

# 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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## **Sunday Readings**

Amos 7:12-15  
Psalm 85:8ab+9, 10-11, 12-13  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:7-13

## Weekly Schedule

### Weekend Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am and 10:30am

### Weekday Mass

Monday and Wednesday, 11am

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

**Parish Office:** Monday—Wednesday, 9am-4pm

**Cash Card Sales:** During parish office hours (call first)

## The Week at a Glance...

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| <b>Monday<br/>July 15</b>   | • Scripture Sharing Zoom 12noon                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>July 16</b>  | • Racial Justice Initiative Zoom 3pm<br>• Board Games Group 3:30pm                      |
| <b>Wed<br/>July 17</b>      | • Icon Workshop 11am                                                                    |
| <b>Friday<br/>July 19</b>   | • Book Discussion Group 11am                                                            |
| <b>Saturday<br/>July 20</b> | • Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection (CCHD) at All Masses               |
| <b>Sunday<br/>July 21</b>   | • 16th Anniversary of Church Dedication<br>• Youth Feeding the Hungry Food Prep 11:30am |

## CCHD Collections

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty program of the bishops of the United States. Founded in 1969, CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by funding organizations where low-income people participate in grassroots organizations for community and economic development. In recent years CCHD has provided grants for two West Virginia entities: a Catholic Worker House helping the poor and homeless with employment and other issues, and the Wheeling Food Hub developing a commercial kitchen, retail facility, and warehouse in an urban food desert. Consideration of a grant to another West Virginia entity, Able Families in the Kermit community, is in the beginning stages. Funding for CCHD is by an annual parish collection which will be held next weekend on July 20th & 21st. Please take a look at our bulletin insert this week to learn more about this vital ministry. And please consider a generous gift to CCHD. Checks should be made out to St Agnes with CCHD on the memo line. Clearly marked donations can be placed in the collection at Mass, or feel free to mail your donation to the office. We have envelopes in the narthex that are marked CCHD to use in the offertory.

## Sacred Art in Action

### **Byzantine Icon Workshop**

Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Presented by Iconographer Tatiana Gubenko

St Agnes Church, Shepherdstown, WV

Pre-registration required

For more information & to register:

[tagubenko@yahoo.com](mailto:tagubenko@yahoo.com) or call 1-571-426-0319



## Mass Intentions

Sunday, 8am for

**Cynthia Huesman**

Sunday, 10:30am for

**Maureen Maidhof**

May Cynthia and Maureen share in the fullness of God's mercy and peace.

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill, especially Sharon Cruz (friend of Donna Eby) Laura Brown (daughter of Marie Snowden), Dodie Voellinger, Sophia Mason, Joe Lowe (son of Lizzie Lowe), Chet Gore, Ralph Homan (friend of Maria Stewart), and Richard Hitchcock. Names are placed in the bulletin for one month then moved on to the 2nd Friday prayer list and are remembered in prayer each month.

## Service, Justice, and Peace Weekend

Last weekend was the Service, Justice, and Peace collection. Nine bags of Haitian coffee were sold for a total of \$90 and a donation of \$10 added to make it \$100, \$3 was collected for Mary's Refuge, \$20 for feminine hygiene products and diapers, \$7 for Feeding the Hungry, and \$530 was collected for the Kolofata Girls' Education Project. Thank you to all who contributed this month.

## Shepherdstown Threshold Choir

Shepherdstown Threshold Choir is a chapter of an international organization of singers. These singers are not performers. They provide a gift of soft, gentle singing to comfort the dying and their families. They also have sung for people who are in need of comfort but not necessarily close to dying. If anyone has a family member who is in need of comfort and would welcome a small group to sing for them, or to volunteer for this ministry, call Eileen Elliot 304-886-3612 or Adele Knott 304-671-6022.

## Smile for the Camera!

Our last directory is now outdated and it is time for a new one. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken—sign up at the church on Sign-Up Sundays or on the website. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost, as well as the option to purchase more at the time of photographing. **Registration is open until July 28th.** *We will need volunteers to staff the registration desk before/after Masses. Please contact Chuck at [chuckpierpont@gmail.com](mailto:chuckpierpont@gmail.com) if you are interested.* **Please make sure that your personal information will be correct on the new directory. If anything has changed since the last directory—email, phone numbers, new family members, address, etc.—contact the parish office so we can make those changes.**

Dear Parishioners,

I always learn so much from the group of parishioners that gather for our Monday afternoon scripture study. This past week, a parishioner, who is a scientist, offered this insight that I found fascinating. He said that the more you discover in science, the more you realize how much you do not know. We then discussed how this is important for us as a church because no matter what we know of God the more we realize what we do not know. Some theologians say that the best name we can have for God is absolute mystery. This, I think, calls us to have qualities of humility and curiosity, and to realize we are part of that mystery constantly unfolding. Reflecting on the gospel this weekend, I think that it calls us to take risks and to try new things because Jesus is about new beginnings. I wonder about when those first disciples were sent out, they had to let go of their need to be in control, but what new things did they discover about the reign of God? What things did they need to let go of that were obstacles? I even wonder when they gathered with Jesus, who we can forget was fully human, what insights he learned from those he sent out on mission. In this past weekend's homily, I quoted Steve Jobs, because I think his ideas, given this God of love and surprises calls us to take risks and be open to God's new beginnings, is appropriate for us as followers of Jesus, "Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify, or vilify them. About the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do." Maybe those who are willing to take the risks will change the world.

