Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Vincent L. Parsons
Pastor

Sr. Vera Meis, C.S.J.
Pastoral Minister

Mass Schedule:
(October - May)
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am
(June - September)
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am
Monday, Tues, Wed, Friday 7 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays one hour prior to
evening Mass or by appointment
(632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism
Please call the Parish Office

You shall love the Lord your God with all your Heart,
with all your Soul, and with all your Mind. And the
second is like this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:37-39
The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whether in Latin or English, today’s prayer is a beautiful one for those that have a devotion to our Blessed Mother…

Salve Regina (Hail, Holy Queen)
Hail, holy Queen, mother of Mercy.
Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping,
in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile, show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet virgin Mary.

This Week’s Readings

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 21:13-22
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

This Week’s Schedule

Monday, November 5, 2018
Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Charles Zack by Eileen Young
Communal Rosary (4:45 pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:10pm)

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Britton Dietrick by Bill Connelly
Tuesday Discussion Group (8:30 am)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:30pm)

Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Daily Mass (8:15)
Intention: Steve McDonnough by Connie McDonnough
Liturgy of the Hours (5:30pm)
Contemplative Prayer Group (6:00pm)

Thursday, November 8, 2018
Daily Mass (9:30 am) at Veteran’s Home
Liturgy of the Hours (5:30pm)

Friday, November 9, 2018
Daily Mass (7:00 am)
Intention: †Jeremy & †David Young by Eileen Young
Liturgy of the Hours (5:30pm)

Saturday, November 10, 2018
Weekend Mass (4:00pm)
Intention: For the Parish

Sunday, November 11, 2018
Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Earl & †Alan Langel by Family
Weekend Mass (10:30am)
Intention: †JoEllen Benavidez by Gene & Mari Schwarzkopf

St. Agnes Catholic Church & School is looking for a part-time groundskeeping person. This job entails mowing the lawn, pruning bushes and flowerbeds. This would also include operating snow removal equipment during the winter to keep all of the walkways and building entrances cleared and safe. Coordinating the maintenance and repairs on the equipment is desirable. Part-time and would require occasional weekend work (as the weather demands). $14 per hour; approximately 5-10 hours weekly.

Interested party should contact Fr. Vince – 308-632-2541.
Important Dates To Remember In 2018

- Nov. 4 Pre-Baptismal Class
- Nov. 13 Young at Heart
- Nov. 16 St. Agnes Premiere
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day

Monday, November 5th topics:
“The Passion and Death of Jesus” and
“The Meaning of Jesus’ Death”
We meet in the Garden Room at 7:00 pm.
All are welcome!

Finance Corner
Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

October 21, 2018

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There will be no 2nd collection for next weekend

The Jesus of Scripture Series
Monday, November 5th topics:
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“The Meaning of Jesus’ Death”
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All are welcome!

November Ministries

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Saturday, 4 pm: Ciborium: Linda Elley;
Chalice: Jeff West; Ann Anderson, Susan Flohr, Deb Hilzer, Alice Nye, Laura West
Sunday 8 am: Ciborium: Tomi Warburton;
Chalice: Nick Reyes, Neal Brady, Michael Calvert, Michael Esselstein, Erika Hackett, David Skiles

GREETERS
Saturday 4 pm: Chad & Kellie Larson (E) Vincent & Vicki Bjorling (N) Sally Sylvester (S)
Sunday 8 am: Mary Skiles (E) Billye Castaneda (N) David Vyain (S)
10:30 am: Lynda Montaque (E) Jeff & Dawne Wolfe (N) Jason & Stephanie Parks (S)

USHERS
Saturday 4 pm: Chuck Elley (Captain), Salvador Franco, Phillip Kelly, Kevin Wagner
Sunday 8 am: James Carney (Captain), Mike Merrigan, Pete Brown, Francis Heumesser
10:30 am: Scott Schiff (Captain), David Schaff, Joe Benson, John Bush

SACRISTANS
Saturday 4 pm: Susan Heitman & Shelley Thomas
Sunday 8 am: David & JoAnn Nash
10:30 am: April Madden

LECTORS
Nov 10 & 17 4pm Krystal Rodriguez
Nov 11 & 18 8am David Nash
Nov 11 & 18 10:30am Mark Loose
Nov 24 4pm Nellene Mailander
Nov 25 8am Margaret Rood
Nov 25 10:30am Cindy Nelson

SERVERS
Nov 10 4pm: Abigail Pieper & Gianna Gonzales
Nov 11 8am: Elena Blanco & McKenna Hackett
10:30am: Jessica Schaff & Laetner Malm
Nov 17 4pm: Osiris Saucedo & Kyle Henderson
Nov 18 8am: Liam Kicken & Yvonne Krelling
10:30am: Logan & Leah Polk
Nov 24 4pm: Marley & Emery Wineman
Nov 25 8am: Jed Zulkoski & Emily Esselstein
10:30am: Emma Marks & Tori Bogus

During the month of November, the Catholic Church honors those who have passed on to eternal life. Here at St. Agnes, you are invited to add the names of your loved ones who have died to The Book of Remembrance located at the front of the church. Your loved ones will be prayed for in a special way.

