December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

A Season of Hope

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah’s vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can’t buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more.

Let us place our hope in these promises.
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

December 12 - 18

Monday, December 12
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18b-cde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

Tuesday, December 13
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 14
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 15
Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 16
Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17
Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday, December 18
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
### MEETING PLACES

- **YR** = Youth Room
- **NX** = Narthex
- **PC** = Parish Center
- **CH** = Church
- **PR** = Prayer Chapel
- **CP** = Chapel
- **CR** = Conference Room
- **PL** = Parking Lot
- **CL** = Classroom
- **CY** = Canopy
- **BR** = Bride’s Room

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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.

SPC Peter Holder
PFC Scott Norris, USMC
SGT Ryan Byres
A1C Michael Melicia, USAF
Francisco Chavez, USAF
SSG David Clark, USA
BM2(SW) Charley Davidson USN
PFC Zack Steelman
Capt. David Ralph USMC

SPC Michael Broderick
A1C Daniel R. Hamde, USAF
PFC Michael Baker
SGT David Clark
M Sgt. Eric Gunn
PO3 Kimberly Wagnor, US
PFC Luke Kerney Kuser
Paul Ashley - USN

Capt. Dominic Francis Adams
PVT John Wallace
CDR Gregory Meyer
A1C Peter Johnson, USAF
SPC Jorge Armando Nino
Vincent Galer, USMC
Jordan M. Perez
LCPL James Sheran, USMC
CPT Jacob Lawson

A1C Victoria Landolfi USAF
Pvt. Reynaldo Rodriguez USA
SGT Abbi Wenthold
Lance Cpl Danny Dewey USMC
SGT Victor Quilles, USA
2Lt. Sean Kealy, USA
Capt. Francisco Miranda, USA
A1C Anthony Landolfi USAF

Flu Season Has Arrived

To help mitigate the spread, people are asked to refrain from shaking hands at the sign of peace and holding hands during the Our Father. Individuals have the choice of receiving the Precious Blood. You are encouraged to stay home if you are not feeling well. Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Schedule

Paul Todd will sing at all Christmas Eve Masses and at the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses on Christmas Day

Christmas Eve Masses
Saturday, December 24, 2016
(Musical Prelude 30 minutes before the Mass)
4:00 p.m. - Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. - Cantor & Congregational Singing & Special Guest Artists & Guest Musicians
Midnight - 1 hour prelude before the Mass - Vocalists, Choir and Special Guest Artists

Christmas Day Masses
Sunday, December 25, 2016
(Musical Prelude 30 minutes before the Mass)
7:30 a.m. - Cantor & Congregational Singing
9:00 a.m. - Cantor & Congregational Singing
11:00 a.m. - Choir, Congregational Singing & Special Guest Artists
1:00 p.m. Spanish Choir & Congregational Singing
5:00 p.m. - Cantor & Congregational Singing

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sunday, January 1, 2017
## Third Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
**Second Reading:** James 5:7-10  
**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11  

**Adults:** What would Jesus see to praise about you right now?  
¿Qué verías Jesús en ti para alabar ahora mismo?  

**Children:** What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?  
¿Qué cosas buenas has hecho hasta ahora durante el Adviento para ser parecido a Jesús?

### MASS INTENTIONS

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To update, notify the Parish Office by calling 592-1949 or e-mail maggie@stagnesnaples.org. Thank You.

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**WINE & HOSTS:**  
In Memory of Don Selinga

**We pray for:**

- Bob Rinkus
- Amanda Marlow
- Christine Krumar
- Haven Hobb
- Tamara Holt
- Janice Cameron
- Darryl Dobroinsky
- Mae Donahue
- Rene Zambrana Jr.
- Don O’Brien
- Mark Dabronzo
- Kayla Marlow
- Christine Cassara
- Darlene Bergens
- Jim Mootz
- Dr. John Sexauer
- Barbara Hocking
- Christine Wittlitz
- Hailey Ranelk
- Luca Leahy
- Sue Weatherman
- Tom McLaughlin
- Nancy Ortiz
- Carmine DiMeglio
- Tom McLaughlin
- John Lala
- Denna Laing
- Berta Pineda
- Matthew Homser
- Mary Jo Mattison
- Claire Shearer
- Marge Honan
- Michael Kucharson
- Ed O’Brien
- Edith Coleman
- Richard Flynn
- Eleanor Dewey
- Samuel Albano
- Mickey Macholl
- PennyMaisley
- Mike Costanzo
- Janice Sharre
- Deborah Torchetti

