



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 7, 2024

**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



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2



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# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

## Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm:72

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



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## The Epiphany of the Lord

### Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

“Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance,” writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

“See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.” — Isaiah 60:2

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, January 8, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †Rodney Ralph Brooks by St.

Agnes Parish

Communal Rosary (4:45pm)

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †Wilma Cecelia Kirchner by St.

Agnes Parish

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Jean Ann Straetker by St.

Agnes Parish

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †Christine Barajas by St. Agnes

Parish

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### Friday, January 12, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †Thomas F. Braddock by St.

Agnes Parish

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### Saturday, January 13, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)

Intention: †Marcella Castaneda by St.

Agnes Parish

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)

Intention: For Our Parish

Weekend Mass (10:00am)

Intention: †Anita Schlager by St. Agnes

Parish

## This Week's Readings



Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-1  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17  
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4-7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

## Server Schedule

Jan 13 5pm Regan Schiff  
 Giuliana Suhr  
 Jan 14 8am Kaden Blaylock  
 Easton Becker  
 10:00am Ruby Schiff  
 Kellan Zulkoski

## Lector Schedule

Jan 13 5pm Carmen Trevino  
 Jan 14 8am Toni Warburton  
 10:00am Mark Loose

## Rosary Leader Schedule

Jan 13 5pm Jennifer Hiltgen  
 Jan 14 8am JoAnn Nash  
 10:00am Angie Hilbert



## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### December 2023 Totals

(As of Dec 24 2023)

Actual	\$22517.66
ATW	\$7665.00
Online Giving	\$3951.00
Christmas Coll.	\$16811.85
Budget	\$40000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$10945.51

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

Thank you for your continued giving!

## Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

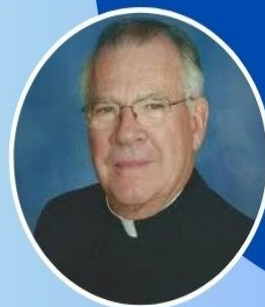
Because of early transmission dates for the bulletin these few weeks, the collection report will not be published on its regular schedule



### PERSONAL PRAYER: A DUTY, A PRIVILEGE, AND A CHALLENGE

Join us for an afternoon focused on prayer.

**JANUARY 14TH AT 2:30 PM**



Guest Speaker - Fr. Gerald Harr  
 Retired Priest of the Diocese of Grand Island

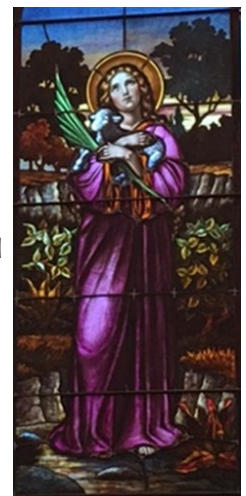


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## Feast of St. Agnes January 21, 2024

Join together to celebrate our parish patron saint, St. Agnes, on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have a carry-in dinner immediately

following the 10:00 am mass. The dinner will be held in the church garden room. Please bring a covered dish to share. Drinks, dinner service (plates, cutlery) will be provided.





# Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are having their **Monthly Breakfast Buffet** on **January 7th, Sunday from 8 am to 12 pm**. \$5 for Kids and \$10 for Adults Free for Uniformed Police Officers. Free for Firefighters and Free for Freshmen Students!

**Fish Fry Dates** - February 16th, March 8th, and March 22nd. Service will begin again at 5:00 pm, and we will end at 7:00 pm. Please save the dates.

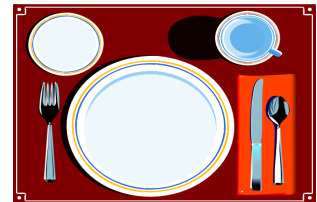


Thank you to our faithful Christmas Decorators who have done a good job decorating our Church Altar. They have been doing this for **over 30 years** now.



## Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, January 16th at noon in the St. Agnes Church Garden Room. Please bring a dish to share and join your church family friends for good food, fellowship.



## Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Need

Thank you to all who helped with organizing food, wrapping gifts, loading Christmas baskets this Christmas season. We could not have had such success without you! We wish you all a very Happy New Year!



# St. Agnes Church and School

Dear Parishioners and parents of St. Agnes School,

As we come to the end of Fiscal year 2023, I present to you the assets and liabilities of our church and school. Let us really be thankful to God for the many blessings He has showered on the church and school.

We are still challenged with the rise of inflation and economic hardships. I bring to your kind notice that church collections have not improved. It is a challenge to pay bills and salaries every month. I appeal and encourage you to pray and extend your support more generously to our church.

Even though we encountered many challenges, with the grace of God, we made it through. As we say good-bye to 2023 and welcome 2024, thank God for His numerous blessings and pray for His continued love and protection.

May God bless you all and have a Happy New Year.