Fr. Andy

### Annual Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic Planning Committee is hard at work organizing this year's event, but we can always use more help. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent, please contact chair Jaime Bowden at [jnbowden1@gmail.com](mailto:jnbowden1@gmail.com). We will sign up volunteers for the day of the picnic starting in early September.

### Family Looking for Vehicle

A local family of 8 (husband, wife, and 6 children) is in need of reliable transportation for their family. If you or someone you know are looking to rehome a 7 or 8 passenger vehicle, please contact the office.

### July 19, 2024 Book Discussion Group

Our July selection is a perfect summer read. Bill Bryson wrote *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail* in 1998. The book is a travelogue about Bryson's attempt to hike the entire Appalachian Trail in 1996, accompanied by his friend Matt Angerer, who is referred to as "Stephen Katz" in the book. The book combines humor and adventure to explore nature and the challenges of long-distance hiking, and also includes interesting facts about the trail, its history, and the environment. We meet at 11am in the Parish Center and all are welcome to join us. See future and past book selections on the website: <https://stagnesshepherdstown.org/book-discussion-group/>

### Boonsboro Mini Recycling Event

Each Tuesday this month, Boonsboro Farmers Market will be, in addition to their food and goods vendors, be hosting a mini recycling event for the public.

They will accept items such as

- Batteries
- Eyeglasses
- Ink cartridges
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes
- Empty K-cups
- Egg Cartons
- Brita water filters

More information can be found on the Boonsboro Farmers Market Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BoonsboroFarmerMarket/>

### Questionnaire: New Gathering Space

Please take a moment to complete the questionnaire that was inserted two weeks ago into the weekly bulletin and drop in any weekly collection or at the office, or feel free to complete the questionnaire online and see more information about the Gathering Space: <https://stagnesshepherdstown.org/new-social-gathering-space-at-st-agnes/> Once we receive all of your feedback, we will provide the results by mid-September.

Two Zoom meetings are planned for Monday, July 22nd at 1:30pm and Thursday, July 25th at 3pm; the Zoom links can be found on the website events calendar.

### Fourth of July Quilt Raffle Results

#### WE HAVE A WINNER!

The winner of the Americana Quilt is Kathleen Bielicki. She was surprised, shocked and delighted, and said she never wins anything, but she has now and is very happy.

Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets or made donations, we reached our goal of \$300 – the price tag on the quilt – and then went above and beyond. The final total was \$469, over 150% of our goal. We divided the proceeds between the St Agnes Youth Group and the Kolofata Girls Education Project. Since the Kolofata Project has a match from an anonymous donor, its portion of the proceeds has been doubled! Everyone is happy, except the raffle losers who are being gracious.

## Important Virtus Update

**If you have recently logged into your VIRTUS account, you may have noticed that you might have a new module assigned for you to complete.**

***What does that mean and why:*** Anyone who completed their VIRTUS training before 2022 is being asked to complete VIRTUS 4.0, an update to their training. If you completed training in 2022 or later, you have already completed the VIRTUS 4.0 training.

***Why are volunteers and staff with older training being asked to update? There are actually a couple of reasons.***

First, some of the information regarding safe environment has changed over the years. For example, trainings now include information about online safety which wasn't even considered in the 1990's when training began. Second, the definition of Safe Environment has changed over the years. No longer is it just about children and youth. It now includes vulnerable adults. Also, as experts learn more information regarding Safe Environment, VIRTUS trainings have been updated so they reflect the new information. Finally, when the diocese is audited yearly for Safe Environment, the Diocese of Wheeling/ Charleston has been consistently been marked as deficient for not having staff and volunteers updated with the latest information to help keep our children, youth and vulnerable adults safe.

Therefore, the Bishop decided that the best option at this point was to ask all staff and volunteers to update their VIRTUS training to VIRTUS 4.0. Again, individuals that have completed VIRTUS training after 2022 already have the latest training, so there is nothing for them to do. For those of us that completed training before 2022, we can update our training by logging into our online VIRTUS account and clicking on the link under our Training Module Block and completing the new training. Another way to update your VIRTUS training will include an in-person option. Bill Donahue will be offering in-person training sessions where people can opt to complete their updated training instead of completing it online. Dates for the in-person training will be announced later.

