



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 14, 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

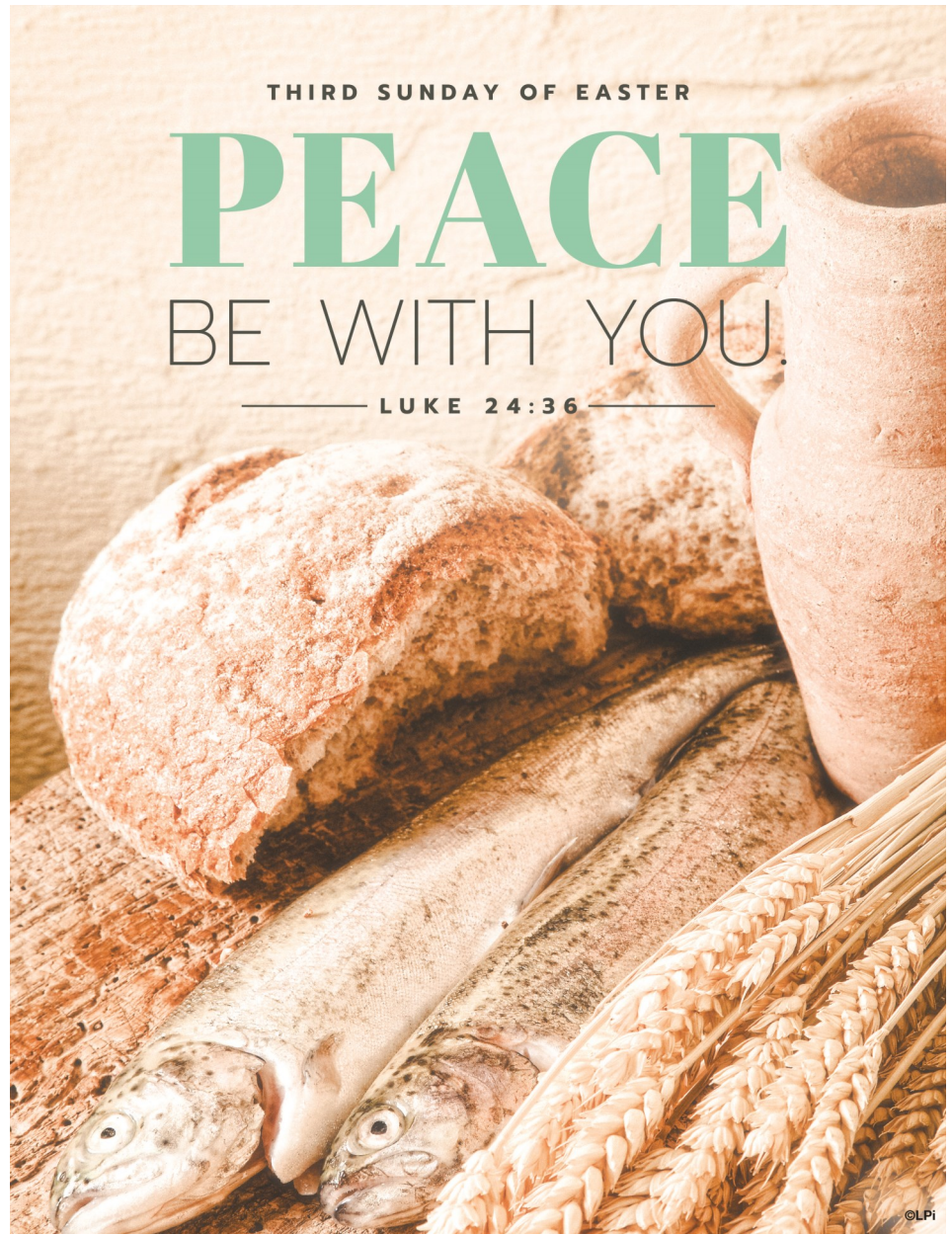
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PEACE
BE WITH YOU.