**Requested by:**

- Frank Dale
- Susan Suros
- Jeanie Crampton
- John Knapp
- Joseph Stio
- Anthony Lepore
- Molly Coulter
- Claud Lacoste
- Jim Norton
- Jim Walker
- Dee Iuteri
- Dave Johnson
- Lance Maly
- Teri Harnett
- Fred Bergens
- Jorja Miller
- Albert Gravel
- Art Denaro
- Dawn Garavente
- Laurie Maichel
- Donald Heizer
- Philip DeBlasio
- Michelle Griffin
- Nancy George
- Joseph Liguori
- Richard Casey
- Michelinia Fera
- Dottie Zelek
- Estelle Hutta Scott
- Judy Bica
- Robert Donohue
- Maureen Freeman
- Joyce Kucharson
- Lisa Landolfi Irvine
- Megan Dempsey
- Justin Kromer
- Carol Roper
- John McKeon
- Barbara Zaragza
- Jillian Brown
- Luke Schneider
- John Conrad
- Susan Treanor

**Wine & Hosts:**

- William Kupiec
- Gayle Fedele
- Dick Richenberg
- Roger & Dell Rogers
- Gina Richardson
- Kevin Pearson
- Elizabeth Murphy
- Roman Martinez
- Lilian Caruso
- Basil Verbick
- Joe Hayes
- Charlie Scott
- Steve Allendar
- Baby Margaret Grace
- Ann Basler
- Terry Donohue
- Nicholas Cello
- Joy Taylor
- Nick DeMatties
- Tim Curran
- Danielle Palagi
- Abigail Perez
- Anthony Ruggiero
- Liz Hammerlin
- Mickey Macholl
- Debbie Torchetti
- Mary Behe
- Robert Genovese
- Caroline Grabenbauer
- Larry Kielasa
- Rosemary Christie
- Ann Jacobson
- Megan Shramovich
- Merrith Koyak
- Marie Cazzollino
- Tom Dempsey
- George Dewey
- Joseph T. Greco
- Jizelle Andrade
- Sharon Kane
- Len Judy
- Robert Gomez
# Stewardship in Action at St. Agnes

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“No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a few people.”

—Noah Webster
Jan 4: Part 2, Ch 1-33  
Feb 1: Part 2, Ch 34-end  
7-8:30pm In the Parish Center

Purgatory Explained  
by Fr. F. X. Schoupe, S.J.  
You would never dream so much is known about Purgatory! Not only is the basic teaching of the Church given here, but also countless true stories of apparitions and revelations on Purgatory from the lives of St. Margaret Mary, St. Gertrude, St. Bridget of Sweden, the Cure of Ars, St. Lidwina of Schiedam, etc.

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Sisters in Spirit (SIS) is for Catholic women of all ages & stages to come together for a common goal of nurturing our lives & renewing our spirits through Study, Inspiration & Sisterhood. Contact: Ivy O’Malley at Ivy@StAgnesNaples.org

Advent Penance Services in our Area

• St. Finbarr – Monday, December 12th at 2:00 p.m.  
13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

• St. Agnes - Tuesday, December 13th at 5:00 p.m.  
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

• San Marco Parish – Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.  
851 San Marco Rd, Marco Island

• St. Elizabeth Seton Parish - Monday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.  
2730 53rd Terrace SW, Naples

• St. John the Evangelist - Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.  
625 111th Avenue North, Naples

• St. Peter the Apostle – Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m.  
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples
Dear Helpers in Waiting,

I received this letter from the good girls and boys at St. Agnes. If any of you can be one of my “helpers” this year I would sure appreciate it. Merry Christmas!

