



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 17, 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



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24



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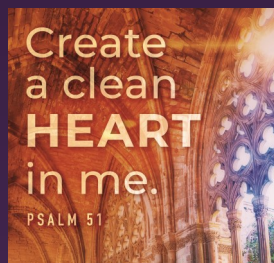
Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms: 51

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33



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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lost in the Crowd

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:33

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 18, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Stella Lopez by Margie Rood
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Rick Hilzer by Deb Hilzer & Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: Special Intention by The Family of Ray Murdock
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Chris Canseco by Margie Rood
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, March 22, 2024

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


Saturday, March 23, 2024

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

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Kathy Gingrich by The Peck Family
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish

This Week's Readings



Welcome

Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 8:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8 -9/ Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5 -6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12 abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/l's 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1 —15:47 or 15:1-39

Server Schedule

Mar 23 5pm	Aden Munoz Tea Hill
Mar 24 8am	John V. Songco Isabella Songco William Seymour Lillian Seymour
10:00am	

Lector Schedule

Mar 23 5pm	Carmen Trevino
Mar 24 8am	Toni Warburton
10:00am	Shelley Corr

Rosary Leader Schedule

Mar 23 5pm	Jennifer Hiltgen
Mar 24 8am	Claire Songco
10:00am	Jackie Seymour

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

March 10, 2024

Actual	\$3383.00
Online Giving	\$1109.50
Gen. Church Support	\$5600.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$92.50
Haiti/Uganda	\$1065.43

March 2024 Totals

Actual	\$9536.92
ATW	\$6465.00
Online Giving	\$4848.54
Gen. Church Support	\$10600.00
Budget	\$30000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1450.46

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!



LENTEN PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

There will be a Communal Lenten Penance Service this 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.

2024 Lent/Holy Week Schedule

<p style="text-align: center; text-decoration: underline;">Daily Mass</p> <p>Mon, Tues, Thurs 7:00am Wednesdays, 8:15am Fridays, 5:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center; text-decoration: underline;">Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Every Friday, 5:15 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center; text-decoration: underline;">Individual Reconciliation</p> <p>March 26th & 27th 6pm-7pm No reconciliation Sat., March 30th</p>	<p style="text-align: center; text-decoration: underline;">Holy Week Schedule</p> <p>March 28, Holy Thursday, 7pm Adoration to follow until Midnight</p> <p>March 29, Stations of the Cross - 9am Good Friday Service - Noon</p> <p>March 30, Holy Saturday, 8:00pm March 31, Easter Sunday, 8 & 10:00am</p> <p style="text-align: center; text-decoration: underline;">Fish Fry</p> <p>March 22 5-7pm at the School Gym</p>
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They're Here!

Our Parish Directories are in! All those who participated in the directory can find your directory in the gathering space of the church after all masses this weekend.

If you did not participate but would like a directory, we have extras at the parish office for a fee of \$10.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Thank you all for being patient and understanding during this process!





Liturgy Corner

This weekend we are recognizing the parishioners that participate as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Thank you to those who share their time and talent with our community.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion enter the sanctuary at the Sign of Peace. But they do not approach the altar until the priest has received Communion. They receive Communion and their vessels from the priest. They distribute Communion from assigned stations. After Communion, they return the vessels to a designated place. If the bishop permits it, ministers of the Blood of Christ may consume what remains in their chalice of distribution. A priest purifies the vessels with water after Communion or after Mass, swallowing whatever crumbs and droplets remain. Communion ministers or sacristans may then wash the vessels with soap and water. Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are also appointed to bring Communion to the sick in homes and hospitals, and to provide viaticum for the dying.



If you are interested in participating in this liturgical ministry please contact Kathleen Roehl, ministers@st-agnes-church.com.

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Thank you for helping when our parish has funeral dinners. We appreciate when we call the ladies of the parish to donate salads and cake while the funeral committee prepares the rest of the meal. After the funeral, we leave the empty dishes from the donated food in the church kitchen to be picked up by the donors the next time they come to church. We are blessed to have a long list of parishioners to call for this food. Thanks again for all the wonderful donations and don't forget to pick up your containers!



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.



THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to all who donated recently to the DCCW's seminarian fundraiser. We collected \$2329.50 to put towards the Bishop's Seminarian Fund. Thanks again for your generosity!

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.



The Last Lenten Fish Fry

will be on Friday, March 22nd 2024

St. Agnes School Gym
5:00pm - 7:00pm
\$10 Adults \$5 Kids



Knights of Columbus

What a crowd for our 2nd Fish fry of the Year!
Thank you to our volunteers and St Agnes Catholic School students who helped with the "Saint Fryers" Project.

Special thanks to our sponsors - Domino's Pizza, Arthur's Pizza and Papa Murphy's Pizza - for providing the Cheese Pizzas.

And to High Plains Beverages and Flyover Brewing Company for providing the refreshments.

