



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



February 19, 2023

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



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you." - Mt 5:44



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Psalm:103

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48



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The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Hardness of Holiness

Want to know the words I find hardest to say? “Lord, give me the strength.”

The world tells us to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone if we’re training for a marathon or applying for a job — but if we’re talking about God, everything is supposed to be easy. If it comes “naturally” or without struggle it’s supposed to be right.

Only God is perfect, the world tells us. *What’s the use of trying so hard?* I’m really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids’ bedtime, when I really just want to watch Dateline and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I’ve committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that’s just begging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I’m dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it’s so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words is because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse.

It’s not unlike my kids claiming they’re too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them? With a job to do, that’s where.

“Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.” — Leviticus 19:2

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 20, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Wlachin by Antonio & Rita Tecson
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention:
Mass (Noon)
Intention: †Jeffrey Calvert by St. Agnes Students & Staff
Evening Mass (7:00pm)
Intention: †Rick Cantril by Margie Rood
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Tom Montague & Lee Tschacher by Lynda Montague & Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, February 24, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Marshall, Mary & Adoline Jane Connelly by Bill & Merna Connelly
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Don Overman by Bernadine Overman

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Ray Rezac & †Ryan Rezac by Theresa Rezac

This Week's Readings



Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

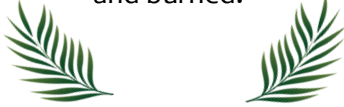
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

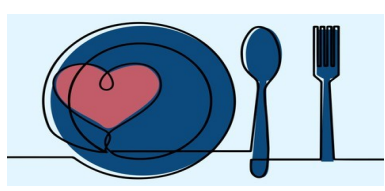
Old Palms Disposal

Want to dispose of your old blessed palms? Bring them to the church at anytime before April 2nd. There will be containers in each of the gathering spaces in which to place them. They are blessed sacramentals and need to be disposed of properly. Once collected, they will be taken out and burned.



Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, February 21st 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.



Server Schedule

Feb 25 5pm Caylie Garcia
Easton Hill

Feb 26 8am Isabella Songco
Liam Kicken

10:00am Lillian Seymour
William Seymour

Lector Schedule

Feb 25 5pm Jean Ahrens

Feb 26 8am Carol Herman

10:00am Mark Loose

Rosary Leader Schedule

Feb 25 5pm Ashlee Wilson

Feb 26 8am Claire Songco

10:00am Jackie Seymour



Will be on Wednesday,
February 22, 2023
Mass Times
7am, Noon, 7pm



SAVE THE DATE

The First Lenten
Fish Fry
will be on Friday,
February 24th, 2023

Deep Fried Pollock, Cole Slaw,
French Fries, Cheese Pizza,
Dessert, Beverages
St. Agnes School Gym
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

February 12, 2023

Actual	\$3571.30
ATW	\$4930.00
Online Giving	\$719.50
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$220.80

February 2023 Totals

Actual	\$8658.05
ATW	\$7405.00
Online Giving	\$1845.00
Budget	\$18000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$91.95

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

Thank you for your continued giving!

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.



2023 Lent/Holy Week Schedule

Ash Wednesday Mass

7am, noon, 7pm

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 3

After 7 am Mass until 5:10 pm

Individual Reconciliation

April 4th & 5th 6pm-7pm

No reconciliation Sat., April 8th

Holy Week Schedule

April 6, Holy Thursday, 7pm

Adoration to follow until Midnight

April 7, Stations of the Cross - 9am

Good Friday Service - Noon

April 8, Holy Saturday, 8:00pm

April 9, Easter Sunday, 8 & 10:30am

Fish Fry

Friday, Feb 24 & March 10 & 24

5-7pm at the School Gym

Soup Supper

Friday, March 3, 17, 31

following 5:30pm Mass In the Garden Room



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Diocesan Renewal of Faith

Come join us this Sunday, February 19th at 3:15pm in the church as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. Fr. Konka will preside at a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction.



