



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 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

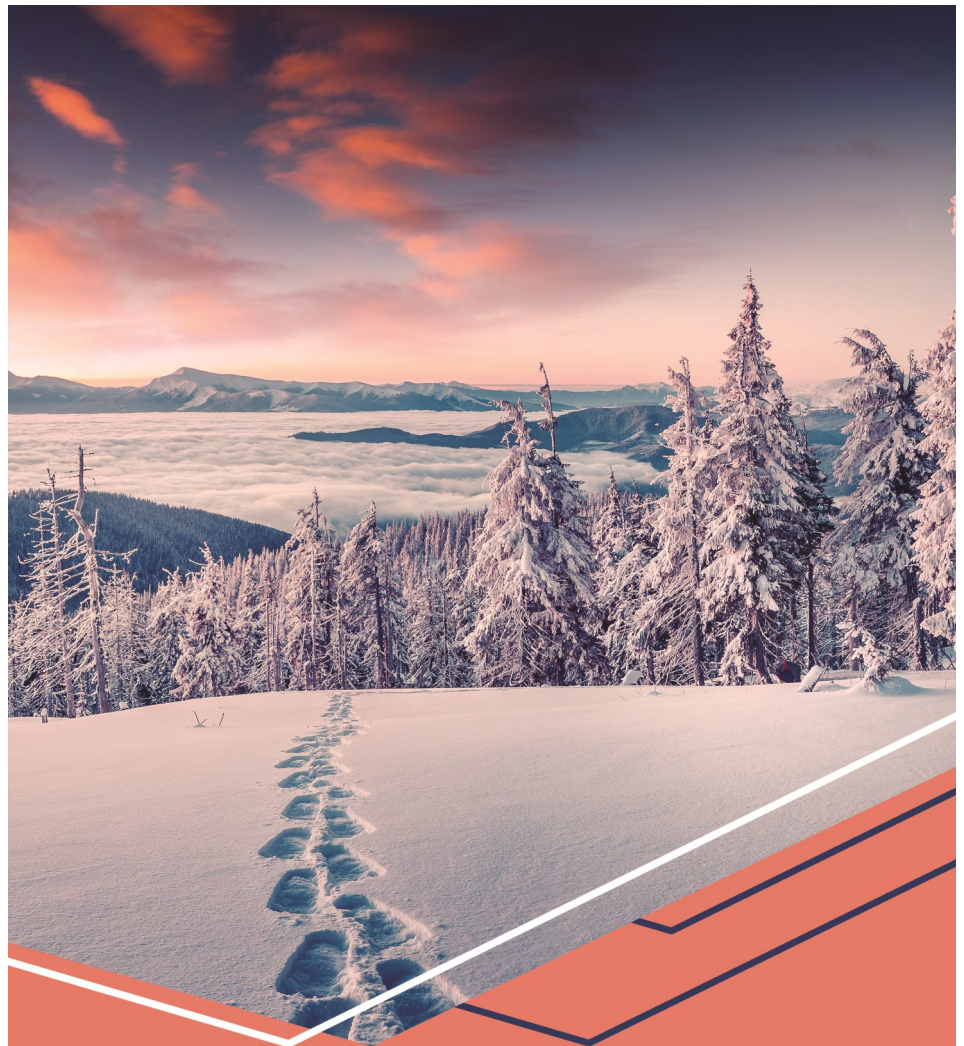
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

First Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Psalm:40

First Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42



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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” — John 1:38

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, January 15, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Scott Paul Corr by St. Agnes Parish
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Joseph Wlaschin by St. Agnes Parish
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Teresa Ann Martin by St. Agnes Parish
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Theresa Helen Rezac by St. Agnes Parish
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, January 19, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Gail Bentz by Margie Rood
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: For Our Parish

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Jeffrey Calvert by Mike & Terri Calvert
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Margaret Ann Pickering by Jeff Pickering

This Week's Readings



Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Server Schedule

Jan 20 5pm Asher Wilson
Solrah Gould

Jan 21 8am Carson Windhorst
Thomas Esselstein

10:00am Alyck Rodriguez
Claire Ascherl

Lector Schedule

Jan 20 5pm Carmen Trevino

Jan 21 8am Toni Warburton

10:00am Mark Loose

Rosary Leader Schedule

Jan 20 5pm Jennifer Hiltgen

Jan 21 8am Addison Peck

10:00am NOT FILLED



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

January 2024 Totals

Actual	\$11486.17
ATW	\$3695.00
Online Giving	\$1712.34
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$6893.51

