



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 10, 2024

**Rev. Rayappa Konka**  
Pastor

**Susan Flohr**  
Pastoral Minister

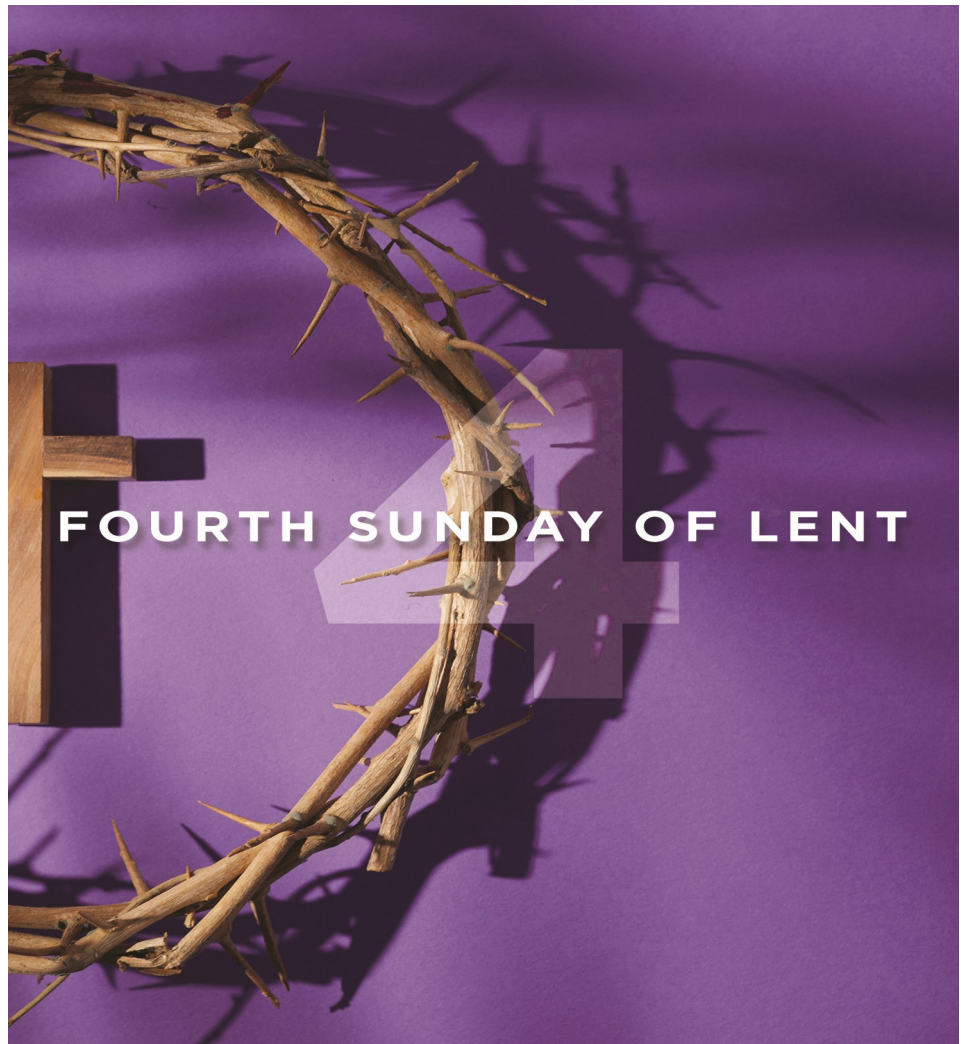
**Mass Schedule:**

**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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21



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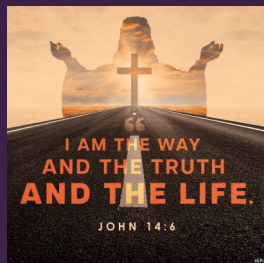
## Today's Readings

2nd Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalm:137

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21



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## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

### The Uncomfortable Life in The Light

If you have ever been a woman over the age of 30 who stayed in a budget motel, you know the horror of awakening in a dark room, switching on the bathroom lights and screaming at the shriveled-up she-witch you find hiding there.

And you know the feeling of disappointment that blooms in the pit of your stomach as you realize the shriveled-up she-witch is your own reflection staring back at you beneath the merciless glare of overhead fluorescent lighting.

You may also know the relief of visiting a nice restaurant after dark and catching sight of yourself in the mirror. You lean forward, mesmerized by how different — how matte! How smooth! — the contours of your face look in what we call “forgiving light.” But this turn of phrase is simply not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals.

But it feels so much better, doesn't it? Salvation can feel like condemnation, when being lost is all you know. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows.

It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn.

“Is this really me?” you think in that budget hotel bathroom, examining acne scars you never saw before and crow's feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There's nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.

