Saint Agnes Catholic Church

April 2, 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

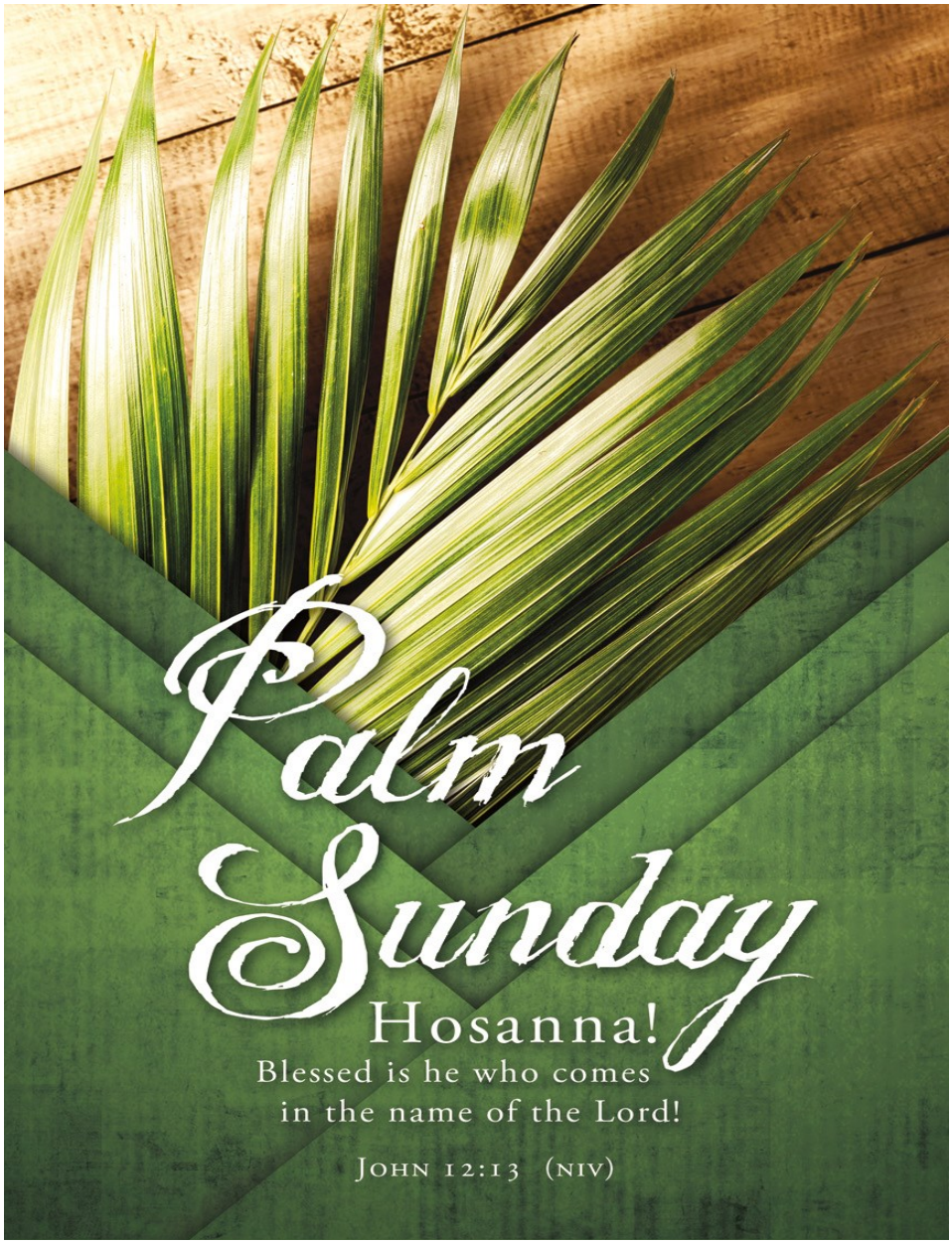
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