The Diocesan Office of Safe Environment and the Bishop have also asked volunteers and staff to begin reading Monthly Safety Bulletins. You might have noticed that this block is also now on your VIRTUS logged in home screen. You can read the safety bulletin from your logged in account. You can also pick up a copy of the Safety Bulletin in the Narthex at the church or in the parish center. Finally, we plan to include the Safety Bulletin once a month in the bulletin. The purpose of these Safety Bulletins is just another way to keep current with the latest information about keeping our children, youth, and vulnerable adults safe. The information presented in these bulletins is truly excellent knowledge for everyone.

As always, if you have questions regarding this latest update or need assistance logging into your VIRTUS account, please call Bill Donahue at the parish center or email him at [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org). We have been asked by the Bishop to have our VIRTUS accounts updated to version 4.0 by December 31, 2024.

## Spotlight on Ministry

We are so blessed at St. Agnes to have so many who are willing to give their time and talent to a Ministry. It is our responsibility to own the ministry. It's very important that, as **Proclaimers of the Word**, all Lectors participate in regular workshop sessions so that we remain vigilant in our technique. Of course, no two readings are alike and no two Lectors are the same, but some factors need to be emphasized for every Lector and every reading. Volume and enunciation are critical and should be practiced by everyone. Joe will meet with individual Lectors after each Mass to make it convenient for you, and we would like everyone to participate. Individual sessions won't take more than 30 minutes.

Please email Joe Yates and cc Helen Harris with your availability so that we can schedule individual times. *None of us are perfect; we want all Lectors to participate.*

Also, I am currently working on an updated training sessions for Hospitality, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and Mass Coordinator. These trainings will continue to be scheduled until all have had an opportunity to attend. Some of these training sessions will be held to make it more convenient.

**We are always in need of ministers. Will you share your time and talent? Thank you all for your service. Please consider joining one of our ministries at St Agnes. There's so many ways to get involved and grow in your faith. Altar Servers needed.** Contact Helen Harris at [liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org)

## Intergenerational Community Garden

We had two productive Saturdays at the garden. We accomplished planting the remaining tomato plants, mulching, trimming, staking, and putting up some deer fencing. Fanny will once again be at the garden on Saturday at 9am if you are available to join in the ongoing garden tasks.

Would anyone be interested in working on building a movable bamboo fence? We have access to some bamboo and thought it might be worth a shot in building a fence to keep the deer away. Please reach out if this project interests you so we can find a time that works to get started.

**For more information, please email Samantha Yates and Fanny Smith at [samanthaeyates@gmail.com](mailto:samanthaeyates@gmail.com).**

## Homebound Ministry

For any parishioners with needs (groceries, rides to doctors or pharmacies, etc.), our **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** is willing to help. Contact Judy Lilga (301-432-2276).

## Let the Games Begin!

St. Agnes invites you to join us in the Parish Hall every Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 PM for some fun and games. We have games and snacks, but you are welcome to bring your own. *A parent/guardian must be present with any children who attend.*



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# THE YOUTH CORNER

This Week's Gospel:  
**Mark 6:7—13**

The Fifteenth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

**July 14, 2024**

**A BIG THANKS**—to all who helped with the 3rd Annual St. Agnes Car Show!

## Youth Events: At a Glance

We are looking for ideas for Youth activities for the summer. Potentially a movie night, maybe another bike ride event, who knows... that's why we need your help.  
Email [Formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:Formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org) your ideas.

