



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 5, 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

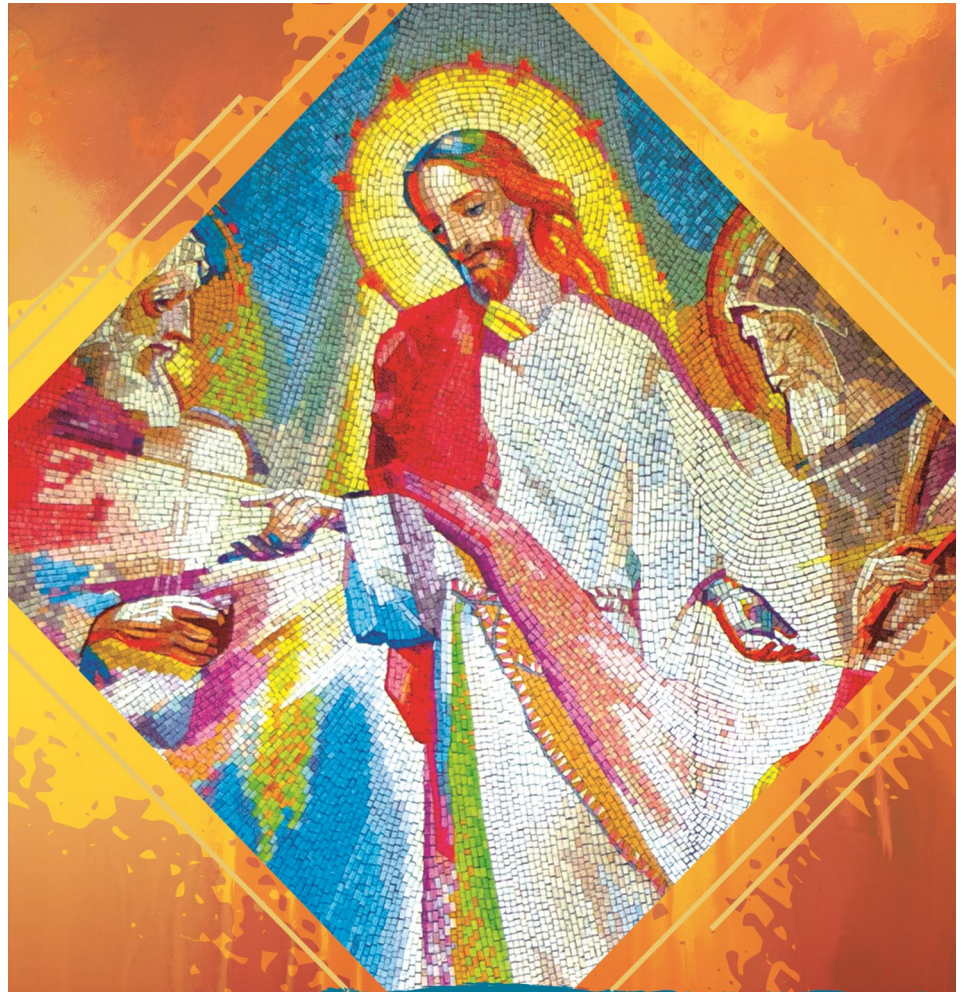
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass  
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

His face shone like the sun and his clothes  
became white as light. - Mt 17:2



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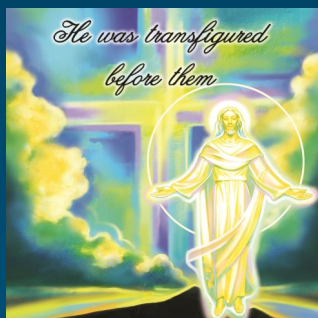
## Today's Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms:33

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9



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## The Second Sunday of Lent

**Please help St. Agnes congratulate Sr. Vera on her retirement! She began her ministry by taking her vows on August 15, 1964. She has served as an active pastoral minister for the past 59 years. What an accomplishment!**

