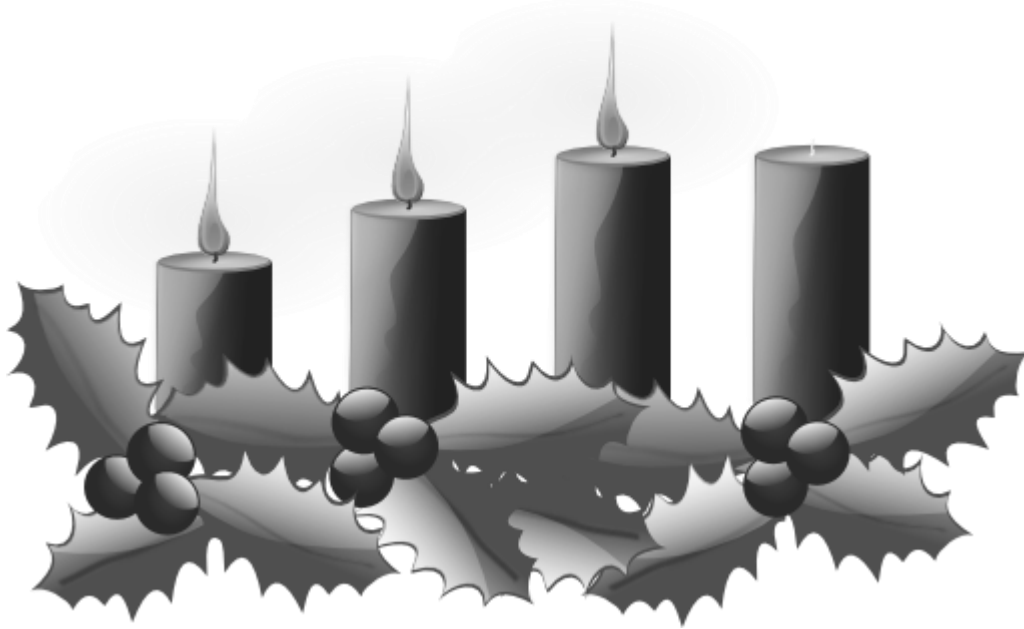


# S a i n t   A g n e s



*St. Agnes is an inclusive Catholic community dedicated to the love of God and service to others. We rejoice in the Gospel, the celebration of the Liturgy, and the Sacraments. We welcome the opportunity to share God's message and to bring all into the life of Christ.*

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Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11



## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

### Weekday Mass

Monday and Wednesday at 11am

### Advent Communal Reconciliation

Saturday at 4pm

### Church Open for Prayer

10am-3:30pm, Monday-Saturday  
(except holidays)

**Bishop Brennan has lifted the request that everyone mask. However, we still encourage masking for love of neighbor.**

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:30pm

**Parish Office:** Monday–Friday, 9am-4pm

**Cash Card Sales:** Weekdays during office hours  
(please call first)



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:30pm Mass for

**Scott Chura**

Sunday, 8am Mass for

**Laura Wanger**

May Scott and Laura share in the fulness  
of God's mercy and peace.

In your kindness, please pray for Marcelene "Marce"  
Tissue who recently died. May Marce share in the  
fulness of God's love and peace.

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill especially Mary Hart, Dan VanBelleghem, Ed Kelly, Rose and Aubrey Smith (parents of Beth Healey), Roy Shilling, Marion Webber, Fred Brigham, Bill Conner, Leslie Johnson (sister of Bill Donahue), and Barbara Broomall. Names are placed in the bulletin for approximately one month and then those names are placed on the 2nd Friday prayer list and are remembered in prayer each month.

## Advent Gift Tag Program Wrap Up

The 2022 St. Agnes Advent Gift Tag program has been a huge success. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners, we have collected 224 gift cards as well as 20 person specific gifts for more than ten organizations. They include: Board of Child Care, Boys and Girls Club, Canterbury Center, Catholic Charities - Immigration and Refugee Resettlement Office, Good Shepherd Caregivers, Jefferson County Council on Aging, Shenandoah Center, Shepherdstown Shares, Willow Tree Manor, Young Lives of Eastern Panhandle.

Thank to all that participated. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

## Youth Christmas Eve Program Practice

All St Agnes youth ages kindergarten to 6th grade are invited to join the fun! At 5:15pm on Christmas Eve, our youth will perform a couple songs at church just prior to the 5:30pm Mass. Rehearsals for this group will be held at the parish center from 9:15 to 9:45am on Sundays, December 11 and 18. This is part of the CFF class activities, but kids who are not enrolled in CFF are also invited to participate. Please come and sing along with us!

