



February 26, 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

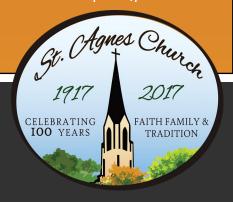
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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





Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Psalm:51 Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19] Matthew 4:1-11



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The First Sunday of Lent

Formed and Fallen

There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of pączki, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — submit to me, and you will have the whole world — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

"The gift is not like the transgression." — Romans 5:15

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 27, 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, February 28, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †Rick Hilzer by Deb Hilzer &

Family

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: The Weingart Family by The

Schiff Family

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †Wilma Kirchner by The Family

of Wilma

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, March 3, 2023

Stations of the Cross (5:15pm)

Daily Mass (5:30pm)

Intention: Trevor & Ciara Pollock by Bill &

Merna Connelly

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)

Intention: For All St. Agnes Altar Servers

by Margie Rood

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)

Intention: For Our Parish

Weekend Mass (10:00am)

Intention: †Earl & †Joan Langel by The Kerr

Family

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This Week's Readings



Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-

10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16

-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-

13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25;

Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-

12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8;

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-

5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18

-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10;

Mt 17:1-9



Friday, March 3rd following the 5:30pm Mass in the Garden Room. Please bring a pot of soup or a loaf of bread to share

Rest In Peace

Mary Goosens, Mother of Jeanne Wylie, Grandmother of Peter C. Wylie.



March 2023 Ministers

Greeters & Ushers

Saturday, 5pm:

Greeters: Chad & Kelli Larson - East Rick & Denise Forsstrom - South Ushers: Chuck Elley (Captain) Dale VonLintel

Sunday, 8am:

Greeters: Jason & Angie Blanco - East Mike Merrigan - South Ushers: Mike Esselstein (Captain) Mike Hackett

Sunday, 10:00am:

Greeters: Yvonne Hill - East Rosalinda Sabala - South Ushers: Doug Pieper (Captain) Melvin Elledge

SERVERS

Sat, Mar 4 5pm: Giuliana Suhr & Traxton Adams Sun, Mar 5 8am: Mia Blanco & Dalton Gass Sun, Mar 5 10:00am: Ashanti Acosta & Kellan Zulkoski

Sat, Mar 11 5pm: Luis Acosta & Jonah Klaas Sun, Mar 12 8am: Addison Peck & Grant Celli

Sun, Mar 12 10:00am: Kayley Smith & Jose Julian Franco

Sat, Mar 18 5pm: Solarah Gould & Giovanni Alvizar Sun, Mar 19 8am: Emma Saucedo & Lucas Esselstein Sun, Mar 19 10:00am: Camilla Linz & Tristan Calvert

Sat, Mar 25 5pm: Ashanti Acosta & Dalton Gass Sun, Mar 26 8am: Isaac Blanco & Henry Blanco Sun, Mar 26 10:00am: Lillian Seymour & William Seymour

LECTORS

Saturday, Mar 4 5pm: Chris Burbach Sunday, Mar 5 8am: Nicole Hoesing Sunday, Mar 5 10:00am: Mark Loose

Saturday, Mar 11 & 18 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen Sunday, Mar 12 & 19 8am: Jordan Colwell Sunday, Mar 12 & 19 10:00am: Michael Schaff

Saturday, Mar 25 5pm: Phillip Kelly Sunday, Mar 26 8am: Toni Warburton Sunday, Mar 26 10:00am: Mark Loose

SACRISTANS

Saturday, 5pm: Mary Robinson Sunday, 8am:

John Songco

Sunday, 10:00am: Brad & Brandi McCaslin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, 5pm:

Ciborium - Linda Elley Kathleen Roehl & Shelley Thomas

Sunday, 8am:

Ciborium - Nancy Ker

Erika Hackett & Daniel Warburton

Sunday, 10:00am:

Ciborium - Terri Bailey Ruth Kozal & Judy Schwartz

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

February 19, 2023

Actual \$5255.83

Online Giving \$1110.50

Budget \$9000.00

Surplus (Deficit) \$2633.67

February 2023 Totals

Actual \$13913.88
ATW \$7405.00
Online Giving \$2955.50
Budget \$27000.00
Surplus (Deficit) \$2725.62

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

Thank you for your continued giving!

Lent, Holy Week, Easter: A Catholic's Guide

Join Fr. John Baldovin, S.J. in exploring the fascinating liturgical seasons. Lent, Holy Week, and Easter commemorate the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. These weeks are fundamental to the liturgical year, and they are a time of vital importance to Catholics. This DVD series begins Monday February 27, at 7:00 pm in the garden room. Each of the 12 sessions is approximately 30 minutes. We plan to view two sessions each Monday evening with discussion. Please join us to learn about the significance of this liturgical season.

Everyone is welcome.

2023 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 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
March 10 & 24
5-7pm at the School Gym

Soup Supper Friday, March 3, 17, 31 following 5:30pm Mass In the Garden Room



LENT ENCOUNTER

WITH SPECIAL GUEST ALICIA HERNON

Sunday, February 26 at St. Agnes Catholic Church

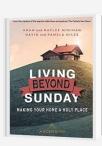
6:00 Speaker



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.