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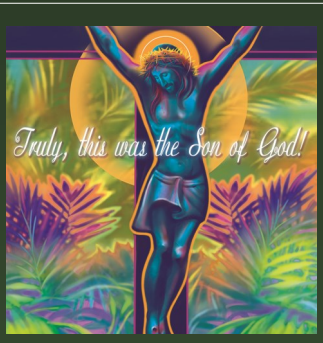
Today's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm:22
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66



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The Passion of The Lord

Making Way for God

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: *And you're not going to do anything about it?*

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." — Matthew 21:5

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 3, 2023
Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Harold & †Wilma Kirchner by The Family of Wilma
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Jack Bussey by The Bussey Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, April 5, 2023
Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family by The Diocese of Grand Island
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023
Mass of The Last Supper (7:00pm)
Intention: †Rick Cantril by Dave & JoAnn Nash
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Good Friday, April 7, 2023
Stations of the Cross (9:00am)
Good Friday Service (Noon)

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023
Easter Vigil Mass (8:00pm)
Intention: For Our Parish

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023
Easter Mass (8:00am)
Intention: Susan Roberts by Dave & JoAnn Nash
Easter Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Rick Hilzer by Deb Hilzer & Family

This Week's Readings

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 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; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20 -22;b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8 -11;g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Server Schedule

Apr 9 8am	David Hafner
	Thomas Esselstein
10:00am	Zade Gurrola
	Noah Sierra

Lector Schedule

Apr 9 8am	David Nash
10:00am	Chuck Schwartz

2023 Holy Week Schedule

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 & 10:00am

Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, April 18th at noon in the St. Agnes Church Garden Room. Please bring a dish to share and join your church family friends for good food and fellowship.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

March 26, 2023

Actual	$3650.45
Online Giving	$1128.50
Budget	$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	$42251.05
VCNIN	$2450.50

March 2023 Totals

Actual	$14577.67
ATW	$7405.00
Online Giving	$3743.50
Budget	$36000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	$10273.83

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

Thank you for your continued giving!

We are doing something new this year to support our families with members in sacramental preparation! 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.

Seventeen students attended the 2023 Confirmation Discernment Retreat on Sunday, March 25th. Please pray for these students as they continue on their journey to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in April.

Our last "**Fish Fry Friday**" of the lent season was another success and we had another good turn out!

This is local Fundraising event by our St. Agnes Catholic Church "**St Fryers Project**" started by the Knights of Columbus. 100% proceeds goes to St Agnes Catholic School.

Thank you for your continuous support of our local projects. And thank you to all Volunteers who made this project very successful.

EXCITING NEWS! Fr. Konka has determined it is time for our new pictorial church directory. Our date(s) for photography will be: May 22nd – 26th and May 30th – June 2nd from 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the Garden Room of St. Agnes.

Our scheduling process has begun! You should have received a letter in the mail this week with the details of having a family portrait taken. There are two ways to schedule a photography appointment, Online or In-Person.

When you choose to schedule your photography appointment **online**, simply go to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, click on the yellow sunburst icon, enter **ne214** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the family Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time.

In-person sign-ups will take place in the Gathering Space of the church following the weekend Masses on **April 15th & 16th or April 22nd & 23rd** where you can schedule your family for their portrait time. We will have volunteers eager to help you after the Masses on the above dates.

Remember, this is a terrific opportunity for a professional portrait in the comfort of our own church.

Schedule your family soon!

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)

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Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
for
The Passion of the Lord
Gospel: *Matthew 21: 1-11*

On the Way to Mass:
Imagine yourself as one of the people in the crowd, spreading your cloak on the road for Jesus' donkey to walk on, and shouting 'Hosanna: to him as he passed. Share what you might be experiencing.

On the Way Home From Mass:
Hundreds of years before Jesus, the prophets wrote about the Messiah's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. What do their words tell us about Jesus?

Living the Word:
This is a fun Scripture passage to reenact. As a family, divide the parts so that as one person narrates the Scripture, the others may act the story out. Get creative and have fun with it!

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2022-2023

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Family Lent Calendar

Sunday - *April 2nd*
Palm Sunday
Palm fronds where a sign of victory and triumph. Decorate the statues and images of Jesus around your home with palms.