## Missing a Potholder?

A potholder was found in the church parking lot on November 21st. If you purchased potholders and have found that you have come up one short, please call the office.

## *Seasonal Schedule*

### Reconciliation

Advent Communal Reconciliation  
on Saturday, December 17 ~ 4pm

### Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve ~ 5:30pm

(Children's Program begins 5:15pm)

Mass During the Night ~ 9pm

Christmas Morning ~ 8am & 10:30am

### Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 31 ~ 5:30pm

Sunday, January 1 ~ 8am & 10:30am

## New Hymnals

### The Gift of Music

#### Memorialize this year's hymnal

You will find envelopes in each hymnal if you would like to dedicate a hymnal to a loved one. Place completed forms in the offertory basket.

## Missing Photograph

One of the framed photographs that was around the font in November is missing. Perhaps it got mixed in with some others and ended up in the wrong home. If you had any pictures around the font, please check at home and make certain you didn't end up with an extra. The photo is in a 5x7 wooden frame and is of a handsome man. Thanks!



## Youth Centered Mass

Join us for Youth Centered Mass on Sunday, December 11, at 5pm. At this Mass we will have an ASL interpreter. We will enjoy some cookies and hot chocolate after Mass. All are welcome!

## A Sight to Behold

Check out the pictures in the Narthex from the "Decorating Fr. Andy's Tree Event." It was truly wonderful! Huge thanks to Erin Valasek who chaired the event. This was the first event for our Young Families Group. If you are interested in joining this group, keep watching the bulletin for more details to follow.

## Historic Houses of Worship Tour December 26, 2022

Monday, December 26, from 4-7pm is your opportunity to tour the churches of Shepherdstown, including our church and historic chapel. Brochures for the tour will be available at the Community Club that day to guide you through town to each church.

## The Knights Recognize Fr Mat



Father Mat was recognized by the Knights of Columbus for his years (1993-2020) as Pastor and Chaplain for St Agnes and the Knights. The event took place on December 1st at Hoss's Restaurant in Martinsburg. Grand Knight Dominic Massimino and Deputy Grand Knight Arnold Thomas presented him with a plaque.

## Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday

This, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, is Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, and we light the rose colored candle. Prior to Vatican II, the Advent Season was heavily penitential in character and that lifted at the midpoint. The Second Vatican Council placed the focus on prayerful expectation of both the second coming of Christ and subsequently, after Gaudete Sunday, on the celebration of the Incarnation, the coming of the Son of God for the first time. Therefore, on Gaudete Sunday we anticipate the joy that awaits us in the Christmas Season.

## Adult Faith Formation Courses

Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) in the first part of 2023. These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org) with your name, address, email, and phone number.

### Survey of Catholic Doctrine

January 9th - February 12th, 2023

Have you ever wanted to explore your faith more deeply and understand more clearly the Trinity, Jesus as God's self revealed, the Holy Spirit and much more? We will study some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church through the five week hybrid course Survey of Catholic Doctrine, a course sponsored through the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston and the University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation, it will run from January 9th to February 12th. There are no prerequisites, just bring your questions and a desire to learn about your faith. This course combines Zoom lectures/discussions once a week on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm led by Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu with materials available online through the VLCFF website and meets the course requirement for catechetical certification for the diocese. You can register for this course by contacting Jeanne McKeets at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org).

### New Testament

January 9th-February 12th, 2023

This course builds on the material learned in Introduction to Scripture and assumes a basic understanding of how Catholics read and interpret Scripture. We will explore the world behind the text of the New Testament, its history and culture, as well as examine how we today read and understand these texts in light of our own world and culture. We will look at how all four Gospels developed, study the letters of Paul, and examine the world of first century Christianity. This is a five-week hybrid course offered through the Diocese and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation of the University of Dayton. You will be able to work online taking quizzes and accessing material, as well as meet once a week via Zoom for class lecture and discussion with the course facilitator, Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. The Zoom sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7pm (a second session on Monday afternoon may be added if the response is large enough). You can register for this course by contacting Jeanne McKeets at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org).



## St Agnes Racial Justice Initiative News

For Blacks enslaved in our country, the Advent/Christmas season had a unique significance. In addition to the season being a joyous celebration of their intrinsic, spiritual freedom as children of God and inheritors of His Kingdom, it also represented a prime time for a possible escape to freedom from their actual, physical human bondage.

