



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 1, 2023 | Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Rev. Rayappa Konka
Pastor

Susan Flohr
Pastoral Minister

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
7:00 am
Wed 8:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday, 9am - Noon
& 1pm - 4pm



*Mary
kept all these things,
reflecting on them
in her heart.*
- Luke 2:19



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

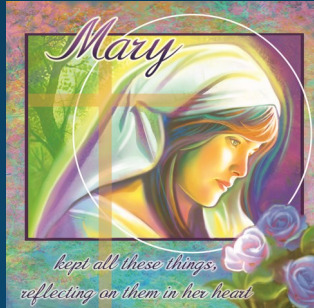
Today's Readings

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm:67

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21



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The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

MARY THE CAREGIVER

At some point in time, most people will find themselves needing to watch over another person. This is true for parents and children of course; for others, perhaps an aging parent or spouse; a friend or neighbor living alone after surgery. At these times, along with the caregiving of the moment, there is often a focus on the future, a wondering about what will come. Quite naturally for the new mother Mary there is this future focus, with many possibilities for her to hold in her heart. She reflects quietly in the midst of the very hectic series of events that follow the birth of her child: hurrying shepherds who go and tell the wondrous news to others, then those others sharing their amazement. Luke tells us that Mary keeps all of this, and reflects on it in her heart. Mary is watching over Jesus as mothers do, watching over each and every moment.

As Mary watches over her child, so did Israel pray for God to watch over them and one another, to bless and keep them, as Mary kept and reflected on things in heart. Mary's face surely shone upon the infant Jesus, as Israel prayed for God's face to shine upon them with that graciousness we also know in her whom we call "full of grace." At the conclusion of the blessing in today's first reading is a prayer for God to look on us in kindness and, even more, to grant us peace. It may be in this final line of the blessing that we see God most at work in the face and the care of Mary, gazing gently on her child, wishing the fullness of God's *shalom* for Jesus and his future. Our mission as disciples is to show the divine care we hear in the blessing prayer, and to live out the care-giving we see today in Mary.



This Week's Schedule

Monday, January 2, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family
by The Diocese of Grand Island
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Shane Malm by Laetner &
Landon Malm
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Rick Hilzer by John & Susan
Johnson
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: The Seymour Family by The
Schiff Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, January 6, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family
by The Diocese of Grand Island
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Rick Hilzer by Gene & Mari
Schwarzkopf

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Margaret Ann Pickering by Jeff
Pickering
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish



The Liturgy Corner

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1 is New Year's Day to most of the world, but in the Catholic Church, it is also the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This is a relatively new title for the day. Older Catholics will remember that we used to call January 1 the Feast of the Circumcision.

Circumcision may not seem like much to have a feast about, but the day commemorated an event in the life of Jesus, just as we have days for his Conception, Birth, Presentation in the Temple, Baptism, Transfiguration, Death, and Resurrection. Luke specifically mentions the circumcision of Jesus (2:21). It took place, according to the custom, on the eighth day after his birth.

That is why the feast commemorating the event fell on the eighth day of Christmas. It just happened to be New Year's Day. The same passage from Luke says Jesus then received his name. That is why the old calendar celebrated the Most Holy Name of Jesus on the Sunday between the Feasts of the Circumcision and the Epiphany. If no Sunday intervened, the feast occurred on January 2. It is now an optional memorial on January 3.

In present times, the Gospel passage for January 1 still refers to the circumcision, but the new title for the feast seems to have another verse in mind, Luke 2:19. There we hear that Mary treasured all the things that happened and the words that were said and pondered them in her heart. On the octave day of the birth of Jesus, we celebrate Mary, who bore him.

On January 1, we are also expected to pray for world peace. In the United States, this day is a holyday of obligation unless it falls on a Monday or a Saturday.

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Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

As of December 19, 2022

Actual	\$28031.40
ATW	\$7455.00
Online Giving	\$2835.50
Budget	\$27000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$11321.90

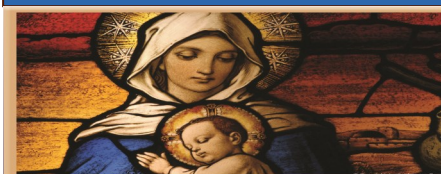
Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for Haiti/Uganda

Thank you for your continued giving!

