

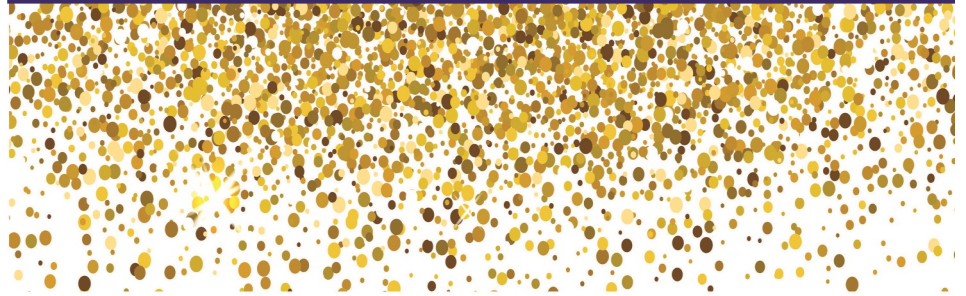


Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



JANUARY 8, 2023 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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)

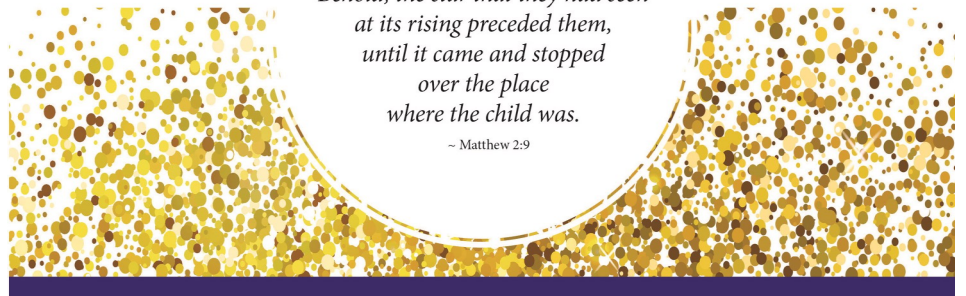
Sacrament of Baptism
Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday-Friday, 9am - Noon
& 1pm - 4pm



*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

~ Matthew 2:9



2314 Third Avenue, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361
(308)632-2541 Fax: (308)632-2146

Mailing address: PO Box 349, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-0349

Website: www.st-agnes-church.com

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm:72

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



Parish Administration

(308) 632-2541 / (308) 632-2146 (Fax)
office@st-agnes-church.com
www.st-agnes-church.com

Pastor

Rev. Rayappa Konka (ext. 2)
fatherkonka@st-agnes-church.com

Church Office Manager

Theresa Trevino (ext. 3)
office@st-agnes-church.com

Pastoral Minister

Susan Flohr
pastoralcare@st-agnes-church.com

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Terri Calvert (ext.5)
dre@st-agnes-church.com

School Head Teacher

Mrs. Julie Brown (632-6918)
office@st-agnes-school.com

School Office Manager

Teresa Johnson (632-6918)
office@st-agnes-school.com

Prayer Chain Coordinator

Jean Ahrens (308-672-4632)

Music Ministry Director

Jessica Mikoloyck (308-631-6290)
musicministry@st-agnes-church.com

The Epiphany of the Lord

STAR OF WONDER

In our day-to-day lives, we can experience epiphanies: new perceptions, unexpected insights, sudden changes in direction. In the liturgical year, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of a star in the heavens, a remarkable star followed by the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are not so different, our daily epiphanies and the Epiphany celebrated today. The arrival of the Magi certainly changed Mary and Joseph's perceptions of the world, the same way a helpless, tiny baby likely altered the Magi's insights as to what a star in the heavens would reveal. The story of the Magi—and the story of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—is filled with unexpected changes in direction, as God's plan continues to vary when it encounters people who cooperate with it, and others who attempt to thwart it. A deep and long reflection on this day we call Epiphany will uncover numerous epiphanies.

Like all of the Christmas season, Epiphany celebrates God's eternal and infinite love. In a special way, this day shows how God's love is truly all-inclusive. The magi were not Jews, not part of the Chosen People who expected that the Messiah was coming to save only them. Early on in his Gospel, Matthew tells us that God's love will not be limited by our human presumptions or boundaries. We still struggle with the fact that God is constantly epiphan-izing us to grow beyond the limits of our experience or expectations, to move beyond the boundaries of the world around us. Let us pray that we might be given epiphanies to help us find grace where we didn't believe it existed, to aid us in understanding that God's love is most often shown by who is included, not who is excluded. May we open our eyes and hearts to know that the Christ-light shines everywhere.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, January 9, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Eileen Kluthe Cada by Rita Wagner
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

