December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Summoned by God

As Christmas draws near, Advent’s scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today’s Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph’s courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God’s holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.
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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 19 - 25

Monday, December 19
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday, December 20
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 21
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday, December 22
1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday, December 23
Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday, December 24
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79

Sunday, December 25
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6;
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
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**MEETING PLACES**

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

Parish Office Closed
St. Agnes Name Tags
Getting to know you!

For a minimal cost of $5 buy a St. Agnes name tag which will include your name and your hometown city and state. By wearing it to Mass and church gatherings we will all get to know one another better. You may purchase one by filling out the form below and dropping it along with your $5 in the collection basket or mail or bring it into the parish office.

Name_____________________________________
City_____________________________________
State or Country_____________________________________

They will be available in the Narthex on the weekend and in the parish office during business hours.

Blue Mass
St. Agnes will celebrate a Blue Mass for those who work in law enforcement in Collier County on Saturday, January 7th at 11:00 a.m. The chaplain of the New York City Police Department, Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Romano, will be the guest homilist. Please join us to show gratitude to law enforcement and their families. A luncheon will immediately follow in the Parish Hall for the officers. Please RSVP at 239.592.1949 for the luncheon.

Married at St. Agnes
Stephen Whalen & Megan Wendling
Alan Scott & Ryan Minkler

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

Baptisms this week
Emma Kovachevski & Evangeline Shahla

Please pray for the repose of soul of:
+Dick Brandstatter, +Deborah Glancy, +Martin Oleksy, +Joseph Greco and +Mary Parisi
May they enjoy everlasting life and may their families be comforted.

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 Byers
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
MSgt. Eric Gunn
PO3 Kimberly Wagner, USN
LCPL Brandon Weston
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
Vince 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
Fourth Sunday of Advent
First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24
Adults: Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?
¿A quién te resulta difícil recibir en tu vida? ¿Qué puedes hacer para superar eso?
Children: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?
¿Qué podrías hacer esta semana para hacer que alguien se sienta bienvenido, como José dio la bienvenida a María?

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday     | December 17| 8:30 a.m.  | +Jim Lynch  
               |             | 4:00 a.m.  | +John Martone         | Marian & Family           |
|              |            | 7:30 a.m.  | +Dorothy Russo              | Phyllis Biunno            |
|              |            | 9:00 a.m.  | +Jeff Smith                 | Frank & Elizabeth Caradonna |
|              |            | 11:00 a.m. | +Caterina Papa              | Joe & Diann Cucinella     |
|              |            | 1:00 p.m.  | Our Parish Family           | DiSabatonio, Sventek      |
|              |            | 5:00 p.m.  | +Josephine DiSabatonio      | & Wetzstein Families      |
| Monday       | December 19 | 8:30 a.m.  | +Anthony Spalliero         | The Family                |
| Tuesday      | December 20 | 8:30 a.m.  | +Mary Elizabeth Clark       | St. Agnes Parish Family   |
| Wednesday    | December 21 | 8:30 a.m.  | +Jennie Nolda              | Marge & Bob Bartlett      |
| Thursday     | December 22 | 8:30 a.m.  | +John Browne                | James & Helen Convery     |
| Friday       | December 23 | 8:30 a.m.  | In honor of Mamie & Debbie Blue | Barbara & Alex Biolo     |
| Saturday     | December 24 | 8:30 a.m.  | +Richard Creaturo          | Bob & Carolyn Mootz       |
|              |            | 4:00 p.m.  | +Terence Downer             | The Family                |
|              |            | 7:00 p.m.  | +The Flynn & Dempsey Families | Tom & Rosemary Dempsey    |
|              |            | Midnight   | +Mia Vendinski -Reichard   | John & Paula Vendinski    |
| Sunday       | December 25 | 7:30 a.m.  | +Helen Hayes                | Bill & Fran McBreen       |
|              |            | 9:00 a.m.  | +Robert G. Foreman          | Wife Joan & Family        |
|              |            | 11:00 a.m. | +Joseph Coppola             | Dolores Coppola & Family  |
|              |            | 1:00 p.m.  | Special Intention           |                          |
|              |            | 5:00 p.m.  | Our Parish Family           |                          |

WINE & HOSTS:
In Memory of Kirsten A. Carlson

We pray for:

- Bob Rimkus
- Amanda Marlow
- Christine Krum
- Haven Hobbs
- Tamara Holt
- Janice Cameron
- Darryl Dobro
- Mae Donahue
- Rene Zambrano Jr.
- Don O’Brien
- Mark Dabronzo
- Kayla Marlow
- Christine Cassara
- Kathy Stapleton
- Darlene Bergens
- Jim Mootz
- Dr. John Sexauer
- Barbara Hocking
- Christine Wiltz
- Hailey Randel
- Luca Lehhy
- 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 Kuchars Ap
- Ed O’Brien
- Wendy Coleman
- Richard Flynn
- Eleanor Dewey
- Samuel Albano
- Mickey MacColl
- Jillian Brown
- Luke Schneider
- John Conrad
- Susan Treanor
- Frank Dale
- Susan Suros
- Jeannie Crompton
- John Knapp
- Joseph Sito
- Anthony Lepore
- Molly Coulter
- Claud Lacoste
- Jim Norton
- Jim Walker
- Dee Jeter
- Dave Johnson
- Lance Maly
- Teri Harnett
- Fred Bergens
- Jorja Miller
- Albert Gravel
- Art Demaro
- Dawn Garavente
- Laurie Maichel
- Donald Heizer
- Philip DeBlasio
- Michelle Griff
- Nancy George
- Joseph Ligouri
- Richard Casey
- Michella Fer
- Dottie Yceck
- Estelle Hutto Scott
- Caroline Grabenbauer
- Judy Bica
- Robert Donohue
- Maureen Freeman
- Joyce Kuchar
- Lisa Landolfi Irw
- Meg Dempsey
- Justin Kromer
- Carol Roer
- John Mckean
- Barbara Zataraga
- Jizzlle Andrade
- Sharon Kane
- Len Judy
- Robert Gomez

Names will remain on the prayer list for approx 4-6 weeks, as space allows.
To update, notify the Parish Office by calling 592-1949 or e-mail maggie@stagnesnaples.org, Thank You.
### Stewardship in Action at St. Agnes
#### Parish Groups and Ministries

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“"Our Constitution was made only for a religious and moral people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other.””

–John Adams
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 benefiting 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*

*Annuity rates listed are for illustration purposes only, actual rates may vary.*
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 • $4500.00
- 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

**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)
- March for Life Youth Scholarship • $300.00 (each)
- Summer Leadership Camp Scholarship • $500.00 (each)

- 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)

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: ___________________________
Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the St. Agnes Knights of Columbus

DINNER DANCE

Saturday January 14th
Parish Center Hall
Doors open 5:30 p.m.
$35.00 per person
Gourmet Dinner by

Entertainment by His and Hers

Knights of Columbus
In service to One. In service to all.
St. Agnes Council 14202 | 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road | Naples, FL 34120

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Officers’ Meeting: Monday, December 26, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
First Degree Exemplification: Tuesday, December 27, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, January 2, PC Hall, 6:00 P.M.
Monthly Council Meeting: Monday, January 2, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.
Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, January 8, 8:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Officers’ Meeting: Monday, January 30, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Monthly Council Meeting: Monday, February 6, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.
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.

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

Sisters In Spirit
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. Schouppe, 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.

Books or Kindle edition can be purchased on Amazon.

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
As Christian adults, we have a moral and legal responsibility and are entrusted by God with the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of minors and vulnerable adults. As they participate in activities within or sponsored by our diocese, it is our commitment to provide an environment which is safe and nurturing. In accordance with the Diocese of Venice policy to offer continued Safe Environment Awareness to all employees and volunteers, the following parishes will hold Regional Safe Environment Awareness training sessions. All diocesan employees, clergy, religious, laity, and those volunteers who have routine contact with children or vulnerable adults, MUST BE TRAINED in safe environment awareness issues. No one should attend Safe Environment Training until their fingerprints have cleared. Continued employment/volunteer status requires that you attend one of these sessions. Please contact the parish secretary at the location you wish to attend with your name and telephone number at least two weeks prior to the training. Please share this information with all parish/school staff and volunteers. Due to the sensitive nature of this training, no children are permitted to attend. Directions to the training site may be found at http://www.dioceseofvenice.org

### Regional Safe Environment Training – Winter/Spring 2016-17

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### Advent Penance Services in our Area

- **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
Good Stewards Avoid "Compassion Fatigue"

by ICSC

One of the spiritual maladies Christians face today is “compassion fatigue.” The media inundates us with details of disasters, natural and man-made, far and wide. We can’t turn on the television without being assailed by news stories of another event that cries to us for help, and our mailboxes are full of pleas from worthy charities.