Journey of Grief
Sunday, November 4, 2018
St. Agnes Garden Room
5-6:30pm
This is a seven session program featuring Doug Manning and is designed to aid the healing process of grief. For more information call Ellen Ramig (631-0811) or Sr. Vera (632-2541)

Pre-Baptism Class
Will be held this Sunday, Nov 4th in the Garden Room at 1pm. Any parents wanting their infant baptized here needs to first take this class, which is held quarterly. Please arrange childcare in your home.

Christmas Choir:
starting this Sunday, November 4th at 5:00 pm. All adults and high school students are invited to join us. For more information, contact Chris Wolf at 641-3779

2018 Diocesan Appeal Sunday
You are one of the 49,000 Catholics in our diocese that spans 42,000 square miles across the northwestern corner of our state. Our 71 parishes are served by 39 active and 26 retired faithful priests; 15 deacons and 5 seminarians. Thank you for your gift to the Diocesan Appeal that will help support all our Priests, Deacons and Seminarians.

“If I wasn’t in seminary, I would still want to grow with God. That is my call to the priesthood.” Chas Canfield, seminarian for the Diocese of Grand Island
What does it mean to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and all your strength and love your neighbor as yourself? (Mark 28:31-32). We need to take care not to allow these words to be hollow in saying them because it is expected of us because we are Christian. These words cannot be limited to just to their recitation without some accompanying reflection in their meaning. Instead, if we are faithful people, we learn to express with every fiber of our being our love of God and our neighbor.

Far too often we partition off our love of God to just within the confines of the church during an hour of Mass exclusive the rest of the week. Outside of Mass our actions, words or thoughts may indicate that we believe that we can isolate God from the sinful aspects of our life. The Triune God, however, is always with us, always present no matter where we go or what we do. The Father does not reside only within the walls of the Church. Jesus is not just that round piece of bread hidden in the tabernacle. The Holy Spirit ventures out into the world more often than just at Pentecost. If we truly love God, as we say, then he needs to be in our mind, soul, and heart constantly throughout our day.

At the summit of expressing our love for God is the act of prayer. St. Paul tells us to “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). This statement may sound unachievable with the madcap world in which we live today. How can we get any schoolwork done if we are continually praying? How can we answer the phone, change a diaper or drive down the road if we have stopped to pray? What St. Paul is trying to indicate is that our whole lives should be a prayer. We should offer all our daily efforts, successes as well as failures to God. These offerings may be a strange way to envision our prayer life, but as we express every part of our lives as a prayer, it is then open ourselves to every aspect of love for God. In addition to prayer, we have an obligation in love of our neighbor through our works of mercy.

The second part of this commandment, to love our neighbor as ourselves. In some ways, this part of the Greatest Commandment may be more difficult to achieve than in our expression of love for God. We can show our love God more easily because he is perfect in every way and his love for us always exists so that we do not face the challenges of rejection. We never know of the number of times that in showing respect for those who are obnoxious or demanding, we have alleviated fear and loneliness. Love for our neighbor with his or her human faults at any instant can intentionally or unintentionally cause havoc in our world. How much different would our value of love of neighbor be if we didn’t look at those with troubled lives just as a dilemma to fix? When we go out of our way to encounter the marginalized and do something more than paying them off to go away, then we start to know what it means to love God. How we treat others becomes a very obvious portrayal of ourselves and a gauge of our relationship with God.

Love for others is a mirror of our love or God. If we fail to express our love to those around us, then we have much work to do learning to love God. It is when we can still love others, even with their faults that bring us on the brink of love for God. God created us in his image and likeness. How can we know God, if we do not look for him in each other? When people stare look into our eyes; can they see God alive in our hearts?

I know your works – your love, faith service, and patient endurance. (Revelation 2:19)
Panhandle Vocations Ministry

November 4th through the 10th is Vocations week. We wanted to make you aware of the Vocations posters in the two main entrances of the church. We are also sharing two prayers we hope you use yourself or as a family. One is for our Priests an one is for religious vocations.

