



St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Happy Mother's Day!

May 14, 2017

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM, 10:45AM & 5PM

Daily Mass in the Chapel at 8AM

Monday - Saturday

(Communion Service on Wed.)

Confessions: Saturday 3:30PM

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Highlights on the Catholic Diocese of Osogbo and Mission Strategy from 2017-2021

With a deep sense of gratitude I present a brief highlight of what we have been able to achieve in the last one year with your generous support and as well give a summary of our strategy for the realization of our pastoral vision as a developing rural diocese populated mainly by young people.

Achievements

- Commencement of a Block of Classrooms at the permanent site for the new school we established at a community of peasants, petty-traders and artisans in Ede named St. Julius Nursery and Primary School Ede which is purely Muslim community.
- Commencement of a Block of Classrooms for a new school we are establishing at a community of peasants farmers in Owode named St. Martha's Nursery and Primary School Owode. This projects at targeted to curb child-labor and other forms of child abuse in these communities.
- We have established Mother Teresa's Institute for the Training of Youths in Hospitality Management mainly for the benefit of our female youths. It helps us curb prostitution, abuse of women and the empowerment of female youth from various rural communities in the diocese. 32 students are currently receiving training in the institute. Priests are available to people in their communities to give them support, help and guidance in the communities.

Strategy and Plans to Further Our Vision—Formation of Pastoral Agents

- 44 seminarians are on formation for the priesthood. It costs \$3,000 to train a seminarian annually for nine years.
- St. Thomas Aquinas Catechetical Training school Ede was opened in March 2017. 11 students are admitted for training. It costs \$550 to train a student annually for four years.

Childcare/ Education

- St Julius Nursery/ Primary School was opened in a suburb of Ede on a temporary site in September 2016. Its permanent site is under construction. It will cost \$12,000 to complete the block of Classrooms. It costs \$230 to train a child annually in the school.
- We are opening St. Martha's Nursery/ Primary School in a poor remote peasant community of Owode in August 2017. It will cost \$19,000 to complete the block of classrooms, and it costs \$250 to train a child annually.
- Our Lady of Fatima Orphanage Osogbo cares for 46 orphaned children. We spend \$450 annually for the care of a child.
- St Mary's Rehabilitation Centre in Ipetumodu caters for the rehabilitation of 61 indigent children and other people with disability. We spend \$750 for the rehabilitation program of a child annually.

Formation/ Empowerment of Youths

- Mother Theresa Institute for the Training of Youths in Hospitality Management was opened in March 2017 on a temporary site. Only 41 youths out of 71 applicants could be admitted and are currently undergoing training. \$600 is needed to train a youth.
- St Joseph's workshop Inisa trains youths in woodwork. 110 youths are currently undergoing training. \$770 needed to train a youth annually for four years.
- Pax Metals in Ede trains youths in metal fabrication. 21 youths are currently in training. \$820 required for the training of a youth annually for five years.

Grassroots Medicare Service

- We offer weekly Mobile Medicare services to 37 grassroots communities that lack primary healthcare facilities. About \$15,000 is spent annually for the purchase of drugs for the treatment of malaria, infections and primary eye care. 3 additional vans are needed as mobile clinics/ambulance to enhance service.

Bishop John

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 13, 2017

5:00 p.m. Harry & Theresa Paolicchi—Repose
Deceased Members of the
Lo Grasso Family—Repose

Sunday, May 14, 2017—Mother's Day

Sunday Masses are offered for all Mothers,
Living and Deceased

Monday, May 15, 2017

8:00 a.m. Sal & Irene Lo Grasso—Repose
Felicisimo Santos—Repose
Lukose Abraham—Special Intention

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

8:00 a.m. Oscar & Kay Grewis—Repose
Telesfora Legaspi—Repose
Hazel Simisin—Special Intention

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, May 18, 2017

8:00 a.m. Joe Cornella—Repose
Tomas Legaspi, Jr.—Repose
Rolf & Josefina Stolz—Repose

Friday, May 19, 2017

8:00 a.m. Carmen Santos—Repose
Lukose Abraham—Special Intention

Saturday, May 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. Josh Belmonte—Repose
5:00 p.m. Jose & Lorenza Amoncio—Repose
Earl & Von Greenwood—Repose
John Kohal—Repose

Sunday, May 21, 2017

7:00 a.m. Joe Ruggiero—Repose
Johnson Abraham—Special Intention
9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
10:45 a.m. Anne Carey—Repose
Peggy, Cy & Neal Coenen—Repose
Yvette Farrington—Repose
5:00 p.m. Lot Castro—Repose
Lara Milward—Special Intention



Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, May 14, 2017

5:00 p.m. Youth Mass—Church
6:00 p.m. Life Teen—Cauchi Hall

Monday, May 15, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Father/Daughter Dance Meeting—A.R.
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus—Church Hall
7:00 p.m. EDGE—End-of-Year Celebration—
Cauchi Hall

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Meeting—A.R.
7:00 p.m. Baptism Prep Class—G.P.

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
10:30 a.m. Rosary Makers—G.P.
6:15 p.m. Reception for School Families—
Cauchi Hall Patio
6:45 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—A.R.
7:00 p.m. Mandatory Meeting for School Parents—
Church
7:30 p.m. Jim Gill Band Practice—Church

Thursday, May 18, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:30 a.m. Bible Study—A.R.
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice—Church
6:30 p.m. ICF Meeting—Cauchi Hall
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice—Church

Friday, May 19, 2017

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church
7:00 p.m. Dance Class—Cauchi Hall

Saturday, May 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
9:00 a.m. Work Party—Grounds
1:00 p.m. Respect Life Baby Shower—Cauchi Hall

Fair Trade and Hospitality after all Weekend Masses

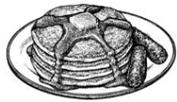
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day
Monday: St. Isidore the Farmer
Thursday: St. John I
Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena;
Armed Forces Day

Parish News and Activities

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

We wish all of our St. Agnes moms a very joyful Mother's Day and hope they enjoy the bookmarks being passed out at this weekend's Masses by our Stewardship Committee.



