



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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



January 15, 2023 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Now I have
seen and
testified that
he is the*

Son of God.

John 1:34

Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. - Photos: © Steve Ball/Fotolia
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1988, 1970, CCD.

2314 Third Avenue, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361
(308)632-2541 Fax: (308)632-2146

Mailing address: PO Box 349, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-0349

Website: www.st-agnes-church.com

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

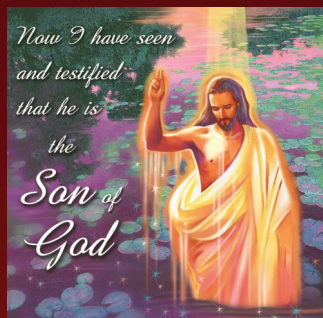
Today's Readings

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Psalm:40

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34



Parish Administration

(308) 632-2541 / (308) 632-2146 (Fax)
office@st-agnes-church.com
www.st-agnes-church.com

Pastor

Rev. Rayappa Konka (ext. 2)
fatherkonka@st-agnes-church.com

Church Office Manager

Theresa Trevino (ext. 3)
office@st-agnes-church.com

Pastoral Minister

Susan Flohr
pastoralcare@st-agnes-church.com

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Terri Calvert (ext.5)
dre@st-agnes-church.com

School Head Teacher

Mrs. Julie Brown (632-6918)
office@st-agnes-school.com

School Office Manager

Teresa Johnson (632-6918)
office@st-agnes-school.com

Prayer Chain Coordinator

Jean Ahrens (308-672-4632)

Music Ministry Director

Jessica Mikoloyck (308-631-6290)
musicministry@st-agnes-church.com

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

LAMB OF GOD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist names Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This name "Lamb of God" is rich in meaning, and can be interpreted in various ways. Form the Old Testament, it evokes the lamb of Passover, linked to God's rescue of the Hebrew people from Egypt. It is also an image of God's faithful servant, as in Isaiah 53 as a "lamb led to slaughter."

We can notice that here Jesus is the Lamb "of God." He is God's own Lamb, belonging to God. Jesus is not a cultic sacrifice to God, or a demand from God. John is presenting a traditional image in a new way. The Lamb "takes away" our sin, both exposing the reality of our sin to us (which we often hide from ourselves), and also forgiving us our sin. This same Lamb is filled with the Holy Spirit, and shares this Spirit to heal our troubled hearts.

Today's first reading is taken from the second of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah. This Song was written around the time that the people of Israel were near release from their exile in Babylon. Israel, and also the author, had been traumatized by their separation from Jerusalem and their seeming abandonment by God.

At this time of great vulnerability and despair, God gives them consolation and affirmation. God gives the exiles a vote of confidence and an expansion of vision. God will heal their hearts, and give them new energy to be "a light to the nations." Their purpose is not just survival, but to be the means by which God will bring the whole world into communion and harmony with God. For us today, when sometimes our parishes and communities face challenges of shrinkage and survival, perhaps God may similarly energize us, and remind us of the dignity and breadth of our mission.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, January 16, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Pam Zacarian by Connie McDonnough
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Dagon & Anthony by Marjorie Kissack
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: Tom E. Montague & Lee Tschacher by Lynda Montague & Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, January 19, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Kevin & Donna Weitzel by Bernadine Overman
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, January 20, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Helen Hanefeldt by Mike & Terri Calvert
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: Elwood Weitzel by Bernadine Overman

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: Songco-Rosete Family by The Songco Family
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish

This Week's Readings



Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40: 7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2 -3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, January 24th 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.



Spirit CATHOLIC RADIO NETWORK Join your Spirit Catholic Radio family for a wonderful evening of faith and friendship! Our 2023 Spirit Celebration Dinner will be held Saturday evening, **February 4, 2023** at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs, IA! This year, our special guest speaker, **Jeff Cavins**, will present on *Life of a Disciple – Taking your Faith to the Next Level*. Reserve your seat by January 20, 2023 for \$50. For more details and ticket purchasing, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/dinner

Server Schedule

Jan 20 5pm Traxton Adams
 Quinten Gould
 Jan 21 8am Tristan Hoelsing
 Yvonne Krieling
 10:00am Camilla Linz
 Nina Polk

Lector Schedule

Jan 20 5pm Ashlee Wilson
 Jan 21 8am Jennifer Hiltgen
 10:00am Mark Loose

Rosary Leader Schedule

Jan 20 5pm Carmen Trevino
 Jan 21 8am Adam & Nicole Hoelsing
 10:00am Kristin Schiff

It's time to Walk for Life! Grab your gloves and walking shoes, and join thousands of Nebraskans for the annual Pro-Life Mass and the Nebraska Walk for Life on January 28th. The Pro-Life Mass will be held at St. Mary's in downtown Lincoln at 9:00 AM, to be celebrated by Archbishop Lucas. Immediately following, the Nebraska Walk for Life begins at 10:00 AM at the North Capitol steps. Bring friends, signs, and your voice to advocate for a culture of life in a Post-Roe Nebraska!