Monday - *April 3rd*
Tonight and every night this week, say a special prayer for those entering the Church during the Easter Vigil.

Tuesday - *April 4th*
Go for a walk and look for signs of new life.

Wednesday– *April 5th*
Using crayons or colored markers, drawer Easter symbols. Hang them up to decorate for Easter.

Thursday - *April 6th*
Holy Thursday
Read the story of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:20-30). Wash and dry each other's feet as Jesus washed the feet of hi Apostles.

Friday - *April 7th*
Good Friday
Pray the Stations of the Cross together. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice on the Cross for us.

Saturday– *April 8th*
Holy Saturday
Light a candle and renew your baptismal vows together as a family, promising to be faithful to God.

Partners in Faith-February 2023

Save the Date!

Totus Tuus

July 16th - 21st

TOTUS TUUS

Registration will be opening soon!

Five ways to prepare for Easter joy

Lent is an opportunity to strengthen our family's spiritual life. We start by examining where we are and who we want to become as a family.

Recommitment: Resolve to live as a gospel-centered family and recommit to the Ten Commandments. Encourage reverence for God, modesty and respect for others, integrity in work, gratitude, and respect for others' possessions.

Reconciliation: Jesus said we should reconcile with our brother before coming to worship (Matthew 5:23:24). Commit to frequent Confession and make it a family practice to make amends and to repair relationships with anyone wronged.

Worship: Give your family the powerful grace of the Eucharist. Attend Mass together and encourage prayer and participation from children. Teach them the prayers and the most common hymns sung at your parish. Cue them when to sit, stand, and kneel. Whisper together, "I love you, Jesus," at the elevation of the Body and Blood.

Togetherness: Shared time is an opportunity to share values and faith. When parents invest time – like family meals – to share their faith, children understand that faith is important.

Service: Catholic Charities is active in most dioceses and offers many opportunities for faith-based service. You can also check with your parish, or refer to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops listing here: https://tinyurl.com/2hmk97hk to find a charity that speaks to your hearts.

Partners in Faith- - March 2023

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 02, 2023

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.

The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.

Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.

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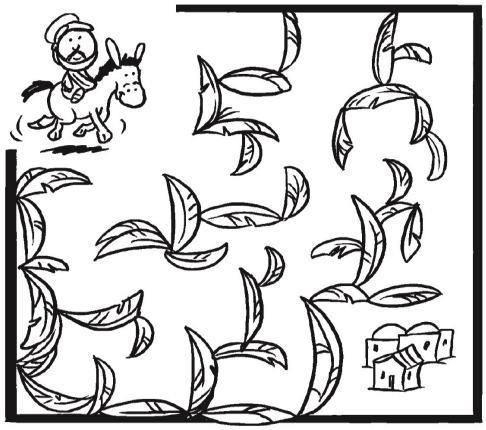
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.



MISSION

Make your own palm branch to wave for Jesus at home. Cut an oval out of green construction paper. Then make cuts toward the middle (but not all the way through) for leaves.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

School Newsletter

Saint Agnes CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Connecting Students and Families through Faith

April 3, 2023

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 5th

Mass @ 8:15 - 1st Grade Leads

Thursday, April 6th

No School

Friday, April 7th

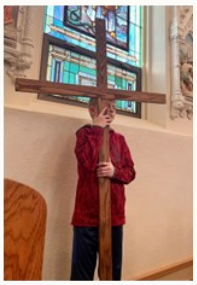
No School

Monday, April 10th

No School

Stations of the Cross

St. Agnes 5th graders, with the help of Mrs. Calvert, presented the Stations of the Cross for the students during our special prayer time being held on Fridays during Lent. The Children's Stations of the Cross helps the students reflect on Jesus' Passion and apply his courage and sacrifice to their own lives. It guides the children to ask for God's strength and forgiveness and to thank Jesus for giving his life for us.



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Classroom News.....

New Balance Bikes

St. Agnes PK students are loving the new balance bikes donated by the Celli family and an anonymous donor to be used in our PE classes and for recess. The students LOVE having relays and just cruising around on these little units. They are a great way to work on balance and prepare for riding a pedal bike. Thanks to our donors for this wonderful gift. The squeals that come along with a good relay race are simply priceless.