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

Feast of St. Agnes

January 21, 2024

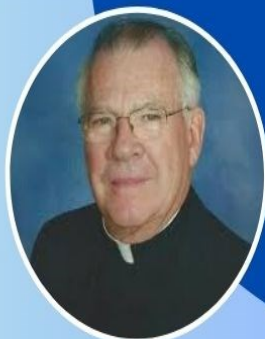
Join together to celebrate our parish patron saint, St. Agnes, on Sunday, January 21st. We will have a carry-in dinner immediately following the 10:00 am mass. The dinner will be held in the church garden room. Please bring a covered dish to share. Drinks, dinner service (plates, cutlery) will be provided.



PERSONAL PRAYER: A DUTY, A PRIVILEGE, AND A CHALLENGE

Join us for an afternoon focused on prayer in the St. Agnes Garden Room.

JANUARY 14TH AT 2:30 PM



Guest Speaker - Fr. Gerald Harr
Retired Priest of the Diocese of Grand Island



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****Due to printing errors in last week's bulletin we are running this page of the financial report again. ****

St. Agnes Church Foundation

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid
Year Ending December, 31 2022 and 2021



	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Revenues Received</u>		
Contribution From Estates	-	-
Donations	-	-
Investment Earnings (Loss)	(17,973)	15,238
Miscellaneous	-	-
TOTAL	<u>(17,973)</u>	<u>15,238</u>

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Expenditures Paid</u>		
Expenditures	603	485
St. Agnes Church Cap. Proj.	-	4,160
TOTAL	<u>603</u>	<u>4,645</u>

Valley Christian Neighbors in Need

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid
Year Ending June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Revenues Received</u>		
Donations Received	28,396	26,648
Interest	6	11
TOTAL	<u>28,402</u>	<u>26,659</u>

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Expenditures Paid</u>		
Food Assistance	-	400
Utilities Assistance	3,525	1,566
Transportation Assistance	116	-
Rent Assistance	2,500	5,580
Emerg. Assist & Spec. Proj.	11,962	4,497
Christmas	7,205	8,522
Medical	1,000	400
Postage and Supplies	-	-
TOTAL	<u>26,308</u>	<u>20,965</u>

St. Agnes Altar Society

Revenues Received and Expenditures Paid
Year Ending June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Revenues Received</u>		
Fundraising Activities	8,186	6,531
Donations	625	200
Interest	15	1
TOTAL	<u>8,826</u>	<u>6,732</u>

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Expenditures Paid</u>		
Food - Hospitality	3,406	1,400
Supplies & Cleaning	867	214
Donations - Parish	8,757	125
TOTAL	<u>13,030</u>	<u>1,739</u>



Knights of Columbus

We had another successful **Monthly Breakfast Buffet** with a total of 149 patrons. What a great turn out! Thank you for your continuous support of our Knights of Columbus projects!



Dear Parishioners of St. Agnes,

I bring you cordial greetings of the New Year from Uganda especially from SACRED HEART SEMINARY MUBENDE.

I take this opportunity to greatly thank you for your continued support in the year 2023. You have greatly contributed to the mission of training young men for the priesthood. May he good Lord continue to reward you all for the noble job well done.

The year 2024 is a special year for our Seminary. We celebrate 40 years since our seminary began. It has produced a number of priests (including me). So many important people in Uganda and outside Uganda have gone through this seminary. Due to those many fruits of our Seminary, we shall take a moment to thank the Lord for guiding and protecting our Seminary. 40 years of existence have not been without challenges, so we thank the Lord for seeing us through the thick and thin so that the mission of this Seminary is accomplished. We ask you to join us in prayer for our seminary.

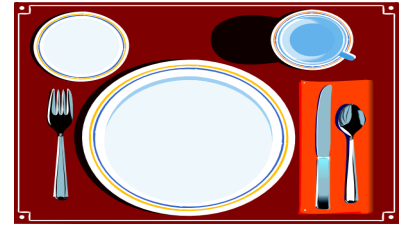
I wish you the best of this new year 2024.