Sr. Vera Meis grew up in a wonderful close family with her parents William & Elizabeth Meis and her six siblings, who taught her to appreciate her faith. Their motto was, "The Family who prays together stays together." Her faith was nurtured by the Holy Ghost Catholic Parish in Sharon Springs, KS and by the Sisters of St. Joseph at Marymount College. While in college at Marymount in Salina, KS she began to think about what she wanted to do with her life. The answer came when she was teaching about God, helping others, and praying, and she knew she could do all that as a Sister. So, she visited the Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia, KS. It was there that she felt so at home and said, "Yes, to the love of my life, Jesus, the one who has guided and blessed my life in every way." Sr. Vera's greatest joy has been the various ministries she has been engaged in: Teaching, Chaplaincy, Leadership, and Pastoral Ministry. To walk with people dealing with life's joys, sorrows, struggles and questions is a great honor and privilege for which I am most grateful," says Sr. Vera. "Some of my most memorable and touching experiences have been with those who are dying. I have felt the presence of God profoundly as I join with the one who is dying and their families in prayer. Being involved in grief ministry these past years has brought me so close to many families. and others."



**St. Agnes was very blessed to have Sr. Vera as a pastoral minister. She served so many and became such a fixture of our parish. Sr. Vera recently moved back to her Motherhouse: Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia, Kansas.**



**If you would like to send her a card of congratulations on her retirement and to keep in touch you may send any correspondence to:**

**Sr. Vera Meis c/o Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia  
P.O. Box 279  
Concordia, KS 66901-0279**

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, March 6, 2023**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Rick Hilzer by Deb Hilzer & Family  
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

Communion Service (7:00am)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: Dr. Jim Schiff Family by The Schiff Family  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### **Thursday, March 9, 2023**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Felix Koenig by Lucille Koenig  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### **Friday, March 10, 2023**

Stations of the Cross (5:15pm)  
Daily Mass (5:30pm)  
Intention: †Rick Cantril by Jerry & Jeannette Fitzgerald  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### **Saturday, March 11, 2023**

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: †Rick Cantril by Gene & Mari Schwarzkopf

### **Sunday, March 12, 2023**

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: †Jim Nash by Dave & JoAnn Nash  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish

## This Week's Readings

**LENT**  
**PREPARE**  
**THE WAY OF**  
**THE LORD**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## Server Schedule

Mar 11 5pm Luis Acosta  
 Jonah Klaas  
 Mar 12 8am Grant Celli  
 Addison Peck  
 10:00am Jose Julian Franco  
 Kayley Smith

## Lector Schedule

Mar 11 5pm Jennifer Hiltgen  
 Mar 12 8am Jordan Colwell  
 10:00am Michael Schaff

## Rosary Leader Schedule

Mar 11 5pm Ashlee Wilson  
 Mar 12 8am JoAnn Nash  
 10:00am Jackie Seymour

## Young at Heart

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



## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### February 26, 2023

Actual	\$3032.50
Online Giving	\$1498.82
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>\$4468.68</b>
VCNIN	\$1329.00

#### February 2023 Totals

Actual	\$16946.38
ATW	\$7405.00
Online Giving	\$4454.32
Budget	\$36000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>\$7194.30</b>

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for Easter Altar Flowers

Thank you for your continued giving!

Spring Forward



## Don't Forget!!

Daylight Savings is Sunday, March 12th. We move our clocks ahead 1 hour! We wouldn't want you to miss mass!

## 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

### Contemporary Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays @ 7:15pm  
 March 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

### Communal Penance Service

Sunday, March 19th  
 3pm @ St. Agnes  
 6pm @ Christ The King

### 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 17, 31  
 following 5:30pm Mass In the Garden Room



## Lenten Fish Fry

will be on Friday,  
 March 10th, 2023

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

**The Bread of Life**

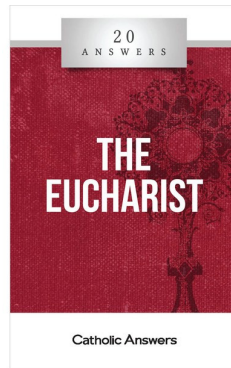
- How do non-Catholic views of the Eucharist differ from the Catholic belief?
- If the Eucharist contains the physical presence of Christ's body and blood, doesn't that mean Catholics who eat it are cannibals
- Is the Bread of Life discourse in John 6 evidence for the Real Presence?
- What did the early Church Fathers believe about the Eucharist?

In this booklet you'll find smart, solid answers to these questions and many more. **20 Answers: The Eucharist** will help you understand the main arguments for and against the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

The 20 Answers series from Catholic Answers offers hard facts, powerful arguments, and clear explanations of the most important topics facing the Church and the world—all in a compact, easy-to-read package.