As a special treat, The Pancake Breakfast Committee will be providing a "Parents Eat Free" breakfast after the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Masses on **Sunday, June 18th**. Mark your calendars—this is for both mothers AND fathers.

FAIR TRADE: Make sure to stop by our Fair Trade table next weekend and check out our delicious coffees, teas and chocolates. We have single-serving French-roast pods that are fabulous!

SCRIPTURE-SHARING CLASS

The Thursday morning Scripture-Sharing Class ends May 25th for the summer break. Class resumes **September 7th, 2017**. Study begins a new series, "The Prophets and Revelation." We welcome new members. For more information, please contact Burt Hayes at 925-680-1075 or Chris McDermott at 925-676-2384, e-mail cemcdermott@pacbell.net.

REMINDER #1:

If you have changed your address or telephone numbers, please stop by the Welcome Table after Mass to fill out a parish update form. Also, if you have never registered at St. Agnes, we have parish registration forms at the Welcome Table as well as a small gift to our new parishioners.

Likewise, if you are planning to move out of the area, call the Ministry Center, or let someone know at the Welcome Table. Thank you!

REMINDER: #2:

If you have a key to any of the church facilities, please return them as soon as possible, unless you have called the office. Also, if you check out a key, it is to be returned within three days. Thank you!

Donate to Local Pregnancy Resource Centers

The Respect Life annual May Baby Shower Drive began the first weekend in May with the cradle being placed at the back of the church to drop off your donations.



The drive will end May 20th with a baby shower event in Cauchi Hall from 1-3 pm. All are invited to attend and participate in games, prizes, cake, and information on local resources to help pregnant mothers.

Items should be new or gently used:

Shampoo, African American hair products, batteries, "boogie wipes", diapers (all sizes), wipes, diaper cream, lotion, burp cloths, infant clothing (up to 2T), hooded towels, washcloths, thermometers, nail clippers, bassinets/cribs, strollers, bouncers.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY



It's time for spring cleaning! St. Vincent de Paul will be having Bundle Sunday on June 3 and 4. Here is your chance to go through all of your clothes and donate any good, usable clothing to

St. Vincent de Paul. There will be a trailer available for your clothing after all Masses that weekend. Remember that these collections assist St. Vincent de Paul in its mission of helping the needy, and we very much appreciate your past and continued assistance in this endeavor.

SHARE: All nourishing food donations are appreciated. No glass, please. May's focus is: oatmeal and other unsweetened cereals. Collections baskets are at each door of the door of the church. Thank you so much for your donations.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 14 Mother's Day
- 20/21 Hospitality Weekend
- 21 Friends & Family Mass, 10:45 a.m.
Baptisms, 12:15 p.m.
- 25 Spring Play (School)

Communications Committee Update:

The St. Agnes Communications Committee is making good progress connecting our parish to the outside world and enabling our parishioners to communicate better with each other.

Our new website (stagneparish.net) is up and running with our current calendar of activities, committee updates, and links to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram have been established also. Father Johnson is working on recording some homilies for our website, Facebook, and U tube! Please visit our parish website regularly as new material is added frequently. You can also find Pope Francis' latest tweets on the website main page. How cool is that ???

Our new web host, eCatholic.com, is enabling us to build online forms for things like parish registration and room reservations. These new features will save time for our volunteers and encourage new parishioners to register online.

The Communications Committee and Pastoral Council are currently trialing a new email and text communication system called "FlockNote" for the parish. If we move forward with implementation of this tool, we will be able to download all the email addresses we collected during the parish census and load them in the tool. Father Johnson will then be able to start sending out regular emails to our parish family with some inspirational messages and current goings-on. The newsletter Father Johnson has in mind will not replace our weekly bulletin, but it will allow parishioners on the distribution list to get an early preview of the bulletin.

FlockNote allows the email recipient to subscribe/unsubscribe, and also to specify the delivery method you prefer (email or text). It also has the ability to set up specific groups, so ministries like STARS, youth ministry, Knights of Columbus, and other ministries with large groups will be able to communicate to their membership through this tool.

Stay tuned for more information as these efforts progress. If you have any feedback or would like to help out, you can contact Mike McDermott at mtmcder@pacbell.net.

Community Activities

STEUBENVILLE NORCAL YOUTH CONFERENCE



First time in our Diocese—the Steubenville Youth Conference will be happening at CSU East Bay Hayward July 28th to 30th. The Conference is designed for incoming freshman through outgoing seniors. It's like a retreat, but for 1500 high school teens! Music, talks, praise and worship, small groups, games and more!

For more information visit the website at <http://lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-norcal/> or contact Linda at Lindastagnes@gmail.com for information and a Registration Form. Early bird reservations are due prior to June 1. Don't delay, sign up today!

FIND YOUR GREATNESS Four Habits that will Transform your Life

May 20, 2017, 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Rosary
703 C Street
Union City, CA 94587

What are your habits? Are they helping you become the best-version-of-yourself or some second-rate-version-of-yourself?

Our lives change when our habits change. Based on Matthew Kelly's book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, this half-day event, featuring Jonathan Fanning, will introduce you to four simple habits that will help you reach your full potential.

Tickets are \$20, and may be purchased at *Dynamic-Catholic.com* or call 859-980-7900.



CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY

Thank you to the members of the Divine Mercy Group
who coordinated the Novena and celebration
on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23.