Yours,

Fr. Jude Ssenngendo
Sacred Heart Seminary MUBENDE.

Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, January 16th at noon in the St. Agnes Church Garden Room. Please bring a dish to share and join your church family friends for good food, fellowship.



Catholic Daughter's St. Jude Court 2053 thanks St. Agnes Parishioners for your generosity over the holidays with our Sock/Hat/Glove Drive and Cookie Sale. Both were very successful and we couldn't have done it without all of you! The socks/hats/gloves were gratefully received by people at the Soup Kitchen. Money made from cookie sales will go to many worthwhile causes in our Parish and community.



MARRIAGE GROUP

Will meet on Friday, January 19th from 6:00pm - 9:00pm in the Garden Room of the Church. All married couples are welcome to attend. Please contact Jody Windhorst at 308-631-3904 for information.

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: *John 1:35-42*

On the Way to Mass:

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to two disciples. How can we listen for his voice today? How does he speak to us through his Word and the language of signs at mass? Look for specific gestures at Mass; some gestures are for the priest, other gestures we do as well.

On the Way Home From Mass:

What gestures did you see at Mass? Are there words that accompany any of those gestures? Are there gestures from church that we can do as a family at home?

Living the Word:

Our family is the domestic Church, or the church of the home. We encourage holy habits in the life of our family and perform rituals that help us to follow Jesus. It is important that our children hear the words of the prayers of their parents and vice versa. Invite family members to write a prayer thanking God for your Church of the home and for your parish church. Read your prayers aloud and place them on your prayer table where they can be reread during the week.

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2023-2024

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Meet the Confirmation Candidates



Alexander Fox

My name is Alex Fox. I am currently an 8th grader at Bluffs Middle School. My parents are Dan and Theresa Fox. I have one brother and three sisters. Outside of school I participate in football, basketball, wrestling, and baseball. I also enjoy hanging out with friends, and spending time with my family.

Goals for Confirmation:

One of my goals is to expand my faith, and I would like to become a full member of the church. After I have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, I would like to become more active in the church.



Saturday, January 20th

10:00 AM
In the Church



Why do Catholics call Jesus "Emmanuel"?

"... And his name shall be called *Emman'u-el*' (which means, *God with us*)" (Matthew 1:23). Jesus is God and He came, not just to save us, but also to be with us. In fact, He promised, "*I am with you always*" (Matthew 28:20). Jesus is invisibly but powerfully present with us now in the Church, the Scriptures, the souls of the faithful, the priest celebrating the Sacraments, prayer, and, most especially, in the Eucharist.

God is truly with us.

Partners in Faith - December 2023

Thoughtful Moments:

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
Born at Troyes, France in 1620, St. Marguerite desired early on to become a missionary. A friend introduced her to the mayor of Ville Marie (now Montreal, Canada) and, at his invitation, St. Marguerite traveled to Canada to teach the children of the colony. She was later joined by several women – all consecrated to God and devoted to teaching and Works of Mercy. In 1676, she gained approval for her order, the Congregation of Notre-Dame de Montreal.

Fishers of Men

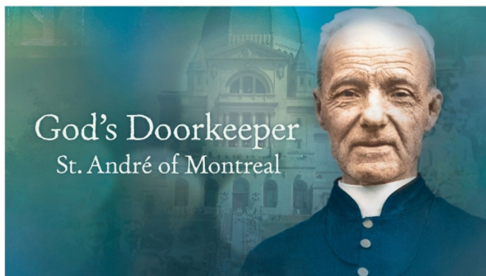
Some of the first apostles were fishermen working in the Sea of Galilee. The fish there were known for their quality and commanded a high price. Next time you eat fresh fish, remember Peter and Simon, James and John, the hard-working fishermen who left their boats to follow Jesus.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Partners in Faith - January 2024

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 14, 2024



God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

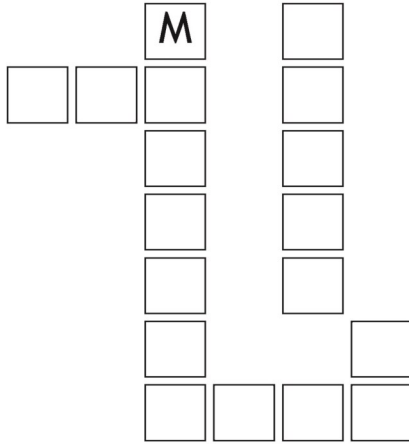
Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

We have found the Messiah.