We also want to make you aware of what our group is and does. We are a group of prayer warriors. We pray together and individually for our Priests, Nuns, Religious, Seminarians and for those who may have a calling to a religious vocation. We meet once a month unless we have a special project from September through May usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Garden Room. The months we have projects are December, March and April. We cook for the priests after some of the Reconciliation Services and we have a brunch for the Nuns of the Panhandle in the spring at the Marian House in Alliance. We have the Traveling Chalice project in most of our Panhandle Parishes. We support our Seminarians and do all we can to support and encourage religious vocation in our parishes. If anyone has questions or is interested in joining our group, please talk to Diana Rohrik, or Dave & JoAnn Nash. You can also call 641-2963.

**Prayer for Priests**

God of mercy and holiness, 
hear the anguished cry of your people 
for holy priests to shepherd them. 
Fill their hearts with enlightened zeal, 
that they minister worthily in your presence, 
be faithful to your Church always, and come 
at last to love You with a never-ending love. 
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

**Prayer for Vocations**

God our Father, You made each of us 
to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. 
We ask that you inspire young people 
whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

November 4, 2018

You shall love the LORD, your God, 
with all your heart, 
and with all your soul, 
and with all your strength.

— Deuteronomy 6:5
Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

On the Way to Mass:
What false master have you allowed to rule your heart? What happened?

On the Way Home From Mass:
What would it feel like to love God with your whole heart? What is stopping you?

Living the Word:
A heart divided is never full. Invite each family member to cut out a large heart and write all the things they love on it. Name people, activities, things, and whatever else takes up their time. Cut the heart into pieces, with one item per piece. After mixing up the pieces, put the heart back together. Notice the cracks and how the heart doesn’t hold its shape as well. Now make one big heart for the whole family and write God on it. Paste everyone’s pieces in it. When God hold everything, we can find wholeness again through that love.

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2018-2019

November Schedules

Grade School Formation Sessions
Grades Pre-K - 5th meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the school building.
November: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - No Formation Sessions

18th - First Communion Parent’s Meeting - learning center of the school.

Middle School Formation Sessions
Grades 6th-8th meet Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 p.m. in the school building.
November: 7th, 14th, 21st - No Formation Sessions, 28th

High School (CYM) Formation Sessions
CYM Youth (10th-11th) gather in catechist’s homes & CYM Youth (9th) meet in the Office Basement from 7-8:15 p.m.
November: 7th, 14th, 21st - No Formation Sessions, 28th

11th Grade CYM Youth
CYM & Confirmation Formation Sessions
Nov. 7th 28th - Confirmation formation sessions in the Garden Room
Nov. 14th meet in catechist’s home
21st - No Formation Session

Meet the 2019 Confirmation Candidates

My name is Madison Kicken and I am a junior at Scottsbluff High School. My parents are David and Joan Kicken. I have a brother, Emmett, and a sister, Abby. I am involved in Link Crew, Cheerleading, and HOSA at SHS. I do not work during the school year. My goal for Confirmation is to grow in my faith and understand a deeper meaning of my faith.

Parent Talk:
“The Rosary is boring!” my oldest complained. “It’s the same prayer over and over.” We pray a rosary daily, but it was always a struggle. To my girls—ten and seven years old—it was “Mom’s thing.” I hadn’t taught them what I loved about the prayer.

I ordered simple rosary-making kits for us online. When they arrived, Kara, Tessa, and I put them together one rainy Saturday afternoon and had a mini-lesson about it. Each girl chose different color beads. Kara liked the idea of St. Padre Pio calling his Rosary his “weapon” against temptation; Tessa like the idea of being able to call on Mother Mary whenever she wanted—especially when she was in trouble. Both girls were surprised to learn the Rosary was a prayer about Jesus, through wasn’t just “Mom’s thing” anymore.

Partners in Faith - October 2018
Halloween Carnival 2018

New Parish App Is Available!

At St. Agnes Catholic Church we are pursuing new opportunities to foster a stronger parish life and better engage the New Evangelization. As a part of these efforts we are happy to announce that St. Agnes Catholic Church now has its own app for Apple and Android phones.

Our new app will allow us to send you useful and important messages throughout the week regarding our parish life and events, and allow you to reply to messages or RSVP for events.

So, be sure to download the app after Mass today by visiting myparishapp.com or searching for myparish on your phone’s app store, and stay connected with us all week long.

FORMED, a revolutionary online platform, provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers like Augustin Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, Sophia Institute Press, St. Paul Center, and more! FORMED presents a tremendous opportunity to help the overwhelming majority of Catholics change the way they consume media and develop a daily habit of faith formation and prayer.

