



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 24, 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**

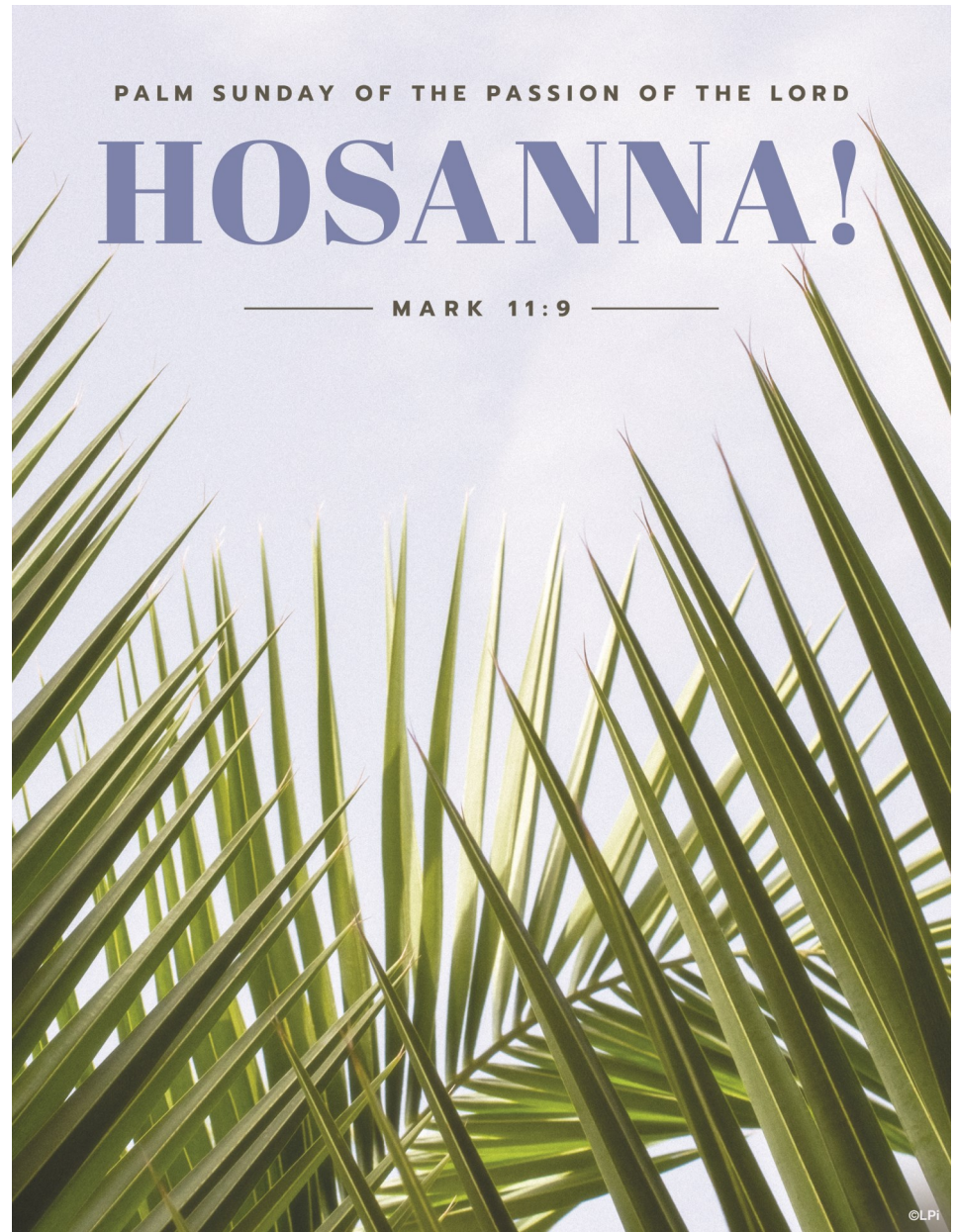
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass  
or by appointment (632-2541)

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office

**Parish Office Hours:**

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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

# HOSANNA!

MARK 11:9



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# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

## Today's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms:22

Philippians 2:8-9

Mark 14:1-15:47



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## Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

### The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

*"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16*

*Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, March 25, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Karen Koch by Susan Flohr  
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †John Kissack Sr. & †John Kissack II by Marjorie Kissack  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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

### Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

Holy Thursday Mass (7:00pm)  
Intention: Helga Tschacher by Lynda Montague & Family

### Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Stations of the Cross - 9:00am  
Good Friday Service (12:00 Noon)

### Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024


Easter Vigil Mass (8:00pm)  
Intention: Special Intention by Antonio & Rita Tecson

### Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish  
Easter Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: †Scott Corr by The Troy & Carol Herman Family



## This Week's Readings



*Welcome*

Monday	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/ Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6 ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday:	Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 2-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 /Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

## 2024 Holy Week

Daily Mass  
 Mon, Tues - 7:00am  
 Wednesday - 8:15am

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

Good Friday March 29  
 Stations of the Cross - 9am  
 Good Friday Service - Noon

March 30, Holy Saturday, 8:00pm

March 31, Easter Sunday,  
 8 & 10:00am

## Server Schedule

<b>Mar 31 8am</b>	Kaden Blaylock Thomas Esselstein
<b>10:00am</b>	Charlotte Lewis Claire Ascherl

## Lector Schedule

<b>Mar 31 8am</b>	NOT FILLED
<b>10:00am</b>	Shelley Corr

## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

**March 17, 2024**


Actual	\$5368.82
ATW	\$ 3970.00
Online Giving	\$1348.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$687.32
Haiti/Uganda	\$1065.43

**March 2024 Totals**

Actual	\$14905.74
ATW	\$7665.00
Online Giving	\$6197.04
Gen. Church Support	\$10600.00
Budget	\$40000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$632.22

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for  
**VCNIN**

Thank you for your continued giving!




## 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!



Come to St. Robert Bellarmine in Omaha on **April 26 and 27, 2024** to hear friends from **EWTN** and **Catholic Answers** speak on **THE EUCHARIST: The Source and Summit of our Faith**. This 2-day symposium will feature: **Fr. Wade Menezes, Tim Staples, Coleen Kelly Mast, Joe Heschmeyer, and Stacy Trasancos**. Jack Williams, General Manager of EWTN Radio, will serve as our emcee as we explore the Eucharist. A bookstore will be open before, during, and after the symposium with a Saturday box lunch available for pre-purchase. *The symposium will be held from 7 - 9:30 pm Friday, April 26, and 9 am - 4:30 pm Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$25 each. For more info and to purchase tickets, go to [spiritcatholicradio.com/april](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/april)*





The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be held in April. Last year we did something new to support our families in the sacramental preparation, and it was a huge success! So, we are asking for your support again this year. It's easy to do, please take a name card this weekend to pray for a parishioner receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist. You will find a table with the names of the children/youth and their families in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your prayers!



**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](https://www.gidioocese.org/diocesan-family-retreat) in Lexington, Nebraska.

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

Scholarships are available.

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





# Knights of Columbus

Members of the Knights of Columbus local council were in action again and again! They did a “**Food Drive**” project on Saturday March 9th at Panhandle Coop. and given it out to Mitchell Morrill Ministerial Association.

We just love this project! Communities helping local communities!

A friendly reminder: The Knights of Columbus meeting is on **Thursday, March 28th from 7 pm to 7:45 pm**. Socials to follow afterwards from 7:45 pm to 8:30 pm. Thank you.

The Knights of Columbus hosted the Free Throw Championship for the local council. 32 Kids showed up for the event. The winners are eligible to play for the District and Conference Championship in Sidney. Thank you to all volunteers and special thank you to the parents that brought their children to the event.



**The Spirit Catholic Radio Network is looking to hire a Community Engagement Coordinator!** This full-time, Omaha-based position has the awesome job of being responsible for awareness initiatives of the Spirit Catholic Radio Network across the state of Nebraska and Iowa with Catholic schools, parishes, and apostolates/ministries. You will coordinate a presence at relevant area events, recruit and train volunteers, execute outreach events, communicate with Catholic schools, parishes, and apostolates/ministries, and coordinate delivery of prayer aides and materials across the listening area. See the full job description, and if qualified, apply at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com)!

## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Palm Sunday

**Gospel:** *Mark 11:1-2, 7-10*

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

In today's Gospel, the people lay their cloaks on the road in front of Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. Others lay palm branches on the ground. This is one way that the people honor Jesus. How will we honor him at Mass today?

