



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



February II, 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



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b



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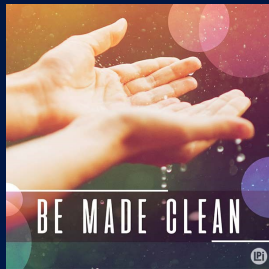
## Today's Readings

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalm:32

First Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Mark 1:40-45



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## The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sin and Loneliness

When I was in high school, we read “The Metamorphosis” by Franz Kafka. It’s a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

“Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch,” our teacher told us. “Without each other, we curl up and die.”

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. “I feel like a leper,” we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn’t begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’” — Mark 1:41

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, February 12, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Cathy Ryden by Dave & JoAnn Nash  
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Karen Koch by The Family of Karen  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

**Morning Mass (7:00am)**  
Intention: For Our Parish  
**Noon Mass**  
Intention: †Richardis & Bernard Wlaschin by Antonio & Rita Tecson  
**Evening Mass (7:00pm)**  
Intention: †Doris Flohr by Margie Rood  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### **Thursday, February 15, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Christine Barajas  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### **Friday, February 16, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Susan Holtorf by Dave & JoAnn Nash  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### **Saturday, February 17, 2024**

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)

### **Sunday, February 18, 2024**

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: Ryan Windhorst for speedy recovery by The Songco Family  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: Reathy Montague by Lynda Montague & Family

## This Week's Readings



**Monday** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

## Server Schedule

**Feb 17 5pm** Grant Celli  
Morgan Celli

**Feb 18 8am** Kaden Blaylock  
Jacob Mark

**10:00am** Holly Polk  
Nina Polk

## Lector Schedule

**Feb 17 5pm** Kathleen Roehl

**Feb 18 8am** Jordan Colwell

**10:00am** Michael Schaff

## Rosary Leader Schedule

**Feb 17 5pm** Jennifer Hiltgen

**Feb 18 8am** Claire Songco

**10:00am** Jackie Seymour

## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

### February 2024 Totals

Actual	\$5835.19
ATW	\$3695.00
Online Giving	\$1366.35
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$896.54

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

Thank you for your continued giving!

WOMEN AT WELL

# Lenten Encounter Event




**Virtual Guest Speaker:**  
*Sarah Swafford*

**"Emotional Virtue for a Drama Free Life"**

Sunday, February 18th  
5:30PM Social  
6:00PM Event  
7:00PM Adoration+Confessions

Hosted at: **St Agnes Catholic Church**



Will be on Wednesday,  
February 14, 2024

Mass Times

7am, Noon, 7pm

## PENNY CARNIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE!

Visit the students in the gathering space or purchase from any St Agnes student.

Penny Carnival is March 3rd!

Penny Carnival is now accepting new and like new Bingo Prizes. Please leave in the boxes in the gathering space or at the school.



## ST. AGNES PENNY CARNIVAL

Volunteers NEEDED

ABLE TO HELP?


GO TO THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP

HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/70A0445AFAB29ABF9A-47270006-STAGNES




## Lenten Rice Bowl

Lent is a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As companions on this journey, we are invited to reach out to our neighbor in need no matter where they live. This Wednesday begins Lent. During Lent you can support the CRS Rice Bowl by picking up a Rice Bowl box from one of the church entrances to use as part of almsgiving. If your child is in the Religious Education program or enrolled in St. Agnes School, they will bring one home for your family.



## 2024 Lent/Holy Week Schedule

### Daily Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs 7:00am  
Wednesdays, 8:15am  
Fridays, 5:30pm

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday, 5:15 pm

### Adoration

First Friday's, March 1st  
After 7 am Mass until 5:10 pm

### Individual Reconciliation

March 26th & 27th 6pm-7pm  
No reconciliation Sat., March 30th

### Holy Week Schedule

March 28, Holy Thursday, 7pm  
Adoration to follow until Midnight  
March 29, Stations of the Cross -  
9am  
Good Friday Service - Noon  
March 30, Holy Saturday, 8:00pm  
March 31, Easter Sunday,  
8 & 10:30am

### Fish Fry

February 16, March 8 & 22  
5-7pm at the School Gym

### Soup Supper

Friday, February 23, March 1 & 15  
following 5:30pm Mass in the  
Garden Room

## Support Our Seminarians

The DCCW is taking up a special collection to help the Bishop financially support the seminarians in our Diocese. Last year we held this fundraiser and St. Agnes Parish We will be taking donations in the Gathering Space after Masses on the weekend of February 17th & 18th. Cash is fine, but **if you write a check, please make it out to DCCW.** Thank you in advance for your support. We are looking forward to you stopping by to enjoy a cookie as you learn more about our seven seminarians.