This is a free service to all parishioners of St. Agnes. If you haven’t signed up today go to: www.saintagneschurch.formed.org and sign up today!

Thank you!
Wal-Mart, Main Street Market, and Taco Johns for your donations!
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Long ago, people offered sacrifices to God for the forgiveness of sins. But when Jesus died, he was the perfect sacrifice for all time. Now he intercedes for us forever!
The puzzle below contains “all our sin.” There are eight points around the puzzle, each with a word or phrase next to it.

As you connect the points in the following order, say the words for that point. Then go and tell someone this wonderful truth! Connect points 1 to 5, 3 to 7, 2 to 6, and 8 to 4.

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Moses told the people how they must love God (Deuteronomy 6:5). Circle the correct instructions and draw a line through the incorrect instructions.

Copy the circled ones into Moses’ speech balloon.

- With all your heart!
- With half your heart!
- With bits of your heart!
- With part of your soul!
- With none of your soul!
- With all your soul!
- With some of your strength!
- With all your strength!
- With a pinch of your strength!
October Virtuous Students

The October Golden Rule ceremony was held on Tuesday, Oct. 30th. 65 golden rules were awarded to students and staff for their good deeds during the month of October. 3rd Grader Henry Blanco and 5th Graders Ava Kildow and Addison Peck were honored as the Virtuous Students of the month by Grand Knight, David Wolf.
Going Batty
On Thursday, Oct. 25, kindergarten students arrived to find their classroom transformed into a bat cave. Students spent the day working as scientists to learn more about bats. They measured bat wing span, listened to bat sounds, made all about bat booklets and grouped bat words as nouns and verbs. They also enjoyed a bat food experiment. They discovered that working in the dark, while fun, makes things tricky. All enjoyed this great science experience!

Book Fair Totals
The annual Scholastic Book Fair was held the week of Oct. 22-25. A total of $2,392.24 in books was sold. The library will receive 50% of the total amount to be used for purchasing the latest new book releases.
3rd grader, Cooper Dudden, was the winner of the guessing contest. He guessed 1150 cheese balls in the jar that actually held 1261. He received a new book and the jar of cheese balls.

Premiere Video
The St. Agnes Premiere is fast approaching and the final touches are being put on the evening. The school students spent Monday morning, Oct. 29th, creating a video showcasing our amazing school. It will be shown at the event on Nov. 16th. Tickets are still available by contacting Jackie Seymour in the foundation office.

Hot Lunch Menu for November 5th - November 9th, 2018

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1st Grade Class
By Sharon Bird

We are now in the second quarter of school. Time has gone by quickly. We have been very busy. October 22nd-25th Red Ribbon Week was celebrated. Many activities were enjoyed by all. The week was also conference week and the book fair. On October 23rd Mr. Polk spoke to the first graders about the process of writing and getting a book published. He shared the message of *Never Giving Up* with the students.

The first grade participated in the Mass on October 24th.

In religion class, we discussed Adam and Eve, Noah, and Abraham. We also discussed the fact that God promised us a Savior and that we need to trust in God.

The students have started spelling tests on Fridays. Word lists go home on Mondays. Thank you parents for studying with your child.

Math homework is exciting in first grade. The student has his/her parent sign the worksheet and returns it the next day.

We will be doing Thanksgiving plays for our parents in November. Notes will be sent home with the scripts for the students. We will read the Legend of the Five Kernels of Corn. Veterans Day will be discussed beginning November 1st. Activities are planned.

We will be discussing living and nonliving things in science. We will recognize that humans have the same needs as other animals. We are also doing a mini unit “It’s Alive and I Know Why.”

The students continue to work on skills in writing and reading.

4th Grade Class
By Kristie Becker

It’s hard to believe we are into the second quarter already! We have been busy here in fourth grade. We completed one my favorite writing/art projects this month. Students created a painting of a haunted house and then wrote a story that went along with it. For the story, the student had to try to sell the haunted house. They had to take the spooky parts and spin them to positive aspects. If you are in our hallway, come check out the student’s creative work!

In religion, we just finished learning about the rosary and made our own rosaries with Mrs. Calvert. We are getting into multiplication in math and students are excited to begin learning new, bigger concepts. In science, we are deep into the unit on ecosystems and energy. The students recently used old magazines and created food webs as a small science project. In language, we are working on adverbs and have finished the unit on figurative language. Figurative language practice helps the students become more creative writers.

We also enjoy spending time with our Kindergarten reading buddies. We finished our read aloud novel, *Goosebumps: The Phantom of the Auditorium*, and are looking forward to continuing fall and Thanksgiving related activities in our room.