Love, Santa

Santa Claus | The North Pole

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! How are you? We are fine. Are you and your elves getting ready for the big night? Our parish family sure is! We have been very good this year. This past year St. Agnes continued to grow with more and more people coming to worship here. We now have more than 4,107 families registered! This year we hope that you will help our parish by bringing us the following items:

- Marian Vestment (Chasuble) • $450.00
- Chapel Altar Cloth • $250.00
- Reliquary • $365.00
- 50 Baptism Garments (for Infants) • $300.00
- Funeral Vestments, Dalmatic and stole with matching Pall • $450.00
- 3-Piece Ciboria Set • $1,800.00
- Lavabo sets (3) Bowl and Pitcher for cleansing priest’s hands • $215.00 (each)
- Roman Missal Stand • $295.00
- Portable Sound System & Wireless microphone for High School Mass • $3,000.00
- Choir Anthems • $250.00 (each)
- Chapel Upgrades*
  - New Mixing Console* • $2,500.00
  - 3 New Microphones* • $200.00 (each)
  - 2 New Monitor Speakers* • $500.00 (each)
  - New Keyboard * • $4,000.00
  - New Microphones Parish Center & Church • $200.00 (each)
  - New Microphone Stands • $50.00 (each)
  - Music Stands • $75.00 (each)
  - Parish Center Conference Room Table • $4,000.00
  - Conference Room Chairs - 20 needed • $200.00 (each)
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Supplies *
  - Wardrobe Cabinets (2)* • $585.00 (each)
  - Shelf Storage Cabinets (6) * • $675.00 (each)
  - Classroom Cabinets (3)* • $214.00 (each)
  - 4 Corner Cabinets • $105.00 (each)
  - 1 yr. Subscription to Magnifikid for
  - 10 First Communion Candidates (15) • $80.00 (each)
  - “The Mass Book for Children” - 10 Children (30) • $80.00 (each)
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Santa, we know you’re not made of money, and you have other important and worthy obligations during this season of giving, and so if you cannot bring us everything we need then perhaps you can ask one of your helpers to assist. We greatly appreciate whole or partial gifts for all of the above. Just ask them to contact the parish office at their convenience at 592-1949.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Love, Fr. Bobby and The Entire Pastoral Staff of St. Agnes Parish

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I agree to donate the following item(s)

I agree to make a financial contribution in the amount of $_________ to be used for the purchase of the following item(s)

Name: ____________________________________ Address: _______________________________________

City: __________________ State: ______ Zip: __________________

Phone #: __________________ Email: ___________________________________________
December 11th Pancake Breakfast

Featuring
Bacon and Sausage
Pancake and French Toast
Omelet Station and Eggs
Coffee and Juice

Come feast at the Sunday Breakfast:

Now serving breakfast after all Sunday morning Masses, 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
St. Agnes Parish Presents...

**LIVE NATIVITY 2016**

Come join us and enjoy the wonders that God has provided us, sharing with family and friends, living step by step an important event in the history of the world, The Nativity! We invite you to forget your worldly worries and immerse yourself in this experience that will transport you to Bethlehem.

Ven y disfruta de las maravillas que Dios nos ha proporcionado, compartiendo con familiares y amigos, paso a paso el acontecimiento que cambió el rumbo de la historia EL NACIMIENTO DE JESUS. Le invitamos a que se olvide de las preocupaciones mundanas y se sumerja en esta experiencia, que sin duda lo transportará a Belén.

**Date:** Saturday, December 17, 2016 | 5-8:30 pm.

**Fecha:** Sabado 17 de Diciembre del 2016 | 5-8:30 p.m.

**Date:** Sunday, December 18, 2016

**Fecha:** Domingo 18 de Diciembre del 2016

**Time:** 10-11 a.m. | 12-1 p.m. | 2-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** St. Agnes Parish Center West Parking Lot

**Lugar:** Centro Parroquial de St. Agnes oeste estacionamiento

**Bilingual event (English and Spanish).** Evento bilingüe (Inglés y Español)

**There is no charge for this event (donations accepted)**

**La entrada será gratis ( aceptamos donaciones)**

If you would like to volunteer during this event please call Martha at 239.687.8038

or email her at maceronaples@aol.com.

Si te gustaría colaborar en este evento por favor llamar a Martha al 239.687.8038

o correo electrónico en maceronaples@aol.com.
St. Agnes Christmas Flowers

Help us beautify the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with flowers. This is a special way to remember those who cannot 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. We are seeking donations to purchase the Christmas Poinsettias. 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 Christmas. Thank you for your support in making our church look even more beautiful during this blessed season.

In Memory of: __________________________

In Honor of: __________________________

Requested by: _________________________

___$10.00 Poinsettia ___$20.00 Poinsettia ___$50.00 Poinsettia ___$100 Poinsettia

CAR RAFFLE

2017 BUICK ENCORE
Donation $100 per ticket
Drawing March 18, 2017

Tickets are on sale in the Narthex after Mass and in the Parish Office during the week.