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

As he entered Jerusalem, the people treated Jesus like a king. What did they say? Where have we heard those words before? How do these words give honor and praise to Jesus? How can I praise him this week?

### **Living the Word:**

Write a prayer of praise to Jesus or decorate a prayer card with word Hosanna. Imagine Jesus is coming to your hometown today, riding on a colt. Discuss how your family would greet Jesus.

*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**



#### **Steven Nguyen**

My name is Steven Nguyen. I was born in Saigon, Vietnam. I attend school at Bluffs Middle School. I am in 8th grade and half way until high school. I have 2 family members a mom and a dad. Some activities I do after school is volunteering to help my parents with chores., homework, assignments from school, and spend time with family and friends.

#### **Goals for Confirmation:**

My goals for Confirmation is to further learn about my faith and to learn more about God and Jesus Christ. My plans after I get confirmed is to share my experience and knowledge with younger people



#### **Alyck Rodriguez**

My name is Alyck Rodriguez. I have two sisters and Jason and Krystal are my parents. I love to play sports and hangout with my friend, go fishing and hunting. I do soccer, football and wrestling and baseball.

#### **Goals for Confirmation:**

After I am confirmed I am going to continue to altar serve and help out and volunteer as much as I can.

### **Family Lent Calendar**

#### **Sunday - March 24th**

#### **Palm Sunday**

Display palm branches—signs of victory—around the images of Jesus in your home to mark the start of Holy Week.

#### **Monday - March 25th**

At dinner, offer extra prayers for everyone coming into the Church at Easter.

#### **Tuesday – March 26th**

Go on a water fast today. Drink only water and pray for those whom accessible drinking water is difficult..

#### **Wednesday – March 27th**

Get up 15 minutes early to pray as a family.


#### **Thursday – March 28th**

#### **Holy Thursday**

Attend a Holy Thursday liturgy or read John 13:1-11. What would you say if Jesus offered to wash your feet?

#### **Friday - March 29th**

#### **Good Friday**

Pray the Stations  of the Cross together, recalling Jesus' greatest act of love for us.

Attend the Stations of the Cross at 9:00 am in the church.

#### **Saturday – March 30th**

#### **Holy Saturday**

Light a candle and renew your baptismal vows together as a family.

*Partners in Faith - February 2023*



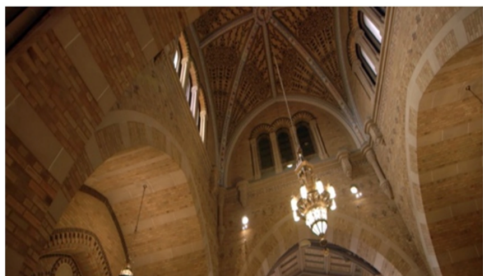
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of March 24, 2024



### Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



### Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.



### Holy Thursday | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Explore Holy Thursday contradictions with the Tierney family: joyful Eucharist and sacramental priesthood vs. somber start of Jesus' passion. Get family activity ideas, music suggestions, and a Holy Thursday seder-inspired feast featuring lamb, knishes, bitter herb salad, homemade applesauce, flatbread, and wine/grape juice. Don't miss a messy but special dessert.

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

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Find and circle ten things that are different:



## MISSION

Invite your Grandma over to visit. Ask her to read John 12:12-16 to you.

## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS  
ARRESTED  
QUESTIONED

KING  
TRUTH  
NAIL

CROSS  
DIED  
TOMB

J	C	S	L	U	D	S	I	T	A	O
A	R	R	E	S	T	E	D	H	S	E
W	O	A	F	N	R	M	O	K	T	I
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## MISSION

Read about the very first Passover meal in Exodus chapter 12.