Coop Donation

St. Agnes School recently received a $1000 donation from the Panhandle Coop as part of their grocery receipt program. For every $100,000 in receipts saved, the school can receive a $1000 donation. Thanks to all who have been saving receipts on our behalf. We appreciate the support and ask that you continue to save as we work towards our next 100,000. Receipts may be dropped off at the school or placed In the collection baskets at church.

March 2023

100 CLUB WINNERS

$200: Ed/Ann Connelly; **$100**: Jordan/Tiann Colwell, Alex/Rachael Ascherl, Tom/Mary Thompson; **$60**: Adam/Holli Vath; **$50**:Kevin/ Jenny Stansbury, Connie Kirchner, Michael/Terri Calvert, Andrew/Robin Dendinger, Jim Farrenkopf, Beth Friedlein Harvitz, , Hunter/Letizia Kosman

CONGRATULATIONS!

Spring MAPS testing will be taking place April 20-28. We ask that your students be in school, well rested and having had breakfast on these days. This helps ensure their best performance. Please avoid scheduling appointments during these days if at all possible. If an appointment is necessary, please ask the classroom teacher for their designated testing times and try to avoid them. Testing results will be sent home in the final report cards.

Hot Lunch Menu for April 3rd, 2023 - April 7th, 2023

Monday, Apr 3	Tuesday, Apr 4	Wednesday, Apr 5	Thursday, Apr 6	Friday, Apr 7
Chili Cinnamon Roll String Cheese Peaches	Tacos Potatoes Ole' Peas 1/2 Banana	Chicken Strips Scalloped Potatoes Steamed Carrots Pineapple	**NO SCHOOL**	**NO SCHOOL**
Helpers: Andrea Margheim Aurora Linz	**Helpers:** Greg Visage HELP NEEDED	**Helpers:** Ashby Adams Megan Covalt	**Helpers:**	**Helpers:**

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

First Grade Class
By Sharon Bird

We are in the fourth quarter now. It is hard to believe this class will soon be enjoying summer vacation and then second grade.

The first grade students wrote a letter to Mr. Leprechaun asking him to come on Wednesday (the 15th) since we did not have school on Friday. If all wrote a neat letter, the students earned an ice cream party. The students did it and ice cream was enjoyed by all.

Teams discussing plans for a leprechaun trap, laughter, helping others, and problem solving were all part of this assignment. We did not catch the leprechaun, but the students were detectives and found the traps that were hidden and clues the leprechaun had left us. Mrs. Brown came in so the students could share the information with her.

The students have been discussing the Stations of the Cross. I am amazed at the questions they ask. We are watching the Stations of the Cross as part of our religion class. We have also enjoyed listening to Lenten music.

First grade is leading the mass on April 5. The readers are already working on his/her part. Our whole class is giving encouragement and support to them. We listen to them practice in class. This group does work as a team.

Mr. Orlando came to our class and sang for us. We all enjoyed the song.

Please continue to read with your child each evening and to study spelling.

Happy Easter to All!!! Thank you, parents, for all your kindness and support.

Fourth Grade Class
By Kristie Becker

Fourth grade has been busy as usual as we start into our 4th quarter. I mean it when I say this year has flown by!

Students recently created extreme weather posters to end our science unit on Earth's Natural Hazards. We also played a Kahoot review game, which they enjoyed. They completed a lab about hurricanes. Partners had to build houses out of certain, limited materials and be prepared to have their houses feel the stimulation of a hurricane. Our hurricane was water and a fan. Only one house survived the test! They were fun to build and test, though!

Students are happy to get into harder math concepts including averages, 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication and 2 step word problems. We have also been using IXL math to help prep for state testing this spring.

We are working through the 10 Commandments in our religion classes. Students are learning the deeper meaning of the commandments, and not just the words they memorize.

This class loves doing creative activities and we have decorated our hall with bunnies, nonfiction bunny banners, a water color crucifix, and National Park projects.

I look forward to these last months with this special class.