LUKE 24:36



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm:4

First John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48



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Third Sunday of Easter

The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the “dead main character trope” fairly often. This is the famous Sixth Sense twist ending (I would say “spoiler alert,” but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you’ve probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I’m always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You’ve come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don’t like to have the rug pulled out. It’s why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It’s what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: he was a ghost the whole time! The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

“Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” — Luke 24:39

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 15, 2024

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

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Henry Gieselman by John & Karen Koenig & Lucille Koenig
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Kathryn Liewer by The Troy & Carol Herman Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Clyde Sexton by Ray & Becky Murdock
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, April 19, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Becky Murdock by Joe & Mary Ostry
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Saturday, April 20, 2024

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

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †James Eugene Macken by Jake & JoAnne Krieg
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish

This Week's Readings



Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Server Schedule

Apr 20 5pm Asher Wilson
 Morgan Celli
 Apr 21 8am John V. Songco
 Easton Becker
 Addison Peck
 10:00am Ruby Schiff
 Connely Ascherl

Lector Schedule

Apr 20 5pm Mary Robinson
 Apr 21 8am Jordan Colwell
 10:00am Chuck Schwartz

Rosary Leader Schedule

Apr 20 5pm Carmen Trevino
 Apr 21 8am JoAnn Nash
 10:00am NOT FILLED

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

April 2024 Totals

Actual	\$4326.32
ATW	\$3695.00
Online Giving	\$989.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$989.18

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

Magnificat Brunch

Hosted by the Our Lady of the Sandhills Chapter

Saturday, April 20, 2024
 9:00 am – Noon MT

Holy Rosary Lyceum
 916 Cheyenne Ave., Alliance NE
 (on 9th Street)

Speaker: Steve Engelhaupt

Contact Teresa Nelson. Send check or money order for \$12.00 to 1044 Yellowstone Ave., Alliance, NE 69301.



MARRIAGE GROUP

Will meet on Sunday, April 21st from 6:00pm - 9:00pm in the Garden Room of the Church. All married couples are welcome to attend. We will be starting a new book for this session. Please contact Jody Windhorst at 308-631-3904 for information.



Congratulations to the Confirmation class of 2024! May God continue to guide you on your faith journey!



Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus members were present as Honor Guard for the Confirmation Candidates along with Bishop Hanefeldt and our very own Fr. Konka. Congratulations on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Knights of Columbus had another successful **Monthly Breakfast Buffet** with a total of 132 patrons. The snow and 50 miles per hour wind did not stop our patrons from coming to our Monthly Breakfast!

Thank you for your continuous support of our Knights of Columbus projects!



Membership Drive for St. Agnes 100 Club!!

One of the most important fundraisers for St. Agnes Catholic School is the **100 Club Lottery**. The 100 Club is part of the St. Agnes Home and School Association. When the lottery started in April, 1983, no one could have predicted its success and longevity! This past year, the 100 Club raised close to \$12,000 for the school. An equal amount was given away in monetary prizes to the members of 100 Club. Our goal is 200 members.

How are the donations used? 100 Club Lottery helps keep tuition at St. Agnes School affordable for our families! The money raised through the lottery is utilized by the school to help pay salaries, buy supplies and other expenses. The donations from the lottery have played an important role in helping balance the budget at St. Agnes School.

How does it work? 100 Club members include school parents, members of St. Agnes Parish, alumni, and other folks from the community. Each member contributes \$10.00 per month for one year for a total donation of \$120.00. **Each month, 50% of the total monthly donations are given away in a cash prize lottery drawing to the members of 100 Club! The other 50% goes to St. Agnes School.**

Membership Renewal begins in April! If you would like to join or renew 100 Club, please contact Mary Skiles at 308-641-0461 or via email - skilesmary@hotmail.com. You may also complete the form in bulletin. Thank you for supporting St. Agnes School!!

**ST AGNES
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**100
CLUB**

\$120 ANNUAL DONATION
(BILLED MONTHLY, QUARTERLY OR ANNUALLY)

50% OF DONATIONS GO TO WINNINGS, 50% GOES TO THE SCHOOL

MONTHLY WINNERS!!!

1 - \$200 WINNER
3 - \$100 WINNERS
9 - \$50 WINNERS

Amount may vary based on enrollment

MUST BE 19 YEARS OF AGE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARY SKILES @ 641-0461.

Yes!! I want to join St. Agnes 100 Club!!

Complete this form to join 100 Club or to renew your membership. Return form to the school or place in the St. Agnes collection basket. Envelopes will be available in the gathering space the first weekend in May.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Donation Method (Please mark one):

- Monthly (\$10.00/month x 12 payments = \$120.00/year)
- Quarterly (\$30.00 every 3 months x 4 payments = \$120.00/year)
- Annually (\$120.00 x 1 payment = \$120.00/year)

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Third Sunday of Easter
Gospel: *Luke 24: 36-40, 44-48*

On the Way to Mass:

What do you think it would have been like for the disciples to see Jesus risen? Why do you think they were afraid at first?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Jesus told the disciples that they were to be witnesses to the Good News. Is it only the disciples who are witnesses to the Gospel? How are we called to be a witness to the risen Christ?

