



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 21, 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

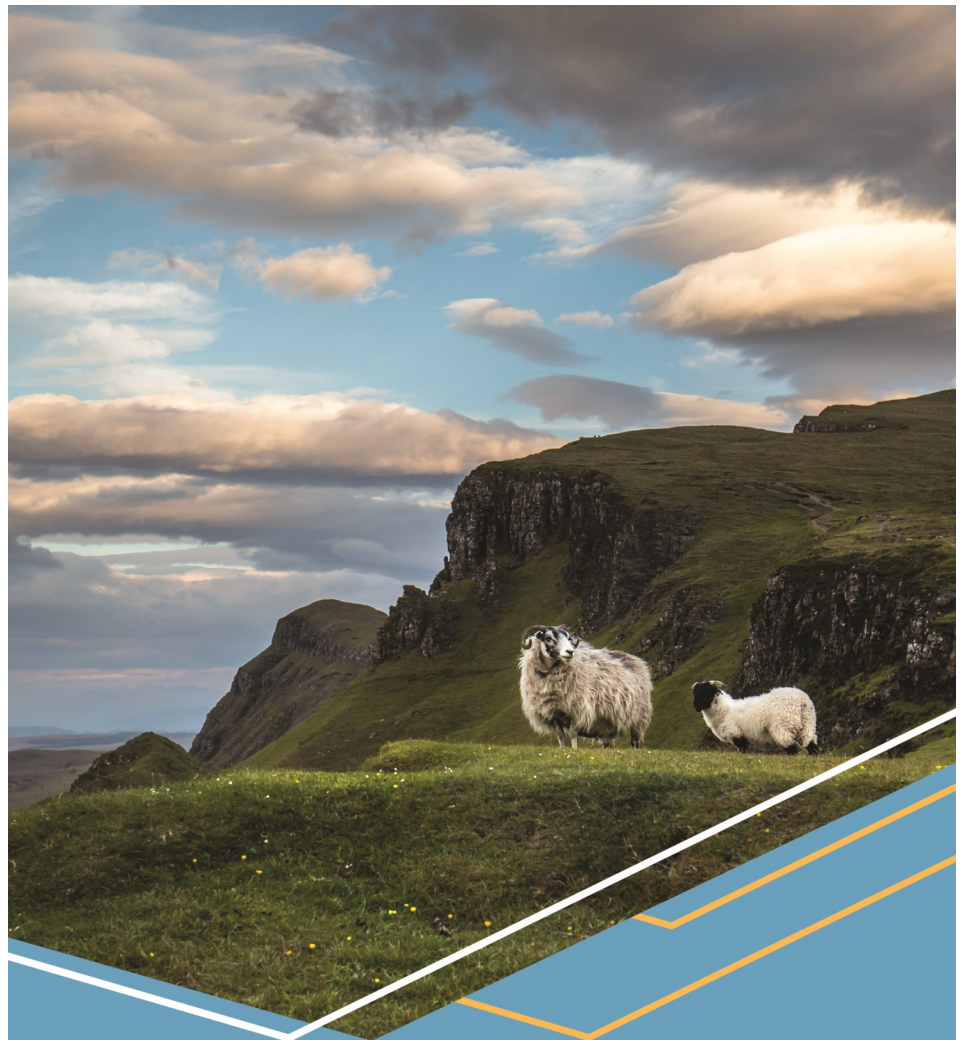
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm:118

First John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. *Why does He keep trying?*

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 22, 2024

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

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: Special Intention by Francis & Mary Heumesser
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Jeff & Michele Housh Family by Linda Thoms
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, April 26, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †James Macken & †James Eugene Macken by The Guadarrama Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: Chris Canseco by Antonio & Rita Tecson

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: Joyce Moeller by Margie Rood

This Week's Readings



Monday	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Server Schedule

Apr 27 5pm	Asher Wilson Easton Hill
Apr 28 8am	Lucas Esselstein NOT FILLED
10:00am	William Seymour Lillian Seymour

Lector Schedule

Apr 27 5pm	St. Agnes School Students
Apr 28 8am	Jordan Colwell
10:00am	Chuck Schwartz

Rosary Leader Schedule

Apr 27 5pm	Ashlee Wilson
Apr 28 8am	Daniel Warburton
10:00am	Jackie Seymour

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

April 14, 2024

Actual	\$4701.71
ATW	\$3970.00
Online Giving	\$670.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$657.79

April 2024 Totals

Actual	\$9028.03
ATW	\$7665.00
Online Giving	\$1660.00
Budget	\$20000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1646.97

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

Thank you for your continued giving!