Masters usually gave those they enslaved a few days off from work at Christmastime to party and celebrate, not only as a holiday "gift", but also as a safety valve to enable their enslaved to "blow off steam" and dampen any desire to flee. Passes to visit relatives were given to the enslaved to visit family members on nearby plantations, enabling them to travel the roads without being detained as an escapee. If the enslaved person took off for freedom at that time, masters would not know they had till they failed to return to work after the break. The masters and overseers themselves were usually celebrating the holiday, with liquor etc. and less likely to be paying close attention. Consequently, Christmas was a prime opportunity to escape to freedom. Harriet Tubman herself successfully led three of her brothers to freedom on Christmas Eve of 1854.

It is not surprising that the Star of Bethlehem that led the Wise Men became merged as a symbol with the North Star that literally led escapees to their freedom in the North.

Christmas was indeed a celebration of freedom, of the birth of Jesus who came to liberate the poor and oppressed.

## Updating Our VIRTUS (Protecting Our Youth)

As per diocesan policy, all people who work with youth in the parish need to be trained in VIRTUS. If you work with our youth or plan on working with the youth in the future, please take the opportunity to complete the online diocesan VIRTUS training. The program is completely online and requires only about 1 hour of your time. We all want our children to thrive in a safe and nurturing environment. Please consider helping us achieve that environment. Copies of the steps to complete VIRTUS training can be found in the Narthex of the church as well as the parish center. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Donahue at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org).

## Cash Cards for Christmas Giving

There is a cash card for everyone on your Christmas gift list! The office has a list of cards available that we do not normally keep in stock. We would be happy to give you a copy or email it to you. You may order cards anytime, and they will be in within a week. In order to have your cards by Christmas, we will need to have your orders in no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> so that we will have them at the office by the 21<sup>st</sup> of December.

## Support Catholic Charities WV!

*It is more blessed to give than to receive. – Acts 20:35*

Catholic Charities West Virginia helps tens of thousands of our vulnerable brothers and sisters every year. Your donation allows us to provide hope, provide safety, provide food and provide care.

Join us in our mission to end poverty. Give to Catholic Charities:

- Through the collection at Christmas Masses
- Online at [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org)
- By mail to 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

In giving, we live honorably before God who gives us all we have. Through your support, we can continue providing caring and compassionate support to West Virginians in need. Thank you for your heart to give.

## JCCM Food Pantry Current Needs

Canned meats (Vienna sausage, chicken)  
Mac and Cheese  
Tomato Soup (condensed)  
Hearty Soups (not condensed)  
Canned Fruit  
Hearty Soups (not condensed)  
Tomato Soup (condensed)  
Canned Chili  
Rice (small bags)  
Instant mashed potatoes  
Jelly/Peanut Butter  
Crackers  
Boxed Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Cooking oil  
Coffee (Instant and Ground)  
Sugar  
Canned pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc)  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Dish Soap  
Laundry Detergent  
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste  
Deodorant

## Book Discussion Group

This year's **December 16**, selection is *The Three Questions*, written and illustrated by John J Muth.

If anyone would like to suggest a book, we welcome the recommendation.

## 2nd Friday Prayer Group

A list has begun for the 2nd Friday in January. Please contact Judy (see below) at any time with names of individuals you would like to add or to join the group. Please contact Judy: 301-432-2276, [jslilga8@gmail.com](mailto:jslilga8@gmail.com).



## Family News

December 11: 9:15—9:45AM: Practice for the children's program for Christmas Eve Mass (Gr. K—6) Kids should be picked up at 9:45 AM

December 18: 9:15- 9:45AM: Practice for the children's program for Christmas Eve Mass (K-6) 9:45– 10:15AM CFF (K-6) 9:15-10:15AM CFF (Grades 7-8)

Youth Centered Mass: Sunday December 11 at 5 PM. This is a great Mass for families. All are welcome. Our after Mass treat for this Mass will be cookies and hot chocolate!

Please keep watching this section, the St. Agnes Website, as well as the CFF/ Youth page for continuing announcements regarding Faith Formation and youth activities.

As we update our email lists, if you are a parent and not receiving CFF announcements and emails, please contact the parish center at 304-876-6436 or Bill Donahue at: [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org).

