



# NEWSLETTER

## Saint Agnes Newsletter

Family Newsletter  
December 6, 2023

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Many exciting things are happening at Saint Agnes as we prepare for the coming of our Lord! Our Advent tree in the cafeteria is shining bright with lights and student ornaments. The *Bundled in Love* baskets for our service project are filled with donations, and K-4 students will be visited by Advent mystery guests who will tell about their story of Christmas and allow us to share in their faith journey.

~Erin Redleski

### SCHOOL NEWS

**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 waiting to register.

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

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### December

- 7 4th grade goes to Confession
- 8 NO SCHOOL: Feast of Immaculate Conception
- 9 High School Placement Test
- 11-15 Christmas Shop (Murphy Hall)
- 12 Big Blue Bash Meeting (7 p.m.; school)
- 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 wear Christmas 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)
- 15 NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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**St. Agnes Christmas Shop:** St. Agnes Christmas Shop will open next Monday, 12/11. Today each student will come home with an envelope and a letter explaining the envelope and the shop, along with the day your child(ren) will be shopping. If you would like to volunteer please use [this link here](#) to sign up. If you have any questions please email Stacey Moorhead at [staceyscully4@aol.com](mailto:staceyscully4@aol.com).

**'Bundled in Love' Advent Service Project:**

- **Bundled in Love Collection of Baby Items:** We will have baskets displayed in the hallway for each family group so that students can see our collections grow in the spirit of giving and helping others. 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. Below is a list of all the collection items for reference.

***Bundled in Love collection items:***

- **Mr. Beiting's Family Group:** Baby Blankets, Thermometers and/or Baby Shoes
  - **Ms. Loos' Family Group:** Baby Blankets, Thermometers and/or Baby Shoes
  - **Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Yockey's Family Groups:** Diapers (size 4, 5, 6) and/or Baby wipes
  - **Ms. Kindt and Mrs. Turner's Family Groups:** Diapers (size 4, 5, 6) and/or Baby wipes
  - **Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Lanning's Family Groups:** Baby Formula (powder) and/or Baby Food
  - **Mrs. Mayforth and Ms. Burkart's Family Groups:** Baby Formula (powder) and/or Baby Food
  - **Mrs. Hans and Mrs. Wiehe's Family Groups:** Baby Powder and/or Diaper Rash Cream
  - **Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Woolley's Family Groups:** Baby Powder and/or Diaper Rash Cream
  - **Mrs. Messmer and Mrs. Ficke's Family Groups:** Baby Wash/Shampoo and/or Baby Clothing Detergent
  - **Mr. Dunaway and Ms. Good's Family Groups:** Pacifiers, Bottles and Teething Rings
  - **Mrs. Owens and Ms. Schweitzer's Family Groups:** Bibs, Baby Spoons and Sippy Cups
  - **Mrs. Pieper and Mrs. Redleski's Family Group:** Diapers (any size) and Baby wipes
  - **Mrs. Egan's Family Group:** Diapers (any size) and Baby wipes
  - **Senora Dixon's Family Group:** Diapers (any size) and Baby wipes
- **Our Jesse Tree Announcements:** We will be learning about Jesus' ancestors each morning during announcements through scripture and learning the meaning behind the Jesse Tree. 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:** Our students in grades K-4 will learn about the spirit of Christmas with some special "mystery guests" who will help us understand some of the people involved in the Christmas story. Our guests will tell us their story of Christmas and allow us to share in their journey of faith. Our first Advent Christmas Visitor arrives tomorrow - be sure to ask your student who they met!
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**Academic Team News:** Congratulations to the 6th Grade Academic Team for placing 3rd Overall and 3rd in Quick Recall during the 6th Grade Showcase competition last weekend. The entire team did a great job, including these students who placed in individual assessments:

Arts and Humanities: Murray K. and Mason H.

Composition: Maevy M.

Science: Cooper L.

Social Studies: Cooper L. and Cooper O.

**Family Service Hours:** Just a friendly reminder to log your service hours in Sycamore. We ask that each family contribute 20 hours of service throughout the school year. You can download the Sycamore app - we are told it is very easy to log them this way! [Video instructions](#)

**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](http://www.covdio.org/employment), School Related Openings, and look for the information on the cafeteria positions.

## PTO NEWS

### **Big Blue Bash Committee Meeting: Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm (enter at the front school door)**

Be in the know from the get go! We've chosen a location and are fine tuning the details for the 2024 Big Blue Bash! Be on the inside track and help us make this Big Blue Bash the best one yet! Everyone is invited to the committee meeting on Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm at the school. Learn about the event and how you can volunteer for an hour, for 10-20 hours or be a part of the committee! However you want to participate, we will find a spot for you to shine. Click [here](#) for more information. Email [SaintAgnesSchoolPTO@gmail.com](mailto:SaintAgnesSchoolPTO@gmail.com) with questions, or follow us on [Facebook](#)!

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are doing an 8-week session called Ordering Your Priorities that will end on March 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:mosterhaus8@gmail.com).

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

**High School Placement Test:** Sign up today for the HSPT at NDA! All incoming freshman students interested in attending Notre Dame Academy must take the High School Placement Test. There is a testing fee of \$20.00 that must be paid at the time of test registration. PRIORITY FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHO TAKE THE HSPT AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY. SIGN UP TO TAKE THE HSPT at NDA [HERE](#).

**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](#)

**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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