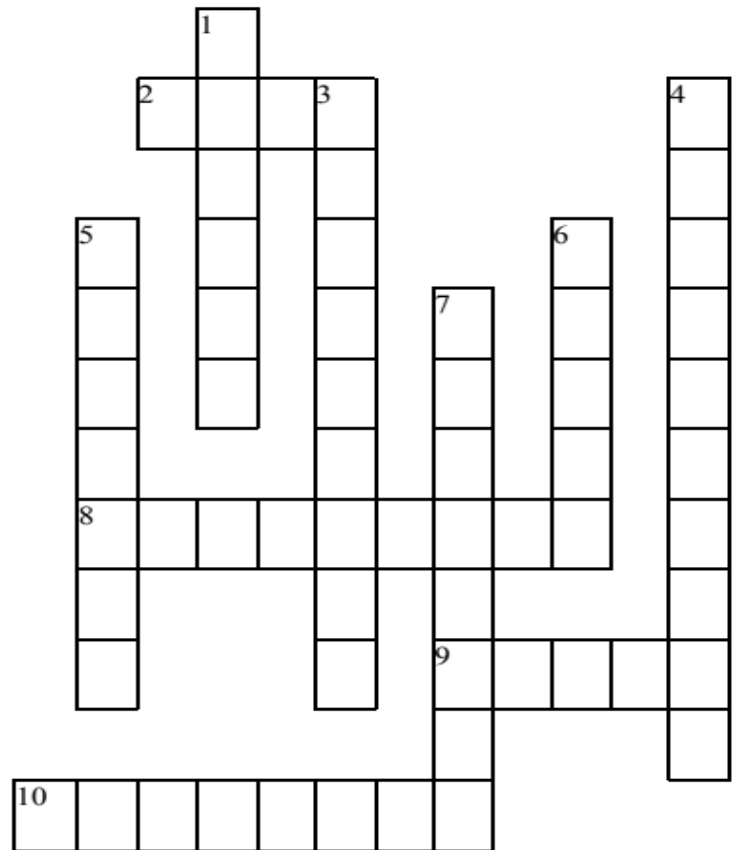


## Across

2. Where people kept money at the time of Jesus.
8. Jesus gave the apostles this.
9. On their journey, the disciples could bring only one of these.
10. Called them to him.

## Down

1. The twelve chased them away.
3. Shaking the dust from their feet was to be a \_\_\_\_\_ against them.
4. This is what the disciples preached about.
5. Jesus said it was ok to wear these.
6. Jesus told the twelve not to bring this with them.
7. The twelve \_\_\_\_\_ the sick.



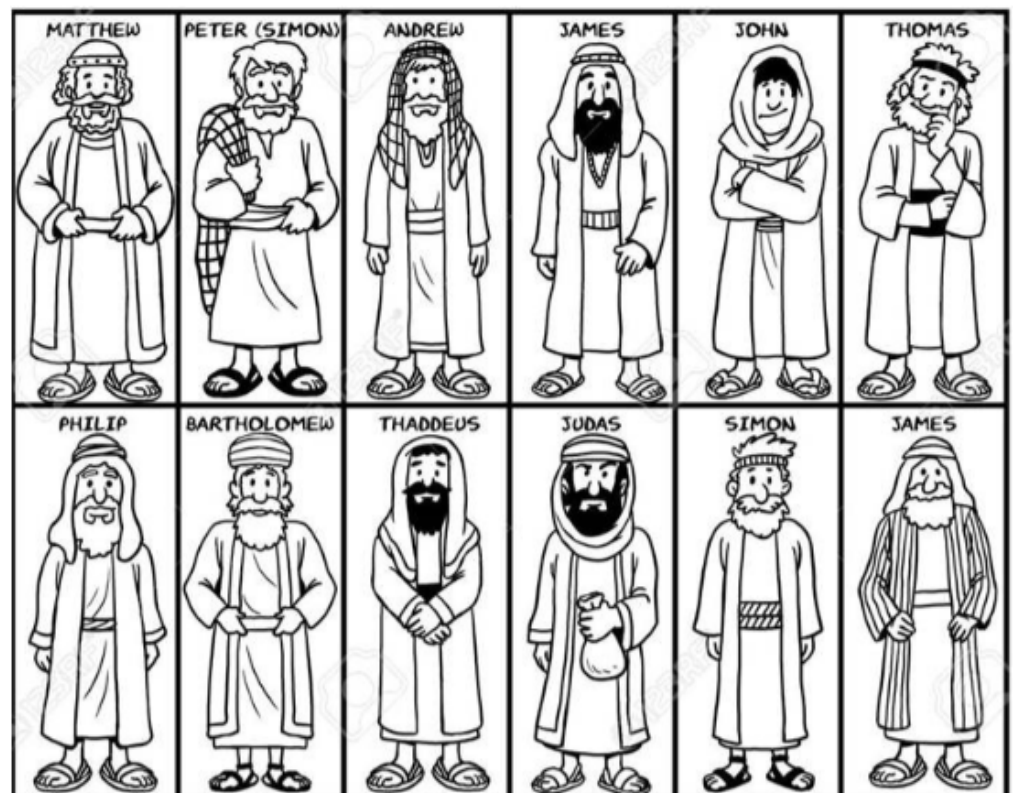
The word apostle means "one who is sent." Read today's Gospel, Mark 6:7-13 and learn more about how apostles were sent out into the world by Jesus.