St. Agnes is conducting its 2nd annual car raffle of a 2017 Buick Encore. This compact luxury SUV features leather interior and a turbo charged engine. A sample of the Encore will be on display at the entrance to the church after December 15, 2016. The trim, options and color may vary from weekend to weekend.

Please help support St. Agnes by purchasing a ticket. There will only be 2500 tickets sold, and Florida State tax and title costs will be paid.

Tickets are available in the Narthex after Mass, or in the Parish Office during the week. Make checks payable to St. Agnes. Purchases of raffle tickets are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The drawing will be held the evening of March 18th during our 10th Anniversary Gala. Proceeds from this raffle will go towards Debt Reduction and to support our Diocesan Catholic Schools.

Winners need not be present to win. St. Agnes Church is a 501(c)(3) organization. Address: 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. Naples, FL 34120. Phone: 239-592-1949
End of Year Giving

As you consider your Christmas and end of year giving, remember your extended Catholic family!

Your gift can be designated to our parish, Catholic School, the Catholic Faith Appeal, the Catholic Community Foundation or an individual ministry. These gifts provide support for Christ’s ministry and may assist you with some tax benefits. We are most grateful for your generosity to the Church!

Please consider a possible year end gift. Remember to consult with your financial advisor.

Gifts of Cash, Stock or Real Estate

A cash contribution can be made to your parish, Catholic school, Catholic Community Foundation, or to the Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) and may provide you with an income tax benefit. Please call the Development Office to facilitate a transfer of stock or to discuss a gift of real estate. Be sure to let us know if your gift is being restricted for a certain use such as a building fund, scholarship, CFA or unrestricted for the greatest need. For more information please contact: Judy Brown (941) 486-4719.

Contribute to an Endowment Fund

One can give to an endowment fund through the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida to benefit a parish, school, seminarians or other Catholic institution within the Diocese of Venice. A gift or series of gifts made now, can provide a long-term income stream to benefit your selected institution, ministry or program well beyond your lifetime. At certain levels of giving, a named endowment fund can be established.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Your gift to the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida can generate regular fixed payments to you or a loved one. Charitable gift annuities provide guaranteed income during your life and a residual gift to an endowment fund benefitting your parish, Catholic School or the Diocese of Venice.

The chart below indicates the sample annuity rates based on a single life annuity:

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Example: A $25,000 cash contribution from a 75-year-old donor will produce an annual fixed income payment of $1,450, that is partially tax free and provides an estimated initial income tax deduction of $10,670.

The minimum amount required to establish a charitable gift annuity is $25,000

For more information, please contact:
Michael Morse, Executive Director
Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida (941) 441-1124 / CCF@dioceseofvenice.org

*Annuity rates listed are for illustration purposes only, actual rates may vary.
As a Catholic Christian community, we are called through Baptism to serve one another. One of the many ways we can be available to others is through prayer. We all have had many experiences where someone has asked us to pray for them as they have surgery, job interviews, worries about a sick family member, etc. We are in the process of setting up a prayer chain for Saint Agnes. This will formalize the opportunity for parishioners to request prayers and for many of us to pray for our fellow parishioners and their requests.

• If you would like to make yourself available to pray, there will be a link on the homepage of our website www.stagnesnaples.org to sign up with your email address.
• If you have a prayer request, please send them to me, Deacon Henry at deaconhenry@stagnesnaples.org. I will forward them to the prayer chain.
• Please keep the prayer requests fairly simple. Try to avoid adding too much private detail. God knows who we are praying for. For example you might request, “please pray for my close friend, Sally, who is having surgery next week.”

Gathering prayer requests was one of the earliest functions of deacons in the Church. We look forward to continuing this great Christian tradition of praying for one another.