“And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.” — John 3:19

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, March 11, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Jim Bogus by Pat & Julie Brown

Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Seven Sisters Apostolate by The Seven Sisters

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

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

### **Thursday, March 14, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Henry Gieselmann by Lucille King  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### **Friday, March 15, 2024**

Stations of the Cross - 5:15pm  
Evening Mass (5:30pm)  
Intention: †Doris Flohr by Mike & Lexie Schmit

### **Saturday, March 16, 2024**

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: Chris Canseco by Antonio & Rita Tecson

### **Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: †Tom Braddock by Susan Flohr  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish



## This Week's Readings



Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-5

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

## Server Schedule

Mar 16 5pm Reagan Schiff  
Giovanni Alvizar

Mar 17 8am Carson Windhorst  
Lucas Esselstein

10:00am Holly Polk  
Nina Polk

## Lector Schedule

Mar 16 5pm Jean Ahrens

Mar 17 8am Toni Warburton

10:00am Michael Schaff

## Rosary Leader Schedule

Mar 16 5pm Ellen Ramig

Mar 17 8am Toni Warburton

10:00am Kristin Schiff

## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### March 2024 Totals

Actual	\$6102.59
ATW	\$3695.00
Online Giving	\$845.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$643.09
Easter Altar Flowers	\$728.25

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for Catholic Relief Services

Thank you for your continued giving!



LENTEN PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

There will be a Communal Lenten Penance Service on Sunday, March 17th at 3:00pm here at St. Agnes and again at 6:00pm at Christ The King in Gering. This is a great opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation before Holy Week.

## Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, March 19th 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.



## 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

### Individual Reconciliation

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

### Soup Supper

Friday, March 15  
following 5:30pm Mass in the Garden Room

### 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 & 10:00am

### Fish Fry

March 22  
5-7pm at the School Gym

## Parish Directory Update

We are still patiently waiting for our parish directory to be completed and printed. Our hope is that we will have our directories to all of our parishioners who participated in the month of March. Keep watching the bulletin for additional information.

We greatly thank you all for your understanding and patience during this process.



**Lenten Soup Supper**

Friday, March 15th following the 5:30pm Mass in the Garden Room. Please bring a pot of soup or a loaf of bread to share




**Lenten Fish Fry** will be on Friday, March 22nd, 2024

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

**Old Palms Disposal**

Want to dispose of your old blessed palms? Bring them to the church at anytime before March 22nd. 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.




IGNITING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS

**HEROIC VIRTUE FAMILY RETREAT**  
August 2-4, 2024

**\$350 PER FAMILY**  
EARLY BIRD RATE ENDS 3-31-24  
Accommodation & Meals Included

REGISTER NOW!  
QR CODE

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GRAND ISLAND  
For more info: (308)382-6565  
bheidt@diocese.org

The Crossing Retreat Center  
1006 N Airport Rd., Lexington, NE 68850

... in pursuit of sainthood!

**Attention Parents of Children Ages 5-12:**

Registration for the Heroic Virtue Family Retreat is now open!

Children need heroes, but not the kind that have superpowers. Children need adults in their lives who live their vocation... adults on the path to sainthood... adults who exhibit heroic virtue! Living a life of heroic virtue does not entail being perfect, but rather striving to live a life of virtue despite sinful tendencies and temptations. Children imitate adults who live lives of heroic virtue, not because they never fail, but because, through the grace of God, they don't stay down when they fall. Practicing heroic virtue in our

families, does more than form "good kids" or create harmonious households. Practicing heroic virtue in our families lead our children to their true vocation.

The Diocese of Grand Island's Heroic Virtue Family Retreat is a three-day hands-on retreat full of fun family activities, opportunities to share the Sacraments, and support from clergy, religious, and laity designed to equip parents and energize children on their path to sainthood.

The retreat will be held August 2-4, 2024 at [The Crossing Retreat Center](#) in Lexington, Nebraska.

Register Early - **Early Bird pricing \$350 per family ends March 31, 2024.**

Scholarships are available.

More information at: <https://www.diocese.org/diocesan-family-retreat>





A retreat for the Confirmation confirmands will be held on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. They will attend the 10:00 am Mass as a group and then gather in the Garden Room for the Discernment Retreat.

Please pray for the following confirmands:

Traxton Adams, Elena Blanco, Isaac Blanco, Henry Blanco, Morgan Celli, Lucas Esselstein, Alex Fox, Trenton Gion, Kalleigh Golden, Quinten Gould, William Green, Coraline Hill, Charlotte Lewis, Breanne Lilley, Camilia Linz, Zach Mark, Annie Mikoloyck, Alyck Rodriguez, Hayden Rodriguez, Lexi Rodriguez, Lillian Seymour, Elliette Verbeck, Kellan Zulkoski, and Logan Zulkoski.