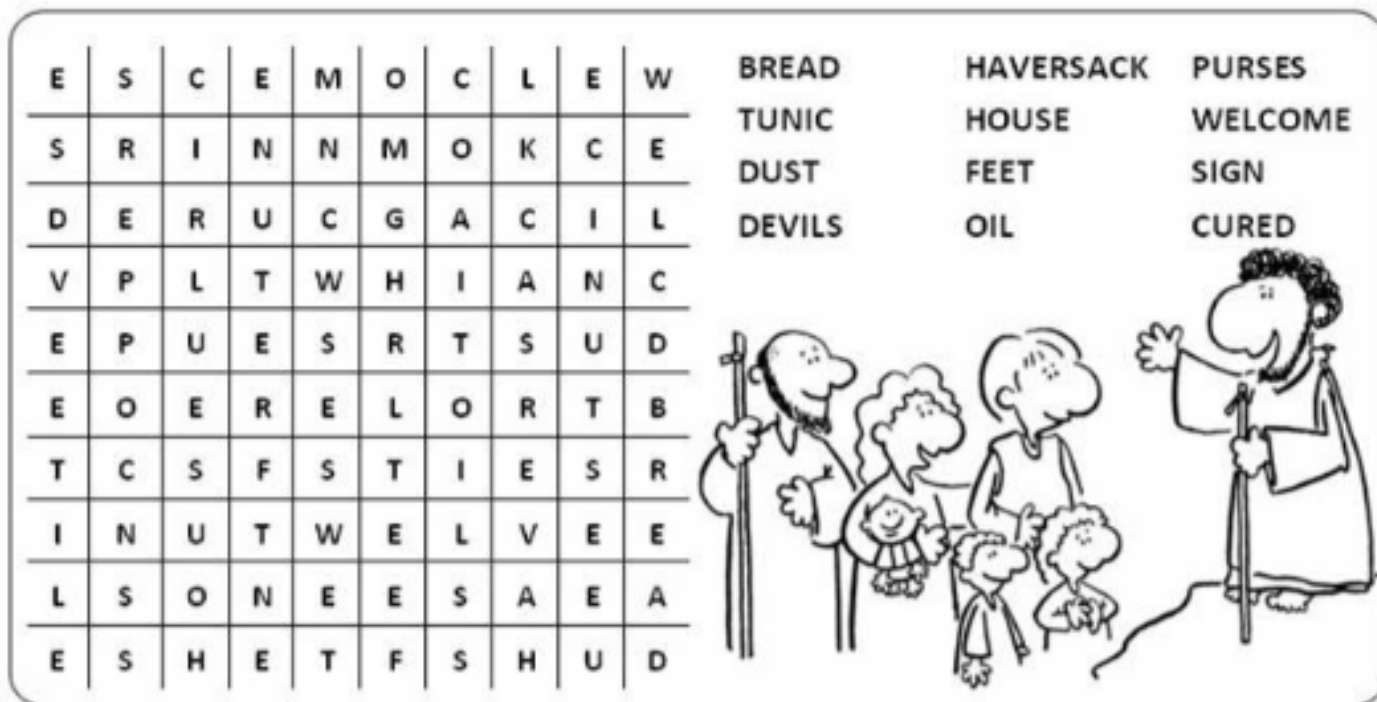
# The 12 Apostles

**Volunteering:** The church is always looking for volunteers. It is our way to demonstrate our faith in action!

**All volunteers are required to be VIRTUS trained** as required by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. If you would like to volunteer for any parish ministry including with our youth, you must be VIRTUS trained. Forms are located in the church narthex and the parish center on how to complete this process.

**All parents are encouraged to be VIRTUS trained.**





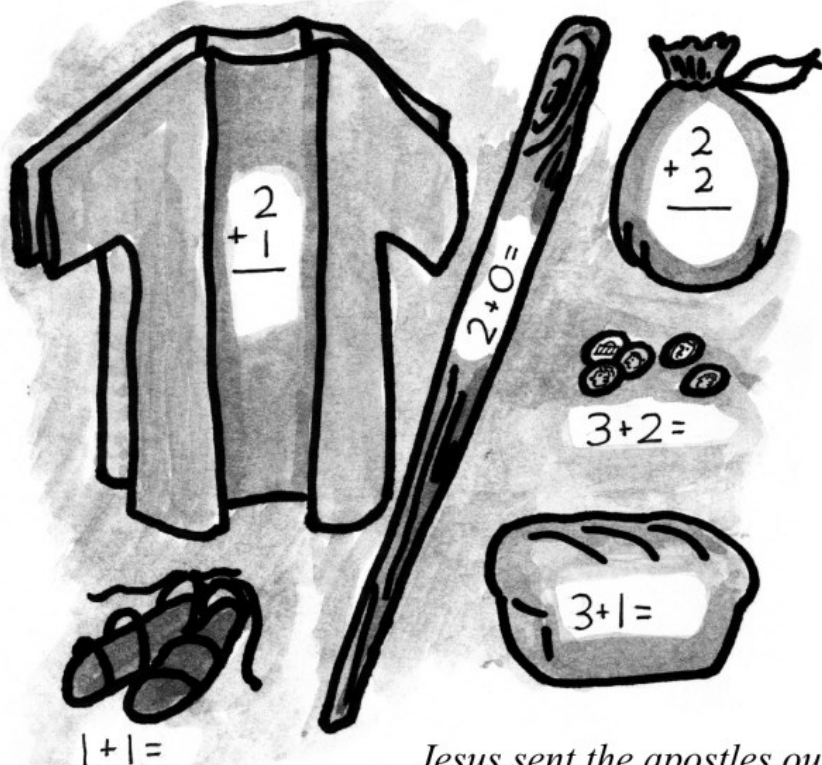
## CFF, AFF, Youth Group & Family News

Registration for CFF and youth group is now available. Registration forms for the 24-25 school year are available in the parish center and the church Narthex.