We try to give out of a sense of compassion, but the needs of the world overwhelm us. Generous givers become “fatigued” and grow weary. We can’t respond to all the problems and crises in the world, can we?

Of course we can’t respond to the cries of a suffering world with our comparatively meager resources. If we try to respond to every crisis, to say “yes” to every loud or consistent plea for help, it is no surprise that we feel tired and discouraged. Our efforts to respond generously can become scattered and not well thought out, and sometimes our giving becomes motivated by guilt rather than compassion. Eventually, we may stop giving.

Christian stewards prayerfully discern how they are able to respond to the needs of the world. They budget their time and resources so that their response can be generous but focused, sacrificial but not overwhelming. They begin with a prayerful commitment to their immediate family of faith. Being generous to one’s faith community can go a long way toward meeting the needs of others. Their response to the diocesan annual appeal and to special collections also makes them part of a larger faith community’s response to the poor and marginalized. For some, this focused generosity may be the extent of their ability to give financially. The decision to give is made prudentially and without guilt. For others, a well-thought-out approach to supporting other charitable causes can be part of their stewardship planning as well. But for Christian stewards the giving does not stop there. Good stewards realize that the greatest gift they can give is the gift of prayer. Compassion, in its Latin roots, means “suffering with,” and through prayer we can be drawn powerfully into solidarity with those who suffer.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of St. Luke is often seen as Jesus’ example of compassionate giving. The Samaritan saw the man near death lying at the side of the road not just with his eyes, but with a compassionate heart. It is the kind of compassionate heart good stewards seek to cultivate within themselves through prayer, planning and focused generosity; ready to respond, without experiencing fatigue or weariness, to the cries of the world.

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.
God Made Man by: Fr. Shannon Collins

In this Christmas themed presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful Christmas traditions of the Church.

Fr. Collins serves as a preacher of parish missions and retreat master. Fr. Collins has appeared on EWTN and has been stationed at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama.

This inspiring audio 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

Regardless of sacraments received, faith formation and enrichment is relevant for all ages.
Sin importar los sacramentos recibidos, formacion y enriquecimiento en la fe es para todos.
High School LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ
Sundays 6-8pm

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.

1/1... Happy New Year! No Life Night. See you next week.

65 year 1 Confirmation students attended a Saturday retreat at St. Agnes. During the retreat the teens participated in games, went to Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation.

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. 150

Middle School Youth Group
EDGE®
Thursdays 6:30-8:15pm

12/22... Christmas break, no Edge Night. Have a safe and blessed break.

12/29... Christmas break, no Edge Night. Have a Happy New Year, see you next week!

1/5... EDGE NEW YEAR KICK OFF! All MS youth are welcome for our first youth night of the year with pizza, snacks, games, and social time. This year’s theme: “Joyful” Come find out what that means!

1/12... “Theology of the Body Part 2.” Join us for the last Edge night of the year as we play some Christmas games and finish our ToB discussion from the previous week.

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

INVITACION
Te invitamos a terminar el año con un rosario en nuestra comunidad.
Lugar: Jardines de St. Agnes
Día: 30 de diciembre 2016
Hora: 7 pm

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

TALLER ANUAL DEL MINISTERIO POR AMOR A CRISTO

Lugar: Parroquia Madre de Cristo en Miami
Día: sábado, 21 de enero, 2017
Salida desde St. Agnes a las 6.a.m Regreso 6 pm

En este taller tendremos la invitación al servicio y la corresponsabilidad en nuestra parroquia para servir a Cristo.

LLAMADOS POR DIOS

Al acercarse la Navidad, las Escrituras del Adviento nos llevan a un mundo de sueños, señales, maravillas y el milagro del nacimiento de una virgen. Muchas veces dejamos que los grandes relatos de nuestra fe, los que son más conocidos, simplemente nos pasen sin sentirlos. El relato del Evangelio de hoy sobre los acontecimientos previos al nacimiento del Señor parece una telenovela actual. Sin embargo, la valentía de José, aun en medio de una época que debe haber sido increíblemente confusa, nos brinda un modelo a seguir. Cada semana, Dios nos llama a aceptar el camino de la bondad y la verdad por medio de la proclamación de la Palabra sagrada de Dios. Como José, somos llamados a hacer lo que el Señor nos ordene. Mientras estamos en el umbral de la Navidad, tengamos la valentía para estar abiertos a lo que sea, a lo que el Señor requiera de nosotros durante nuestra celebración del milagro de Belén.