



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 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



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

- Jn 18:37



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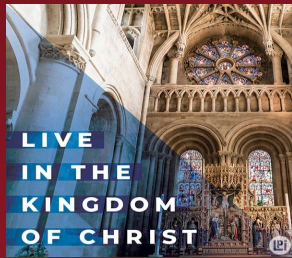
## Today's Readings

Daniel 7:13-14

Psalms:93

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37



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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

### Citizens of Another Country

I read an article, years ago, about an American filmmaker who decided to step away from a wildly successful film franchise that had been requiring him and his family to live abroad.

It stuck in my mind because of the tongue-in-cheek reasoning he gave for the surprising decision, "My kids were starting to speak in British accents."

Sometimes, we just want to go home, don't we?

Returning from a recent family vacation, I burst into tears at the airport, overcome with relief when I saw my sister's van pulling into the pickup lane. It didn't matter that I had had fun on this trip and that I was even looking forward to taking another one. In that moment, I was so tired, and all I wanted was my own bed. The smell of my own house. The feeling of not being "away."

If Jesus is our king, and his kingdom is not of this world, then we live our lives as perpetual aliens. This should reassure us in some ways. The world so often feels cold and cruel and strange to us because it is. We were not made for this world. We were made for heaven. We were made to yearn for the face, the presence, the protection of our King.

But this understanding of ourselves as strangers in a foreign land should also be a caution to us.

We can't get too comfortable here. We cannot become too wrapped up in the world and its temptations, its rewards, its comforts. We cannot start speaking in the language, the accent of our adopted homeland. Not if we ever want to return home and belong there.

Our King looks for our return.

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

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, November 25, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Lucien Kicken by Margaret Kicken  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Buford & †Benny Williams  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Debbie Trautman by The Windhorst Family  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### Thursday, November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving Mass (9:00am)  
Intention: †William (Bill) Shaw by John & Rita Stinner  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Friday, November 29, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Henry Gieselmann by Lucille Koenig  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Saturday, November 30, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: For Our Parish  
**Sunday, December 1, 2024**  
Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: Nancy Van Horn (Health) by The Windhorst Family  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: Paul Pieper by The Pieper Family



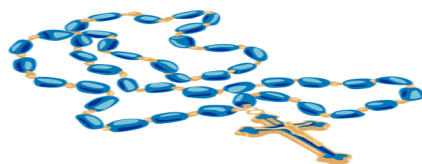
## This Week's Readings



Monday Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28  
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22  
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## December 2024 Rosary Leader Schedule

**Sunday, Dec. 1 8am:** Claire Songco  
**Sunday, Dec. 1 10am:** Kristin Schiff  
**Saturday, Dec. 7 5pm:** Carmen Trevino  
**Sunday, Dec. 8 8am:** Addison Peck  
**Sunday, Dec. 8 10am:** Angie Hilbert  
**Saturday, Dec. 14 5pm:** Kristin Schiff  
**Sunday, Dec. 15 8am:** JoAnn Nash  
**Sunday, Dec. 15 10am:** Jackie Seymour  
**Saturday, Dec. 21 5pm:** Diana Rohrick  
**Sunday, Dec. 22 8am:** Knights of Columbus  
**Sunday, Dec. 22 10am:** Kristin Schiff  
**Saturday, Dec. 28 5pm:** Jennifer Hiltgen  
**Sunday, Dec. 29 8am:** Addison Peck  
**Sunday, Dec. 29 10am:** Jackie Seymour



## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### November 17, 2024

Actual	\$3716.78
ATW	\$4020.00
Online Giving	\$1320.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$942.72

#### November 2024 Totals

Actual	\$12548.53
ATW	\$7715.00
Online Giving	\$3851.00
Gen. Church Support	\$2000.00
Budget	\$30000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$3885.74

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

Thank you for your continued giving!

## Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

Because of early transmission dates for the bulletin this week, the collection report will not be published on its regular schedule

## December 2024 Ministers

### Greeters & Ushers

#### Saturday, 5pm:

**Greeters:** Chad & Kelly Larson - East  
 Gene & Mari Schwartzkopf - South  
**Ushers:** William King (Captain)  
 Larry Frustaglio