**\*\*This Lenten gift has been purchased for you by the parish and will be available in the Gathering Space this weekend! \*\***

**Please take 1 per family**



**Priest Shortage**

The priest of our diocese are retiring faster than young men are becoming priests. We not only need prayers for the priestly vocation, but also donations to help support our six young men in the seminary. The DCCSW is taking up a special collection to help the Bishop financially support the seminarians. Last year we held this fundraiser and St. Agnes Parish was very generous, so thank you. We'll have a table in the Gathering Space after all masses on the weekend of March 23th & 26th. Please stop by to learn more about our seminarians. You can also "pick up" a cookie, and "drop off" a donation. Thank you in advance for helping this worthy cause.

**The Long Walk**

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes—but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men—these saints, these giants of salvation history—cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

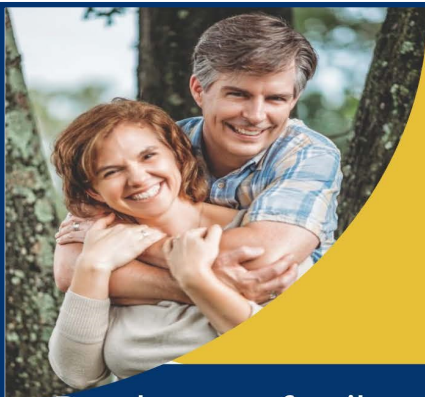
*Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.*

*Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.*

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

*"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." — Psalm 33*

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



**MESSY FAMILY University**

Marriage Retreat Hosted by St. Agnes Catholic Church Scottsbluff, NE

**Develop your family culture, strengthen your marriage, and transform your parenting.**

Mike and Alicia Hernon are on a mission to empower families to embrace their sacred calling as parents and spouses, strengthen marriages and families, and provide parenting and marriage resources.

**Details**

- March 10 & 11  
- Friday 7 pm - 9pm  
- Saturday 8am - 5pm
- St. Agnes Garden Room
- Scottsbluff, NE
- \$50 per couple
- Meals Provided
- Workbook Provided
- Personal Guidance from Mike and Alicia
- Free Childcare Provided Saturday

Mike and Alicia Hernon, are international speakers and hosts of the Messy Family Podcast you won't want to miss it!



### First Fry Friday!

We had a good turn out!  
This is local Fundraising event by our St. Agnes Catholic Church "St Fryers Project" and 100% proceeds goes to St Agnes Catholic School.

If you missed the first "Fish Fry" last Friday, the next one will be on March 10th and 24th - from 5 pm to 7 pm at the School Gym!



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their breakfast buffet on Sunday, March 5th from 8:00am to noon. Adults are \$10.00 per person and children are \$5.00 each. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you for your continuous support! All proceeds goes to St Agnes Church, St Agnes School, Buckboard Therapeutic Academy, Camp Scott and Toys for Tots Programs!



Catholic Daughters is hosting a baby shower in the month of March. We are requesting donations of new or gently used baby items from 0-24 months. Boxes have been placed by the entrances of the church to collect these items.

### Ladies Invited...to a DCCW day of **Spiritual Enrichment**

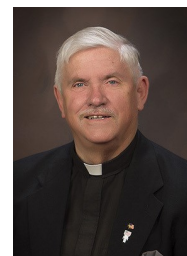
(For carpooling, contact Joyce Moeller 308-641-4267 or Judy Schwartz 308-530-4182)

### **GIDCCW Alliance Deanery Spring Meeting**



**Saturday, March 18th**

Bridgeport All Souls  
617 P St. Bridgeport, NE



- 9:00am Registration
- 9:30am Meeting
- 10:30am Break
- 10:45am Speaker: Fr. Tim Stoner  
Eucharistic Revival with emphasis on Adoration; Lent
- 11:30am Lunch
- 12:30pm Stations of the Cross led by Fr. Tim Stoner

Registration Fee: \$10.00



Registration fee includes lunch.  
RSVP to Carolyn Guzman 308-279-2997 or 308-262-0453 **by March 11, 2023**

## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
for  
Second Sunday of Lent

**Gospel:** *Matthew 17:1-8*

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

Why do you think God said,  
“This is my beloved Son, with  
whom I am well pleased, listen  
to him?”