Living the Word:

As you gather for your evening meal, think about how you have witnessed the love of the risen Christ today. Where did you see his love present? Did you happen to get a glimpse of it at home? In your neighborhood? At church? Read about it in a book or online? Or did you see it in nature, maybe in your own yard or in the park? Let everyone share their own witness story. If you did not see one today, be mindful of looking for glimpses this week..

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following children that will be receiving their First Holy Communion on April 14th: Natalia Alvizar, Andrew Becker, Hank Blaylock, Jose Cabrera, Nicolai Carey, Ryker Colwell, Abigail Green, Rachel Hafner, Hazel Kosman, Mara Margheim, Margot Merrigan, Noelle Merrigan, Jovian Moreno, Ameer Perkins, Omar Robles, Liam Rodriguez, Rose Schiff, James Smith, Jaycee Smith, Amelia Tritt, Kameron Wahl, Beckham Wilson, Amelya Wylie **Thank you** to their catechists, JoAnn Nash and Lori Svitak.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Communion?

The Mass is the most important and powerful gift we have as Catholics. Holy Communion brings us into union – heart to heart – with Jesus, really and truly present. When He enters a soul, He brings with Him countless graces: peace, healing, remission for venial sins, strength, spiritual nourishment, and a “love...strong as death” (*Song of Songs* 8:6). When Jesus enters the sanctuary of our hearts in Holy Communion, and especially at one’s First Communion, it’s a cause for joyful celebration.



Partners in Faith - April 2024

Four habits that can help keep youngsters Catholic



Recent studies have revealed that many Catholic children leave the Faith when

they leave high school. Those who remain faithful to Jesus come from families who follow four “best practices.” Consider these:

Cultivate communion:

Researchers found that families who shared a meal regularly are more likely to raise faithful Catholic adults. It’s a powerful way to strengthen communion, teach values, and share a love for Jesus. Resolve to have family meals three or four times weekly (without screens).

Be open to questions:

Most young people leave the Church because they had many faith-based questions but no answers. Encourage children to ask and seek the answers together. Teach them how to use reliable sources, starting with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* or turn to your local pastor.

Form a prayer tradition:

Keep it simple. Gather round a Crucifix to pray for intentions and exchange a sign of peace. Let a different child lead the “nightly decade,” or sing a hymn together and offer a blessing before bedtime. Make prayer whatever works for you.

Encourage service:

Faithful adults tend to grow up in families that prioritized service to the poor. Look for a way to donate time, talent or treasure to those in need. Your parish may need your support of one of its ministries. Let God’s priorities shape your own.

Partners in Faith - April 2024



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2024



**Registration
opens: April 1, 2024**

**Get ready to join us.
St. Agnes and Christ the King
June 9-14, 2024**



Register
here



Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Circle the group in each row that has **more**.
Then color in all the pictures



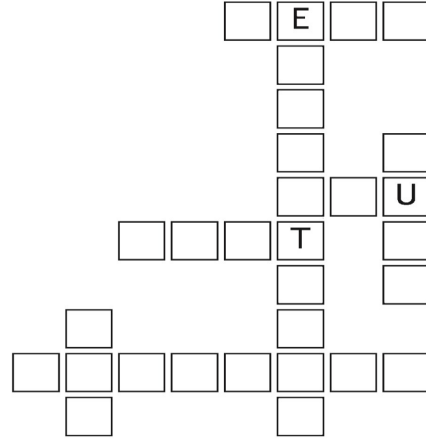
MISSION

When someone hurts me I will forgive. I will ask God to forgive me if I hurt someone.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**You must tell everything
that has happened.**



MISSION

Send a letter to the missionaries your church supports. Ask them how your family can help them spread God's love with other people.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
April 14, 2024



Upcoming Events

Monday, April 15th

MAP Testing Begins

Wednesday, April 17th

Mass @ 8:15

Thursday, April 18th

Spring Program - 6:30



March Virtuous Students



The March Golden Rule / Virtuous Student assembly was held in the gym on Thursday, April 4th. Over 60 golden rules were given for good deeds done during the month of March. 5th grader, Easton Becker and kindergartener, Oli Alvizar, were recognized as the Virtuous Students of the Month. Thank you to John Songco and the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this program.