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

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Maria Alderete & †Martin Alderete by St. Agnes Students & Staff
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Johnathan Weitzel by Bernadine Overman
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, January 13, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Corrine Batchman by Bernadine Overman
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Shirley Hollmann by Connie McDonnough

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Rita Brown by Pete, Joel & Justin
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Smitty Ewald by Bernadine Overman

This Week's Readings

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Server Schedule

Jan 14 5pm Grant Celli
Elena Blanco

Jan 15 8am Isabella Songco
Thomas Esselstein

10:00am Claire Ascherl
Logan Zulkoski

Lector Schedule

Jan 14 5pm Ashlee Wilson

Jan 15 8am David Nash

10:00am Mark Loose

Rosary Leader Schedule

Jan 14 5pm Kristin Schiff

Jan 15 8am Claire Songco

10:00am Jackie Seymour

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

January 2023 Totals

Actual	\$4279.00
ATW	\$2475.00
Online Giving	\$910.50
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1335.50

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for Latin America

Thank you for your continued giving!

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

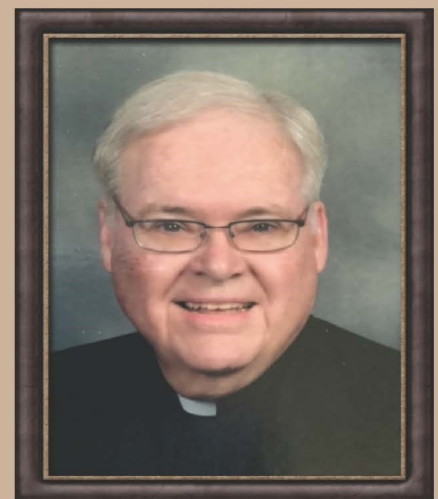
Living the Mystery of Faith

- Spirituality for today's modern Catholic
- Searching for **hope** in a confusing world
- Becoming Eucharistic People

Parish Mission

January 29, 30, 31, 2023

7:00 pm



with Fr. Charles Torpey



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.

The Liturgical Year © 2020 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner



From **\$4999***
Cash/Check Price

Join us on a
**Marian Shrine Pilgrimage to
FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL**

September 13 - 28, 2023
With Fr. Joseph Thambi Bonagiri

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Roundtrip transportation to Denver International Airport
Leaving from Our Lady of Guadalupe in Scotts Bluff, NE

3300 Discount
When
Registered
Before 2/1/23

www.holylandtc.com
shansen@holylandtc.com

(402) 315-1435

15606 Elm St, Suite 105
Omaha NE, 68130

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI
APRIL 16, 1927 – DECEMBER 31, 2022

IN MEMORIAM

Photo from the Archive of the Chancery of the President of the Republic of Poland

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know who are struggling just like you. But it's time for that struggle to end—starting when you take a *Financial Peace University* class. In just nine lessons, you'll learn biblical and commonsense ways of handling money. Class start on

Sunday, January 29, 2023, from 3-5 p.m.

Scholarships and free childcare is available. Sign up at fpu.com/1157477!

**LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK
IS NORMAL**
And that's not okay!

**FINANCIAL
PEACE**
University

Christmas Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are placed on the altar this season in memory of: Ralph, Katheryn & Baby Joseph Castaneda, Ralph Castaneda Jr. by Carmen Trevino; Shane Malm by Laetner & Landon Malm; Eugene Guenin, Mary Guenin, D.L. Guenin & Gene Schmid by M/M Greg Schmid; Ellen Gion, Michael & Mary Gion, Lewis & Pauline Triplett by Larry Gion; Tom E. Montague, Realthy Montague, Bill Montague, Martin Tschacher, Lee Tschacher & Helga Tschacher by Lynda Montague; Robert J. Reilly, Lois Reilly, Dan Reilly & Gary Reilly by M/M Jacob Krieg; Charlie Fitzke by M/M Adam Hoising; Richard Hawes, Gayle & Bonnie Johnson by M/M Robert Johnson; Steve McDonnough by Connie McDonnough; Rose Janda, Grace Ramig by M/M Luke Dahlinger; Bob Urdiales Family by M/M Martin Urdiales; Pedro & Florentina Cano, Manuel & Ermelina Urdiales by Roman Cano & Anita Urdiales; Billye Castinado by Lyle Downs;