#### Sunday, 8am:

**Greeters:** Jason & Angie Blanco - East  
 Margaret Rood - South  
**Ushers:** Dalton Gass (Captain)  
 Mike Hackett

#### Sunday, 10am:

**Greeters:** Melvin Elledge - East  
 Yvonne Hill - South  
**Ushers:** Steve Alvizar (Captain)  
 Jerry Arnold

### SERVERS

Sun, Dec. 1 8am: Rhett Marshall & John V. Songco  
 Sun, Dec. 1 10am: Willam Anderson & Yvonne Kreiling  
 Sat, Dec. 7 5pm: Zalie Adams & Quinten Gould  
 Sun, Dec. 8 8am: Carson Windhorst & Allie Windhorst  
 Sun, Dec. 8 10am: Holly Polk & Nina Polk  
 Sat, Dec. 14 5pm: Ruby Schiff & Jacob Mark  
 Sun, Dec. 15 8am: Kaden Blaylock & Easton Becker  
 Sun, Dec. 15 10am: Charlotte Lewis & Havynn Urdiales  
 Sat, Dec. 21 5pm: Alyck Rodriguez & Kensington Suhr  
 Sun, Dec. 22 8am: Erin Warburton & Isabella Songco  
 Sun, Dec. 22 10am: David Hafner & Kellan Zulkoski  
 Sat, Dec. 28 5pm: Ryker Dendinger & Giovanni Alvizar  
 Sun, Dec. 29 8am: Aden Munoz & Thomas Esselstien  
 Sun, Dec. 29 10am: Leo Ascherl & Connelly Ascherl

### LECTORS

**Sunday, December 1 & 8 8am:** Jordan Colwell  
**Sunday, December 1 & 8 10am:** Lisa Ringle  
**Saturday, December 7 5pm:** Kristin Schiff  
**Saturday, December 14 & 21 5pm:** Kathleen Roehl  
**Sunday, December 15 & 22 8am:** Bridget Peck  
**Sunday, December 15 & 22 10am:** Chuck Schwartz  
**Saturday, December 28 5pm:** Jordan McBride  
**Sunday, December 29 8am:** David Nash  
**Sunday, December 29 10am:** Mark Loose

### SACRISTANS

**Saturday, 5pm:**  
 Shelley Thomas  
**Sunday, 8am:**  
 John Songco  
**Sunday, 10am:**  
 Judy Schwartz

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, 5pm:**  
 Ciborium - Diana Rohrick  
 Travis Gould & Connie Kirchner  
**Sunday, 8am:**  
 Ciborium - Michael Calvert  
 Margaret Rood & Michael Esselstein  
**Sunday, 10am:**  
 Ciborium - Casey Seymour (sub req.)  
 Jacque Neu & Shannon Sierra



Please mark your calendar that there will be a meeting for all Greeters and Ushers on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm** in the church.

During the month of November, the Catholic Church honors those who




# ADVENT ENCOUNTER Event

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**

5:30 MT Social | 6:00 MT Speaker  
7:00 MT Adoration & Confession  
St Agnes Garden Room



Virtual Guest Speaker  
**SISTER TERESA HARRELL**



The Knights of Columbus local Council had a Thanksgiving Dinner along with the neighboring councils in Christ the King Catholic Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with their families, with our 3 Priests from each Churches/Councils Fr. Harr, Fr. Deaver and our very own Fr. Rayappa Konka.



## In Remembrance of this year's deceased

**November 2023 - October 2024**

**William Downey**  
**Paul David Edelbrock**  
**Falicia Caroline Gomez**  
**Doris Marie Flohr**  
**Benjamin Castinado Jr.**  
**Carl Ray Murdock**  
**Selena Esparanza Moreno**  
**Augustina Ybarra Moreno**  
**John (Jack) Kearns**  
**Benita Mary Williams**  
**Buford Louis Williams**  
**Jack B. Miller**  
**Caroline Guzman**  
**Cathy Publow**

## STAR CARDS

**Do you need gift cards?**

Gift cards will be on sale December 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd after mass. You buy the gift card for the amount you need, the company you buy from gives a percentage of that purchase to St Agnes School. You may also buy digital cards online at <https://www.raiseright.com/>. There are over 500 stores! Questions? email us at [starcards@st-agnes-school.com](mailto:starcards@st-agnes-school.com).



We need you, because God needs you!  
And you need CDA!!

Mark your calendars for these CDA upcoming events!

**Sock it to us!**

Socks of all sizes and colors are welcome! Please place new packages of socks or monetary donations in the box in the Gathering Space, now thru December 8th.



Let us do your Holiday Baking!

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES & CANDY Bake Sale**

Gathering Space  
Saturday & Sunday Dec.7th & 8th  
after each mass



## Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this **"event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."**

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

In the Grand Island Diocese, the Rite of opening of the Jubilee Year will take place on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, The Feast of the Holy Family, at the cathedral in Grand Island. **At St. Agnes we will be celebrating the opening of the Jubilee Year the weekend of January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, Epiphany.**

Pope Francis has asked that the year 2024 be dedicated to a "great symphony of prayer" as the Church prepares for the Jubilee of 2025.

**Jubilee Prayer:** *Father in heaven, may the faith you have gifted us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make humanity, and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of Evil overcome, your glory shall be manifested eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To you God blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen*



## Religious Education Program

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Celebrating Sunday

Christ the King

**Gospel:** *John 18:33b-37*

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

What does a king do? How does he act?