Congratulations to all the children that received their First Holy Communion on April 14th, 2024!

YOU AND YOUR PARENTS
ARE INVITED

Senior Mass and Breakfast

MAY 12, 2024
MASS - 8:00 AM
BREAKFAST WILL FOLLOW IN THE ST. AGNES GARDEN ROOM

PLEASE RSVP - DRE@ST-AGNES-CHURCH.COM OR 308-635-1362
*PLEASE WEAR YOUR CAP AND GOWN



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.



Knights of Columbus

A friendly reminder: The Knights of Columbus meeting is on **Thursday, April 25th from 7 pm to 7:45 pm**. Socials to follow afterwards from 7:45 pm to 8:30 pm. Thank you.



The Knights of Columbus members were present as Honor Guard for the First Communion Candidates. Congratulations on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



Liturgy Corner

Ministry of Lector

This weekend we recognize all lectors from our parish. Thanking them for their commitment to proclaim the Word of God. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Kathleen Roehl at ministrers@st-agnes-church.com.

What does a Lector do?

Readers or Lectors at Mass, the reader proclaims the assigned Scriptures that precede the Gospel. A person does not need to be an ordained deacon or priest to serve as a reader at Mass. Readers exercise their ministry at the ambo.

After the Opening Prayer or Collect, a reader moves to the ambo for the First Reading. If there is no cantor, the reader may recite or sing the Psalm. This responsorial comes from the Scriptures and may be considered a reading like the others. If there is a Second Reading, another reader may proclaim it. After the homily, especially if there is no deacon, the reader may announce the intercessions.

The entire ministry of the reader takes place during the Liturgy of the Word. A good reader prepares for this ministry. Readers study the assigned Scripture in anticipation of the Mass. They strive to understand its meaning and the reason it was chosen for this celebration. They pray over the words and let themselves be formed by what they read. A good reader becomes familiar with the whole Bible.

The Scriptures become a part of the reader's daily and weekly prayer. The ministry of a reader is most effective when the reader has a devout spirit and the skills of interpretation and proclamation. This ministry takes on deeper significance when readers live their lives in conformity with the word they proclaim. The proclamation of the reading will become a more living interaction if the members of the assembly do not read the text along with but pay full attention to the reader as a person.

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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!!



Attention Students!!

Scholarship Opportunities!

St. Agnes Catholic School Foundation Alumni Futures Scholarship

Applications are available online at catholic-schoolfoundation.com! If you're an alumni of St. Agnes Catholic School, and a graduating high school senior, please consider applying (see our scholarship information online to determine if you meet our application criteria). If you have questions or need to request an electronic version of the application, please email Isabel at imoreno@st-agnes-school.com. We look forward to reading your applications!

Deadline: May 3, 2024

**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
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Gospel: *John 10:11-18*

On the Way to Mass:

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the Good Shepherd. What does a shepherd do? What do sheep need?

On the Way Home From Mass:

The Good Shepherd calls us by name. We listen to his voice so that we can follow him. How far does his voice reach?

Living the Word:

We listen to the Good Shepherd's voice and follow him. One of the ways we listen to his voice is by reading his Word. Spend time this week reading about the love and care of the Shepherd in Psalm 23. This psalm tells us that the Shepherd gives us everything we need, including comfort and courage when we are afraid. Have each member of your family illustrate a line from this psalm. Collect all the images to make a Psalm 23 booklet.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

Find Us On



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How do our children benefit from weekly Mass?

If your family was invited to dinner and you knew Jesus would be there, would you go? Of course you would! You know how blessed your children would be just by being in Jesus' presence. In fact, Jesus is present – in person – at every Mass. Your children are blessed by Him:

Good food. Parents are careful to feed children well so they stay strong and healthy. At Sunday Mass, Jesus gives us the food we need for our souls to stay strong and healthy.