**Keep watching this spot,** the Youth Facebook Page, our church calendar, and the church website for additional activities.

If you are a parent and **not receiving CFF announcements and emails**, please contact the Parish center at 304-876-6436 or contact Bill Donahue at: [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org)

Parents are also encouraged to **join our Youth Facebook Group**. Please email Bill at the above address for the link to the closed group. You won't be able to find Our Youth Facebook Page any other way!



*Jesus sent the apostles out  
two at a time to teach the people  
about Him and heal the sick and cast out demons.  
What did He tell them to take with them?*

*Add up the numbers. The ones that equal 2 are the  
things that Jesus told the apostles to take.*

*Mark 6:7-13*

Video of this week's Bible Verse from YouTube

<https://youtu.be/kRaz-RxgpG8>

## Gospel Reading

Mark 6:7-13

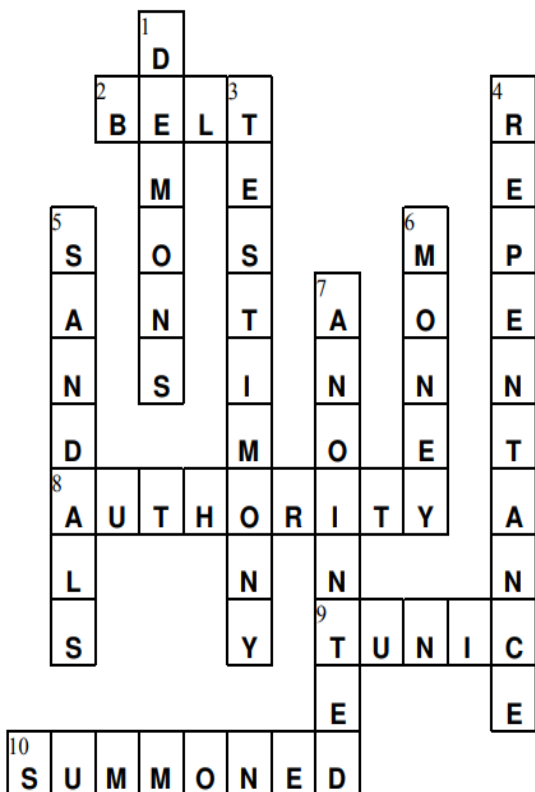
Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

## Family Connection

Families who work together to accomplish routine household tasks know that the benefits are more than efficiency. In sharing daily tasks, we accomplish more, but we also build relationships that last—and it's a lot more fun! Jesus sent his disciples in pairs to minister in his name. Perhaps the job was accomplished more effectively this way, but more importantly, Jesus' mission was accomplished more authentically. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

As you gather as a family, talk about some household tasks that are more easily accomplished when two or more people work together. Talk about how working together not only makes the job easier, but also makes the task more fun because we are able to spend time together. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 6:7-13. Ask: Why do you think Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs? Observe that Jesus continues to give us a community with which we share our life of discipleship—our family and the community of the Church. Conclude in prayer together that we will continue to rely on the support of the community of the Church in our life of discipleship. Pray together the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).

## SOLUTIONS:



Add it Up: Sandals and staff.

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## Farm to You WV Recipes and Produce

Farm to You is a FREE local veggie and recipe program that helps make healthy eating easy. **All active patients** at Farm to You clinics (WVU Medicine) can receive FREE local produce and healthy recipes from May through October each year. Events are held twice per month—no appointment needed.

As of earlier this year, they have a mobile teaching kitchen, which is a specialized truck for giving out produce shares and hosting healthy cooking demonstrations.

Follow on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WVUMedicineCDMH> or visit their website [farmtoyouwv.org](http://farmtoyouwv.org) for free recipes and information.

**You do not need to be a patient to view the recipes and tips on their website.**

**You do need to be a patient at any participating clinic to receive free produce and to participate in events.**

## Name Tag Weekends

The parish council periodically examines how well St Agnes is meeting its mission on being a welcoming church. All agreed, we are doing pretty well for a growing church. But we can do better. The Pastoral Council has passed this proposal: *every third weekend of the month will be "Name Tag Weekend."* On these weekends, Hospitality will offer parishioners a biodegradable name tag to wear—entirely voluntary. At the end of the year, the Pastoral Council will evaluate if it helped with our welcoming mission. **The next name tag weekend will be July 20th-21st.** Please consider joining in!