Monday, February 20, 2023



LENT ENCOUNTER

WITH SPECIAL GUEST ALICIA HERNON

Sunday, February 26 at St. Agnes Catholic Church

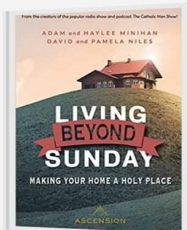
6:00 Speaker



7:00 Adoration | Confession

Join us for an Lent Encounter with virtual guest speaker, Alicia Hernon from the Messy Family Project.

Alicia is the co-founder of the Messy Family Project, married to Mike and mother to her ten children. Their mission is to empower parents, strengthen marriages, and bring families to Christ.



Each participant has the opportunity to purchase the book "Living Beyond Sunday" to use during the season.

Sponsored & coordinated by WOMEN AT THE WELL

Remember

The Lenten season is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



The Liturgy Corner

The Sacrament of Penance

The experience of the sacrament of penance in the Roman rite will be slightly different this Lent, thanks to approved changes in the English translation set to take effect in a few weeks.

Starting Ash Wednesday—which takes place this year on Feb. 22—the prayer of absolution will include three modifications, so that the revised version will read as follows:

“God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and poured out [formerly “sent”] the Holy Spirit for [previously “Holy Spirit among us for”] the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God grant [instead of “give”] you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

The new text was adopted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops during its Spring 2021 meeting, with the Vatican’s Dicastery (then-Congregation) for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments approving the text in April 2022. As of April 16, 2023, the Second Sunday of Easter known also as Divine Mercy Sunday, the revised formula for absolution is mandatory.

The dicastery also approved another option for the penitent’s Act of Contrition, in addition to the 10 prayers already approved by the Holy See. The text of this newly approved prayer will be well known to many U.S. Catholics:

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins because of your just punishments, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.
Amen

“The essential part of the absolution formula has not changed,” said Father Andrew Menke, executive director of the USCCB’s Secretariat for Divine Worship, during an Oct. 25, 2022, webinar co-sponsored by his office and the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions. (Our Sunday Visitor, Gina Christian – January 31, 2023)



60TH ANNUAL St Agnes Penny Carnival
Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:30-3:30
Get your raffle tickets today!

PURCHASE THEM TODAY IN THE GATHERING SPACE FOLLOWING EACH MASS OR FROM ANY ST AGNES STUDENT!

1st Prize: \$1,000.00 Cash - Donated by Complete Care
 2nd Prize: PlayStation 5 - Donated by the Klaas Family
 3rd Prize: 1/2 Beef - Donated by Schiff of NE
 4th Prize: 1/2 Beef - Donated by Schiff of NE
 5th Prize: \$500 Gaylord Resorts Gift Card Donated by Ryan and Jody Windhorst
 6th Prize: Blackstone 22" Flat Top Griddle Donated by RNDC of Nebraska
 7th Prize: Family Portrait Package Donated by SunnyFreckles Photography
Donation: \$1.00 Per Ticket

60TH ANNUAL St Agnes Penny Carnival
Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:30-3:30
Calling all alumni and parish members!

Volunteer today!
 Many volunteer are needed to help set up, tear down and run the games that make this event successful. Scan the QR Code to view current openings. If you have questions, please contact Ashlee Wilson at (307)575-3575



SAVE THE DATE

March After Society Meeting

THURSDAY, | 2 | AT 6:30 PM
 MARCH 2023
 ST AGNES GARDEN ROOM

Please Bring a Dish to Share



Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
for
Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Gospel: *Matthew 5:38-48*

On the Way to Mass:

Is there someone in your life that you are having a hard time forgiving? Have you spoken with God about it?

On the Way Home From Mass:

How does Jesus show love and forgiveness in his own life? Why do you think this is so important to him?

Living the Word:

As a family, reflect on a past hurt. Allow those who want to share the time to do so. Then as a family pray for each of these people by name. How do you feel afterward Ask God to help you pray for this person regularly.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2022-2023*

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Parent Talk:

Lent often felt like a holy diet to me. I focused on cutting out sweets, alcohol, and snacking. I ended up, six weeks later, pounds lighter and not an ounce holier. When the children came along, I decided to look at the three pillars: prayer, penance, and almsgiving.