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March 2023 Rosary Leader Schedule

Saturday, March 4 5pm: Carmen Trevino Sunday, March 5 8am: Daniel Warburton Sunday, March 5 10:00am: Angie Hilbert

Saturday, March 11 5pm: Ashlee Wilson Sunday, March 12 8am: JoAnn Nash Sunday, March 12 10:00am: Jackie Seymour

Saturday, March 18 5pm: Diana Rohrick Sunday, March 19 8:00am: Adam & Nicole Hoesing

Sunday, March 19 10:00am: Angie Hilbert

Saturday, March 25 5pm: Diana Rohrick Sunday, March 26 8am: Addison Peck Sunday, March 26 10:00am: Jackie Seymour



The Eucharist is a sacrificial meal, "the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood." Its fundamental pattern is found in the Jewish celebration of the Passover, which involves both a meal and a sacrifice. The Passover meal is celebrated in remembrance of the Exodus, when the Israelites were told to sacrifice a

lamb to the Lord and to mark the doorposts of their houses with the blood, so that the angel of death would pass over their houses and leave the Israelites unharmed. This marked a people set apart and chosen by God as his special possession. Each family was then to eat the lamb with unleavened bread as a reminder of the haste with which the Israelites had to prepare for their departure from Egypt and with bitter herbs as a reminder of their deliverance from slavery. At the Last Supper, Jesus reveals himself to be the Paschal Lamb ("Behold the Lamb of God") whose sacrifice brings liberation from slavery to sin and whose blood marks out a new people belonging to God. All the sacrifices in the Old Testament prefigure and find their fulfillment in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus.

(USCCB The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church #15)

eucharisticrevival.org

Join us June 10, 2023, for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, North Platte, NE. Everyone is welcome age 15+. Information and registration can be found at gidiocese.org/ eucharistic-revival PAGE 5 FEBRUARY 26, 2023



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)







Religious Education Program

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Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday for First Sunday of Lent Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-4

On the Way to Mass:

What are common temptations in your life? Do you lean on God in times of temptations?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Jesus fasted from food for forty days in the desert. What will you be fasting from this Lent?

Living the Word:

Assign each member of your family another family member to pray for throughout this week. Pray for them to have Jesus' strength during moments of temptations.

Now that we have begun Lent, change your family prayer tablecloth to a purple one, the color of preparation, as we spend this season preparing for Easter!

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2022-2023

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Family Lent Calendar

Sunday - February 26th "Bury the Hallelujah."
Write the word, "hallelujah," on a piece of paper. Put it in a bag and bury it in the ground to be "resurrected" on Easter.

Monday - February 27th

Make a Lent prayer chain. Write 40 intentions on strips of paper. Each day, choose a strip, say a prayer for the intention and add it as a link to the chain.

Tuesday - February 28th Give up a favorite snack today for the souls in Purgatory.

Wednesday- March 1st Check out Catholic Relief Services and see if you can help support any of their projects. Look here: http://www.crs.org.

Thursday - March 2nd
At dinner tonight, encourage everyone to think of a person he or she doesn't like and say three nice things about that person.

Friday - March 3rd
First Friday Adoration
Attend Mass or make a
visit to the Blessed Sacrament in church.
Pray for a fruitful Lent.

Saturday- *March 4th*Pray a family Rosary together in your prayer corner.

Partners in Faith-February 2023



Save the Date!

Totus Tuus

July 16th - 21st

Registration will be opening soon!

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, 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 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.

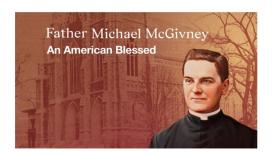
Higher Ground is held at Fort Robinson State Park near Crawford, NE. The week begins on Sunday at 7:00 PM, and ends at 10:00 AM the following Friday.

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

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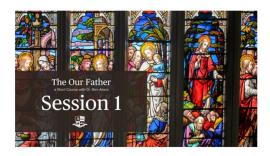


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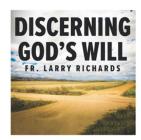
Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



Session 1: Jesus: Model and Master of Prayer

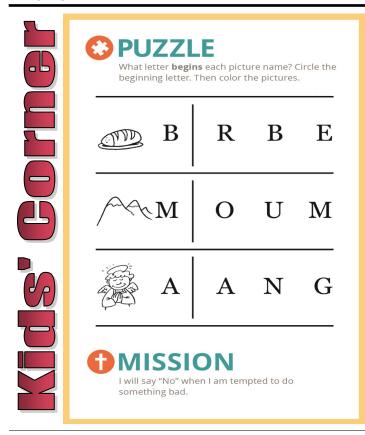
In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.

