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Purity & Light

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR ST. AGNES FAMILIES

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

We are looking for dedicated parents to join the Christian Formation Committee. Our team meets 6 times a year on the 2nd Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm. The next meeting is Nov. 11, 2020. Join us to help improve Christian Formation Programs. Prayerfully Consider how you can help.

Hello Families—

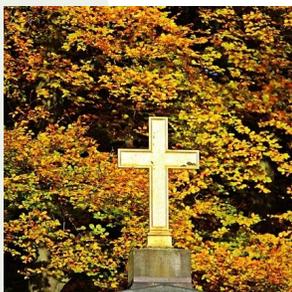
Happy Autumn! October is that time when we transition from the fun of summer and the busyness of back to school to a time of routine and preparation for the upcoming holidays. As a church the Sunday Gospel readings focus on Jesus' interactions with the Pharisees and the misdirection they can lead us too. With that we must consider how far off we are of the narrow road that we are called to follow as disciples and what we need to do to find our way back to Jesus and his Good News.

As we settle into our daily routine this month please consider how you can give of your time by volunteering to help our Christian Formation program. On page two I have listed a number of ways you can serve your parish and the children who benefit from our program.

Finally, thank you to all who attended our Open House on Sept. 13th. This new way of meeting seemed to work out for us this year. We may do something similar in the future until we are once again able to gather in large groups and share food together. In the meantime, we do what we can to create community in the safest way possible.

God's Peace & Blessings to you all.

Shelly Fellin



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Prayer and Reflection

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life. May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others. May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

- Author Unknown (source: www.xavier.edu)

How do I show gratitude and thanksgiving for all the blessings I have been given?

When do I take time to rest in the presence of the God of Creation?

Upcoming Events

October 4—Session #3 K-8 / Session #2 9th-10th /Session #1 Confirmation

October 6—Eucharistic Adoration in church from 4:00-6:00

October 11—Session #4 K-7th / Family Time 8th-10th & Confirmation (Hafford Hall)

October 18—Session #5 K-8th / Session #3 9th-10th /Session #2 Confirmation

October 25—No Sessions /Church of the Great Spirit (High School Worship Opportunity)



MISSION TRIPS: There will be two Mission Trips again in the summer of 2021. The Benton Harbor, MI trip will be June 20-25 and is for students entering or finishing High School. The Twin Cities, MN trip will be July 25-30 and is for both Middle School and High School students. Please contact Ann Sherwood at sherwooda@stagneparish.org for more information or to sign-up.

Volunteers needed!

- * Help with Temperature Check-in

To maintain the safety of all who participate in our on-site formation program this year we need parents and high school students/young adults to help with our temperature check-in process from 8:45-9:15am. (Note: High school students can only help on weekends they do not have class or if they have been confirmed.) Please contact Shelly Fellin at

fellinm@stagneparish.org or 262-781-6998 if you would like to sign-up for a weekend or two. This opportunity will count toward service hours.

- * Safeguarding education for all volunteer is now available on-line.

All parents whose child/children will participate in upcoming youth activities, such as Open Gym, need to have the Safeguarding certification in place *before* they participate. Check out the following link below for dates and registration information: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm>

- * Substitute Catechist

Consider filling in for our regular catechist. This year we will need more subs as our need to quarantine for 14 days becomes standard practice for anyone who has been exposed to Covid-19. Teacher's book, guidance and support for all who serve in this role. Class sizes are small and distancing is enforced for everyone's safety. Please contact Shelly Fellin if you are able to help in this important role. fellinm@stagneparish.org



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Monthly Minute: October—Rosary

October is the Month of the Rosary. Pope Pius V established the Feast of the Holy Rosary in 1573 to give thanks to God for the victory of the Christian fleet over the Ottoman navy at the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a disadvantage, Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory, and led a rosary procession in Rome. Click [here](#) to learn more about this feast day.

On October 13, 1917 Our Lady made her final appearance to the children of Fatima where Her message throughout her visits was to pray the rosary for peace in the world. Click [here](#) for more on the story of Fatima.

I have personally experience answered prayers through the intercession of our Blessed Mother by praying the rosary. A few years ago the movie "Power in My Hands" was made to highlight the many blessings received through this powerful prayer. We have come to a place in our world where prayer is increasingly important and the rosary is one of the best ways to add prayer to your life.

"Power In My Hands" is a film that uncovers the beauty, timelessness and power of the rosary. Its primary purpose is to help viewers understand the power to revitalize America – a society in spiritual crisis, and instill an active response to the Blessed Mother's plea for prayer. Hope through Jesus Christ is the ultimate goal of this film." (from www.powerinmyhandsthemovie.com) This film is now available on iTunes and Google Play. Click [here](#) for the trailer and [here](#) for more about the movie.

Fatima Prayer (to be said at the end of each decade):

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