### **Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent**

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE YOUTH CORNER

This Week's Gospel: *Matthew 11: 2-11*

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent



The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "**Shepherd's Candle**," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy.

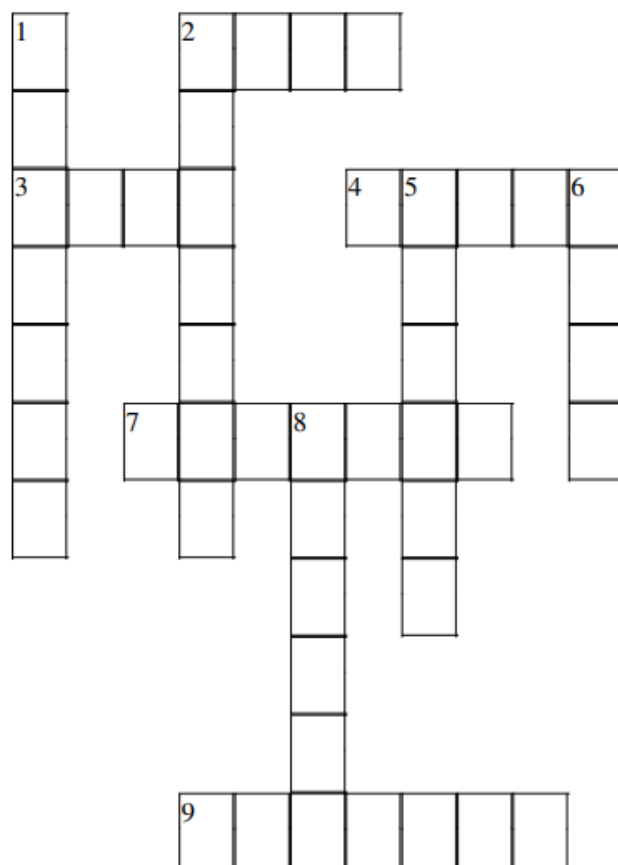
### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Dec 11:** 9:15 AM— 9:45 Practice for Children's Christmas Program (K-6) Parish Center Only NO CFF
- **Dec 11:** Youth Centered Mass at 5 PM
- **Dec 18:** CFF 9:15 AM— 10:15—K-8 Class **AND** Practice for Children's Christmas Program (9:15 — 9:45)
- **Dec 24:** Children's Program 5:15 PM at the church, prior to Mass.





## The Messenger Matthew 11:2-11



### Across

2. They have the good news announced to them.
3. They now walk.
4. They can now see.
7. Jesus said that John was one of these.
9. The least in the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven is greater than he.

### Down

1. People with soft robes live there.
2. John was to \_\_\_\_\_ the way for Jesus.
5. They are cleansed
6. They now hear
8. John was here when he sent his disciple to Jesus.

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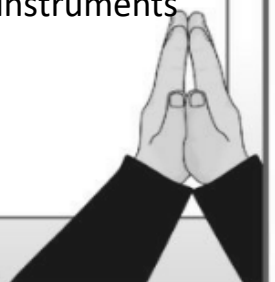
The **Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe** is celebrated every year on Dec. 12. According to Catholic tradition, the virgin appeared to the indigenous Juan Diego in Mexico in 1531. Then canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002. Video Link:

<https://youtu.be/I-u7SFLvz8Q>



## Pray Together

An option as you pray your Advent wreath prayer this week together, include prayers for all the areas of the world where there is a need for peace. Family members can mention a need, and the whole family can respond: "Lord, make us all instruments of your peace."





# The Gospel at Home

## This Week's Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

In Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, who is truly human and truly God. Healing actions prophesied by Isaiah—making the blind see, the deaf hear, and the lame leap, as well as preaching the Good News to the poor—all tell John the Baptist who Jesus is. Jesus' loving actions continued to be completed by his followers today. Jesus calls us to be just and loving as he is, especially by helping people unable to help themselves. All the readings for this Sunday recall the themes of reconciliation and wholeness.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Promise** (Grades K–1): Your child's class discussed Mary and Joseph's long journey to Bethlehem. Ask them to tell your family about the different characters in the story. The class also learned about the Good News Jesus shares with us, and how he brings happiness and joy. Invite your child to tell you about Jesus helping the blind, the sick, and the poor. Talk together about who helps your family and the ways your family helps others.

