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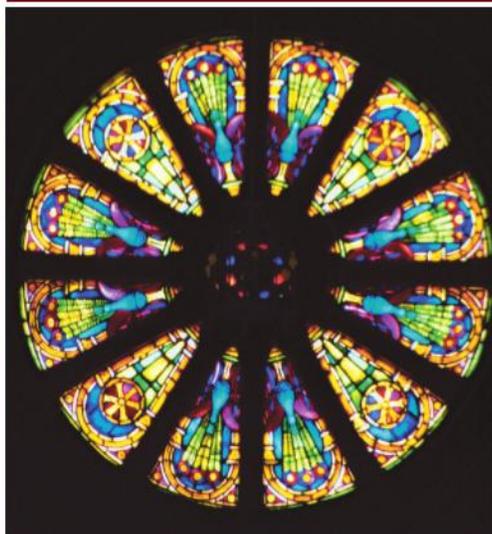
DEVOTIONS: The Rosary is prayed before each Mass. Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed every Monday before Mass. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed every Tuesday before Mass. Eucharistic Adoration is the 4th Tuesday of each month from 9:30AM to 3:30PM (The Divine Mercy Chaplet begins at 3PM and Benediction begins at 3:15PM). Sacred Heart Novena is prayed every First Friday before Mass.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES:
Grades K-8, Sunday 10:00AM – 12:15PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday – 3:30 to 4:00PM

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

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PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Call the Parish Office if someone is seriously ill or hospitalized.

RCIA: Are you or someone you know interested in the Catholic Faith? Do you have questions? Call Debby Johnson (365-6620), Deacon Bruce (440-822-0108) or the parish office (322-5622).

BAPTISMS: Contact Deacon Bruce Tennant to make arrangements. Preparation of parents is required.

WEDDINGS: Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

PRAYER LINE: To ask for prayers for any intention contact the Parish Office by phone or email.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:00AM to 3:00PM
Friday 8:00AM to 12:00Noon

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Items must be submitted by 8:00AM Tuesday.

*Gifted with the charism of hospitality
and both challenged and guided by God's Word,
we seek to be transformed into the image of Christ
and thereby deepen the bonds of love among us
as we reach out to our neighborhood and world
in service of the Kingdom.*

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Greetings to the Saint Agnes Parish

My Friends,

This Wednesday we begin our Lenten observance with the distribution of Ashes at Mass. We keep hearing that this year is 'unprecedented' and this includes the way we will distribute the ashes. Instead of touching and making the sign of the cross on the forehead, diocesan guidelines recommend that we sprinkle the ashes on your head. We will have a 10am Mass with the distribution of ashes. In the evening, Deacon Bruce Tennant will have a Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes at 6pm. We will once again participate in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl collection to assist the poor in the world. The need is more critical than ever in this time of the pandemic. The boxes will be available at the church entrance. Please check the bulletin notice on observing the Lenten practices for fasting and abstinence.

Next weekend, we will carry out the 'in-pew' sign up for our Catholic Charities Appeal. While we will have envelopes available for you to make your donation, you might want to bring your donation with you to Mass. (There will be envelopes available this weekend at the church entrance.) You will also find information on our parish website for online giving. Please be generous in your response. The St. Elizabeth Center has been working hard just trying to provide shelter for the homeless. This week has been difficult because of the cold temperatures. The pandemic protocols limit the number of people that can be housed at the center. It has been a struggle trying to provide alternate housing. Besides, along with prayer and fasting, almsgiving is one of the three penitential disciplines for the forgiveness of sins.

May this Lenten season be a time of grace and blessing for all of us.

Fr Charlie

Fasting & Abstinence: Ash Wednesday, February 17th and Good Friday, April 2nd are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast that is limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday.

BULLETIN MESSAGES: If you would like to see your anniversary announced, etc in the bulletin, send an email or call the parish office.

Prayer for Lent: Loving Father may my Lent overflow with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – all performed in holy hiddenness. Sanctify the hidden things in me that cry out for you

Catholics around the world traditionally mark Ash Wednesday – the first day of Lent – by attending Mass and receiving consecrated ashes as a symbol of their duty to pray, fast and do charitable works (almsgiving). Ash Wednesday, which is not a holy day of obligation, falls on Feb. 17 this year. A new procedure will be used. The priest will bless the ashes with holy water and then only once say one of the formulas from the Roman Missal – either “Repent, and believe in the Gospel,” or “Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.” The priest will cleanse his hands, put on his face mask and distribute ashes to the faithful but instead of marking each forehead with a cross, he will sprinkle ashes on the head of each person without saying anything, thus avoiding physical contact.