## Registration Information

St. Agnes School will be holding open registration during the week of February 20-25. New students may register during the hours of 7:30-10:30 & 12:30-3:30. A student entering the Pre-K program must be 4 years old by Aug. 1 and those entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Aug. 1. A state embossed birth certificate and record of current immunizations is also needed.

**A new scholarship opportunity is available through the diocese for families new to our school. Qualifying families can receive up to a 90% scholarship. The Scholarship opportunities organization provides another new opportunity for tuition assistance as does the newly established Peggy Olsen Scholarship. These new funding sources along with our own foundation scholarships will allow us to provide more support for families hoping for the opportunity to provide their child/children a Catholic education.**

For more information on registration, scholarship opportunities, school programming and openings, please contact Administrator, Julie Brown @ 632-6918 ext #3 or [jbrown@st-agnes-school.com](mailto:jbrown@st-agnes-school.com).

Eucharistic Revival  
Parish Year 2023-2024

# SAVE THE DATE!

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

3pm - Soup Supper - 6pm  
St. Agnes Catholic Church  
Garden Room

Please RSVP for the Soup Supper - 308-635-1362 or [dre@st-agnes-chruch.com](mailto:dre@st-agnes-chruch.com)



## Lectio Divina Process

Join us as we continue to build our prayer life from Fr. Harr's talk on Personal Prayer: A duty, A Privilege, and a Challenge.

Fr. Dan Gilbert will be at St. Agnes to teach about the Lectio Divina process and then guide us in experiencing Lectio Divina.

Fr. Daniel Gilbert  
Pastor of St. Leo, Gordon, Immaculate Conception, Rushville,  
St. Columbkille, Hay Springs



# Knights of Columbus



The second collection for this weekend, February 10th & 11th will be for the One Rose, One Life Campaign that is organized by the Knights of Columbus. This campaign supports the Culture of Life organizations & events throughout Nebraska.



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.

We served a total of 201 patrons for our Breakfast Buffet, a record breaking number! Thank you for your continuous support of our local Knights of Columbus projects.



## Liturgy Corner

**Ushers and Greeters** – This weekend we recognize the people who serve as ushers and greeters at St. Agnes. We want to thank those who are dedicated to the service of our church.

**The ministry of ushers** is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. During the time of Christ, the doorkeepers of the temple numbered in the hundreds and were the forerunners of today’s ushers. The more immediate predecessor of today’s usher can be found in the clerical order of ostiary (porter), instituted in the 3rd Century A.D. During those times it was the duty of the porters or ushers to guard the door of the church against any intruders who might disturb the service. The porter duties were so important that they came to be included in the rite of ordination, where they were specified as: “to ring the bells, open the church and sacristy, to open the book for the preacher.” In 1972 Pope Paul VI abolished the order of porter and this important task was given over to the laity.

**The ministry of greeters** is that of hospitality. As you enter a Catholic church building, you say hello to those arriving with you. Your parish may have someone at the door to add to this friendly encounter. That person is the greeter. This role is fairly new. It evolved from the Church’s desire to encourage the “full, conscious, and active participation” of the people in harmony with Vatican II’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (14). Human beings are more apt to pray together, sing together, and observe silences together if they are united in faith and service. This bonding begins at each Mass as soon as we arrive at church. Greeting one another is more than a social convention. It begins to form the Body of Christ assembled for worship on this day. Our time together at Mass is framed by the formation of community before and after the service. When Mass is over, we go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Having worshiped as one, we leave to serve as one. A greeter welcomes you to the building and helps you feel at home. If you are unfamiliar with the church you are visiting, the greeter will help you find participation aids, a place to sit, the location of restrooms, and any other useful information. Even though some people take on the role of greeter at a parish church, everyone shares this responsibility. When you greet others on your way in or out of the building, you are connecting with them in faith, acknowledging the values you share, supporting them with your prayer, and reminding them that none of us is alone. God is with us always, manifest in the simple care of Christian brothers and sisters at church.

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If you are interested in serving as an usher or a greeter please contact Kathleen Roehl at [ministers@st-agnes-church.com](mailto:ministers@st-agnes-church.com)



USHERS & GREETERS

## Religious Education Program

Email—[dre@st-agnes-church.com](mailto:dre@st-agnes-church.com)

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Gospel:** *Mark 1: 40-45*

### **On the Way to Mass:**

Have you ever felt left out, excluded, or cut off from others? How would it feel to be included again?

### **On the Way Home From Mass:**

During the week, we many get busy with schoolwork, household chores, or other things that fill our days. In these times, how can we remember to turn to Jesus for help when we are in need?