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

Jesus told Pilate, “My kingdom does not belong to this world.” What other kind of kingdom could he be talking about? How is it different?

### **Living the Word:**

Preferably today, or at some point this week, have an extra-special dessert - fit for royalty, at least in your family’s opinion - to celebrate Jesus’ kingship over your lives. Offer a simple prayer asking him to reign in your hearts and to help your family follow his voice of truth.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families  
2024-2025*

### **Find Us On**



### **Parish Website**

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### **Scripture Lessons:**

John 18:33b-37

Our love shows who our King is  
God promised a powerful king for His people who would unite them, fight for them, and lead them to victory against their enemies.



This image of a triumphant Messiah-king kept God’s people going. When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, hopes ran high: was He the one?

But on Good Friday, Jesus, bound and seemingly powerless, appeared before the powerful governor, Pontius Pilate. They rejected Christ. They didn’t want a leader who talked of love, suffering, and service, but someone who would wipe their enemies off the face of the earth.

Jesus is King—not just of Israel, but of us and the whole universe. He told Pilate that His Kingdom is not of this world, not bound by the limits of an earthly kingdom.

*What can a parent do?* Jesus’ kingship is about grace and repentance, justice and mercy, love of God and of our neighbor, especially the poor and needy. Teach children to serve Christ by showing their love, patience, and kindness to all, at home and at school. Their actions will tell others who their King is.

### **Parent Talk:**

My girls never understood why we honor saints. “If they are dead, how can they help us?” Tessa asked. I explained that saints are people who lived with extraordinary virtue and are in Heaven as a result. Following their examples can help us get to Heaven, too. And, if we ask for their help, they will pray for us with God. They still didn’t get it.



One day Kara found a picture of my college graduation. “Is that Mother Teresa?” she asked. I said yes, St. Teresa of Calcutta spoke at my college graduation.

I repeated some of what Mother Teresa said that day and read aloud from some of her books. The girls were impressed that this saintly woman lived in their lifetimes. Then I told them I had given our family to her special protection when she died. “So, she is like our patron saint,” said Kara. Bingo.

### **Why Do Catholics Do That?**

Why do Catholics light votive candles?

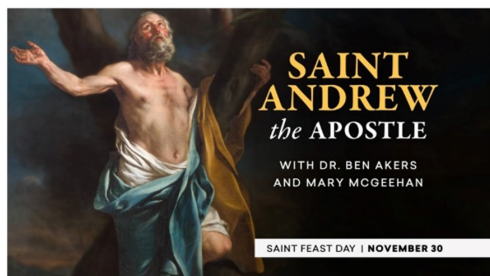
The ancient Jews kept a light perpetually burning near



the Ark of the Covenant to show reverence for the presence of God. For Catholics, a lit candle symbolizes Jesus Christ, who said, “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12). The votive candles in church also signify prayer intentions others have offered to God. Lighting a candle is also a way of expressing our desire to be present to God throughout the day, even if we can’t stay ourselves.

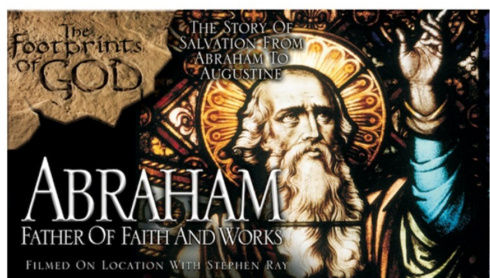
# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of November 24, 2024



### St. Andrew the Apostle | Catholic Saints

All of the saints had a story before they met Christ. For St. Andrew, he was a fisherman. Hearing the call of Christ, Andrew and his brother Peter left everything behind to follow Jesus. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they discuss St. Andrew, his life, and the example he provides to all Christians.



### Abraham: Father of Faith

He left his home, the bones of his ancestors, and the false gods of his fathers to follow the God of glory. Excruciating trials, weary miles of desert travel, and even the command to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice did not deter him. Mount your camels and ride back in time to discover Abraham, the only man called the "Friend of God."



### The Perpetual Virgin | Lectio: Mary | Episode 5

Why do Catholics believe that Mary remained a virgin her whole life? Dr. Brant Pitre unpacks this much debated topic in this engaging presentation.

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# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Find the path that leads to Jesus.