Confirmation Catechists: Michael Calvert, Mike Esselstein, and Travis Gould.



## Knights of Columbus

We had another successful **Monthly Breakfast Buffet** with a total of 151 patrons. What a great turnout! Thank you for your continuous support of our Knights of Columbus projects!



The last **Fish Fry** will be on **March 22nd** in the St. Agnes School Gym. Service will begin at 5:00pm and we will end at 7:00pm



## Ladies Invited

Ladies of the Parish are invited to enjoy a day of enrichment on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at the DCCW Deanery Meeting at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Sidney.

9:00am - Registration & Rolls  
9:30am - 10:30am - Brief meeting  
10:45am - Speaker will be Liam Pelster of Sidney, a young man who went with his high school youth group to World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal.

11:30am - Lunch - followed by the Stations of the Cross before we conclude

Registration fee is \$10.00 (includes lunch)

For more information or rides, contact Joyce at 308-641-4267 or Judy at 308-530-4852



## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
*Gospel: John 3:14-21*

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

How does it feel to be alone in a dark room? How does it feel when the light is turned on? Jesus said, "I am the light." Imagine his light all over the world. At Mass, servers often carry lit candles to the ambo and hold them while the Gospel is read. The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. When the Scriptures are proclaimed, Jesus' light is present to us.

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

Jesus told Nicodemus that the people need to come toward the light. What can that mean for us to come toward the light?

### **Living the Word:**

Count the lights you have in your home: lamps, lightbulbs, flashlights, nightlights, porch light, candles, lanterns, and so on. What would your home be like if you could not use the gift of light? Just as we need light in our homes, we need the light of Christ to enlighten us. Pray together that the light of Christ would shine more brightly in your home and in your life this week.

*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



### **Breanne Lilley**

My name is Breanne Lilley. I'm an 8th grader and I go to Bluffs Middle School. I have three siblings named, Kayla, Gracelynn, and Zachary. My parents are Kimberly and Loren Lilley. I'm the second oldest in the family. I like to play softball, basketball, and volleyball. I like to hang out with friends and family, going to football games, and watching my sister play softball for SHS. My favorite music is country and pop. My favorite sport is probably softball and in softball I pitch, catch, play shortstop, and second base and I love it. I go to Mass on Sundays with my family. I have three dogs named, Twila, Diesel, and CJ.

My Goals for Confirmation: Is to remain committed to my faith.

### **Fridays during Lent**

5:15 pm - Stations of the Cross  
5:30 pm - Daily Mass Attend the

Fish Fry - 3/8, 3/22 (gym)

Soup Supper - 3/1, 3/15  
(Garden Room)

## **Family Lent Calendar**

**Sunday - March 10th**

### **Laetare Sunday**

Go out for a small treat to celebrate the midpoint of Lent.

**Monday - March 11th**

Encourage everyone to refresh any Lenten commitments.

**Tuesday - March 12th**

Look for signs of God's love and presence today. Have everyone share two of them at dinner.

**Wednesday - March 13th**

Prepare souls for Easter! Do an examination of conscience, using the Ten Commandments or Eight Beatitudes as a guide.

**Thursday - March 14th**

Encourage everyone to do an extra chore and offer it for the souls in Purgatory.

**Friday - March 15th**

### **Family Night**

Take the phone off the hook and turn off the TV. Play board games and spend time together.



Attend the Soup Supper as a family in the Garden Room following Mass.

**Saturday - March 16th**

Go to confession as a family and experience God's mercy.

*Partners in Faith - February 2023*



# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of March 10, 2024



### Fear and Spiritual Warfare w/ Fr. Chad Ripperger | Fearless | Episode 5

Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger joins Chris to discuss fear and spiritual warfare. God calls us to walk confidently in his victory over the Evil One, not be slaves to fear. Reject fear's lies and live in the full freedom that comes from claiming the truth of Jesus Christ. Learn from Chris and Fr. Chad how to let Christ's power unshackle your heart and overcome sin in your life.



### Restore: Week Four, The Healing Balm of Almsgiving

In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give—not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.