Sunday Collections Notice

Due to the bulletin transmission schedule with JS Paluch, our bulletin production company, the collection reports will be delayed for the next few weeks.

This Week's Readings



- Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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- Lourdes
- Eiffel Tower
- Lisieux
- Paris
- La Sagrada Familia
- Barcelona
- Burgos
- Fatima

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St. Agnes Church and School

Dear Parishioners and parents of St. Agnes School,

As we come to the end of the year 2022, let us praise and thank God for the many blessings he has showered on our parish and school.

The past two years, we faced the challenges of Covid and this year we are facing the challenges of economic hardship and inflation. This has resulted in our church collections being down some. I encourage everyone to please pray and continue to extend your support to our church and school as best you can.

In spite of many challenges, we made it through. As we say goodbye to 2022 and welcome 2023, thank God for his many blessings and pray for his continued love and protection. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fr. Konka

Assets and Liabilities

At Fiscal Year End

<u>St. Agnes Church</u>	June 30, 2022	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>151,992</u>
Notes Payable– Improvements		<u>-</u>
<u>St. Agnes Church Foundation</u>	Dec. 31, 2021	
Stocks and Bonds		<u>104,819</u>
<u>St. Agnes Altar Society</u>	June 30, 2022	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>13,339</u>
<u>Valley Christian Neighbors in Need</u>	June 30, 2022	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>35,920</u>
<u>St. Agnes School</u>	August 31, 2022	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>163,414</u>
Deferred Revenue for Upcoming School Year		<u>(104,419)</u>
<u>St. Agnes School Foundation</u>	Dec. 31, 2021	
Savings, Stocks and Corporate Bonds		<u>1,246,258</u>
Notes Payable - School Improvements		<u>-</u>
<u>St. Agnes Home School Association</u>	August 31, 2022	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>44,215</u>
<u>St. Agnes 100 Club</u>	April 30, 2022	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>2,547</u>

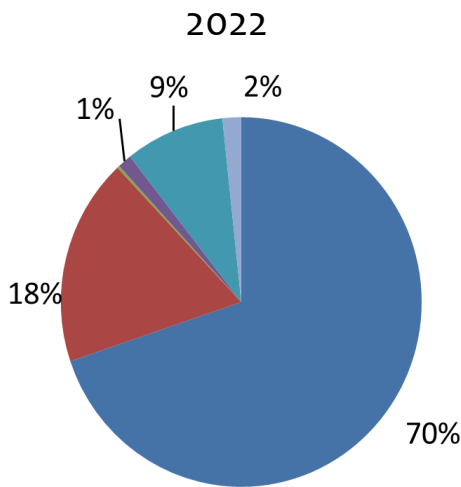


Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid
Year ending June 30, 2022 and 2021

This financial report gives us a snapshot of our offerings to God and our community.

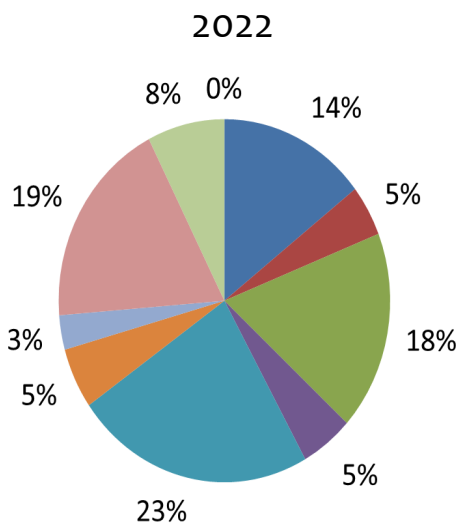
May God continue to send His grace upon us in this New Year. Thank you for your prayers, support and generosity.