**ST. AGNES PRAYER CHAIN**

**GIVING TREE**

Now–December 18

benefitting Catholic Charities of Collier County, Guadalupe Social Services and other families in need in Ethiopia and Collier/Lee Counties. Pick a “gift tag” from the tree in the Narthex of the Church; purchase the item listed and attach the tag and return the unwrapped item to the boxes next to the tree by:

Sunday, December 18.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at rotating Parishes: 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.
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- 1.5 million women in the U. S. are infertile
- Give life to waiting, caring arms

Come pray one hour with us.
Acompañenos a orar por una hora

St. Agnes’ Day at Planned Parenthood
425 Creech Road, Naples, FL 34103
St Agnes estara en Planned Parenthood
1425 Creech Road, Naples, FL 34103

Monday, December 12, 2016
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Shuttle drivers needed.
Lunes 12 de diciembre, 2016
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Necesitamos conductores de buses

For information, contact: Carol Gentile at 973.809.7320
Para más información contactar: Carol Gentile 973.809.7320
Christmas: A Stewardship Reflection on Abundance and Poverty

by ICSC

There’s no season quite so full of wild abundance as the Christmas season. Admit it, do you ever eat fudge or drink eggnog any other time of the year? Or expect a full grown tree to appear in your living room? It’s a joyful, exuberant time, full of music, family, parties, good food, and friends. But every Christian steward knows that there's a shadow side to abundance, particularly material abundance, which brings with it challenges. Amid the joy of Christmas, a good steward ponders these challenges.

Speaking at a conference in Mexico City in November, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia spoke of poverty and abundance. He was not speaking about the holiday season, but his words might help us to keep a clear perspective on the values of this time of year. He cited the growing problem of poverty in the United States. One in six Americans now lives below the poverty line, and the archbishop noted how many other problems accompany poverty – “hunger, homelessness, street crime, domestic violence, unemployment, human trafficking.” Often the poor among us become invisible, and poverty becomes a scourge of civil society. “Poverty is an acid that destroys human kinship,” the archbishop said.

At the same time, Archbishop Chaput also spoke to the flip side of this issue – the poverty that comes with abundance. “I mean the moral poverty that comes from an advanced culture relentlessly focused on consuming more of everything: a culture built on satisfying the self; a culture that runs on ignoring the needs of other people. That kind of poverty, as Mother Teresa saw so well, is very much alive in my country,” the archbishop said.

These are important words, not words that are meant to cast a “bah humbug” spell over the delightfulness of the Christmas season, but words that help bring us back to the true meaning of Christmas in its joy and abundance. Despite the great spiritual significance of this feast, we can sometimes let the season become a time of material excess. Christian stewards know that the true joy of Christmas is not tied in to the wealth of goods under the tree, but to the abundance of love and generosity that fill our hearts and spill out to others, especially those most in need of our generous spirit. The Christian steward knows how important it is to take time during Advent, and throughout this holiday season, for silence and stillness, to make room in our hearts for the child born into poverty who came to give us life and share it with all those whom we encounter.

Calling all Stewards - Golf Cart Shuttle Drivers

Our Golf Cart Shuttle will be starting up again the weekend of January 14, 2017. We need stewards willing to drive the cart at the 3:30 Mass on Saturday. Please call Gloria Carter at 592-1949 for more information.
Mary: God’s Yes to Man
John Paul’s Encyclical Redemptoris Mater
Saint Pope John Paul II’s only encyclical on our Blessed Mother, with introduction by the Cardinal Prefect of the congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, and commentary by one of the world’s leading Catholic theologians, Hans Urs von Balthasar. The Church’s supreme magisterium and representative of the Church’s most penetrating theological reflection combine to provide for all the faithful a rich and concise compendium of the Mother of the Redeemer.

The development of traditional Marian dogma in the light of the present day bears the Pope’s unmistakable personal stamp. The three parts of the encyclical ("Mary in the Mystery of Christ", "The Mother of God in the Midst of the Pilgrim Church" and "Motherly Mediation") draw predominantly from two sources: Sacred Scripture and the central documents of the Second Vatican Council. There is a particular emphasis on ecumenism. What binds all Christians to Mary becomes ever clearer: she is the model of their faith.

"Preparing for the advent of the year 2000, the great memorial of Christ’s birth, is a fundamental concern of the encyclical. In the liturgy, Advent is a Marian time: the time when Mary made room in her womb for the Savior of the world and bore within her humanity’s hope and expectation. Celebrating Advent means becoming Marian, imitating Mary’s unconditional Yes which is ever anew the place of God’s birth, the ‘fullness of time’"—Cardinal Ratzinger

This inspiring e-book is available for free on Formed.org using parish code TTQNCX.

If you love kids and love the Sunday Scriptures...