### **Living the Word:**

Our elderly or shut-in friends may feel that they have been forgotten and excluded from society. How can your family reach out and include an elderly neighbor, a retired priest or sister, or help a homebound parishioner feel more connected and included? Write a letter, make a phone call, draw a picture, bake a treat, and let them know how much they mean to your family. Be sure to share stories, memories, and smiles.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families  
2023-2024*

### **Find Us On**



### **Parish Website**

[www.st-agnes-church.com](http://www.st-agnes-church.com)

### **myParish App**

*In the App Store on your phone or tablet*

### **Facebook**

## Meet the Confirmation Candidates



**William Green**

My name is William Green. I am in 8th grade and I attend Bluffs Middle School. My parents are Kelli and Nathan Green who do a great job of getting me to all my activities. I am involved with football, soccer, baseball, basketball, band choir, and Boy Scouts. I am also blessed to have two younger siblings, Jackson and Abigail Green. They are very special to me and motivate me to be a great role model for them.

After I receive the Holy Spirit thought Confirmation I plan to spread the word of God to People that I meet in all the activities I do, as well as continue to go to Mass and Ignite youth group. I am also interested in joining the Knights of Columbus to continue to serve the Lord as an adult.

### **Ash Wednesday Mass Times**

*Wednesday, February 14th*

7 a.m. - Noon - 7 p.m.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### **Why do Catholics serve pancakes on Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras)?**

In the early Church, it was customary to give up rich foods and meat during the penitential season of Lent. This included

milk,  
eggs,  
butter,  
cheese,  
and fat.



On the Tuesday before Lent began, families would rush to empty the pantry of the forbidden foods by enjoying a dinner of pancakes (or in some places, fried doughnuts). In several countries, it is even called "Pancake Tuesday." It was meant to be one final celebration of feasting before the Lenten fast.

### **Family Lent Calendar**

#### **Wednesday—February 14th**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Attend Mass and wear the ashes all day as a sign of penance.



#### **Thursday – February 15th**

Help children choose Lenten offerings that are meaningful and do-able.

#### **Friday – February 16th**

Have meatless meals today. Pray for those who can't have meat as a regular part of their diets.



#### **Saturday – February 17th**

Pick a patron saint for Lent to pray for your family until Easter.

*Partners in Faith - February 2023*

# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of February 11, 2024



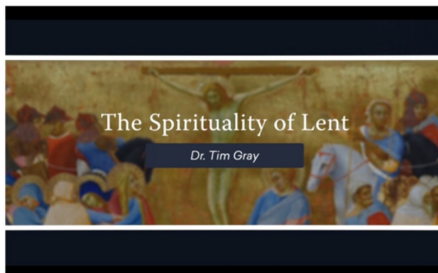
### Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



### The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



### The Spirituality of Lent

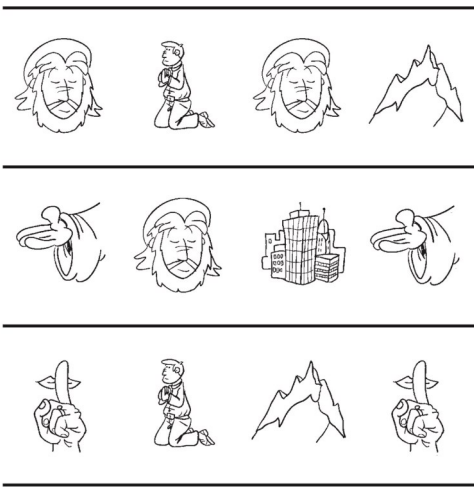
Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is the same as the first. Then color all the pictures.



## MISSION

I will tell everyone about the good things God has done for me.

## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LEPROSY	WELL	GIFT
JESUS	WARNED	HEALED
POWER	SHOW	WALKED

M O S Y T E D A G U R  
A L E P R O S Y E W A  
N I U O A L I U D O M  
S H O W F O E G I F T  
E Y I E I J A O U H I  
I W A R N E D I V E K  
T E O D Y S E B Y A O  
O L P A K U N A T L M  
H L U N I S O Y A E U  
U R E M W A L K E D W  
P A C I E N U H P I Y

## MISSION

Visit the sick. Make a card. Take a treat to share. Give them something to read. Pray for them before you leave. You will brighten their day.





Connecting Students and Families through Faith  
February 11, 2024



## Upcoming Events

Monday, February 12th

Valentine Parties

Tuesday, February 13th

Mardi Gras - 6:00pm in gym

Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday Mass @ noon

Friday, February 16th

No School - Winter Break

Fish Fry



## January Virtuous Students



On Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, marked the January Golden Rule ceremony. Over 96 golden rules were given for good deeds done in January. Mila Miller (5) and Selena Lara (K), Mateo McBride (PreK) were honored as the Virtuous Students of the Month for January. Thanks to Grand Knight, John Songco, and Knight member Jordan McBride who presented the

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# Classroom News.....