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

January 8, 2023

Actual	\$5708.00
Online Giving	\$1017.50
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$2274.50

January 2023 Totals

Actual	\$9987.00
ATW	\$2475.00
Online Giving	\$1928.00
Budget	\$18000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$3610.00

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

Thank you for your continued giving!



UPCOMING EVENT

The Feast of Saint Agnes

Join us for this very special day that celebrates our patroness, Saint Agnes

The Altar Society is hosting a *brunch themed* carry-in on **Sunday, January 22nd** In the Garden Room following the 10:00 am Mass

Please bring a brunch dish to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided.





The Liturgy Corner

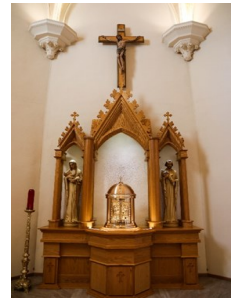
When Entering the Church When entering the church for Mass, Catholics typically perform a series of rituals. They may greet people they see. They cross the threshold that separates the outside world from the church. They may pick up the parish bulletin. They dip their hand in holy water and make the Sign of the Cross. They approach the place where they will sit. They genuflect. They enter the seat, where they may kneel for a few moments, perhaps making the Sign of the Cross again during the genuflection or on taking their place. Many Catholics do all this even if they arrive late for the service. If they have arrived before Mass begins, they may sit for a while and read the materials they picked up on the way in.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says very little about how Catholics should enter the church. Most of these particular rituals have derived from custom rather than law.

Of all these gestures, the instruction makes only some brief comments about the respect shown the altar and the tabernacle. If the tabernacle is in the sanctuary, the ministers genuflect to it at the beginning and the end of Mass, but not during it. "Otherwise, all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament genuflect, unless they are moving in procession" (274). "A bow of the body, that is to say a profound bow, is made to the altar" (275b).

Upon entering the church, Catholics should either genuflect or bow. They genuflect to the tabernacle if it is in the sanctuary. If it is not, they make a bow of the body toward the altar before taking their place.

Liturgical Life of the Parish: Gestures, Postures, and Customs of the Liturgy © 2020 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner. GIRM © 2010, ICEL



ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

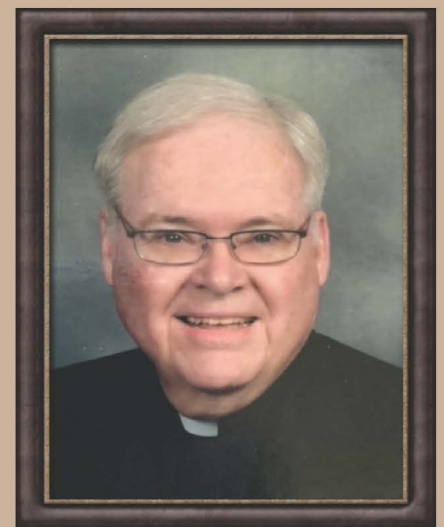
Living the Mystery of Faith

- Spirituality for today's modern Catholic
- Searching for **hope** in a confusing world
- Becoming Eucharistic People

Parish Mission

January 29, 30, 31, 2023

7:00 pm



with
Fr. Charles Torpey



MESSY FAMILY University

Marriage Retreat Hosted
by St. Agnes
Catholic Church
Scottsbluff, NE



Develop your family culture, strengthen your marriage, and transform your parenting.

Mike and Alicia Herson are on a mission to empower families to embrace their sacred calling as parents and spouses, strengthen marriages and families, and provide parenting and marriage resources.

Mike and Alicia Herson, are international speakers and hosts of the [Messy Family Podcast](#) you won't want to miss it!

Details

- March 10 & 11
 - Friday 7 pm - 9pm
 - Saturday 8am - 5pm
- St. Agnes Garden Room
- Scottsbluff, NE
- \$50 per couple
- Meals Provided
- Workbook Provided
- Personal Guidance from Mike and Alicia
- Free Childcare Provided Saturday



Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday for
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
Gospel: John 1:29-34

On the Way to Mass:

Today we hear John the Baptist's words, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." We also hear these words during Mass when the priest is holding the Body of Christ. What does this tell us about the Eucharist if these are the words spoken while lifting up the host?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Who was John the Baptist? What kind of person was he? How can he be a good example to us on how to grow closer to God?