**Good News** (Grades 2–3): The class studied more of Isaiah's words that showed just what Good News Jesus brings to the world. Ask your child to tell you the story of Juan Diego, the beautiful lady, and the December roses. The

image of the Blessed Mother on Juan Diego's cloak is a reminder that Mary is a mother for all of us. Finally, the last page of this week's lesson features a little song from the Magnificat, the great prayer of praise from Mary. Ask your child what his or her favorite song about Jesus is. He or she can also explain who the Messiah is.

**Venture** (Grades 4–6): Your youngster's class learned about the Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree. Consider having a Jesse Tree in your home. Let your young person head up the project. Talk about the Gospel story of John the Baptist's disciples who came to ask Jesus if he was the One. Discuss the answer Jesus gave to the disciples. What good things did Jesus say about John the Baptist? Finally, let your youngster make suggestions for activities the family can do together to prepare for Christmas. He or she can use the Week 3 Calendar, on page 5, for ideas.

**Visions** (Grades 7–9): Your young person's class read the story, "A Different Kind of Success." Ask your youngster what the Minnesota robotics team in the story experienced at Christmas. The class also learned about Second Isaiah's hope for a peaceable world. Share ideas of how your family can be peacemakers in your home, Church, community, and world.



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### The Messenger Matthew 11:2-11

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## Memorial Christmas Flowers

Parishioners may memorialize our Christmas season decorations. Memorials will be listed in our Christmas bulletin. Complete an envelope, found on the narthex table or included in your monthly envelope mailing, and place it in the offertory basket by Sunday, December 18.

## Haiti Coffee Available!

We have freshly roasted Haiti coffee, both whole bean and ground, available for purchase in the office during office hours. \$3 from each bag is tax deductible.

## Catholic Charities in Dire Need

Catholic Charities is in dire need of the following items for their pantry (all items are purchased from donated funds and are used solely for those in need):

Bleach Tablets (WalMart)  
Laundry Detergent (Pods)  
13 Gallon Trash Bags  
Dishwashing Soap  
Soap (mild brands – no Zest or Irish Spring)  
Shampoo (3 in 1 is preferred - shampoo, conditioner, body wash) If not, individual items will do.  
Conditioner  
Deodorant (men and women)  
Razors (men and women)  
Toothpaste  
Shaving Lotion  
Toilet Paper  
Cleaning Supplies (Pine Sol, Fabalouso or other liquid cleaner)

All donations are sincerely appreciated and very much needed. Our needs are year round. If you are unable to shop, cash donations will enable us to shop for you. Items can be dropped off at the Catholic Charities office at 224 South Queen Street, Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Donations can be mailed to Catholic Charities, Attention: Laura Brigantic, 224 South Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

## Homebound Ministry

If there are parishioners who have needs (groceries, rides to doctors or pharmacies, etc,) our **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** is willing to help. Please call Claire Williamson (304-876-1357), or Judy Lilga (301-432-2276).

## Scripture Sharing

Our Scripture Sharing group continues to meet on Mondays at noon, with the exception of holidays. All are welcome! The Zoom link is on the website events calendar.

## The St Vincent de Paul Home Visit Going to Those in Need

At the heart of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul ministry is the “home visit,” where volunteers, called “Vincentians”, visit neighbors in their homes. When we are contacted, we set up an appointment with the individual to help determine the exact nature and details of help required. We talk with them, as a friend would; we may pray with them; we create a dialogue that allows them to open to us and share what is truly happening in their lives. By visiting them in their homes, we can see, firsthand, the exact situation in which a person is living and experiencing. People who need help often are not able to take time off from work, arrange for childcare, or find transportation to seek resources. Therefore, our volunteers go to them. It is here we can help someone in need-- not only with direct assistance but with emotional and spiritual support. Sometimes, our friends (we do not refer to them as “clients”) need a great deal of help, other times someone to pray with is all that is needed. We are there to let our friends know that someone cares. We strive to eliminate the barriers to self-sufficiency created by poverty, incarceration, homelessness, and other distressed situations and turn them into positive and hope-filled new beginnings. The goals are to help people regain self-sufficiency, cultivate positive relationships, and begin to lead responsible lives in their own communities. This is an important and personally rewarding ministry that needs “your” help to help those in need.

If you would like more information about how you can help, contact Mike Vojtasko at 304-876-2963 or via email addressed to mcvojtasko@gmail.com.

## Ugly Sleeping Bag Ministry

It is getting cold outside, and we are making warmer sleeping bags. We are in need of donated **blankets**, and **comforters** (any size). We are also accepting donations of used **sleeping bags**. Items should be clean and in fair condition. Donations can be dropped off at the parish center.