Good practice. God told us to keep holy the Sabbath Day and to observe His laws. Teaching children to obey God's rules is great practice for teaching them to obey ours.

Good listening. When we go to Mass, we hear God's Word. Familiarity with Scripture builds the lifelong skill of listening for God's voice.

Good company. Each of us is needed by our Catholic community. *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"* (Matthew 18:20).

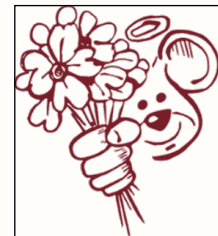


Partners in Faith - April 2024

Thoughtful Moments:

St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany in 1878 to a devout Catholic family, St. Gemma's life was marked by consolation and suffering. Early on, she loved to pray, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. She suffered the loss of half her family to tuberculosis and was prevented from entering the Passionist Order due to her own poor health. She died of tuberculosis at the age of 25.



Religion, front and center
Treat children's religious education classes as the most important education they receive. Make attendance and homework as much a priority as "regular" school. Mastering the content they learn may not get them into college, but it will guarantee their entrance into someplace even more important.

"Truly, the Lord is waiting to be gracious to you, truly, he shall rise to show you mercy; For the Lord is a God of justice: happy are all who wait for him!" (Isaiah 30:18)

Partners in Faith - April 2024



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**Registration
opens: April 1, 2024**

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



Register
here



Kids' Corner



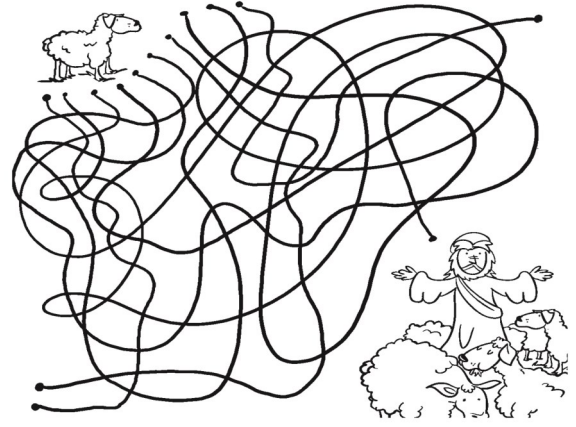
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



PUZZLE

Help this lamb find his way into the sheep pen with Jesus.



MISSION

Learn as much as you can about Jesus, so you can follow him. Read a Bible story with your family every night before bed.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
April 21, 2024



Upcoming Events

Monday, April 22nd

Finish MAP testing

Wednesday, April 24th

Mass @ 8:15 - 1st Gr. leads

Thursday, April 25th

Spring Program - 6:30

Friday, April 26th

Discipleship Friday

Saturday, April 27th

Student led Mass @ 5:00pm

Celebrating 1st Communion

Seventeen St. Agnes 2nd grade students entered into full Communion with our Church community when they received their 1st Holy Communion on Sunday, April 14. Congratulations to: Natalia Alvizar, Drew Becker, Hank Blaylock, Jose Cabrera, Ryker Colwell, Rachel Hafner, Hazel Kosman, Mara Margheim, Margot Merrigan, Noelle Merrigan, Jovian Moreno, Omar Robles, Rose Schiff, James Smith, Jaycee Smith, Kameron Wahl, Beckham Wilson



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Jump Rope for Heart

St. Agnes students took part in a Jump Rope for Heart activity on Thursday, April 11th. Each class spent 45 minutes jumping and going through educational stations to learn more about living a heart-healthy life-style. Mary Skiles provided nutrition education while Michael Wharton helped students learn to use hand-only CPR. Beth Merrigan, and alumni, Addison Peck, assisted students in the various jumping stations. It was an amazing month of learning and having fun that resulted in our school raising a total of \$6,690 to support the American Heart Association. We had 54 students complete the online training for CPR and warning stroke, which is a state record!

When our kids commit to something, they go all in! Thanks to all who helped make our event a huge success!



