

# The Parish Community of Saint Agnes • Elyria, Ohio, 44035

## Greetings to St. Agnes Parish

### My Friends,

This past week we saw history made with the presiding of Pope Francis at the funeral of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI. It was the first time in 600 years that a pope resigned from the papal office. Pope Benedict was a brilliant scholar and great defender of the faith. His emphasis was on preserving the institution of the Church. For centuries, it clearly delineated our Catholic identity. We memorized the Baltimore catechism and knew what it meant to be and live as a Catholic. It bound us together with the church as the center of our life.

The church as institution does not have the same impact today. There is a distrust of institutions in general and the clergy sex scandal in the Church was a major trauma for the faithful. Pope Benedict marks the transition from a rigid legal institution to a more pastoral dimension. Just the fact that he broke a 600-year-old tradition of resigning to address the needs of the local church today illustrates his wisdom and foresight.

If the Church is to survive in the modern world, it will only happen from the bottom up. The decrees from on high will not inspire faith. Rather, it is the Christian faithful living out the Gospel in their daily lives and gathering around the Eucharistic table that will renew the life of the Church.

Pope Francis has called forth a synod to encourage participation in the local Church. Our bishops are inviting us to a 'Eucharistic Revival.' The heart of the Church as institution is the celebration of the Eucharist. It is the lifeblood that draws us into deep communion with one another. In this post-pandemic world, we need to make the Eucharist the center of our lives. The Vatican Council II defined it as 'the source and summit' of our faith. May our celebration of the Eucharist not only deepen our own faith but also draw others into this communion of love with our God.

— Father Charlie

*Intercession: O Christ, as the magi opened their hearts and minds to adore you, open our hearts and minds to the transformational power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

| Collection          | Dec. 25  | Jan. 1  |
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| Regular Collection  | \$1,806  | \$1,972 |
| Christmas           | \$1,992  | \$845   |
| Building & Property | \$355    | \$260   |
| Outreach            | \$65     | \$215   |
| Operation Support   | \$121.01 | \$480   |
| Solemnity of Mary   |          | \$1,637 |

**2023 Contribution Envelopes** are delayed! The printing company cannot ship our order due to supply chain issues beyond our control. Envelopes should arrive mid-January. Please use an interim envelope in the meantime.

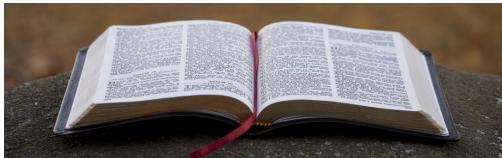
**Family Perspectives** The three magi demonstrate for us the balance of faith and reason. They were academic scholars who noticed the star that shone over Bethlehem was no ordinary star. Their quest to discover the truth of the star brought them to Jesus, where they presented him with gifts that acknowledged and honored his kingship, divinity and mortality. Highly intelligent individuals, the magi show us that faith does not compromise one's ability to believe in God. Their minds were open to whatever they may discover. They allowed the love of God into their minds and hearts - an example of how the pursuit of knowledge may lead one to faith!

Collection Counters for this week are Crew 2.  
Collection Counters for next weekend are Crew 3.

## Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul the Hermit**  
**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34.**

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



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 7 (Sanson)

4:30PM — Health & Blessings for the Mittler Family

### Sunday, January 8 (Ryba)

10:00AM — Charles Kramar

### Monday, January 9 (Ryba)

9:00AM — The Steadman Family

### Tuesday, January 10 (Diedrick)

9:00AM — People of the Parish

### Wednesday, January 11 (Diedrick)

9:00AM — Mary Ann Pileski,  
Month's Mind

### Thursday, January 12

9:00AM — at St. Mary's

### Friday, January 13

9:00AM — at St. Mary's

### Saturday, January 14 (Kosem)

4:30PM — Rita Ludwig & Family

### Sunday, January 15 (Diedrick)

10:00AM — Henry & Jerry Bogdanski

# January 8, 2023



Then they opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of  
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**Eucharistic Revival** The US Bishops have called for a Eucharistic revival. We are discerning having Eucharistic adoration here at St. Agnes in a more abbreviated format than in the past. On the table by the side door is a signup sheet for anyone who would like to sit with the Blessed Sacrament after the Weekday mass on Tuesdays. This would be from 9:30AM (end of mass) until 11:30 AM concluding with Benediction. Two must be present with the exposed Eucharist. Sign-up need not be for the whole time; a half-hour interval would be fine, and we may have as many people as wish, provided again that there are at least two.