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Leader In Me Students of Month

Synergize was the March Leader in Me habit of the month. Students who can synergize get along with others and work well in a group. They value the strengths of others and realize that by working as a team, more can be accomplished. The following students were recognized for this award:

James Hoelsing (PK), Olivia Diedrich(K), Henry Preston (1st), Noelle & Margot Merrigan (2nd), Charlie Vath (3rd), Courtni Schaff (4th), Tristan Hoelsing(5th).



Hatching Chicks

Tuesday, April 9th marked the beginning of the kindergarten embryology unit. Twenty-five eggs were placed in an incubator with hopes of chicks arriving by the end of the month. The students will journal throughout those 21 days identifying changes in the eggs, making predictions and of course waiting with great anticipation for their new babies to arrive. What a great science education activity! Students at all grades look forward to kindergarten doing this unit as everyone loves the baby chicks!!



MAPS Testing Schedule

Date	8:30am	10:00am	12:30am
Monday, April 15	5th Gr. Reading 1st Gr. Math	2nd Gr. Math	3rd Gr. Math
Tuesday, April 16	4th Gr. Reading	3rd Gr. Language	5th Gr. Math
Wednesday, April 17	No Testing - Mass	No Testing - Musical Practice	1st Gr. Reading
Thursday, April 18	4th Gr. Language 2nd. Gr. Reading	3rd Gr. Reading	
Friday, April 19	5th Gr. Language	4th Gr. Math	
Monday, April 22	Make up tests & completion of incomplete tests		

Appreciating Our Para-Professionals

Wednesday, April 3rd marked national Para-Professional Appreciation Day. St. Agnes students and staff took the opportunity to recognize and appreciate their valued paras: Rachel Ascherl who serves in the PK classroom and Chelsea Perez who assists in kindergarten. We thank them for all they do to elevate the classroom experience for our youngest students.



Hot Lunch Menu for April 15th, 2024 - April 19th, 2024

Monday, April 15	Tuesday, April 16	Wednesday, April 17	Thursday, April 18	Friday, April 19
Super Nachos w/meat Beans Rice Apple Sauce	Chicken Alfredo Salad Carrots Banana	Pancakes Potato Wedge Sausage Patty Pineapple	Mini Corn Dogs Tator Tots Spinach Salad Mixed Fruit	Spaghetti Mixed Veggies Garlic Toast Orange Slices
Helpers: Kelcie McBride Jordan McBride	Helpers: Chris Gauthier Kristin Gauthier	Helpers: Kelly Beeber Kika	Helpers: Mandi Adams Charissa Gould	Helpers: Anthony Gurrola Elise Gurrola

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



Second Grade Class By Lori Svitak



The last two months of school are upon us. This year has gone by fast. We have much to do in a little bit of time.

In math, we are working with units of measure. We have discussed inches, feet, yards, centimeters, and meters. We are also learning to estimate length using customary units such as paper clips. We are up and out of our seats measuring things in our classroom.

In science, we are learning about changes on the earth. We have studied the fast and slow changes that happen. It promotes lively discussions about the changes humans have made to the earth.

The solar eclipse was April 8, we had the opportunity to go outside with our safety glasses to observe this. Earlier in the day we watched a Scholastic video to prepare us for what we would see. The students were amazed at the event. When we came in, we made a moveable craft of what we saw.

Our next unit in reading is about the history of money. It goes along with our social studies unit on credit and debit cards. We have had some very interesting conversations in our class about money, wants, and needs. We have an alumni college student volunteering in our room. Her name is Kate Larson, and she was once my student! She comes a few times a week to help with writing and art. She came for the eclipse. The students were thrilled to have her there.

This is the week before First Holy Communion. The students are beyond excited. We are practicing a few times this week to help with nerves. Please keep my students in your prayers.

Happy Birthday to Mara Margheim.



Fifth Grade Class By Lynsey Ayers



Hello every one! Here we are into the beginning of April! It is so difficult to believe that the school year is almost over!

The fifth graders have been working so hard at getting things wrapped up while also keeping up with regular lessons. They have been absolute rock stars in helping out around the school with other projects and with other classes.

Recently they participated in the Pre-K and Kindergarten Career Day by guiding groups to stations. They also helped in PE with Pre-K by swinging jump ropes for them. I am so proud of all of their hard work. Some of the fun activities that we have going on right now are their final research projects which will be about an assigned art style. They have also learned about Pop Art and the famous painting American Gothic, and have done amazing jobs at creating their own versions of both! I can not wait to see what they will be creating for their next projects.

Once again, I am so proud of all of their hard worked and generosity around the school this year! It truly has been so wonderful to see them grow in all facets of their life!