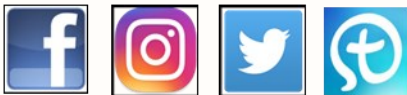
### **On the Way Home From Mass:**

What does today’s Gospel reveal  
to you about who Jesus is?

### **Living the Word:**

Have your children draw a  
picture of Jesus and then put a  
flashlight behind the picture to  
see what he would look like with  
his face shining like the sun and  
his clothes white as light.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families  
2022-2023*



### **Find Us On**

#### **Facebook**

**Twitter:** [st\\_agnes\\_church](https://twitter.com/st_agnes_church)

#### **Instagram:**

[st.agnescatholicchurch](https://www.instagram.com/st.agnescatholicchurch)

#### **Parish Website**

[www.st-agnes-church.com](http://www.st-agnes-church.com)

#### **myParish App**

*In the App Store on your phone  
or tablet*

### **Family Lent Calendar**

#### **Sunday - March 5th**

After Mass, light a candle for  
someone who passed away recently.  
Your parish family will join their  
prayers to yours.

#### **Monday - March 6th**

Set out an empty box. Throughout Lent,  
add any unused clothes, books, or toys  
that are in good condition.

#### **Tuesday - March 7th**

Pick someone in the news and pray for  
them.


#### **Wednesday - March 8th**

Each day remaining in Lent, put a jelly  
bean in a jar whenever someone does a  
good deed. Share the jelly beans at  
Easter!

#### **Thursday - March 9th**

At dinner, share one way God showed  
His love to each of you today.

#### **Friday - March 10th**

Consider fasting from  screens tonight. Play  
boardgames, draw pictures, do a puzzle  
read books together.

#### **Saturday - March 11th**

Family story night! Cuddle up tonight  
and read Easter-themed books, such  
as the *Legend of the Three Trees* or  
*The Week That Led to Easter*.

*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, 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](http://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](http://www.gidiocese.org)

# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of March 05, 2023



### The Story of Saint Perpetua

Watch this inspiring animated movie about the life of Saint Perpetua. Born from a noble Roman family, she converts to Christianity despite a new decree prohibiting new conversions in the Roman Empire. Ultimately, she gives her life for Christ.



### The Passion of Saint Perpetua with Mike Aquilina

Join Mike Aquilina, Vice-President of the Saint Paul Biblical Theology Center, in this informing and inspiring documentary that tells the true account of the courageous martyr, Saint Perpetua, and her companions



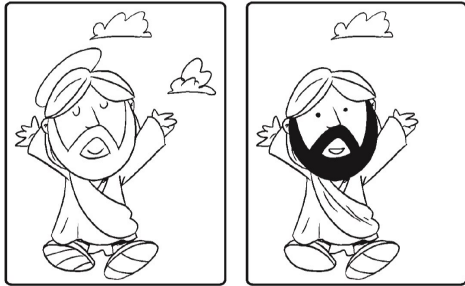
### Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

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

**PUZZLE**

Find seven differences in this scene of Jesus in Heaven.



**MISSION**

If you could see Jesus in heaven today, what would you talk about? What would you ask him?

**PUZZLE**

Help Jesus find his father!



**MISSION**

When I am afraid, I will remember that God is always with me.





Connecting Students and Families through Faith  
March 5, 2023

# MARCH

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 5th

Penny Carnival - 11:30-3:30

Wednesday, March 8th

Mass @ 8:15 - 3rd Grade leads

Thursday, March 9th

End of Quarter 3

Friday, March 10th

No School - Staff work day

Fish Fry - 5:00pm - 7:00pm



TODAY! MARCH 5th

11:30 - 3:30

ST. AGNES SCHOOL GYM

### Lenten Journey

After a loud and raucous Mardi Gras celebration, the students at St. Agnes have begun their Lenten journey, 40 days of working hard to grow their relationship with God. Each child made a Lenten promise that centered on one of the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Fridays will be devoted to some extra prayer time where students will experience meditation, Adoration, the Rosary and Stations of the Cross. We will be working hard to keep our focus more on God during this solemn time.



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## Cornhole Tourney

Music, laughter and cheers can be heard coming from the gym as the annual PE cornhole tournament is underway. Each grade is participating in their own tourney with a pool play format that will then lead to gold and silver bracket play. The students love this unit and are excited every year for it to begin. Watch future bulletins for final results.