Career Day

Pre-K and kindergarten students enjoyed participating in a career day held on Tuesday, April 9th. Thirteen parents/grandparents of various occupations came to teach the kids about what they do in their jobs. The students, dressed in the career of their choice, learned about tree climbing, nursing, dental hygiene and law enforcement, potato farming, the jobs of a physician, a doughnut baker, magnet making, raising cattle, engineering and managing the distribution of fuel to the various Coop's in the region. It was a wonderful learning experience for these kids and their 5th grade buddies who guided them through each station. Thanks to the volunteers who helped make this event possible.



Viewing the Eclipse

Last viewed in 2017, another opportunity to view a solar eclipse returned to our area on Monday, April 8th. St. Agnes students, equipped with their special viewing glasses, enjoyed watching this science phenomenon and loved learning more about what was happening by watching informative videos on Scholastic and other sites. It is predicted it will be 2044 before this opportunity arises again. What an amazing learning experience for these kids!



Hot Lunch Menu for April 22nd, 2024 - April 26th, 2024

<u>Monday, April 22</u>	<u>Tuesday, April 23</u>	<u>Wednesday, April 24</u>	<u>Thursday, April 25</u>	<u>Friday, April 26</u>
Ham & Scallop Potatoes Green Beans Peaches	Cheese Pizza Green Salad Corn Grapes	Hamburger Fries Broccoli Pears	Super Nachos w/meat Diced Tomato Black Beans Fruit Cocktail	Fried Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes Carrots Pineapple
Helpers: Kelcie McBride Jordan McBride	Helpers: Chris Gauthier Kristin Gauthier	Helpers: Kelly Beeber Susan Young	Helpers: Amanda Diedrich Jordan Diedrich	Helpers: Charissa Gould Susan Young

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

Pre-K Class By Nicole Boness

Pre-K had Career Day with kindergarten and they loved it. They got to learn how to make donuts, create magnets, and got to pet a baby calf. Mr. Polk also showed them how to climb and cut trees. We had nurses and doctors talk about what they do for our community. The kids enjoyed switching to different stations and learning about the people in our community. We appreciate everyone that volunteered to make that day possible.

The kids also got to experience their first Solar Eclipse, which they did fantastic. They also had their first experience of jump rope for heart. They had a blast in the gym and their favorite part was jumping in the bounce house.

Last, we celebrated Earth Day. We talked about the importance of recycling and what we can recycle. They were very surprised about how items we recycle can be made into something else. We talked about things they can do on Earth Day and day to day things to keep our earth clean. The kids also did a dot painting where they got to paint the earth using q-tips.

In the weeks to come, we will be going to the zoo and practicing for graduation. We will also be learning about plants, butterflies and doing some fun spring activities to end the year. This year has gone by fast, and I have really enjoyed watching these kids grow and learn.



Third Grade Class By Meghan Calvert

Once again, another month has flown by up here in 3rd grade. We have been working hard on mastering our multiplication facts, and division. We have been learning how multiplication facts can help us solve division equations. We are wrapping up this unit and moving on to two-step word problems.

This last month we had our local space ambassador, Jessica Anders, visit our classroom and teach us about the different rovers that have landed on Mars. It was a very informative presentation and afterwards she gave the students NASA goodies that included trading cards, a nebula picture and different stickers. We learned about the solar eclipse in science, and it was such a fun experience and memory to go out as a class and watch it together.

3rd grade has also been working hard this month on creating a living wax museum. The students have been researching historical figures for the last 2 weeks. After they researched their figure, they created a timeline, a trifold poster and a speech. We will present our wax museum on May 2nd and the students are so excited to present their person to family, friends and the school.

In art, we did a fun and unique squeegee project. Each student got to pick their own paint colors and place dots on a white piece of paper where they wanted them. After the paint dots were placed, they took a squeegee and pulled the paint down the page. They all came out so different and fun! We also spent time creating art outside last week. We decided to take chalk and spread the Lord's good news for others to see.

We are officially in our last few weeks of school, and I cannot believe how fast this year went by! It is such a bittersweet moment for me. I am so excited to see what all my current students will accomplish next year when they go to 4th grade, but I am not ready to say goodbye to them yet.