Ed Moore, Mary Nance, Tom Wlaschin & Jerry Dishong by M/M Patrick Brown; Clarence Rood Jr., Frank & Louise Marquez, Richard Saucedo, Coby Saucedo, Clarence & Doris Rood by Margaret Rood; Alvin Barajas & Christine Barajas by Brian Lind; Bud & Betty Lee Neifert by M/M Mark Neifert; Virginia Ford & Bryan Bailey by Terry Bailey; Anna Adams by M/M Rodney Adams; Fred Schafer & Family by Doris Flohr; William R. Grandy, Beatrice Grandy & Joshua I. Bullock by Kathyann Bullock; Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Arneson & Mr. & Mrs. Harold Calvert by M/M Michael Calvert; Kaylene Thomas, Joey Benavidez by M/M Tom Braddock; Rod Brooks, Larry Foxhoven by M/M Jeff Wolfe; Doris Flohr, Wesley Flohr, David Flohr, Fred & Helen Schaefer by Susan Flohr; Marcia Prell, Larry & Wanda Hiltgen, Justin Hiltgen, Francis Voet by Jason & Jennifer Hiltgen; Regino Rosario, Juana Rosario by Rosa Rosario

ALL SHARE IN THE PROMISE

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday for
Epiphany of the Lord
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-5, 7-11

On the Way to Mass:

I wonder how the Magi felt after traveling for so long, following a star, then finally finding what they were looking for.

On the Way Home From Mass:

Right after Jesus was born, he was adored by poor shepherds. Later, he was adored by wealthy, educated Magi. What does this tell us about Jesus and his mission?

Living the Word:

The Magi came bearing gifts as an offering to the Savior. As a family, put together care packages that you can keep in your car to distribute to anyone in need. Ask your children to help with ideas of what the packages will contain" gift certificates for food? Bottles of water or snack packs? Or blankets or warm gloves? Offer them as gifts remembering that Jesus came for all people.

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2022-2023

Find Us On

Facebook

Twitter: [st_agnes_church](https://twitter.com/st_agnes_church)

Instagram:

[st.agnescatholicchurch](https://www.instagram.com/st.agnescatholicchurch)

Parish Website

www.st-agnes-church.com

myParish App

In the App Store on your phone or tablet

Build a Christ-centered home



A Christ-centered home is one in which, "Christ is the Head of this house, the unseen guest at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation." His presence is always felt. Knowing Jesus and following Him are key to living joyful, fulfilling lives in this world and being happy with Him in the next. As a family, make your top New Year's resolution to center your home on Christ.

Joy – Different than happiness, joy comes from understanding that our welfare lies in Jesus' hands alone. Teach children to give all their concerns to Him. No circumstance can rob us of our joy if we truly believe we

Grace – Our homes must be safe places filled with love. Family members need to know that love, not perfection, is the point of the family and that mistakes aren't fatal. Children will encounter hostility, judgment, antagonism, and criticism out in the world. A Christian home should be a place of comfort, rest, and healing.

Service – Jesus will give us everything we need. Sometimes, he uses other people to deliver His gifts. Christ-centered families place all that they have at His disposal and pitch in with an attitude of service and selflessness.

Worship – Homes centered on Christ make Scripture, prayer, and God's will top priority. Nothing comes before Mass and Sacraments.

Partners in Faith - January 2023

Meet the Confirmation Candidates



Emma Casillas

My name is Emma Casillas. I am in the 8th grade. I go to Bluffs Middle School. My parents are Eric and Victoria Casillas. I have 1 sister and 2 brothers. I play volleyball and basketball and I also participate in dance outside of school.

My goals for Confirmation is to grow in my religion and to get closer to God. I can share my time by helping with youth activities.

Fr. Mike Schmitz is back with ***The Catechism in a Year!*** Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days!

Get the FREE reading plan at ascensiononpress.com and start today!



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 08, 2023



A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: The Baptism of Jesus (Part 1)

Why was Jesus baptized by John the Baptist and what does this mean for the Sacrament of Baptism? Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Michael Barber as they unpack the first Luminous Mystery of the Rosary.



Reborn - Episode 1: A New Creation

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist The Bible and Baptism Episode 3

Dr. John Sehorn joins Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Kids' Corner

The scriptures tell us the magi "opened their treasures and offered [Jesus] gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 1:11).


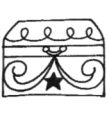
Add the treasures below together, then write the number that tells the sum.

 +  = _____

 +  = _____

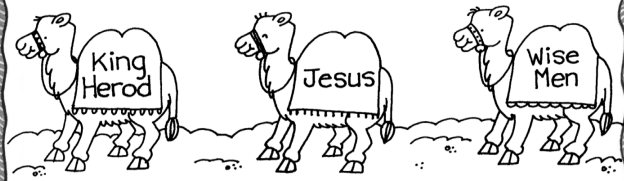
 +  = _____

 +  = _____

 +  = _____

Epiphany

Use the words on the camels to fill in the blanks in the story below.



_____ heard that _____ were looking for _____. He asked them to return and tell him where they found the baby. The _____ followed a star that led them to _____. They gave him very special gifts. A dream warned them not to go back to _____. And so the _____ took another way home.