A quick shoutout to the Schaff's Family for winning the 50/50 raffle and donating it back to the St Agnes Catholic School.

Thank you for your continuous support of the St. Agnes Catholic Church, St Agnes Catholic School and Knights of Columbus projects.



Our **Rookie Knight of the Year** for the Knights of Columbus Council 2681 Scottsbluff, Nebraska, U.S. is **Travis Gould**. He was inducted in March 2023, but he is already active in several of our local projects in our council. He helps with our monthly breakfast buffet and makes his own personal salsa, and he brings it to the Breakfast Buffet. He helps with our Bingo night once a month with cooking and concessions. He helps with the Soup lent supper and provides soup for dinner for Church and 14 stations of the cross attendees. He also leads the Station of the Cross along with his family. He also helps with the Casino Night project. He helps with feeding the new members that got inducted which was tremendous amount of back-end work. He also co-lead our Altar Servers Appreciation lunch party and provided games for the children. The kids enjoyed the fun and games that day.

Moreover, Travis attended most of the Knights of Columbus meetings for the past year since he was inducted as a member. He helps with our biggest project of the year "Toys for Tots" project. Hence, he helps with the St. Agnes Premier for the St. Agnes School. He is co-leading the Kitchen for cooking, organizing volunteers, and assigning volunteers what to do for the Penny Carnival for the St. Agnes School. Their specialty dish is the "Pork Chile" which we will rename next year as "Gould's Pork Chile" since it is always the talk of the town for the Penny Carnival.

He is co-leading the Fish Fry project we hold locally in our council which is tremendous amount of work hours. All these work and volunteer hours are all possibly because of the wholehearted support of his lovely wife Charissa which is mostly a joint family project for all they do for the Church, School, and the Knights of Columbus. Along with that, his children also help with the projects. 2 out of 4 kids always serve as Altar Servers for Church Mass. Every time there is an opportunity for project that we have for the Knights of Columbus, for the Church and Catholic School, he is always there willing to help.



Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Gospel: John 12:23-30

On the Way to Mass:

At Mass today we will hear Jesus tell us about a seed. What happens to a seed when it goes into the soil. What does a seed need to grow?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Why do you think Jesus tells us the seed has died when it is under the soil, and a little plant comes to birth. If the seed has died, is it finished?

Living the Word:

When the seed goes into the soil, we do not see anything; the seed is covered. What happens to the seed, happens in the darkness, but there is a great force within the seed. Plant some seeds in a small pot and observe them each day. Make a log of what you notice happening as time passes. How is God at work in us, bringing new life even out of imperfect or difficult circumstance?

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

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Meet the Confirmation Candidates



Zach Mark

My name is Zach Mark. My parents are Reine and Sam Mark. I one brother, Jacob. I am in the 8th grade at Bluffs Middle School. Outside of school I participate in trap shooting.

Goals for Confirmation:

I plan to continue helping with the Knights of Columbus events and eventually join the Knights.



Annie Mikoloyck

My name is Annie Mikoloyck, my parents are Jessica and Nick and I have one brother named Gavin. I go to Bluffs Middle School and I'm in 8th grade. I do choir at school, and cantor at some weekend Masses.

Goals for Confirmation:

I plan to continue participating in the St. Agnes Music Ministry by serving as a cantor and helping with the community when needed.

Family Lent Calendar

Sunday - March 17th

Offer special prayers for catechists and anyone else who teaches the Faith.

Monday - March 18th

Go for a walk together and look for signs of Spring.

Tuesday – March 19th

St. Joseph's Day

Today is a solemnity! Create a "St. Joseph's Table" or enjoy pastries at home to celebrate.

Wednesday – March 20th

Holy Week and Easter are busy times for parishes. Offer prayers for the priests and parish staff.

Thursday – March 21st

Bring your donations box to its destination.

Friday - March 22nd

Have a screen fast (from recreational use) from noon to 3, honoring the time Jesus hung on the Cross.



Attend the Stations of the Cross at 5:15 pm, Mass and then the soup supper that follows in the Garden Room.

Saturday – March 23rd

The King is coming! Tidy up the house to prepare for the holiest week of the year.

Partners in Faith - February 2023

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of March 17, 2024



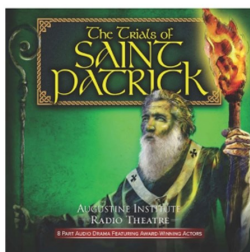
Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.

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PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

grain	wheat	dies
suffer	glory	voice
give	life	serve




raing	<u>g</u> <u>r</u> <u>a</u> <u>i</u> <u>n</u>
wehat	_____
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MISSION

Look for ways to be helpful in your family. Help set the table. Take the trash out. Put away your toys and books without being asked. When your family notices you being so helpful, tell them you are trying to follow Jesus' example.

