



NEWSLETTER

Saint Agnes Newsletter

Family Newsletter

December 13, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we prepare for Christmas, we recall that Advent is a time of hope, waiting, compassion and kindness, as we await the coming of Jesus. This week we lit our second Advent candle. It is a good time to take a moment to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us. As many of our students have seen in the *Polar Express* - "Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart."

~Erin Redleski

SCHOOL NEWS

K-3 Christmas Performance: Let's get into the holiday spirit! We are excited to invite parents and families to our Christmas Performance on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Agnes Church. All students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be participating. Please join us after the program for a winter reception in Murphy Hall!

Virtue = Strength: December's theme is [Love for God](#) with an emphasis on putting God first.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

December

- 14 3rd grade goes to Confession
- 14 Spiritwear Day
- 14 Children's Theater Field Trip (Gr. 2-3)
- 15 Children's Theater Field Trip (Kindergarten-1st)
- 19 K-3 Christmas Program (6:30 p.m. Church)
- 20 Early Dismissal (11 a.m.)
- 20 Students can be out of uniform if they wear holiday attire
- 21-Jan. 2 Christmas Break

January

- 2 Skyline night fundraiser (3-9, Ft. Wright location)
- 3 School reopens - 1st day back from Christmas Break
- 5 Family Group Day (wear family group shirts)
- 8 Grade 1 Family Night ~Pancake Party
- 8-26 MAP Testing Winter Session (Gr. K-8)
- 11 Virtue=Strength Information Night (Murphy Hall)
- 15 NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 25 Spiritwear Day
- 25 Grade 8 Family Night ~ Minute to Win It!

Absent Students: It's that time of year of flu and viruses. Luckily Saint Agnes has had relatively few students out (only 12 students absent today.) It's a good time to remind parents of our illness protocols: a student must be fever/symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school. Also, don't forget to notify the school office if your child will be absent from school. Thanks to all our parents who are trying to keep Saint Agnes healthy!

'Bundled in Love' Advent Service Project Updates:

- **Bundled in Love Collection of Baby Items:** Our collection is growing every day. What a testament to the true giving spirit of our Saint Agnes families. Our collection will run through 12/19. All donated items will help families/young mothers at Welcome House and Be Concerned. Each student has an ornament that will be hung on our Christmas tree in the cafeteria as they bring in items for our collection. Please let us know if you have any questions or email the office if you need to know what items each family group is collecting.
- **Our Jesse Tree Announcements:** Every morning we have been learning about Jesus' ancestors during announcements. We have our Saint Agnes Jesse Tree located in the front hallway. As we learn each story from the Bible, we will hang a corresponding ornament on the tree. We look forward to our own Jesse Tree taking shape during this beautiful season.
- **Christmas Visitors:** So far we have had two "mystery guests" to help our students in grades K-4 learn about the spirit of Christmas: the Angel Gabriel and the Virgin Mary. Our guests told us about their part in the story of Christmas. Another visitor comes tomorrow - who will it be?

Registration for 2024-25: Our registration for **new** students (kindergarten and grades 1-8) for next year is now open. This is only for new students (not our current students who will re-register in January.) Please [click here](#) for information on the enrollment process or go directly to the [registration link here](#). Spread the word if you know of families wanting to register.

VIRTUE = STRENGTH Information Night: Parents and parishioners, please join us January 11th at 6:30pm in Murphy Hall for a VIRTUE = STRENGTH information night! Virtue = Strength is our school theme for the year and it's mission for the children is to: Learn the Virtues. Love our Lord. Live the Faith! The program's director (and our very own Park Hills' neighbor) Lou Judd, will be joining us to share the beauty of the program and the many ways that it will help to shape the character of our children and the Catholic Identity of our school and parish! If you have any questions, are curious about the program, or would like to learn how to supplement the weekly lessons at home, JOIN US! All are welcome!

VIRTUE = STRENGTH Information Night

Thursday, January 11th, 2024 at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in Murphy Hall

Mission Statement of Saint Agnes School

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Come work in our cafeteria: The Diocese of Covington School Lunch Program is currently seeking a dedicated Cafeteria Manager to join our team at St. Agnes, Ft. Wright. Details will be discussed during the interview process. To apply please go to www.covdio.org/employment, School Related Openings, cafeteria positions.

BOOSTERS NEWS

Spring Soccer Registration: 2024 Spring Soccer Registration opens December 13th and ends on January 17th. Saint Agnes offers soccer for students ages 4-13. Play games and practice at Saint Agnes fields. Play with your classmates. We have an “under-6 instructional program” for ages 4-5 with a combined practice and game on Sundays at Saint Agnes. Our “Recreational U8 – U14 program” plays in the Northern Kentucky Soccer League (NKSL) and has weekday practices at Saint Agnes and Saturday games at various locations in Kenton County. Shirts are provided for the U6 program. Uniforms for the recreational program must be purchased during the registration process (if needed). Late registrations are not guaranteed and cost \$10 more per player. Player moves after teams are set cost \$10 per move. Registration will be through the Boosters website: <http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/saintagnesboosters> (Click on “Registration Info”). For questions about boys soccer contact Rob Lynch, RobLynch474@gmail.com or girls soccer Katie Graham, katiegraham18@gmail.com. For U6 contact Kylie Kisker at ky.scheper@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

Walking with Purpose: Are you looking to grow your faith while connecting with other women in the parish? The Walking with Purpose bible study will begin on Tuesday, January 23rd. We are doing an 8-week session called Ordering Your Priorities that will end on March 12th. We will have sessions in the morning (9 – 10:30 am) and the evening (7 – 8:30 pm). This is a great way to get to know other women and grow closer to God. You can return the [attached registration form](#) with a check for \$25 (payable to St. Agnes) to the parish office or through kidmail (Ava 3M). If you have any questions, contact Maureen Osterhaus at mosterhaus8@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Covington Catholic Coed Winter Youth Track and Field Camp: Dec 28 + 29th, 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Shake off winter-break cabin-fever in CovCath's state-of-the-art fieldhouse, with activities in sprints, throws, jumps and more. No prior experience in track & field needed! Learn the sport from some of the top athletes in Northern Kentucky, including former Colonels who competed at the collegiate level. A single-day option is available for busy end-of-year schedules -- early bird registration (discounted price + raffle entry for premium swag) offered through December 12. For more information, [click here](#). For registration: [click here](#)

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Bambinelli and Christmas Tree Blessing: Bishop John Iffert invites diocesan families and friends to attend the second annual Bambinelli and Christmas Tree Blessing on Sunday, December 17, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at St. Mary's Park and the Diocesan Curia (Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium). Come see the blessing and lighting of the diocesan Christmas tree, listen to live parish and school choirs, enjoy homemade cookies and hot cocoa, and hear the story of Bambinelli Sunday. Bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home Nativity to receive a special blessing from Bishop Iffert and be part of a Catholic Advent tradition! No RSVP required. All are welcome!

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