-Diocese of Cleveland



Mass Intentions

Sunday February 14

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Carol Dryden

Monday, February 15

Presidents' Day

9:00AM – Walter Rybarcyk

Tuesday, February 16

9:00AM – Joseph Githens

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday

10:00AM – L/D Members of the
Githens & Zipple Families

Thursday, February 18

8:30 AM – Saint Mary's Parish Hall

7:00 PM – Saint Mary's Church

Friday, February 19

9:00AM – John & Marilyn Githens

Saturday, February 20

4:30PM – Margaret & Jack Yarsa

Sunday February 21

1st Sunday of Lent

10:00AM – Felix & Mary Niedzveck
And their children



Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Please read them prayerfully to prepare for the Liturgy of The Word.



2021 Lent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert (fasting and praying)" (Catechism of the Catholic Church).</p>	<p>February</p>	<p>17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> If possible, attend an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes. If not, stream it.</p>	<p>18 Choose Lenten offerings of prayer, penance, and almsgiving.</p>	<p>19 Abstain from eating meat today, and make your meals truly penitential.</p>	<p>20 Pick a saint to learn about and imitate. Ask for his or her special help and protection during Lent.</p>	<p>20 Pick a saint to learn about and imitate. Ask for his or her special help and protection during Lent.</p>
<p>21 After Mass, decide what you need to move aside in your life in order to truly experience Jesus during Lent.</p>	<p>22 Raise the level of your prayer and really think about the meaning of the words you are saying.</p>	<p>23 Put a cross, crucifix, or other image of Jesus in each room of your home to help keep you focused.</p>	<p>24 As an extra Lenten offering, give up something you enjoy — just for today.</p>	<p>25 Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.</p>	<p>26 Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.</p>	<p>27 Make a list of the ways you can support the poor and resolve to do one activity each week.</p>
<p>28 Choose someone who has passed away or needs extra help as your Mass intention today.</p>	<p>1 March Pray an extra Rosary today and every day this week.</p>	<p>2 Forgive someone who has hurt you.</p>	<p>3 Ask Jesus to heal whatever separates you from feeling God's bountiful love.</p>	<p>4 Read the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) and renew your commitment to keep them.</p>	<p>5 Eat a meatless meal and remember why you are abstaining.</p>	<p>6 Adopt a local nursing home. Make cards for the residents, and offer prayers for each of them.</p>
<p>7 Take one idea from today's Gospel reading or homily to implement during the coming week.</p>	<p>8 At the end of the day, make an examination of conscience. Resolve to amend your life.</p>	<p>9 Look for evidence of God at work in your life today.</p>	<p>10 Deal with anyone in your life who may be interfering with your relationship with God.</p>	<p>11 Try to find the time to read an entire Gospel at one sitting.</p>	<p>12 Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey today. Renew your Lenten observances.</p>	<p>13 Attend a parish Reconciliation Service, if you feel safe, or go to Confession on your own.</p>
<p>14 <i>Laetare Sunday</i> Celebrate the halfway point of Lent. Do something fun after Mass today.</p>	<p>15 Go to a private room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.</p>	<p>16 Ask God for a new grace today that will bring you closer to him.</p>	<p>17 Resolve to go the entire day without judging or criticizing anyone.</p>	<p>18 Pick one way you can simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.</p>	<p>19 Figure out how much money you saved by not eating meat today and give it to the poor.</p>	<p>20 Trim down your possessions and give what you don't need to the poor.</p>
<p>21 Look around your neighborhood today for signs of new life.</p>	<p>22 Get up an extra 15 minutes each day for the next two weeks and spend that time in prayer.</p>	<p>23 Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS, www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help.</p>	<p>24 Make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.</p>	<p>25 Today, pray for someone you don't like.</p>	<p>26 Eat pretzels today as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat.</p>	<p>27 Perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.</p>
<p>28 Place Palms around each of the images of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart.</p>	<p>29 Recite the Profession of Faith or the Apostle's Creed each day this week.</p>	<p>30 Notice someone who may be hungry for love or attention and satisfy that hunger.</p>	<p>31 Try to find a reasonable explanation for some offense you may have suffered and let God be the final judge.</p>	<p>1 April Look for someone who is poor or homeless and share your food.</p>	<p>2 Meditate on the Stations of the Cross today. Try to imagine yourself at the scene of each one.</p>	<p>3 Think about a way in which you might have betrayed Jesus today. Ask his pardon.</p>



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me. —Matthew 25:35

Dear Families,

The season of Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect and make room in our hearts to welcome the stranger. Through our **prayer**, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we **fast**, we encounter the obstacles that prevent us from fully loving God and our neighbor. When we **give** alms, we share what we have with others.

During Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

Matthew's Gospel invites us to remember that we are responsible for helping all of our sisters and brothers, even those who are strangers to us. When we do this, we care for Christ. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus tells us that, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Through our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we can respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers, including the millions of men, women and children around the world who experience chronic hunger.

CRS Rice Bowl provides many resources for daily reflection throughout Lent. Consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey.
- Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

Your sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives by providing enough nutritious food for families to thrive. And by practicing the pillars of Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, I hope both your faith and connection to our one human family deepens.

CRS Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Sincerely,

CRS Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14th, 2021



Ash Wednesday February 11

“The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent.”

— Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy

Lent is a time to be uncomfortable in order to strengthen your relationship with God. Your perspective on the prayer, almsgiving, and penance should be that the Father sees inside you and sees what is hidden, what is in your life that is like an infection in your

faith and your spiritual life and this is his prescription. Take in some personal modifications to your life, not just for these 40 days, but look at it as a great opportunity to put away the distractions and focus on connecting to God and letting him remodel your soul and take up more space in your heart. All penance should be covered by humbleness and dedicated to God, and those less fortunate.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES:

In the gospel reading today, Jesus reaches out to touch the leper, one who had been rendered ritually impure or “unclean” due to his skin infection. This gospel story is one of mercy, acceptance, compassion, and empathy. We hear that Jesus is “moved with pity” at the plight of the leper and reaches out to touch him, breaking the Jewish law of his time. How as Christians do we treat our family members with mercy, acceptance, compassion and empathy? Throughout his life, Jesus seeks out and draws near to those on the margins. How do we respond to those in our family who are on the margins of society or in our own family unit?

The Little Black books for Lent are now available on the table near the side entrance/exit of the church. Pick up yours today plus a copy for a homebound parishioner.

A special Lenten resource page will be available on the diocesan website beginning Feb. 15 at dioceseofcleveland.org/lent. Included will be a daily Lenten reflection from Bishop Edward Malesic providing meaningful insight and focus for reflection during the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as well as links to relevant videos and other resources to help the faithful observe Lent in a more meaningful way.

MASS INTENTIONS: the Mass book for 2021 is now open. The usual offering for a Mass intention is \$10 (set by diocesan policy). Call, email, or visit Natalie in the parish office or drop your request in the collection basket and mark it “Mass intention” with who the intention is for.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: This week we will be having a special collection for Catholic Charities Appeal and Home Missions here in America! Please support social services, education, spiritual life, and the ministers working here in America. Your donations to these charities helps out communities suffering in the United States by spreading the Good News and responding to pressing issues.

Contribution Statements for 2020: If you would like a statement of the contributions you made in 2019, please call or email the parish office during regular hours and leave your name and address. Statements will be sent out weekly.

The beginning of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. If you have not picked up your free book, “I Heard God Laugh”, be sure to do so after Mass. The books are located in a basket near the side door of the church. There is a free Lenten Program by Matthew Kelly and the web site is listed on the back of the book. This coming Lent, the program will feature short daily videos that will take you through the book chapter-by-chapter. Matthew Kelly’s book are always filled with nice spiritual thoughts and reflections. Have the best lent ever!! Grab your free book and sign up for the free Lenten Program!!!

Activities for the Week



Sunday, February 14 6th Sunday in Ord. Time

10 a.m. Mass on WUAB Channel
9:30AM Rosary
Mass will also be Live Streamed on Facebook on the Elyria Catholic Cluster page.

Monday, February 15
8:30AM Rosary and
miraculous medal Novena

Tuesday February 16
8:30AM
-Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday, February 17
9:30AM Rosary
**6:00 PM liturgy of the word
and distribution of ashes**

Thursday, February 18

Friday, February 19
8:30AM Rosary

Saturday, February 20
4:00PM Rosary

**Sunday, February 21
1st Sunday of Lent**
10 a.m. Mass on WUAB Channel 19
9:30AM Rosary
Mass will also be Live Streamed on Facebook on the Elyria Catholic Cluster page.

Collection

Thank you for your generous support toward our weekly budget of \$4,200.00!

This weeks donations were \$1193.00 for the regular collection and \$310.00 for the building and property fund. Thank you! We encourage you to utilize the We Share online giving at saintagneselyria.churchgiving.com

Next Weekends Counters will be Crew 3



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