PUZZLE

What letter begins each picture? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures

	J	S	U	J
	W	T	W	E
	C	O	R	C

MISSION

I will obey my parents. I will share my toys with the needy.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
March 17, 2024

MARCH

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 18th

Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff

Wednesday, March 20th

Mass @ 8:15

Friday, March 23rd

Discipleship Friday

Fish Fry 5:00-7:00



February Virtuous Students



The February Golden Rule Ceremony was held on Tuesday, March 5th. Twenty-three students were nominated for Virtuous Student of the month with 4th grader, Kaden Blaylock, and 3rd grader, Catalina Varela being chosen as the recipients of the award. Thanks to Grand Knight John Songco for presenting the certificate and rosary to the winners.

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Classroom News.....

Leader in Me Students of the Month

Seek 1st to understand then to be understood was the February Leader in Me Habit of the month. Students who excel in this habit work to raise their hand before speaking and avoid blurting out. They listen before they speak and respect the views and opinions of others. Students recognized include: Mateo McBride(PK), Selena Lara(K), Henry Preston(1st), Jaycee Smith(2nd), Allie Windhorst(3rd), Ruby Schiff(4th) and Eliana Merrigan(5th).



Fish Fry Nights

The annual fish fries are up and running. If you have not had the opportunity to join in on this fun, community-building event, the final night will be held on Friday, March 22nd. A dinner of fish, cheese pizza, coleslaw, tater tots and cookie are served. All proceeds from this event benefit the school. We thank the Knights for hosting these nights and are grateful to all who have supported them.



Used Book Sale

The annual used book sale was held during the week of March 11-14. Students had the opportunity to purchase some amazing reading materials for only \$.10 per item. The funds raised will be used to purchase new books for the library. Thanks to all who donated books for the sale. It is a great way to recycle good literature while also getting some spring cleaning done. If you have books just sitting on a shelf or in a box, consider donating them to the annual St. Agnes School used book sale.



Fun in After 3

St. Agnes School provides an after-school hours program for students enrolled in St. Agnes School. Students in this program receive a snack, have the opportunity to complete homework and enjoy socializing with their friends. 4th grader, John Songco, during one of his afternoon's in A3, enjoyed creating "The Holy Church of God" using Lincoln Logs and blocks.



Hot Lunch Menu for March 18th, 2024 - March 22nd, 2024

Monday, March 18

Pulled Pork
Sun Chips
Carrot Sticks
Mandarin Oranges

Helpers:
Amanda Diedrich
Jordan Diedrich

Tuesday, March 19

Chili
Cinnamon Roll
Corn
Pears

Helpers:
Kelly Beeber
Lizbeth Hernandez

Wednesday, March 20

Corn Dog
Lettuce Salad
Green Beans
Peaches

Helpers:
Toni Warburton
Kelly Beeber

Thursday, March 21

Cheese Pizza
Steamed Broccoli
Banana
Chocolate Pudding

Helpers:
Bethany Nira
Ashlee Wilson

Friday, March 22

Fish Sticks
Mashed Potatoes
Apricots
Cookie

Helpers:
Hollie Vath
Adam Vath

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

Second Grade Class

By Lori Svitak



Happy Spring! It may be a little soon to say that, but it sure is nice weather.

During reading we are discussing biographies. We read about Bessie Coleman, who was the first African American aviator and Cesar Chavez, who helped farm workers. There are lots of interesting people to read about from books in our classroom library.

In science, we are learning about properties of matter. We did a STEM activity to compare texture, color, size and shape of different crackers. We also did an activity learning about the flexibility of objects. The students went around the room searching for flexible objects.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with math activities, read stories about Saint Patrick, and ate green food. Leap Day was lots of fun too! We celebrated Sarah Awadallah's Leap Day birthday with pizza, drinks, and cake. We also used plastic jumping frogs to measure distance and add numbers.

Happy March Birthday to Omar Robles.



Fifth Grade Class

By Lynsey Ayers



Hello Everyone! Here we are into the middle of March! It is officially the fourth quarter and we are on the home stretch of the school year for fifth grade. I am so proud of everything that the fifth graders have worked through during the third quarter. There has been so much work and so many new concepts that they have learned.

In math, they have worked so hard on learning to multiply and divide decimals. This was a new concept and they worked so hard! In spelling, we are officially on Unit Four, our FINAL unit, and we are all so excited! In science, we have been learning all about space, the planets, and how patterns can be found in how objects move throughout space.

In social studies, we have been discussing the Revolutionary War, and how Britain taxed the colonists. We are then relating that to a class mock practice of what it would have been like to be living in Colonial America and to be taxed. The students are experiencing being taxed for specific items and discussing their thoughts on it. The class also researched about a historical figure and presented a power point about them while dressing up about their person. I am so proud of their work and all that they learned about their assigned person! I am excited to see what the rest of the year will have in store for our class.