## Quilting Ministry

We are a group of sewing and non-sewing women (men are welcome, too) who make quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief for global distribution. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the social room at St Peter's Lutheran Church from 10am to noon. If you can tie knots you can help. If you have other sewing skills we have fabric, thread, and directions (the LWR has specific instructions for world distribution) to sew at home if you want to help—or if you have experience with sewing turned bindings that is another at home help. Contact Beth Hammer hammerbethp@gmail.com or Betty Rini bettyrini681@gmail.com.



## IRA Charitable Gifts

A gift through your IRA is a great way to support St Agnes. Here is some information on how you can maximize your giving in 2022:

### IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

- Donors age 70½ or older may make a gift of any amount, up to \$100,000 per individual (\$200,000 for couples with individual IRA accounts), from your IRA without paying income tax on the donated amount.
- For donors who have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), making a gift directly from your IRA to St. Agnes can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, as long as certain rules are met.
- In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.
- QCDs don't require that you itemize, which due to the recent tax law changes, means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction, but still use a QCD for charitable giving.
- Funds should be transferred directly from the donor's financial institution to St. Agnes.

For additional information about giving from your IRA, please check the St Agnes website for [Giving via Stocks and IRA](#).

### Thank you for supporting St Agnes!

This information is not intended as legal, accounting, or financial advice. Please consult with your tax, legal, and financial advisors to determine whether this or other gift plans are applicable to your tax and financial needs.

### Bulletin Ads

Our St Agnes bulletin ads are a major yearly fundraiser for us with an income potential of more than \$10,000. To realize that potential, we have to sell the ads. And, you guessed it, we are asking for your help! If you have a business, please consider advertising with us. If you know a business owner, please pass along our ad information to them. We can assure you, from experience, that our ads are widely viewed by our parishioners and the larger community. They are an effective way to bring attention to businesses.

For \$125, a business gets a 1x1.5 inch space for an entire year (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023). There are also larger options to choose from. In addition to the ads appearing weekly in our bulletin, they are also displayed on our website. We are happy to help with ad design.

Contact the office for more information: 304-876-6436, [office@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:office@stagnesshepherdstown.org).

### Amazon Smile

If you are an Amazon shopper, you can start using AmazonSmile to help St. Agnes if you haven't already. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. The only thing you have to do is set St. Agnes as your charity of choice and then start using <https://smile.amazon.com> when you shop. You can learn more about Amazon Smile and how to sign up on the St Agnes Website under the "Giving" tab.

## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

|  |                    |
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| Offertory Collections  | \$9,634            |
| Monthly Mortgage Assistance                                    | \$80               |
| <b>Total</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)         | <b>\$9,714</b>     |
| <b>Weekly Target</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance) | <b>\$11,500</b>    |
| <b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>                    | <b>↓ - \$1,786</b> |

Tithe to help those in need \$963  
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. **To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org) to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org). **To Report to Civil Authorities:** Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. **To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the **EthicsPoint** platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.



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## Considering a Catholic High School

St. Maria Goretti Catholic HS is a co-ed Catholic high school in Hagerstown, MD. Goretti provides bus transportation and financial aid. For more information visit [www.goretti.org](http://www.goretti.org).

## Shelter Volunteers Needed

Jefferson County Community Ministries is currently recruiting volunteers for their Cold Weather Shelter season which runs from October 31, 2022 through April 30, 2023. Volunteers watch over those in the shelter each night in a caring, compassionate manner. Individual volunteer shifts begin at 7pm and run through 7am the following morning. There is a shelter manager on duty every night ensuring the safety of all and that JCCM protocols are being followed. If you would care for more information or would like to sign up to volunteer, please email their Volunteer Coordinator ([kaz@jccm.us](mailto:kaz@jccm.us)).

## Catholic Radio

*The Eastern Panhandle Catholic Community Calendar can be heard on Fridays at 1030am and weekdays at 3:30pm on [www.rdo.to/WLOL](http://www.rdo.to/WLOL) and at 530am, 1017am & 4:40pm on FM 106.5 and AM 740. And just send your parish and organization programs, events, announcements and prayers, to [comcal@LoLradio.org](mailto:comcal@LoLradio.org) and dedicated volunteers will get them broadcast. For more information on Catholic radio in West Virginia, call 304-598-0026.*



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