

February 19, 2017, 7th Sunday in OT- A
CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT

Introductory Thought We are all goal-oriented with regard to something. Consciously or unconsciously, we all have aspirations for ourselves in life. Some goals are short term, as when we plan to plant a garden, while other goals are long range, as when we plan to retire when we reach a certain age. Most of us have a sense of being called to something special. But what is the “goal of goals” in our lives? The way we answer that question defines both our character and our destiny.

Reading I Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 We are commanded by God to be holy as he is holy. But what does this mean? Being holy as God is holy does not mean striving to be powerful. Power is an attribute of God’s holiness that we can never achieve. Being holy means striving to be loving and caring of others and putting God’s will first.

Reading II 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 The Apostle Paul made an astonishing claim that we are the temple of God. We are the visible presence of God on this earth, not some cathedral or chapel. The Spirit of God dwells in us as the presence of love does. God works through us as the power of love.

Reading III Matthew 5:38-48 Every great religious and moral code of the ancient world centered in fair play. Treat others exactly the way they treat you. “A helping hand for a helping hand. A clenched fist for a clenched fist.” But Jesus changed all that, and centered faith and ethics on love. Treat others the way you want them to treat you.

CLOSING THOUGHT Little children can’t wait to grow up, but that’s usually because they only see the advantages of being an adult. They like the idea of going to bed whenever they place and helping themselves to ice cream whenever they want. But it doesn’t take long for them to discover that growing up is hard work and takes a life-time to get done.

Mass Intentions

Mon.Feb 20th 8am John LaBanc@ St.Agnes
Tues.Feb 21st 8am Harriet Miller @ HolyFamily
Wed. Feb 22nd Lottie “Lee” Bernhardt@ St.Agnes
ThuFeb23rd 8am Cecil Millburg @ Holy Family
Fri. Feb24th NO MASS @ St. Agnes
Saturday February 25th 3:15 Confessions
4pm Mary&Henry Vanzo @ St. Agnes
6pm Beverly Bergman @ Holy Family
Sunday February 26th
8am Mary Hiette @HolyFamily
10am Dorothy Millburg @ St. Agnes

Mark your calendar

Mon.Feb.20th 9:30am Hillsboro NH Communion
Thur.Feb.23rd, 9:30 Montgomery NH Com. & Ros.
Wed.March 1st Ash Wednesday 5:15pm St. Agnes
Soup Supper to Follow in Basement
7pm Holy Family
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.

Mark your calendar for Life Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 10:00-1:00. Lunch will be provided. Check future bulletins for further information.

February 12, 2017	OFFERTORY
Weekend envelopes (109)	\$ 3412.00
Weekend loose	\$ 259.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 25.00
TOTAL	\$ 3696.00
St. Agnes Cemetery	\$ 305.00
St. Johns	\$



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!



Pro-Life News: on February 25th & 26th, we will be handing out Holy Cards for Spiritual Adoption for babies that are endangered of abortion. We will also have petitions to sign for our pro-life efforts. There will be 40 days for Life packets available for those interested.

Confirmation of Adults at Pentecost - Bishop Paprocki invites Catholics who are catechized but not confirmed (i.e., who have received catechetical formation and the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist) to complete the Sacraments of Initiation by celebrating Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Confirmation of catechized Catholics will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017, 2:00 pm. More information, along with the registration form, can be found at www.dio.org/catechesis/adult-confirmation.html. The registration form which needs to be completed by the pastor, parochial administrator, or pastoral facilitator needs to be accompanied with an original baptismal certificate and returned to the Office for Catechesis by Thursday, May 11, 2017. If you have any question, please contact: Chris Malmevik, Director, Office for Catechesis (217-698-8500, x178 or).

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.

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 25th & 26th

Saturday 25th, 4pm Sunday 26th, 10pm

Reader	Linda Schroedter	Don Clinard
Cantor	Stan McCaslin	Terri Miller
Mass Server	Kaleb Knodle	Tad Daniels
Mass Server	Jeff Knodle	Terry Trader
Eucharist E	Kaitlyn Knodle	Barb Ryan
Eucharist PB	Kay Gray	Mary Brown
Eucharist PB	Mary Reynolds	Bob Fuehne
Usher	Jim Eickhoff	Mike Ryan
Usher	Charles Peterson	Henry Ernst
Usher	Mike Puckett	John Eickhoff
Usher	Kent Zimmerman	Mike Reynolds
Hospitality	Linda VanGiesen	Jeanette Huber
Hospitality	Tammy Knodle	Patty Paden
Hospitality	Sami Knodle	Jayden Slightom
ChildrensLiturgy		Ali Luckett

Please let us know if you have any scheduling conflicts in March and April. Thank you for giving your time and talent at Saint Agnes!

Courses for all Catholics - University of Dayton Online Learning

- A new year begins a new opportunity to sign up for the online courses through the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), a program of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton. These adult faith formation courses support the Church's catechetical ministry and are for all Catholics. This means that you can deepen your faith at a time and place convenient to you via the internet. Courses may be taken for undergraduate credit (for an additional fee) and all courses qualify for credit in our diocesan Catechist Formation Process. Registration for the SECOND CYCLE course begins January 18 and continues through March 1. This second of seven course cycles begins March 5, 2017. For more information, visit the VLCFF web site at vlc.udayton.edu or contact the Office for Catechesis.

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Be perfect lovers. What a challenge! What an invitation! What a duty! The true identity of those loved by God is to be lovers. The duty is not to waste time and energy on cherishing hatred, vengeance, grudges, and retaliation. Since we belong to Christ (Baptism makes this so), we are already holy (set apart) like God, we are on the way to being perfect (devoted to divine instruction) like God.

- How will I place no limits on love of neighbor – even if he or she does _____ to me?
- How will I imitate God in being perfect?
- How will I be like God and love _____ by doing _____?

Sing Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 all week: "The Lord is kind and merciful."

As members of this parish community prepare for Confirmation we the faithful journey with them. God loving Father, you have called us your blessed children when we make peace in the world. Help us realize that peace is built on justice and crowned with charity. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to make us instruments of that peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

For all K C Hall inquiries and rental questions, please contact at John Eickhoff @ 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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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.

ANOIDING 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.