Revenues Received



	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
General Church Support	450,745	467,571
Bequests-Designated Gifts	117,159	15,720
Religious Ed Fees	1,380	1,470
Interest, Miscellaneous	8,080	9,379
Apostolate Collections	57,542	25,364
Government Funding	-	-
Ins. Proceeds	10,780	13,092
TOTAL	<u><u>645,686</u></u>	<u><u>532,596</u></u>

Expenditures Paid



	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Salaries	97,531	102,941
Personnel Costs	30,652	37,398
Purchased Services	119,948	96,516
Materials-Supplies	34,577	31,527
School Support	157,520	157,520
Diocesan Assessments	36,539	36,539
Religious Ed. Programs	20,707	20,051
Capital Expenditure	126,537	110,209
Apostolate Collections Pd.	50,820	22,053
Loan Payments-Improv.	-	8,210
TOTAL	<u><u>674,831</u></u>	<u><u>620,997</u></u>



St. Agnes Church Foundation

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid
Year Ending December, 31 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Revenues Received</u>		
Contribution From Estates	-	-
Donations	-	2,115
Investment Earnings	15,238	11,060
Miscellaneous	-	-
TOTAL	<u>15,238</u>	<u>13,175</u>

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Expenditures Paid</u>		
Expenditures	485	356
St. Agnes Church Cap. Proj.	4,160	122,791
TOTAL	<u>4,645</u>	<u>122,791</u>

Valley Christian Neighbors in Need

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid
Year Ending June 30, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Revenues Received</u>		
Donations Received	26,648	29,939
Interest	11	56
TOTAL	<u>26,659</u>	<u>29,995</u>

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Expenditures Paid</u>		
Food Assistance	400	152
Utilities Assistance	1,566	5,321
Transportation Assistance	-	100
Rent Assistance	5,580	7,569
Emerg. Assist & Spec. Proj.	4,497	1,459
Christmas	8,522	9,463
Medical	400	105
Postage and Supplies	-	313
TOTAL	<u>20,965</u>	<u>24,482</u>

St. Agnes Altar Society

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid
Year Ending June 30, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Revenues Received</u>		
Fundraising Activities	6,531	-
Donations	200	2,665
Interest	1	1
TOTAL	<u>6,732</u>	<u>2,666</u>

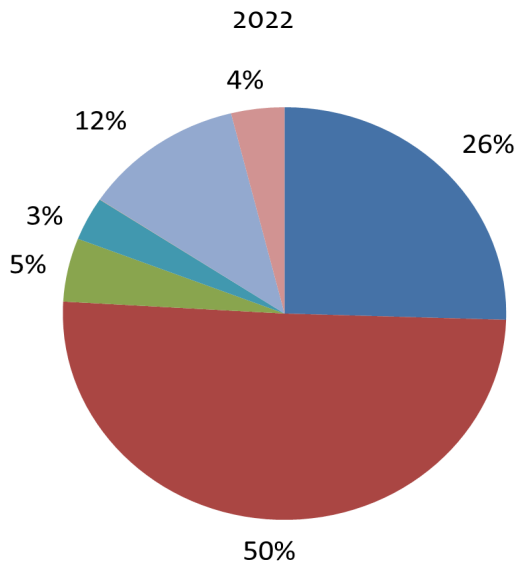
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Expenditures Paid</u>		
Food - Hospitality	1,400	250
Supplies & Cleaning	214	116
Donations - Parish	125	725
TOTAL	<u>1,739</u>	<u>1,091</u>



Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid
Year ending August 31, 2022 and 2021