Connecting Students and Families through Faith  
March 24, 2024

# MARCH

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, March 27th**

Mass @ 8:15 - 3rd Gr. Leads  
Children's Stations of the Cross  
2:30 @ Church

**Thursday, March 28th**

No School - Holy Thursday

**Friday, March 29th**

No School - Good Friday

**Monday, April 1st**

No School



## Penny Carnival Prize Ceremony

The gym was electric as the student body gathered for the prize ceremony recognizing top raffles sales. Students selling over 100 raffle tickets, 92 in total, had the opportunity to choose a prize for their amazing efforts of helping to sell over 30000 raffle tickets. Top sellers included: Emersyn Bauer (PK) 1420, Beckham Wilson (2<sup>nd</sup>) 1310, Asher Wilson (4<sup>th</sup>) 1206, Zaylie Adams (3<sup>rd</sup>) 1120, Mila Miller (5<sup>th</sup>) 850, Henry Preston (1<sup>st</sup>) 800, Ellery Young (PK) 755, Omar Robles (2<sup>nd</sup>) 650 and Holly Polk (4<sup>th</sup>) 560. We are proud that ALL St. Agnes students helped in reaching our goal and we thank everyone who supported their efforts by purchasing tickets.



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Awards

March 7<sup>th</sup> marked the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Students and guests gathered in the gym on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to recognize the academic and character achievements of all students. Individual classroom awards were presented as well as students of the quarter in music, PE and library, Good Conduct awards, Improvement awards and Scholastic Gold and Silver Awards. We are proud of each of our students and their achievements.



## Celebrating Green Day

St. Agnes students enjoyed an early celebration of St. Patrick's Day with green food, fun games and learning about the traditions of St. Patrick's Day. Traps were set and excitement was in the air in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade as those students tried yet again to catch that lucky little leprechaun who causes so much mischief every year. While there were some amazing traps, none were quick enough to trap that tricky little man. No doubt, we will try again next year.



## Children's Station of the Cross

St. Agnes 5<sup>th</sup> graders will lead the student body and guests in the Children's Way of the Cross on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in the Church. Parents, families, parishioners and other guests are welcome to join us as we enter into the Holy Tridium.



## Hot Lunch Menu for March 25th, 2024 - March 29th, 2024

<u>Monday, March 25</u>	<u>Tuesday, March 26</u>	<u>Wednesday, March 27</u>	<u>Thursday, March 28</u>	<u>Friday, March 29</u>
Chicken Pot Pie Mixed Veggies Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit	Mac & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Orange Slices Brownie	Hamburger Fries Celery Stick Peaches	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO SCHOOL HOLY THURSDAY</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY</b></p>
<b>Helpers:</b> Tish Kosman Roxanne Skiles	<b>Helpers:</b> Nate Merrigan Beth Merrigan	<b>Helpers:</b> Kika Beth Merrigan	<b>Helpers:</b>	<b>Helpers:</b>



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

## Pre-K Class By Nicole Boness

With spring approaching we just started our Spring unit. We have been learning about what happens during this season, plants, insects, and what special holidays we celebrate. Pre-k will get to create some fun Easter crafts, make butterflies out of toilet paper rolls, and plant their own flower. After that we will start our family unit. The students will get to bring a picture of their family to hang on the board. They will each get to share about their family, and throughout the weeks we will do different activities that have to do with our families.

Pre-k has been learning a lot about math. They have learned how to draw tallies and match them to the correct number. They have learned what a number line is and how pictures can represent numbers. We have also been working with five frames and ten frames. Then the last thing, which is their favorite, is adding with dominos. Pre-k has done a fantastic job catching on and it has been exciting watching them add numbers together.

In the coming weeks, we will be starting to practice our graduation songs. I can't believe that is almost here. We will be learning how two words can become one, and practicing writing our lowercase letters.



## Third Grade Class By Meghan Calvert



Wow, this school year is flying by! We have just around 40 days left in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and we are going to enjoy every moment of it. We have been busy this last month in our studies. We just finished another unit in math, and we are about to start learning different strategies on how to divide. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is doing wonderfully well with the new math curriculum, Reveal. I am so proud of the never give up attitude.

This month we have been focusing on Lent and our journey through Lent. We have been using the Hallow app to help us with this. Every morning, we start our day with a prayer and a new saint to learn about. We have also been praying a rosary every Thursday with Mrs. Becker's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. We have loved doing this and it is a great start to our mornings.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day in our classroom as well. The students read about St. Patrick and his history. They were surprised to learn that he was not Irish but from Great Britain. We then made shamrocks and talked about the significance of the shamrock, and it being used to teach about the Holy Trinity. Last, the students did a fun stem activity where they used pipe cleaners and playdough to build a bridge strong enough to hold a pot of gold.

Next up, we will be diving into our research unit and getting ready for our wax museum. It is something the students have been looking forward to all year and the time is finally approaching.