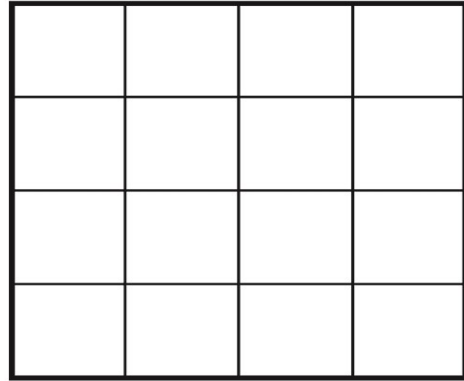
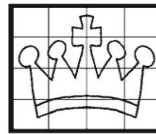


## MISSION

God takes sins away. I will take the trash away for my family.

## PUZZLE

Enlarge the picture square by square.



## MISSION

We "listen to Jesus" when we follow his example. This week, let others go first when you play a game.





Connecting Students and Families through Faith  
November 24, 2024



## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, Nov 26th**

PK & K Thanksgiving feasts  
4th & 5th shopping trip to Walmart

**Wednesday, Nov 27th**

No School - Thanksgiving Break

**Thursday, Nov 28th**

No School - Thanksgiving Break

**Friday, Nov 29th**

No School - Thanksgiving Break



## Spreading Kindness

In recognition of World Kindness Day, the St. Agnes third grade students spread positivity by designing personal messages of inspiration to display on our front and west sidewalks. The students chose bible verses, and positive sayings and added pictures to brighten the day of those who walked by. As well, each student performed a random act of kindness for someone else. Way to go 3<sup>rd</sup> grade! A little kindness goes a long way.



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# Classroom News.....

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Stem Activity

St. Agnes first graders put their brains to work to create a plan to build the tallest tower using candy gumdrops and toothpicks. Working in partners, the students were challenged to design a plan then set to work building that design. What great thinkers! As the towers began to form, these budding engineers quickly learned that sometimes our first designs don't work, and we must set to work creating adaptations.

It was impressive to watch them work together to problem solve and come up with potential solutions. We may have future scientists or engineers in the group.



## Developing Our Art Skills

St. Agnes School 4<sup>th</sup> graders are privileged to have the opportunity to further develop their love of art and their skills, when parishioner, Marylin Rahmig comes into their classroom to teach art. The students love her visits and create some fun projects under her leadership. We are grateful to Marylin for sharing her time and talents with our students.



## Mass of Thanksgiving



With grateful hearts, 4<sup>th</sup> grade led the St. Agnes students in a Mass of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Each student was encouraged to bring a canned good to share with the VCNIN group who is currently collecting canned food items to help fill the food pantries in the Valley as well as providing holiday food baskets for needy families. We thank God for our many blessings.

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

<u>Monday, Nov 25</u>	<u>Tuesday, Nov 26</u>	<u>Wednesday, Nov 27</u>	<u>Thursday, Nov 28</u>	<u>Friday, Nov 29</u>
Thanksgiving Meal	Sloppy Joe Baby Carrots Sun Chips Peaches	<b>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>
<b>Helpers:</b> Amanda & Jordan Diedrich Kathy Meza	<b>Helpers:</b> Leanne Wahl Aurora Linz	<b>Helpers:</b>	<b>Helpers:</b>	<b>Helpers:</b>

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



## First Grade Class By Sharon Bird



During the month of November the students have been discussing kindness and gratitude. The book Turkey in Trouble was read. The turkey had a problem. He did not want to be Thanksgiving dinner so the turkey made different disguises. After reading the book we discussed different ideas for disguises. The students were then given a turkey template, asked to make his/her plan for a disguise, and then create the disguise. What wonderful ideas! The art work is on display in the hall.

In math, we just completed our addition unit. We used the number line, ten frames, etc. We are now studying subtraction.

Using listening and following directions skills, a Thanksgiving art project was made. Then the students were assigned a writing project. Each student wrote the directions explaining how this project was made.

Students worked together, to create a tower. Each team was give around 100 pieces of candy and a box of toothpicks. The teams of two met to plan and started work. The students worked well together. The teams were creative problem solvers. This stem project is always such a good learning experience!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!!!



## Fourth Grade Class By Kristie Becker



Fourth grade has been busy learning and creating! One of their favorite things we recently did was create windmills for a science lab. Students were given certain supplies and had to create a spinning windmill. This went along with our energy unit, which we just finished. We ended the unit with a connect four review game that kept them running, moving, and learning!

We have been working on learning new things in religion. We just finished learning about the Beatitudes and how they can be applied to daily life. They also wrote articles on what virtues they would possess as a future saint.

We have been adding fall and Thanksgiving activities into our daily work. Students wrote a piece about why a turkey would be a good pet.

They wrote a "thankful leaf" about why they are thankful for their friends, and will be doing a STEM project of creating a turkey trap!

We also enjoyed a class project of reading a play about Balto, the sled dog who helped deliver medicine to Nome, Alaska. One of the reading groups is also reading a book about this topic! We have created art for the hall, including a fall scene and tipis, that go along with our social studies unit.

