by Manhattan Connection

Tickets can be purchased at St. Agnes Parish Center or by calling
Joe Albergo at 239.566.7760 or John Shelton at 239.248.4948

RSVP by April 15. Proceeds benefit our Country’s Veterans.
11th ANNUAL ST. AGNES K OF C GOLF OUTING

Sunday, April 22nd

Vanderbilt Country Club
8250 Danbury Dr. Naples, FL 34120

$125.00 PER PLAYER
• 1:00 p.m Shot-Gun Start
• Golf Scramble
• Prizes
• Dinner Buffet

Dinner only: $45.00

Put a foursome together or we will pair you up if you are a twosome or a single.

Take Advantage of this opportunity to play and dine at one of Naples finest clubs. Join your fellow parishioners and friends of St. Agnes CFA & St. Agnes K of C!

Hole Sponsors Needed - $200 donation

For more information contact:
Dom Regan (239) 821 9679 or domaregan@gmail.com
Jack Foley (239) 353 2454 or jfoley311@comcast.net
John Shelton (239) 248.4948 jshelton20@comcast.net

Name:__________________________________Phone Number:_________________________
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Dinner Only (Name):__________________________________How Many:________

Make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus and please return the completed form and payment to the Parish Office.
“Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours...

—St. Teresa of Avila

ALMSGIVING: An Important Lenten Exercise

When we look at the three traditional “disciplines” of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we know that almsgiving gets the least attention. Yet, the Bible places emphasis firmly on almsgiving:

Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness ... It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life (Tobit 12:8-9).

A central part of our faith is the practice of almsgiving. It is a practice described in our Catholic Catechism thusly:

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on “almsgiving,” which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is “a witness to fraternal charity” and “a work of justice pleasing to God.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).

To be a Christian steward includes having compassion towards others, especially the most vulnerable in our society. Almsgiving is an act where we imitate the love and mercy that God has for these people by providing for their most basic and fundamental needs. Almsgiving is also an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and a realization that as a member of a community of faith, it is never just about “me and God.” It is fundamental to being a good steward of our community. For disciples of the Lord, almsgiving means much more than simply throwing a little change in the poor box. It is an attitude of generosity. It challenges us to examine how we are using our time, abilities, and money to better the lives of those around us. It urges us to share what we have been given by God with others in love and justice. It reminds us that Jesus blesses those who

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Almsgiving opens our hearts to the realization that God blesses us through those we serve. We see God in the life of Jesus, and we see Jesus in all those who are in need of our care. Look around, see those who are in need, and ask God to take away those obstacles and distractions that keep us from being generous with them. In turn, we will receive God’s blessing in ways we cannot even imagine.
Lenten Liturgical Offerings

St. Agnes is proud to offer these additional Liturgical opportunities to help you come closer to God during this Lenten Season:

**Daily Masses**
8:30 a.m.: Monday-Saturday – Church
Noon: Monday- Friday – Chapel

**Eucharistic Adoration**
Wednesdays and Fridays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – Chapel

**Stations of the Cross**
Fridays after 8:30 a.m. Mass, 7 p.m. in Spanish
Confessions – Saturday 9 - 10 a.m.

**St. Agnes Parish Mission:**
Sun-Wed, March 11-14 at 7 p.m. Reconciliation Service March 12th

**Confessions:**
Friday, March 23rd 4-8 p.m.
Saturday, March 24th from 9 a.m.-Noon

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Because Mass is not celebrated on the mornings of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday there will be a prayer service each morning at 8:30 a.m. in the chapel.

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THE BIBLE and the SACRAMENTS

Join Us for an Inspiring Bible Study
St Agnes Parish Center
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Naples

6:00pm - Join us in the Parish Center at immediately following the 5pm Mass for a light dinner and fellowship.

6:30-8:00pm - Bible Study

Sundays, April 15 - July 15

Register in the Parish Office, M-F, 9-4

Cost: $35 for Workbook + Book: "Swear to God" by Scott Hahn (and any donation for dinner)

Contact: Jan Christopher
Phone: 239-287-3684
Email: mrs520@aol.com

THE SACRAMENTS SEEN IN THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE

Discover the Old Testament roots of the Sacraments instituted by Christ.