## Speaker Series: Seniors Physical Activity

Please mark your calendars for July 28th at 11:15am in the New Street UMC Fellowship Hall for our next presentation on Physical Activity and why it is so important for you or your loved ones to stay active. You'll learn how to help them find the time and how to keep them motivated. You will also learn some common barriers that keep seniors from exercising and how to overcome them as well as how physical exercise can help as you age and so much more. Our presenter will be Anna Mondoro, Wellness Initiatives & Fitness Floor Coordinator at Shepherd University Wellness Center. She is a personal trainer and group exercise instructor; she enjoys working with clients to improve their physical fitness, quality of life and overall wellness. Anna holds a B.S. in Kinesiology and a B.A. in Cinema from McDaniel College. Anna will also show us some easy stretch and/or chair type exercises. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Goldthorpe at [carol.goldthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:carol.goldthorpe@gmail.com) or call 304-396-5244. We hope to see you there.

## Ugly Sleeping Bag Ministry

We are still in need of **blankets, comforters, and sleeping bags**. Any sizes, new/used, *clean, and fair-condition* can be dropped off at the parish center. Contact Barbara at [barbaramueller596@gmail.com](mailto:barbaramueller596@gmail.com). We meet **every 4th Friday** in the parish center.

## KoC Annual Picnic

Summer Time and it's time for a picnic, the weather's warm and the hot dogs smell great. Hamburger's sizzling, and the sodas are bubbling – we're gonna have fun, so don't you be late!!!

Saturday, July 27th, the St. Agnes Council of the Knights of Columbus is hosting its Annual Picnic at the home of Lucille and Stan Nelson. For those 'in the know' this is always a quality time together; and it's available to anyone in the St. Agnes 'family.' *You do not have to be a member of the Knights to feel welcome.*

If you feel so inclined, please bring a side dish or a dessert. The Council is providing the hamburgers and hot dogs, with condiments. There will be plenty of beverages, although we never say no to a nice bottle of wine.

**Who?** The St. Agnes Family – and anyone you can drag along! Friends and pets are welcome.

**What?** St. Agnes Council, Knights of Columbus Annual Picnic

**When?** Saturday, July 27th -- from 11:00am until 4:30pm

**Where?** At the Nelson's, 766 Declaration Drive, Charles Town, WV 25414— Phone: 410-241-4205

**Why?** All WORK and no PLAY makes all of us DULL!!! Join us as we PLAY.

**Why should I attend?** This is an excellent opportunity to get to know one another better. To just hang out and have fun.

And for heaven's sake – ***don't make Stan eat all those left over hot dogs!!!!***

## 2nd Friday Prayer Group

A list has begun for the 2nd Friday in August. If you have names to add or if you would like to join the group, contact Judy Lilga: 301-432-2276 or [jslilga8@gmail.com](mailto:jslilga8@gmail.com).

## Reminder to Sign Up for Emails

As a reminder, we periodically send out emails with important information as well as events. If you are not already signed up for these email blasts, you can find the sign up form on the website at <https://stagnesshepherdstown.org/join-our-mailing-list/>.

## Scripture Sharing

Our Scripture Sharing group continues to meet via Zoom on Mondays at 12noon (except holidays). The Zoom link can be found on our website calendar. All are welcome!

## Stubblefield Institute on JCO Childcare

**A 360 View of Childcare in Jefferson County**

Wednesday, July 24th at 6:30pm in the Robert C. Byrd Center Auditorium at Shepherd University

This is a free panel discussion event with limited seating.

Registration is required—register on Eventbrite or via the Stubblefield website <https://stubblefieldinstitute.org/event/a-360-view-of-childcare-in-jefferson-county/>.

## Knights of Columbus Essay Scholarships

Knights of Columbus is offering four scholarships; two worth \$500 for students attending a Catholic high school and two worth \$1,000 for St. Agnes students attending college. To participate, eligible applicants will complete a brief form, and will be provided with an essay subject. **The deadline for submissions is August 1st.** Send an email to [joe.bosco.nd@gmail.com](mailto:joe.bosco.nd@gmail.com) to receive your application form and essay question.

## Free Community Safety Trainings

### JCO Emergency Services Agency 2024 FREE Community Safety Training Available for All

#### Community CPR and Stop the Bleed: 6pm (CPR 6-9pm)

Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, and Dec 10.

Registration and information: <https://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/county-government/county-agencies/jcesa/community-cpr-first-aid>

Interested in joining the St. Agnes Emergency Response Team? Contact Teace Noel at [wvnoels@gmail.com](mailto:wvnoels@gmail.com)

## Stay Up-to-Date with Mary's Refuge

Mary's Refuge invites you to stay up-to-date with their baby bulletin. You can find the bulletin through this QR code or visit <https://marysrefuge.com/baby-bulletin/>.