## Celebrating Families

St. Agnes families gathered for the annual indoor family picnic held on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> as part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Families gathered in the gym and enjoyed family time and building community with each other. We are so very grateful for all the wonderful families we have at St. Agnes School. We are so blessed.



## Leader in Me Students

Win-Win was the Leader in Me Habit of the Month for January. Students who understand and employ the win-win habit are kind to others and look for ways to include all. They consider the needs of others and look for ways to solve problems. They cheer for the successes of others. Students recognized include: Colette Kosman(PK), Ella Engel(K), Henry Preston(1<sup>st</sup>), Natalia Alvizar(2<sup>nd</sup>), Zaylie Adams(3<sup>rd</sup>), Matilda Kosman(4<sup>th</sup>) and Easton Becker(5<sup>th</sup>).



## 100<sup>th</sup> Day

February 5<sup>th</sup> marked the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. The students enjoyed a variety of activities that involved the number 100 including a 100 breakfast, 100 collections, sorting 100 objects, doing 100 of different exercises to name a few. Mostly, they enjoyed celebrating being 100 days smarter and the privilege to share those 100 days of growth and development with good friends at St. Agnes School.



## Saint Bingo and Buddy Reading

PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade students teamed together and enjoyed buddy reading and playing Saint bingo as the celebrate our students activities for Catholic Schools Week. The kids love the opportunity to join with other grades for fun activities. It provides an opportunity to build leadership in our older students and community connection throughout the school. We had a great week of celebrating the privilege to receive a Catholic education.



## Hot Lunch Menu for February 12th, 2024 - February 16th, 2024

### Monday, Feb 12

Beef Fajita  
Rice & Beans  
Cucumber Slices  
Peaches

**Helpers:**  
Grandma Linz  
Victoria Casillas

### Tuesday, Feb 13

Mac & Cheese  
Peas  
Steamed Carrots  
Apricots

**Helpers:**  
Bethany Nira  
Ruba Sarsour

### Wednesday, Feb 14

Fish Patty  
Tater Tots  
Spinach Salad  
Pears

**Helpers:**  
Kika  
Juyoung Adams

### Thursday, Feb 15

Hamburger on a bun  
French Fries  
Tomato Slices  
Lettuce Salad  
Banana

**Helpers:**  
Juyoung Adams  
Hans Adams

### Friday, Feb 16

**NO SCHOOL  
WINTER BREAK**

**Helpers:**

# What's Happening at St. Agnes School.....

## Kindergarten Class By Teri Ramirez

I am very proud of my wonderful students this year! I have seen so much growth in them academically, physically, and socially. They amaze me every day with what they learn! I am very fortunate to be able to work with such an amazing group of kids.

We recently celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of kindergarten. We started off first with a 100<sup>th</sup> day breakfast, and then returned to the room, where a couple of special 5<sup>th</sup> graders came and helped us out. The kids had a lot of fun rotating through the centers and counting to 100! The Kindergartners also dressed up as 100-year-olds, so we moved a lot slower that day. They had a day of great learning experiences that revolved around the number 100!



## Fourth Grade Class By Kristie Becker

Fourth grade has had a great start to the year 2024. As we have passed the halfway point of our year, we are slowly adding more intense work and new concepts into our studies. Students have been excited about our new science unit, Planet Earth. The rocks and minerals lesson has been a favorite so far. They enjoyed exploring the rocks with the hand lenses in our labs and classes.

In religion, we recently had Beatitudes Week. We studied the beatitudes, reflected on them, compared them to our lives, and then found examples of people who live the Beatitudes in current event articles.

Believe it or not, the class has expressed their love of our last math lesson, multiplication! Watching their excitement of learning a hard, new concept was very rewarding for me! We are currently starting division now!

Students have been learning to step up their writing by "exploding the moment" and writing a paragraph of the week! I'm proud of their creative writing talents! Students are back in their novel book clubs and we currently have 6 clubs going! Groups are reading *The Witches*, *Number the Stars*, *Old Wolf* (brand new for us!), *The Castle Crime*, *Stone Fox* and *My Side of the Mountain*, respectively. They are also working on dialogue, cause and effect and text structure within their groups and our reading class.

The students also did their first research project- penguins! In addition to nonfiction books and internet research, we also observed 3 zoo webcams to study their penguin enclosures! This was a fun project for them! Our research penguins are currently fly hanging in our hall!

