

February 12, 2017 6th Sunday in O T A

WHO IS GOOD ENOUGH?

Introductory Thought There is an old saying that captures the dilemma of those who are trying to live holy lives. It goes something like this: "I'm humble and proud of it." How can we strive for holiness without falling prey to the pride that undermines holiness? We will never mix pride with holiness if we realize and remember that holiness comes from God alone.

Reading I Sirach 15:15-20 The Bible portrays faith as a paradoxical partnership between the individual and God. We must seek God's will of our own free choice, but we can only do God's will with the help of God. God must give us what we choose and we must choose what God gives us.

Reading II 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 We cannot imagine all the things that lie ahead when we choose the way of holiness. But God always gives us the light that we need for the journey of faith. Each step we take brings us closer to the mystery of God's grace

Reading III Matthew 5:17-37 Why did Jesus make such extraordinary demand of his disciples? He put wrong thinking in the same category with wrong doing in order to make it clear that we can never become holy in our own wisdom and strength. Our holiness finally comes as a gift from God.

CLOSING THOUGHT Life is filled with strange ironies. Neither happiness nor holiness can be won by our own efforts. The most important things in life come to all of us indirectly. And we are blessed only when we are a blessing to others. As we have said, we will never confuse pride with holiness if we realize and remember that holiness comes from God alone.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Feb 13th 8am John LaBanc @ St. Agnes
Tues. Feb 14th 8am Esther Watts @ Holy Family
Wed. Feb 15th Marie Terneus @ St. Agnes
Thu Feb 16th 8am Marcella White @ Holy Family
Fri. Feb 17th NO MASS @ St. Agnes
Saturday February 18th 3:15 Confessions
4pm Tom Dethrow @ St. Agnes
6pm Russell & Margaret Roberts @ Holy Family
Sunday February 19th
8am Anna Belusko @ Holy Family
10am Mark Berry @ St. Agnes

 *Mark your calendar* 

Thur. Feb. 16th, 9:30am Montgomery NH Rosary
Mon. Feb. 20th 9:30am Hillsboro NH Communion
Thur. Feb. 23rd, 9:30 Montgomery NH Com. & Ros.
Please listen to WSMI Radio for any cancellations due to weather or otherwise! Thank You!!!

You are invited to Pray the Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy with us after Monday & Wednesday 8am Masses for the Year of Mercy, Stewardship, Discipleship, and the Future of our parish.

February 5, 2017 OFFERTORY	
Weekend envelopes (128)	\$ 4523.00
Weekend loose	\$ 178.35
First Offering	\$ 10.00
Catholic Times	\$ 60.00
Latin America	\$ 15.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 4806.35
St. Agnes Cemetery	\$ 318.00
St. Johns	\$ 35



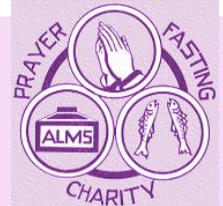
Please let us know if someone in your

family is ill or hospitalized and wants to be visited or taken communion by calling 532-5288. Please leave a de-

tailed message. Thank You!



LENTEN REGULATIONS



- 1. ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.**
 - 2. FAST – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**
- On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.**
- 3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.**

Sign up for the Best Lent Ever!
 Visit BestLentEver.com/Lent to sign up. Beginning Ash Wednesday, participants will receive daily emails with practical tips, short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly, and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic Team members.

*Please return your contribution to the **Baby Bottle Drive** For the **Pregnancy Resource Center** Newly located uptown Hillsboro. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kim Noyes @ 217-415-1886. They are in need of volunteers available in the daytime! Please prayerfully consider what roll you can play to help. Thank you from the Pro-Life Group, Celebrating Life from Conception to Natural Death!*

Request for Contribution Statement 2016
 Name _____
 Envelope # _____
Please drop in the collection basket and your statement will be mailed the following week. Thank you! Angie