...God might be calling you to join Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 11am or 5pm Mass. Call Diane at 239.353.4942

Why did every RICA participant get a Bible and a Catechism?

Bibles and Catechisms were given as a gift from our Knights of Columbus to show their support and prayers for every adult in our RCIA process.

Regardless of sacraments received, faith formation and enrichment is relevant for all ages.

Sin importar los sacramentos recibidos, formación y enriquecimiento en la fe es para todos.

The Faith Formation team is here to serve you M-F, 9am-4pm
Director: Ivy@StAgnesNaples.org
Coordinator: Hable Español Rose@StAgnesNaples.org
Admin. Assistant: Amanda@StAgnesNaples.org
12/11...Life Night: “AmA with Fr. Bob.” Fr. Bob will be our special guest as he answers any and all questions about Catholicism, our faith and a variety of other topics.

12/18... Decorating the Church: Come to the Main Church at 6pm to help decorate St. Agnes for Christmas. Sign in will be in the Narthex. This will take the place of our normal Life Night.

12/25... Merry Christmas! No Life Night. Have a safe and blessed holiday.

HS teens participating in one of our fun icebreakers. Each group had to bake cookies without a recipe, or the proper ingredients. Some cookies came out great, others not so great.

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

Scan to visit the St. Agnes webpage for info on important events and the most recent calendar!

Questions?
robert@stagnesnaples.org
239-592-1949 Ext. 160

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

VEINTISÉISAVA NOCHE ANUAL DE ORACIÓN POR LA VIDA.

Venga y ore con nosotros en la capilla desde las 8 de la noche del martes 8 de diciembre hasta las 11 p.m.

Al unir las Fiestas de la Inmaculada Concepción y la Fiesta de San Juan Diego establecemos un puente entre estas dos celebraciones para proteger nuestra cultura, nuestra Iglesia y nuestro país.

Hagamos reparación por todas las vidas perdidas en este país debido al aborto y oremos para que los padres estén conscientes del llamado a compartir el poder creativo de Dios. Oremos también para que aquellos que han actuado contra la vida humana experimenten el perdón. En nuestra localidad varias parroquias y santuarios participan en este esfuerzo.

Los invitamos a participar en esta noche de oración en Honor a Nuestra Señora.

NECESITAMOS DE USTED PARA LA FORMACIÓN EN LA FE.

¿Busca una manera de ayudar?
¿Ha sido catequista?
¿Disfruta trabajar con niños?

Ofrezca su tiempo una vez al mes de Septiembre a Marzo
Ya sea como ayudante o maestro

Domingos de 2-4 p.m.
Domingos de 6-8 p.m.
Lunes de 6-7.30 p.m.
Miércoles de 6-7.30 p.m.
Se les proveerá de entrenamiento y materiales para las clases, sólo lo necesitamos a usted. Pregunte los detalles a Rose (239) 592-1949 ext. 129 rose@stagnesnaples.org

TIEMPO DE ESPERANZA

Hoy podemos deleitarnos con el simbolismo que las lecturas de la misa nos ofrecen. En especial, la visión de Isaías de una tierra sedienta que florece en abundancia contiene un mensaje para cada uno de nosotros. La mayoría de las veces somos como esa tierra sedienta. Dejamos que las olas del consumismo, que se apoderan de tantos, nos absorban. Buscamos realizarnos en las cosas que el dinero puede comprar. Lamentablemente, esto nos deja como una tierra baldía, sedienta de algo que el dinero no puede comprar. Este tiempo sagrado tiene mucho que ofrecer para saciar nuestra sed. En una palabra, este tiempo ofrece esperanza. Se nos dice que los rescatados por Dios conocerán el gozo y la dicha. Para ellos, la pena y la aflicción habrán terminado. Tengamos esperanza en estas promesas.

“Nuestra misión de laicos comprometidos, de mayordomos, de discípulos de Cristo, se realiza en el mundo, de tal modo que, con nuestro testimonio y nuestra actividad, contribuyamos a la transformación de las realidades y a la creación de estructuras justas según los criterios del Evangelio.

Los discípulos de Cristo, como sus mayordomos, debemos”

• Recibir los regalos de Dios con gratitud
• Cuidar de los regalos del Señor con responsabilidad
• Compartir los regalos del Señor justa y caritativamente
• Devolver con abundancia los regalos del Señor”

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