**Retiring** Dan and Debbie Bauer are retiring from performing rectory household cleanup duties every other Monday. If you know of anyone who would be interested in filling this position, please call the rectory office. This is a paid position.

**2022 Contribution Statements** may be requested by phone, email, or collection basket note from the office. Please indicate if you prefer to have the statement mailed or emailed to you.

**We will remove Christmas decorations** on Sunday, January 15th after the 10am Mass. Any help is welcome and appreciated.

**St. Agnes Cash Calendar Raffle** The November raffle brought in \$2,700 for St. Agnes! Thank you for supporting our parish in this successful fundraiser.

**50+ Club News** The Club will take a break for winter and will meet again March 8th.

**The 200 Club** St. Agnes's 200 Club is currently accepting memberships for the 2023 Spring 200 Club drawings and dinner. Memberships are \$35; make checks payable to St. Agnes Church. Flyers are available on the side table.

**The St. Agnes Feast Day Breakfast** will be on Sunday, January 22 after the 10:00 Mass. Please sign up by Friday, January 13 on the form at the side door or the back door (or call the church office by 12:30 on Friday). Come and celebrate our parish!

**Mass Intentions** for 2023 are available, with many weekend masses still open. Diocesan policy sets mass intentions at \$10 per mass. Please email or call the office or place your intention and the stipend in the collection basket.

**The Search Continues** Our life's journey between birth -- death is lived in the "dash." How are you living your "dash?" We offered a 7-week Advent video series, "The Search," grappling with these questions: What do you Seek? Who are You? Why a God? What's our Story? Who is Jesus? Am I Saved? And Why a Church? "The Search Continues" with more journey questions starting Jan 23 through March 27 on Mondays at 9:45-11:00AM at St. Agnes McCafferty Room OR 6:30-7:45PM at St. Mary Weigand Room. Let's "search" together as we tackle these and other questions as we live out our "dash" toward our journey Home: What are the Sacraments? What is Heaven? Why is There a Pope? Is there Really a Hell? What About the Church Scandals? Why Confess to a Priest? Religion or Relationship? Come, bring a friend, family member to these free sessions. All are welcome!

**Father Veigas' 70<sup>th</sup> birthday** is Wed., January 11th. Let's fill up his mailbox with lots of good wishes for his birthday and for his upcoming trip! He plans to leave on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> for an extended stay in India.    Reverend Albert Veigas | 3622 West 104<sup>th</sup> St. | Cleveland, OH 44111

**St. Mary's News** The Senior Luncheon will not be meeting until March.

**You're invited** to join in praying the Liturgy of the Hours, the prayer of the Church, on Fridays at St. Mary's after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Green Room. Bring your book if you have one.

**Catholic Renewal Ministries'** Traveling Charismatic Mass for January will be held at St. Peter Parish on Fri., Jan. 20th, 7:00 pm. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00pm and the liturgy will start at 7:30pm. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after mass. For more information, contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come, Sing and Praise God with Joy!

**Next Week, 1/14–1/15:**

**4:30PMMass**

Eucharistic Minister: Toni Sciulli  
Lector: Mary Ann Schaefer  
Altar Server: Marie Horn  
Greeter: Terri Zigmund

**10:00 AM Mass**

Eucharistic Minister: Rose Morgan  
Lector: Michael Baran  
Altar Servers: Kathy Francis  
Greeter: Bill Morgan

## Activities for the Week

### Saturday, January 7

4:00 PM Rosary  
4:30 PM Vigil Mass

### Sunday, January 8

9:30 AM Rosary  
10:00 AM Mass

### Monday, January 9

8:30 AM Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena  
9:00 AM Mass

### Tuesday, January 10

8:30 AM Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
9:00 AM Mass at St. Agnes  
9:30 AM Bible Study

### Wednesday, January 11

8:30 AM Rosary  
9:00 AM Mass

### Thursday, January 12

9:00 AM at St. Mary's followed by Eucharistic Adoration

### Friday, January 13

9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's

### Saturday, January 14

3:30 PM Confession  
4:00 PM Rosary  
4:30 PM Vigil Mass

### Sunday, January 15

9:30 AM Rosary  
10:00 AM Mass

\*Sunday Virtual Mass: St. Mary's 8:30am live-streamed on the St. Mary Facebook page.

\*Live from the Cathedral on WUAB 43 at 10AM and on demand on the Diocesan website for playback.



### St. Mary's Snowfall of Cash Calendar

**Raffle** is ongoing in January. Tickets are available on the side table. Each ticket is \$10 and is a chance to win each day in January! Tickets may be returned in the collection basket or to the office at St. Agnes or St. Mary. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Church.