Ministry Schedule February 18th & 19th

Saturday 18th, 4pm Sunday 19th, 10pm

Reader	Jason Anderson	Shanna Conner
Cantor	Tom Schmidt	Terri Miller
Mass Server	Grace Anderson	Dylan Lessman
Mass Server	Kelly Jansen	Steven Weller
Eucharist E	Jen Anderson	Mary Brown
Eucharist PB	Deacon Lee	Deacon Lee
Eucharist PB	Tina Jansen	Barb Ryan
Usher	Stan Hughes	Junice Springer
Usher	Jim Reynolds	Greg Springer
Usher	Jeff Knodle	Mary Jo Cerny
Usher	Wayne Jansen	Jeremy Connor
Hospitality	Delores Hughes	Jessie Chesser
Hospitality	Beth Jansen	Jeanette Huber
Hospitality		Patty Paden
Childrens Liturgy		Renee Laughlin

Black History Month - While a student at St Peter's school in Quincy, Servant of God Augustus Tolton felt called by God. Augustus persisted in his vocational pursuit despite barriers due to his race. Rejected by every seminary in the country, Augustus studied for the priesthood in Rome. Ordained in 1886, he returned to the United States to minister in Quincy and later in Chicago.

Process Addictions... are growing at an alarming rate. They include co-dependent behavior, work, electronic devices, gambling and pornography to name a few of the hundreds that plague men & women. *If this is an area where the Holy Spirit is calling on you to face this and receive help and healing,* come to a weekend retreat at the Chiara Center February 17-19 To begin a more hopeful journey, contact us at 217-523-0901 or email info@chiaracenter.org to register

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Free will. The freedom we all have is not a license to murder, be unfaithful, or tell lies. We can do these things. But we can choose not to do any of them. If we trust God – and God's saving plan for us and for the world – then we will want to be just, to act with righteousness, and to be in right relationship with God, with others, and with the whole of creation.

Marty Haugen picks up the words of Saint Paul to the Church in Corinth in "Eye Has Not Seen". If your parish does not sing it this Sunday, look for it in your songbook before or after Mass. Hum it all the way to the end. [Online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRyOS0nZr7s>.] "Give us the mind of Jesus."

- What have I heard today about being right with God?
- What have I been taught today about right relationship with family and friends?
- How will I choose to trust God this day, this week?

As members of this parish community prepare for Confirmation we the faithful journey with them. You have called us to share in the mission of your son, a mission to bring the Good News of your reconciling love to a world of sin and suffering. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, so that we might be faithful to the anointing for mission that we have receiving We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

For all K C Hall inquiries and rental questions, please contact at John Eikchoff @ 217-532-5419 or cel 217-710-0893. Thank You!

Saint Agnes

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A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Gratitude

Forgiveness

Healing

Stewardship

& Intentional

Discipleship

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Thursday 8:45 to 4:30

Parish Center 217-532-2631

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Diocesan web site: www.dio.org

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. If you have a change of address will you please notify the parish office at 532-5288 or email agnesone_chris@consolidated.net. You can leave a phone message with your new address.

Mass Schedule

Monday & Wednesday 8:00 am

4:00 pm Saturday

10:00 am Sunday

Confessions Saturday 3:15-3:45pm &

By special appointment 532-5288.

Saint Agnes Parish Mission Statement

Saint Agnes is a Roman Catholic community called to be disciples of Jesus and to celebrate our faith in work and sacrament. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the love of God by serving others and proclaiming the Gospel with our Lives.

RCIA: Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic faith, call the Pastoral Associate Office 532-2631.

BAPTISMS: By appointment only after parents have attended required classes. Parents must be registered and active members of St. Agnes Parish for at least 3 months.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are to be made directly through the funeral home. Funeral liturgies are at 10:00 am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm., or by appointment. Consult the bulletin.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Priest of the parish, 532-5288.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Contact Pastoral Associate Office at 532-2631.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. **REGISTRATION AND ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AT ST. AGNES REQUIRED,** plus attendance at a pre-cana conference. No weddings to begin later than 2:00 pm on Saturday.