Grow in knowledge of the Sacraments central to the Catholic faith.

Learn how the seven Sacraments have the power to transform our lives and shape us for eternity.

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

JourneyThroughScripture.com
Are you a Catholic Adult Seeking Confirmation?

If you are a practicing Catholic who missed Confirmation as a child, these sessions may be for you.

Prepare for Confirmation in just 3 sessions:
Sundays 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Center

April 15, 22, 29

Register: Ivy O’Malley
239-592-1949
Ivy@StAgnesNaples.org

Bishop Frank J. Dewane will confer the Sacrament
at St. Agnes on
Mon, May 21 at 6:30pm
Rehearsal: May 20 at 6:30pm
3/18… Life Night “Understanding Truth” Finding what is true can be difficult, but understanding how we apply that true can be even more of a struggle. Come discuss how to find truth in our everyday lives.

3/25… Life Night: “The Great Three Days.” What is the Triduum, and why is it so important? Join us for discussion to learn about this important time right before Easter.

4/1… Happy Easter! No Life Night, see you next week.

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Teens preparing for the Live Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm on Good Friday.

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Important Youth Group Update

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Snapchat to see all the fun and exciting events we are doing this year!

Facebook: St. Agnes High School Youth Group
Twitter: @saintagnesyg
Snapchat: Agnes Naples

Questions?
robert@stagnesnaples.org
239-592-1949 Ext. 150

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All events are in the Youth Room of the Parish Center located behind the main church.
EVENTOS PARROQUIALES HISPANOS

Los días de atención a los feligreses del Padre Luis Pacheco son los jueves y viernes de 10:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. El Diácono Roberto Landron está disponible de lunes a viernes. Por favor llamar a la oficina para hacer su cita. (239) 592-1949

LA SANTA MISMA ES EL CENTRO DE LA VIDA CRISTIANA.

«La sagrada Eucaristía, en efecto, contiene todo el bien espiritual de la Iglesia, es decir, Cristo mismo, nuestra Pascua y Pan de Vida, que da la vida a los hombres por medio del Espíritu Santo»

Gracias a Dios tenemos una comunidad numerosa, pero ello hace difícil conocer de memoria todos los rostros presentes en cada Misa. La entrega de sus ofrendas en un sobre con su nombre y número permite que quede constancia de su asistencia a la Misa. Su asistencia a Misa se requiere para:

1. Crecer en la vida espiritual y conocer más al Señor.
2. Recibir sacramentos o participar en ellos como, por ejemplo, en calidad de padrinos.
4. Solicitar cartas necesarias para terceras partes como, por ejemplo, servicios de inmigración, constancia de asistencia a la Iglesia, y otros. No podemos emitir cartas que no estén respaldadas por documentación.

Si usted olvida su sobre en casa puede utilizar otro con el borde morado u otro que usted provea y poner en el mismo sus datos (nombre, número de sobre si lo recuerda, dirección).

Estudio Bíblico

Martes 7-8:30 pm
Del 9 de enero al 24 de abril

¡NUEVA SERIE!
¡GRATIS!

Información: Gladys Gomez
gtoursinc@aol.com o 239.331.0284

Hermanos, los invitamos a servir en alguno de los ministerios de nuestra parroquia. Recordemos los mensajes que nos dejó la Madre Teresa de Calcuta.

«El que no sirve para servir, no sirve para vivir».

«El amor no puede permanecer en sí mismo. No tiene sentido. El amor tiene que ponerse en acción. Esa actividad nos llevará al servicio».

“No es lo importante lo que uno hace, sino cómo lo hace, cuánto amor, sinceridad y fe ponemos en lo que realizamos. Cada trabajo es importante, y lo que yo hago, no lo puedes hacer tú, de la misma manera que yo no puedo hacer lo que tú haces. Pero cada uno de nosotros hace lo que Dios le encomendó».

«No es tanto lo que hacemos cuanto el amor que ponemos en lo que hacemos lo que agrada a Dios». 