## JCCM Food Pantry Current Needs

- Canned meats (especially chicken)
- Mac and Cheese, Soup (tomato and hearty soups)
- Rice, Canned Beans
- Jelly, Syrup & Pancake Mix
- Crackers
- Coffee (Instant and Ground)
- Canned fruit
- Canned pasta
- Cooking Oil
- Razors, Shampoo, Conditioner
- Paper towels, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent
- Cat and Dog Food

## Cash Cards Make Sense & Cents

Purchasing cash cards through St Agnes is an easy way to support the church financially at no additional cost to you, available for purchase in the office. *(Please call first to check for availability.)*

## Shepherdstown Shares Current Needs

- Toilet paper
- Baby Wipes
- Regular Ground Coffee
- Brown Rice
- Pasta Sauces
- Ramen noodles (not the cups of soup)
- Small Applesauce Cups (unsweetened)
- Snacks
- Crackers (i.e. Ritz or Saltines)
- Milk (1/2gal or full gallons—whole or 2%)
- Diabetic Items  
candy, pudding, Jello, applesauce, etc.
- Snack and sandwich-size Ziploc bags
- Sturdy paper bags (especially with handles)

### Tithing Report for April—June

|                                                                      |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Bereavement Fund                                                     | \$298   |
| GSIVC (Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers)                | \$2,500 |
| Hospice of the Panhandle                                             | \$1,000 |
| Jefferson County Community Ministries                                | \$3,500 |
| Saint Vincent de Paul Society                                        | \$900   |
| Diocesan Collection - Catholic Relief Services                       | \$1,000 |
| Diocesan Collection - Peter's Pence Collection {for the Holy Father} | \$100   |

## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

|                                                                |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory Collections                                          | \$7,745            |
| Monthly Mortgage Assistance                                    | \$725              |
| <b>Total</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)         | <b>\$8,470</b>     |
| <b>Weekly Target</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance) | <b>\$12,000</b>    |
| <b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>                    | <b>↓ - \$3,530</b> |

|                                                   |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Tithe to help those in need</b>                | <b>\$775</b> |
| (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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### Upcoming Cursillo Mini-Retreat

A Cursillo mini retreat will be held at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, on Saturday, August 17th. Free lodging available for travelers. It will be an all-day retreat, from morning until the late afternoon, lunch provided. The retreat will consist of prayer, presentations, discussions, and planning. If you'd like to register or for more information, contact Daniel Maul, at [dmaul@dwc.org](mailto:dmaul@dwc.org), or call 304-233-0880, ext. 376.

### Catholic Sharing Appeal

The CSA is one of many ways that we are united in God's love as Catholics and as members of our Diocesan Family. In addition to providing funding for our own parish community, the CSA also delivers essential support for shared ministries, Catholic education, and evangelization & outreach efforts across the state. You can donate securely online (<https://csa.dwcministries.org/>), by mailing in the pledge card, or place your pledge card in the collection basket.

### Columbarium Garden Memorial Wall

Reminiscing about loved ones who are interred in other locations? Should you want to memorialize the departed closer to home, the St Agnes Columbarium Garden has special Memorial Walls where names may be engraved as a permanent remembrance. Why not visit the garden? For more information, brochures and applications are available in the Narthex or contact the parish office.

### Mary's Refuge Men's Cookout

Mary's Refuge is welcoming men of all trades with a heart for making a difference. July 28th from 4-6pm in the Backyard of Mary's Refuge. Miracles in the Making! BBQ, Baby Bumps, and Building Community for Mary's Refuge. RSVP at [Life@MarysRefuge.com](mailto:Life@MarysRefuge.com).

### Open Positions at Saint Joe's School

Saint Joe's School is seeking to fill these positions:

- **STEM teacher** full-time position
- **Pre-K** substitute
- **Pre-K Aid**

These have been posted to Indeed, Facebook, and the St. Joe's website—[sjsvw.org](http://sjsvw.org). Send in a resume or letter of introduction, contact Principal Maria Byrd at [mbyrd@sjsvw.org](mailto:mbyrd@sjsvw.org).

### Bulletin Ads

Bulletin Ads are a major fundraiser here at St Agnes with the potential to bring in \$10,000. As helpful as that is to the church, our ads most definitely benefit the businesses that place an ad. Our ads are widely viewed by our parishioners and the larger community, so they are truly an effective way to bring attention to businesses at bargain prices. Our new ad year has begun. As you can see, we have lots more room for ads! We really want to fill up our ad pages. For \$125, a business gets a 1x1.5 inch space for an entire year (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025). 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.

Please encourage your favorite businesses to advertise with us. We are happy to help with ad design.

**Please call or email the office  
for additional information— (304) 876-6436 or  
[office@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:office@stagnesshepherdstown.org)**

### St Agnes on Social Media

**Can't make it to Mass or events?** Homilies, events, and other videos/recordings are being posted on our YouTube and on Google Drive (links are on the website). Also check out our Facebook and Instagram.



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