On Ash Wednesday Mass we each offered a sacrifice – a favorite toy, screen time, some luxury. Then, we agreed that each night before bedtime we would pray a decade of the Rosary and offer spontaneous prayer.

Finally, we spent the weeks setting aside gently used toys and clothes to donate at the end of the season. We also increased our contributions to the poor box at church.

The emphasis on God and the practices the Church encouraged brought us out of ourselves and helped us approach Easter with a new perspective. As my daughter said, “Isn’t that the whole point of Lent?”

Partners in Faith - February 2023

Higher Ground Middle School

Extreme Faith for Middle School

July 9-13, 2023

Higher Ground - *Extreme Faith* Middle School Retreat is a Catholic youth program for those who have completed sixth, seventh, or eighth grade in the spring of 2022. At Higher Ground - *Extreme Faith*, participants gather in an informal atmosphere to have a lot of fun. The group is encouraged to experience the joy of playing, praying, and working together as a community of faith. *Extreme Faith* is held at Camp Maranatha near Maxwell, NE. The dates are currently pending. For more information go to the Youth Ministry tab on the following website: www.gidiocese.org

Higher Ground Retreats

High School - 10th-12th grades

Week 1: May 27 - June 1, 2023

Week 2: June 3-8, 2023

Higher Ground is a five-day Catholic youth program for those who will be juniors or seniors in high school. This program is sponsored by the Diocese of Grand Island's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, with Fr. Josh Brown as the Diocesan Spiritual Director. The purpose of Higher Ground is to create an environment where Christian community may be experienced. The activities provide an enjoyable opportunity for the young people to develop a better sense of self, to build positive relationships with others and to grow closer to God.

Higher Ground is held at Fort Robinson State Park near Crawford, NE. The week begins on Sunday at 7:00 PM, and ends at 10:00 AM the following Friday.

For more information go to the Youth Ministry tab on the following website: www.gidiocese.org

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 19, 2023



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 Spirit and the Desert

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



Love—Sacrifice—Trust: He Showed Us the Way by Fr. Mike Schmitz

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

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

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way. Then color in all the pictures.



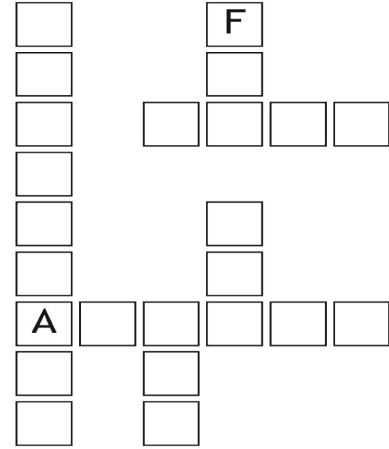
MISSION

I will forgive and pray for everyone who mistreats me.

PUZZLE

fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Pray for anyone who mistreats you.



MISSION

Pick up your toys and help with the dishes, without waiting to be asked.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
February 19, 2023



Upcoming Events

Monday February 20th
NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

Tuesday February 21st
Mardi Gras pancake lunch
Mardi Gras parade -
around the block - 2:45

Wednesday February 22nd
Ash Wednesday Mass @ noon

Friday February 24th
First Lenten Fish Fry



January Virtuous Students



Morgan Smith (5th) and Aden Munoz (4th) were recognized as the January Virtuous Students of the month at our monthly Golden Rule assembly held on Monday, February 6th. Grand Knight, John Songco, was on hand to present each student with a certificate and rosary.

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Classroom News.....

Leader in Me Students

Seek First to Understand Then to Be Understood was the January Leader in Me habit of the month. Students work to improve their listening skills to aid in problem solving and to improve attention and participation in class discussions. They work on raising their hand, not blurting out not interrupting and respecting the ideas and opinions of others. Students recognized for this habit include: Kellan Covalt (PK), Brynn Maas (K), Beckham Wilson (1st), Catalina Varela (2nd), John Songco (3rd), Aden Munoz (4th) and Ella Kildow (5th). Congrats to these budding leaders.