MISSION

Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.

PUZZLE

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



MISSION

I will tell others about how God has been good to me.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
January 14, 2024



Upcoming Events

Wednesday January 17th

Mass @ 8:15 2nd Grade Leads

Saturday, January 20th

2nd Grade First Reconciliation

@ 10:00am



Celebrating Epiphany

St. Agnes students kicked off the new year by celebrating Epiphany. 5th grade students led the school in the final Progressive Nativity program upon their return on January 9th. The Wisemen were added to the nativity scene and the book "The Three Wisemen" was shared. What a beautiful way to close out the Advent and Christmas celebrations.



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Happy New Year!

A Salute to 2023

As we head into the new year, we take the opportunity to reflect on the many wonderful events, acts of generosity and kindness and learning that took place during 2023. We give thanks to God for our students, staff, families and many benefactors who make St. Agnes School an amazing place to learn and grow in faith and knowledge. Below are some highlights from 2023:

Growing In Our Faith continues to be a top priority for our students. A new religion series, (Blessed Are We), monthly Discipleship Fridays, the opportunity to lead both student and weekend Masses and the privilege to lead a Eucharistic procession allowed us to deepen our faith this year.



Building character and leadership in our students readies them to be quality disciples and leaders of others. Over 1000 golden rules were given out in 2023 for good behavior and deeds done for others. Students were also recognized for their virtuous behavior and their hard work to master the 7 characteristics of a good leader. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring our Virtuous Student of the Month program.



Service to others is a fundamental teaching in our Catholic faith and one we strive to instill in our students. In 2023, we assisted with the following service projects: Horizon Music Festival, Parish Fall Dinner, Guadalupe Soup Kitchen, VCNIN food drive, Knights of Columbus Toys for Tots, Riverstone Bank Tree of Love, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and weekly grounds cleanup of St. Agnes property.



Letting Our Light Shine for others is a challenge we take seriously. In addition to all our service projects, we shared our talents at: Young @ Heart luncheons, Rotary Club noon meeting, Horizon Music Festival, Legacy of the Plains Festival of Lights and the Old West Choir Fest.



Maintaining our facilities is a continued priority to ensure our building lasts into the future. A new commercial garbage disposal was installed in the kitchen and upgrades took place in the gym. The installation of new stage curtains and an amazing new sound system greatly enriched our Christmas program experience.



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

Fundraising and generous benefactors make all that happens at St. Agnes a possibility. We had a record Penny Carnival raising \$48,870, 35000 which came from the sale of raffle tickets. The St. Agnes Fryers donated \$3364 to the school courtesy of their fish fry success. The 2023 Premiere Event raised \$147,000 and our 100 Club has 188 generous members. All of this coupled with numerous other generous benefactors makes it possible for us to provide quality education at a reasonable tuition rate for our families. We are so very blessed!



We are blessed by an amazing and dedicated staff some of whom celebrated milestones in their careers. Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Svitak celebrated 45 & 30 years respectively in education and Mrs. Calvert completed her degree in Early Childhood education, graduating with honors from UNK.



Our St. Agnes School family loves to work, serve and play together. We enjoyed the return of the family picnic during CSW, a literacy night, a movie night at the Midwest Theater and numerous other opportunities to gather as a group and build community.



2023 was an amazing year! We look forward with great anticipation to all that lies before us in 2024.

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

Monday, Jan 15	Tuesday, Jan 16	Wednesday, Jan 17	Thursday, Jan 18	Friday, Jan 19
Chicken Nuggets Broccoli w/ranch French Fries Pears	Chili Wheat Crackers Cinnamon Roll Peaches	Mini Corn Dogs Tator Barrels Carrots w/ranch Fruit Cocktail	Pancakes Scramble Eggs Potato Triangle Orange Wedges	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Peas Grapes
Helpers: Kerry Munoz JoAnn Savala	Helpers: Kristin Schiff Toni Warburton	Helpers: Kristin Schiff Kika	Helpers: Kristin Schiff Bethany Nira	Helpers: Danielle Guerrero HELP NEEDED