## Celebrating Two's Day

2<sup>nd</sup> grade enjoyed celebrating Two's Day on 2-22. The students enjoyed a number of activities that centered on the number 2, pairs, or doubles. They moved through station rotation where they did mirror images using pattern blocks, worked with compound words, used words with double consonants, did double digit addition and made a design to disguise a #2. They also wrote a story about what it would be like to be a twin. What a fun celebration for these kids who are enjoying a great year in grade 2.



## Mardi Gras Celebration

The annual Mardi Gras celebration took place on February 22<sup>nd</sup> with a pancake and sausage lunch served to all students during the lunch hour. Each individual class learned about the Mardi Gras celebration in their classrooms and made a banner for the beloved Mardi Gras Parade. Even though we were forced inside by the rain, the students enjoyed parading behind their respective class's king and queen and the classroom banner while making as much noise as possible with their whistles and clapping. What a fun celebration before heading into the more solemn time of Lent!



## Hot Lunch Menu for March 6th, 2023 - March 10th, 2023

<u>Monday, Mar 6</u>	<u>Tuesday, Mar 7</u>	<u>Wednesday, Mar 8</u>	<u>Thursday, Mar 9</u>	<u>Friday, Mar 10</u>
Ham & Potato Soup Mixed Vegetables Roll & Margarine Pineapple	Chicken Strips French Fries Steamed Carrots Fruit Cocktail	Tacos w/lettuce Cheese & Salsa Potato Ole's Refried Beans Peaches	Pancakes Sausage Patty Potato Triangles Spinach Oranges	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Helpers:</b> George Kildow Crystal Kildow	<b>Helpers:</b> George Kildow Crystal Kildow	<b>Helpers:</b> George Kildow Crystal Kildow	<b>Helpers:</b> George Kildow Crystal Kildow	<b>Helpers:</b>

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

## First Grade Class By Sharon Bird

Wow!!! The month of February was filled with many wonderful learning experiences.

Would the groundhog see his shadow? We learned about Punxsutawney Phil and made our predictions. Six more weeks of winter was the answer.

The 100<sup>th</sup> day (Feb. 9) was filled with many activities. Students worked through learning stations such as making a necklace, creating with 100 cups, making a gumball machine with paper, coloring, doing 100 exercises throughout the day, etc. The students enjoyed the activities.

We celebrated Valentine's Day with a party. The students enjoyed reading the cards and seeing the other items they had in their monster bags. The refreshments were also enjoyed.

In religion, we discussed some of the miracles that Jesus performed, God's love for us, and wrote our Lenten promise.

King Cakes were shared by the students on Mardi Gras. Students who were lucky to get the baby in his/her piece of cake were Rory Podlesak and Ailanne Acosta. Lily Adams and Beckham Wilson were selected by the class as the first grade Queen and King. We ended our day with the indoor parade. The students enjoyed the banners, masks, necklaces, and of course the whistles.

Thank you parents for all your kindness and support.



## Fourth Grade Class By Kristie Becker

Fourth grade has finished many projects and lessons this last month! We have also started into some new concepts, activities, and lessons. We started our states and capitals unit and have finished one region of the United States. Students enjoyed researching a state for a project. They took a quiz at the end to match all the states in that region with their capital. If you walk by our room, you will always hear the states and capitals song playing or students quizzing each other! We are just beginning to finish up our second region, the southeast.

Students have started into a new science lesson, Earth's Hazards. This is always a favorite lesson as students learn about natural disasters and impacts they have on humans and the environment. There are many fun labs in this unit.

Fourth grade has started their Lenten journey. Students are working on acts of kindness these 40 days, as well as finding more time for praying and almsgiving. Students created two Lent projects to hang on their desks to keep track of their own personal journey. We have also been learning about the books of the Bible. Students were very excited to be the leaders of the Ash Wednesday Mass and they did a fantastic job.

As for writing, students have started their first big research paper and project. Students are researching a National Park and are currently in the process of taking notes on index cards. I can't wait to see how these turn out. This class has come so far in their grammar skills and writing. Students work on many daily activities that stress the importance of grammar skills, text evidence, reading skills, and writing concepts.

We are looking forward to spring and many new and exciting activities.