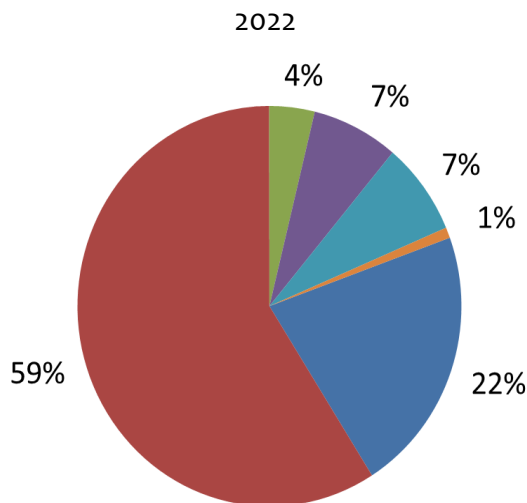
In our 67th year of providing education, St. Agnes School continues to grow and thrive. As a faith-centered community, we are committed to developing our students in mind and spirit. Our student's faith is enriched through weekly attendance at Mass, daily studies in religion, a focus on service to others and a goal of inspiring a culture of vocations. Updated curriculums supported by brightlink boards and 60+ chromebooks allow us to provide a top-notch 21st century education preparing our students for a future filled with technology. Facility upgrades including: a new roof, installation of additional cameras and paging system along with the addition of a new sound system in the gym show a commitment by our school community to providing a safe and quality learning environment for our students and staff. With a current enrollment of 118 students in Pre-k through 5th grade, we look forward with great anticipation to a future of growth and change.

Revenues Received



	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Parish Support	157,520	157,520
Registration Fees - Tuition	311,807	277,343
Donations-Memorials	30,739	26,716
Premiere Event	-	-
Other Support Groups	21,073	51,308
Interest	115	54
Lunch Fund	72,885	61,497
Government Funding	<u>23,999</u>	<u>6,350</u>
TOTAL	618,138	580,788

Expenditures Paid



	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Admin & Emp Benefits	128,782	127,647
Instruction	351,632	341,038
Operation of Plant	22,800	21,688
Maintenance of Plant	43,468	43,284
Lunch Fund	44,778	48,886
Capital Outlay	5,093	4,749
School Foundation	-	-
TOTAL	596,553	587,292

St. Agnes School Foundation

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid
Year Ending December 31, 2021 and 2020



<u>Revenues Received</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Donations and Fund Raising	288,215	141,502
Net Gains on Investments	62,827	54,002
Investment Earnings	52,393	45,720
TOTAL	<u>403,435</u>	<u>241,224</u>

<u>Expenditures Paid</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Grants To And For Benefit of St. Agnes School	171,984	133,337
Trustee Fees & Advertising	3,914	6,238
TOTAL	<u>175,898</u>	<u>139,575</u>

St. Agnes Home School Association

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid
Year Ending August 31, 2022 and 2021

<u>Revenues Received</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Fund Raising Activities	87,316	66,543
Interest	51	153
TOTAL	<u>87,367</u>	<u>66,696</u>

<u>Expenditures Paid</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Fund Raising Expenses	50,372	28,180
Donations for School	35,722	36,312
TOTAL	<u>86,094</u>	<u>64,492</u>

St. Agnes 100 Club

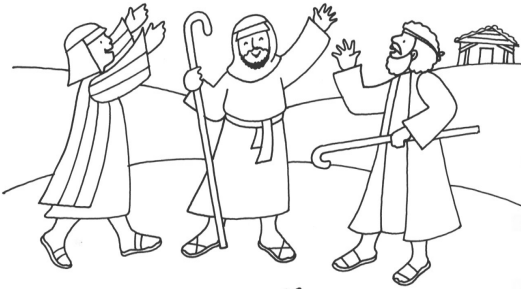
Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid
Year Ending April 30, 2022 and 2021

<u>Revenues Received</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Members Support	24,410	24,780
Interest	7	-
TOTAL	<u>24,417</u>	<u>24,780</u>

<u>Expenditures Paid</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Prizes Awarded	10,305	11,160
Supplies	36	233
Donations for School	14,250	13,600
TOTAL	<u>24,591</u>	<u>24,993</u>

Kids' Corner

The shepherds are returning from seeing Baby Jesus.
They are praising God!
Match each shepherd to his shadow.



January 1
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

St. Paul tells us about God's special plan of salvation.
Think of the one word you can write in the blanks below
that will explain it.
You can read Paul's letter in your Bible at Galatians 4:4-7.

God's only _____
was sent to us
so that
through him . . .

We could
become God's _____s
and daughters,
too!

Now that
you know-
**Pass
It
On!**

God
puts the
_____ 's
spirit
into our
hearts!

And to prove
we are
_____ s
and daughters,