### Where are You?

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

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

# Kids' Corner



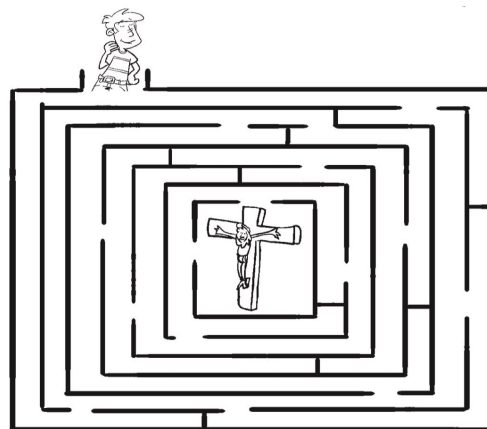
## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## PUZZLE

Help the boy find Jesus:



## MISSION

Help your parents wash dishes. As you take dirty dishes and wash them clean, talk about how Jesus washed our sins away on the cross.





Connecting Students and Families through Faith  
March 10, 2024

# MARCH

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, March 11th**

Quarterly Awards - 8:15 in gym

**Tuesday, March 12th**

P/T Conferences 5:00 - 9:00

**Wednesday, March 13th**

Mass @ 8:15 - 4th Gr. Leads

**Thursday, March 14th**

P/T Conferences 5:00 - 9:00

Penny Carnival Prize Ceremony

**Friday, March 15th**

No School

**\*\*Used Book Sale - All Week during library classes & during P/T conferences on Tuesday & Thursday nights. All Books are \$.10.\*\***

## Celebrating Leap Day

St. Agnes students enjoyed celebrating Leap Day with lots of fun “leap”- related activities. Some involved leaping and completing the activities themselves while others involved using small “leaping” frogs to complete the task. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade enjoyed some extra celebrating as their classmate, Sarah Awadallah, was celebrating her birthday, only her 2<sup>nd</sup> official birthday celebration. It was a great day!



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# Classroom News.....

## Penny Carnival

St. Agnes School welcomed hundreds of carnival revelers to their annual Penny Carnival held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Attendees enjoyed food, fun and lots of community building as they played carnival favorites like bingo, cake walk, wheel game, baseball throw and more. A lunch of tacos, nachos, chili cheese dogs and more was enjoyed by ALL. St. Agnes Students sold 30,729 raffle tickets.



Prize winners include:  
 \$1000 - Calvin Handley  
 1/2 Beef - Bethany Nira  
 1/2 Beef - Jeff Koncaba  
 iRobot Roomba - Jody Ruzicka  
 Beats Solo 3 Headphones - Jaimie Dirks  
 SunnyFreckles Photo Session - Dan Marshall

Thanks to all who made our 2024 carnival a huge success!

## Art Gallery of Favorite Books

As part of the Read Across America activities, each St. Agnes student created an original piece of artwork to depict their favorite book. These creations were compiled into our very own art gallery, located between the Learning Center & music rooms. We welcome all to stop in and enjoy the students' creations.



## Junior Refs

A number of St. Agnes students took part in the Jr. Ref opportunity provided by the SHS basketball programs during this season's games. Elementary students are invited to serve as Jr refs for a game. They are responsible to provide drinks and towels to the game refs during timeouts. Thanks to the boys and girls from St. Agnes who represented our school so well:

Easton & Drew Becker, Riley & Carson Windhorst, Eliana, Noelle & Lewis Merrigan, Ivy Kae Becker, John Songco, Kane & Rhett Marshall.



## Hot Lunch Menu for March 11th, 2024 - March 15th, 2024

Monday, March 11	Tuesday, March 12	Wednesday, March 13	Thursday, March 14	Friday, March 15
Hot Dog Mixed Veggies Orange Slices Brownie	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Celery Stick Mixed Fruit	Meatloaf Tator Tots Green Beans Pears	Chicken Patty Mashed Potato Spinach Salad Peaches	<b>NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORK DAY</b>
<b>Helpers:</b> Aurora Linz & Family	<b>Helpers:</b> Katie Moser Kristin Gunthier	<b>Helpers:</b> Tish Kosman Ashlee Wilson	<b>Helpers:</b> Andrea Margheim Ashlee Wilson	<b>Helpers:</b>



# 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 student 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 then write in a journal and tell the class about 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 unit!



## Fourth Grade Class By Kristie Becker



I cannot believe we are entering our final quarter of school! This year has flown by! This is such an amazing group of kids and they have been working so hard. Our biggest accomplishment right now is long division! I could not be prouder of how hard they have been working to master this new skill!

In religion class, we have been enjoying listening to the Hallow app and the Catholic sprouts podcast. We did a unit on parables and looked up different parables in the Bible. We are starting to learn about the Holy Spirit and the students created a cute flame craft with words that represent the Holy Spirit.

I have loved seeing this class rise up to a leadership role on Discipleship Friday and with setting up the Fish Fry. I love watching them help others! We also have many that volunteer in the soup kitchen with student council and altar serve at the church!

We are looking forward to starting the Oregon Trail and a national park research project for social studies. We look forward to celebrating Easter!