Fr. Rayappa Konka

## Assets and Liabilities

At Fiscal Year End

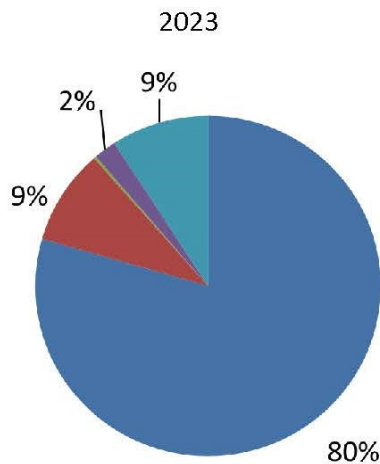
<b><u>St. Agnes Church</u></b>	June 30, 2023	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>131,759</u>
Notes Payable— Improvements		<u>-</u>
<b><u>St. Agnes Church Foundation</u></b>	Dec. 31, 2022	
Stocks and Bonds		<u>86,243</u>
<b><u>St. Agnes Altar Society</u></b>	June 30, 2023	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>9,134</u>
<b><u>Valley Christian Neighbors in Need</u></b>	June 30, 2023	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>38,014</u>
<b><u>St. Agnes School</u></b>	August 31, 2023	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>364,198</u>
Deferred Revenue for Upcoming School Years		<u>(267,397)</u>
<b><u>St. Agnes School Foundation</u></b>	Dec. 31, 2022	
Savings, Stocks and Corporate Bonds		<u>1,326,197</u>
Notes Payable - School Improvements		<u>-</u>
<b><u>St. Agnes Home School Association</u></b>	August 31, 2023	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>49,548</u>
<b><u>St. Agnes 100 Club</u></b>	April 30, 2023	
Cash in Bank and Savings		<u>1,668</u>



Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid  
Year ending June 30, 2023 and 2022

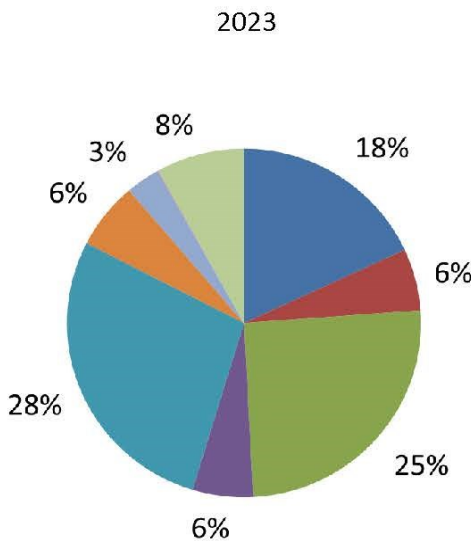
This financial report gives us a snapshot of our offerings to God and our community. May God continue to send His grace upon us in this New Year. Thank you for your prayers, support and generosity.

Revenues Received



	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
General Church Support	433,319	450,745
Bequests-Designated Gifts	49,360	117,159
Religious Ed Fees	1,280	1,380
Interest, Miscellaneous	11,511	8,080
Apostolate Collections	49,796	57,542
Government Funding	-	-
Ins. Proceeds	-	10,780
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>545,266</u></u>	<u><u>645,686</u></u>

Expenditures paid



	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Salaries	102,406	97,531
Personnel Costs	32,394	30,652
Purchased Services	143,175	119,948
Materials-Supplies	31,383	34,577
School Support	157,520	157,520
Diocesan Assessments	35,005	36,539
Religious Ed. Programs	17,717	20,707
Capital Expenditure	428	126,537
Apostolate Collections Pd.	45,471	50,820
Loan Payments-Improv.	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>565,499</u></u>	<u><u>674,831</u></u>

## St. Agnes Church Foundation

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



	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Revenues Received</u>		
Contribution From Estates	-	-
Donations	-	-
Investment Earnings (Loss)	(17,973)	15,238
Miscellaneous	-	-
TOTAL	<u>(17,973)</u>	<u>15,238</u>

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Expenditures Paid</u>		
Expenditures	603	485
St. Agnes Church Cap. Proj.	-	4,160
TOTAL	<u>603</u>	<u>4,645</u>

## Valley Christian Neighbors in Need

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid  
Year Ending June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Revenues Received</u>		
Donations Received	28,396	26,648
Interest	6	11
TOTAL	<u>28,402</u>	<u>26,659</u>

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Expenditures Paid</u>		
Food Assistance	-	400
Utilities Assistance	3,525	1,566
Transportation Assistance	116	-
Rent Assistance	2,500	5,580
Emerg. Assist & Spec. Proj.	11,962	4,497
Christmas	7,205	8,522
Medical	1,000	400
Postage and Supplies	-	-
TOTAL	<u>26,308</u>	<u>20,965</u>