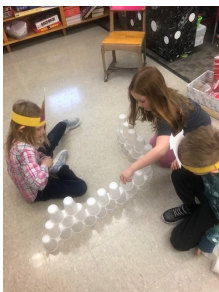
Celebrating Great Friendships

Tuesday, February 14th marked our school's Valentines parties. Students enjoyed celebrating great friendships by sharing Valentines with classmates and enjoying games, treats and fun during their classroom parties. Thanks to our room moms who have made our holiday parties possible this year and to all parents who provided treats and items for the parties. We appreciate you!



100th Day of School

February 9th marked the 100th day of school at St. Agnes. Students at all grade levels enjoyed various activities including: counting 100 objects, enjoying a 100 breakfast, dressing from any decade of the last 100 years or as super heroes with special 100 capes, exercising for 100 seconds, finding words whose letters add to 100, and more. The students always enjoy this day of celebrating being 100 days smarter.



Hot Lunch Menu for February 20th, 2023 - February 24th, 2023

Monday, Feb 20	Tuesday, Feb 21	Wednesday, Feb 22	Thursday, Feb 23	Friday, Feb 24
NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	MARDI GRAS PANCAKE FEED	Cheese Quesadilla Spanish Rice w/peas Green Beans Pineapple	Hot Dog on a Bun Tater Barrels Fresh Broccoli w/ranch Peaches	Macaroni & Cheese Peas Steamed Carrots Apricots
Helpers:	Helpers:	Helpers: Travis Gould Chrissa Gould	Helpers: Debbie Dudden Ryan Windhorst	Helpers: Chris Gunthier Jordan Colwell

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

Pre-K Class By Nicole Boness

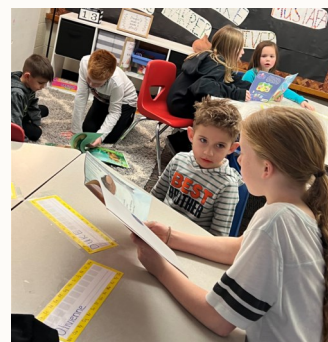
Pre-K has been very busy in January and February. With all the snow we got in January the kids got to go outside with watercolors and paint the snow. They loved having fun in the snow and watching the snow change colors. Then they got to have a little fun afterwards playing in it and making snow angels.

Pre-K has been busy creating artwork. They made Valentine people that we hung up in the hallway. They also made Valentine Lady bugs, created a heart using tissue paper, and did some sponge painting with different sizes of hearts. These kids are very creative. It's fun when you give them different craft items and see what they make out of it.

The kids had a blast celebrating 100th day!!! They got to do a dot painting of the number 100. They made 100 necklaces out of fruit loops and had a fun snack where they got to count and group different snacks. I think eating all of it was their favorite part!

Pre-k just had their Valentine's Day party. They loved passing out their Valentines, playing bingo and eating their yummy treats. This next week they will be celebrating Mardi Gras.

They have made a beautiful banner for the parade and will enjoy eating pancakes and sausage with their friends.



Fifth Grade Class By Lynsey Ayers

Hello everyone! I hope you have all been having a wonderful couple of weeks. It is amazing that it is already the second half of February! It feels as though this school year is flying by so fast! The fifth grade has been working very hard since returning from Christmas Break.

In science, we have discussed the different resources that are found and used around the world, as well as how the different spheres of the world can affect each other in both good and bad ways.

In social studies, we have had great discussions about the beginning of life in early colonies.

In math, the class has been working really hard with fractions and mixed Numbers, and reducing both. They have all grown so much in math through the new challenges!

We have also been reading and writing about *The Giver* as a whole class, and it has been so exciting to see so many of the students get excited to see what will happen next to the characters. I am so proud of all of their hard work these last couple of months. All of the fifth graders have been working very hard and should be proud of all that they have accomplished.

