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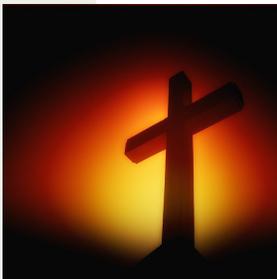
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# Purity & Light

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR ST. AGNES FAMILIES

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

To maintain the safety of all who participate in our on-site program this year we are in need of adults to help with our temperature check-in process from 8:45-9:15am. Please let us know if you would like to sign-up for a weekend or two. This opportunity will count toward service hours.



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Hello Families—

November is upon us and the liturgical year is coming to a close. There is a certain cycle and rhythm in the church calendar that leads us from one season seamlessly into another. It is at this time of year when the Sunday readings will start looking at the end times. This is not meant to be morbid or depressing but gives us the opportunity to recognize our place in the world and where we are heading. Are we living up to the expectations that God has for us? Are we heading on the right path to be with Jesus in Heaven? Every Sunday this month Jesus helps us reflect on these important questions in the Gospel readings that we will hear at Mass. Our liturgical year ends just before Thanksgiving with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This celebration helps us to redirect our focus toward that which is most important for all eternity.

The blog postings that I put on our St. Agnes website are for you to learn more about the Catholic Church and her teachings as conveyed in the Catechism. In my writings I try to simplify some of the concepts so that they are easier to understand and apply to our daily lives. The current series of postings have each focused on one of the seven virtues. As these are important for us to understand we don't always think about how we live them out. By sharing how I interpret these teachings, my hope is that it will help you to appreciate and understand them as well, in your own way. If you find these posts helpful or would like to share your perspective please submit your thoughts in the comment section.

I want to wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving Day celebration however that will look for your family this year. May you find peace and joy in being with your family and friends.

God's Peace & Blessings to you all.  
Shelly Fellin

### Prayer and Reflection

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, We praise you and give you glory:  
 We thank you for calling us to be your holy people.  
 Remain in our hearts and guide us in our love and service.  
 Help us to let our light shine before others and lead us to the way of faith.  
 AMEN

How am I being called to love and serve those you bring into my life?

# Upcoming Events

November 1—Session #6 K-8 / Session #4 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> /Session #3 Confirmation

November 3—Eucharistic Adoration in church from 4:00-6:00

November 8—Session #7 K-8 / Family Time 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> & Confirmation (Kemp/Hafford Hall)

November 15—Session #8 K-8 / Session #5 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> /Session #4 Confirmation

November 22—Session #9 K-8 / St. Stanislaus/Latin Mass (High School Worship Opportunity)

November 29—NO Sessions (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)

## Monthly Minute: November—Saints

We all know about All Saints Day. November 1<sup>st</sup> has always been that important Holy Day of Obligation where we sing the litany of the saints and celebrate what it means for us to be Holy. The Church as the Mystical Body of Christ from its earliest days “has honored with great respect the memory of the dead”. We do this by praying for them and by seeking their intercession as well. [CCC958](#). The Church recognizes the heroic virtues and fidelity to the Spirit of those we call Saints. It is through this Communion of Saints, as our models and intercessors, that we find our source of inspiration and renewal, especially during those difficult moments in our life. [CCC828](#). November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Commemoration of All the Faithfully Departed (All Soul’s Day) when the Church recognizes *all* who have died.

On Sunday we will hear in the Gospel the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus gives us these saying as a roadmap and guide for us during life. They not only portray his love for us but also provide hope in the midst of struggle. The saints reveal to us how to live the beatitudes. [See CCC1717](#).

### Prayer for All Saints Day

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshiping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors. Amen.

Read more at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/prayer-saints-day>



## Join our Team to help improve Christian Formation Programs!

The Christian Formation Committee is one of the standing committees for the parish. This group of parishioners and staff members work together to structure a sound and complete program for the religious education of all parishioners, children, youth and adults. We are in need of dedicated parents to join the Christian Formation Committee. We meet six times a year on the 2nd Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm. *Our next meeting is November 11, 2020*  
Prayerful Consider how you can help.

## News from the U.S. Catholic Bishops

The U.S. Catholic bishops inform us that as citizens we have the responsibility to participate in the democratic process with a well-formed consciences. Their teaching document, “[Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#)”, provides guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. As stated on the USCCB website “[This] statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order.”

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a campaign inviting Catholics to model civility and love for neighbor throughout the year. *Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate* will ask Catholics to pledge civility, clarity, and compassion in their families, communities, and parishes, and call on others to do so as well. Find out more information and resources to share with your community at [CivilizeIt.org](http://CivilizeIt.org).

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