## St. Agnes Altar Society

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid  
Year Ending June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Revenues Received</u>		
Fundraising Activities	8,186	6,531
Donations	625	200
Interest	15	1
TOTAL	<u>8,826</u>	<u>6,732</u>

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Expenditures Paid</u>		
Food - Hospitality	3,406	1,400
Supplies & Cleaning	867	214
Donations - Parish	8,757	125
TOTAL	<u>13,030</u>	<u>1,739</u>

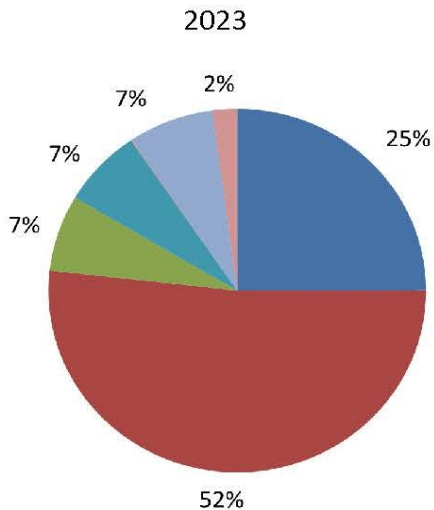




Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid  
Year ending August 31, 2023 and 2022

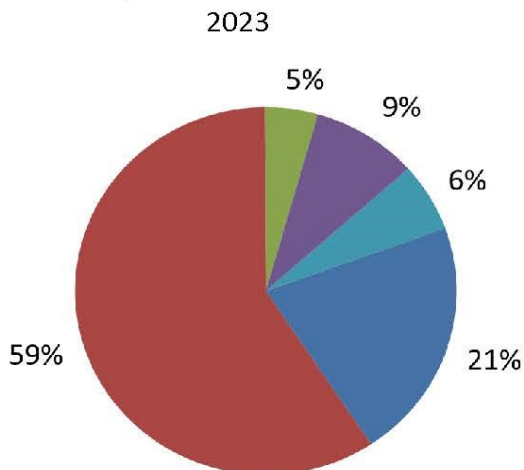
In our 68th year of providing education, St. Agnes School continues to grow and thrive. As a faith-centered community, we are committed to developing our students in mind and spirit. Our student's faith is enriched through weekly attendance at Mass, daily studies in religion, a focus on service to others 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 104 students in Pre-k through 5th grade, we look forward with great anticipation to a future of growth and change.

Revenues Received



	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Parish Support	157,520	157,520
Registration Fees - Tuition	327,220	311,807
Donations-Memorials	42,760	30,739
Premiere Event	-	-
Other Support Groups	43,806	21,073
Interest	359	115
Lunch Fund	46,550	72,885
Government Funding	<u>13,245</u>	<u>23,999</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>631,460</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>618,138</u></u></b>

Expenditures Paid



	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Admin & Emp Benefits	134,910	128,782
Instruction	375,996	351,632
Operation of Plant	28,415	22,800
Maintenance of Plant	57,212	43,468
Lunch Fund	38,274	44,778
Capital Outlay	-	5,093
School Foundation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>634,807</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>596,553</u></u></b>

## St. Agnes School Foundation

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



<u>Revenues Received</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Expenditures Paid</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Donations and Fund Raising	228,156	288,215	Grants To And For Benefit of St. Agnes School	199,484	171,984
Net Gains on Investments	23,902	62,827	Trustee Fees & Advertising	6,311	3,914
Investment Earnings	15,676	52,393			
TOTAL	<u>267,734</u>	<u>403,435</u>	TOTAL	<u>205,795</u>	<u>175,898</u>

## St. Agnes Home School Association

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid  
Year Ending August 31, 2023 and 2022

<u>Revenues Received</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Expenditures Paid</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Fund Raising Activities	87,448	87,316	Fund Raising Expenses	45,070	50,372
Interest	753	51	Donations for School	37,797	35,722
TOTAL	<u>88,201</u>	<u>87,367</u>	TOTAL	<u>82,867</u>	<u>86,094</u>

## St. Agnes 100 Club

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid  
Year Ending April 30, 2023 and 2022

<u>Revenues Received</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Expenditures Paid</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Members Support	22,720	24,410	Prizes Awarded	10,080	10,305
Interest	54	7	Supplies	112	36
TOTAL	<u>22,774</u>	<u>24,417</u>	Donations for School	13,460	14,250
			TOTAL	<u>23,652</u>	<u>24,591</u>

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE-MEN  
STAR  
HEROD

MESSIAH  
WORSHIP  
EXCITED

GIFTS  
WARNED  
DREAM

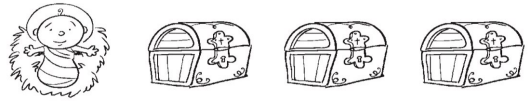
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## MISSION

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

## PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is different. Then color all of the pictures.



## MISSION

I will straighten my room, clean my closet, and dust my furniture.