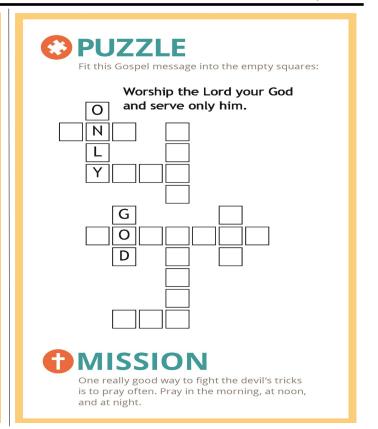


Discerning God's Will by Fr. Larry Richards

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!, Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

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School Newsletter





Connecting Students and Families through Faith February 26, 2023



Upcoming Events

Monday February 27th

HSA Meeting - 6:30pm

Tuesday February 28th

Advisory Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday March 1st

Mass @ 8:15



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Wedding of Q & U

The annual kindergarten wedding of the letters Q & U was held on Tuesday, February 14th. Parents, school students and staff witnessed the promises of the letters Q & U to stay together forever in words like quarter, quack and quick. A reception followed the ceremony in the kindergarten classroom where the students enjoyed cake, sparling juice and fruit and shared "Wedding gifts" starting with the letters qu.













Kindercarding

St. Agnes kindergarten students enjoyed a visit from Lied Scottsbluff librarian, Deb Carlson and her assistant on Monday, February 13th. Mrs. Carlson spoke with the students about getting their own library card and encour-

aged them to come to the library and register. Then students can receive their own library card and begin checking out books on their own.





Entertaining the Young @ Heart

Second and third grade students entertained the Young @ Heart guests for their monthly luncheon held on February 21st. The students shared a special song – Be the Light. The students welcome the opportunity to share their talents and show their thanks to our parishioners who so graciously support our school.





The St. Agnes Fryers are pleased to announce the return of the fish fries during the Lenten season. The first fry was held on Friday, February 24th. A good crowd enjoyed the meal of fish, cheese pizza, tater tots, coleslaw and cookies. If you missed the big event, future fish fries will be held on March 10 and March 24.

Please consider supporting this event. All proceeds benefit the school.

February 2023 100 CLUB WINNERS

\$200:Francis/Mary Heumesser \$100:Jay/Ashlee Wilson, Brad/Brandi McCaslin, Paul Tyler \$60:Martin/Jennifer Urdiales

\$50:Jeff Pickering, Lynda Montague, Steven Klaas/Tara Longoria, Jim/Nancy Kerr, Mike/Erika Hackett, Ana Bingham, Maggie Skiles

CONGRATULATIONS!



Hot Lunch Menu for February 28th, 2023 - March 3rd, 2023

Monday, Feb 27	Tuesday, Feb 28	Wednesday, Mar 1	Thursday, Mar 2	Friday, Mar 3
Hamburger on a Bun Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables Fruit Cocktail	Pancakes Sausage Patti Spinach Potato Triangle Orange Wedges	Cheese Pizza Green Salad French Fries Pears	Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apricots	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Chips Apples
Helpers: Anthony Gurrola Redo Celli	Helpers: Kristin Schiff Redo Celli	Helpers: Kristin Schiff Ashlee Wilson	Helpers: Debbie Dudden HELP NEEDED	Helpers: Rose Owens Mandy Adams

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



Kindergarten Class By Teri Ramirez



In kindergarten, one of the activities that each child will participate in is taking our class pet home. Each child will get to take our stuffed owl home and take care of him. His name is Bob. In the past our pet has been to the movies, the store, the fish fry, and out to eat at numerous places. Each child will write in Bob's journal and tell the class of his adventures. The kids love this and have a blast with him.

We will also be starting our Embryology Unit. This is not only a kindergarten favorite, but a whole school favorite. When our chicks are born the whole school is in our room checking out our babies. With this unit, we are going to watch and track the development of baby chicks from how they grow inside an egg, to watching them hatch. Every student will keep a journal and write about the chicks and their experiences during this process. This is a fun and educational unit that I love doing

with my kindergartners, and they are super excited for this year!

We recently celebrated the 100th day of kindergarten. The kids had a lot of fun rotating through the centers and counting to 100. They had a day of great learning experiences that revolved around the number 100!









Second Grade Class <u>By Lori Svitak</u>



Our month has flown by! As they say, time flies when you are having fun, but we are also learning! In math, we are learning double digit addition with regrouping, identifying polygons, reading a thermometer to the nearest 2 degrees, and coming soon, telling time, and showing time to five-minute intervals.

In social studies, we have started our unit on the world around us. This unit includes learning about map reading, landforms, relative and absolute locations, longitude and latitude, cardinal and intermediate directions. Some of these are big words for 2nd graders.

In science, we started our unit on matter. We sing a song about matter before each lesson to get us pumped up to learn! We did an investigation describing properties of matter using different crackers. The students made a chart describing the texture, shape, color, and size of each of their five crackers. The best part was eating the crackers! We also did another experiment. This one involved root beer floats. We discussed each ingredient and guessed which form of matter they were. Needless to say, we had a great time doing this!

We celebrated "Twosday" this year a little different than last. We focused on the number two and pairs of things. We wrote stories about what it might be like to have a twin. We did double digit

number problems in math. We read about how the day Tuesday was created.

Happy birthday to Leo Ascherl.