Living the Word:

There are many beautiful artworks of the *Agnus Dei* or "Lamb of God." As a family search online for some of the images and reflect on what you see. What might the image be trying to convey through the symbols used?

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2022-2023

Find Us On

Facebook

Twitter: [st_agnes_church](https://twitter.com/st_agnes_church)

Instagram:

[st.agneschurch](https://www.instagram.com/st.agneschurch)

Parish Website

www.st-agnes-church.com

myParish App

In the App Store on your phone or tablet

Thoughtful Moments:



The Church is family
The Catholic Church is more than just a building or an organization.
The Church is a family we join at Baptism and to which we belong forever. Wherever our children go in their lives, they can always come home. Keep them close to the Church as they grow. Remind them often that every Catholic church is their home, and the parish is their family.

Kindness

In today's busy world, showing kindness to others can make a big impact. Remember how good it felt the last time someone showed you an unexpected kindness?

Look for ways to show kindness, even when it's unexpected.

You can make a difference with a simple act, like holding the door for the person behind you, taking a moment to talk to a lovely stranger, or offering up prayers for people who need them.



"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels" (Hebrews 13:2).

Partners in Faith - January 2023

Meet the Confirmation Candidates



Ayla Ellis

My name is Ayla Ellis. My mom is Betsy Vidlak. I am in the 8th grade. I go to Bluffs Middle School. Outside of school I do extracurricular activities such as dance, and jiu-jitsu. I also play in the orchestra. I have an extended family with 4 step-brothers, and one biological half-brother. I have a stepmom and stepdad. My goals for Confirmation is to grow in my religion and grow in my faith and relationship with God.

Fr. Mike Schmitz is back with ***The Catechism in a Year!*** Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days!

Get the FREE reading plan at ascensiononpress.com and start



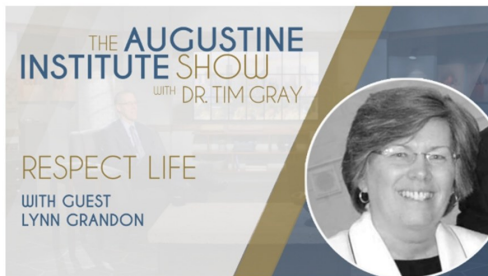
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 15, 2023



Saint Anthony of Egypt

St. Anthony was a saint whose heroic life of humility and prayer inspired many other great Saints, including St. Athanasius and St. Augustine. Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they explore the life of this great saint.



Respect Life The Augustine Institute Show

Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Lynn Grandon on to his show to discuss what it means to respect life. You will leave this conversation with great ideas for how you can get involved in the pro-life movement.




How Do We Live Pro-Life?

The Catholic Church is committed to being pro-life. What does this mean and how are we called to live this out? Join Dr. Ben Akers and Lynn Grandon as they discuss what it means to live pro-life.


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

Kids' Corner




Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 John the Baptist called Jesus the "Lamb of God."
 Try to find this phrase and circle it seven times
 in the word jumble below.
 Look forward, backward, up, down, and across.

L A M B O F L A
 L A M B O F G O D D G O
 A D G
 L L A M B O F G O D O F O F L A M
 B G O L D
 B D O D G F O B M A L O G O D
 L D O G F O B M A L A M B G
 G O L F O G O D
 F O D O G F O B M A L F O
 D G B
 L A M B O F G O D O M L
 L G A
 A D O F L A M B
 L A M B O
 B



"To testify" means to declare that something is true. When he talked about Jesus, John the Baptist said, "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). Look inside the dove shape and use yellow to color the letters that spell TESTIFIED. Remember, when Jesus comes into our lives we can testify to his great love for us!





Connecting Students and Families through Faith
January 15, 2023



Upcoming Events

Wednesday January 18th

Mass @ 8:15

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated Jan 29th - Feb 3rd. Watch for more information on planned activities.



St. Agnes Catholic School
205 E 23rd, Scottsbluff, NE
Ph: 308-632-6918



January 6th marked the 2nd quarter awards ceremony. Thirty-eight 3rd-5th graders were recognized for earning honor roll status which requires a cumulative 90% average or higher with no single average below 85%. They were recognized at a special breakfast held on Tuesday, Jan. 10th. Students include:

- 3rd Grade:** Kaden Blaylock, Zoe Calvert, Owen Engel, Audrey He, Sarah Kader, Matilda Kosman, Malia Linz, Holly Polk, Calliopi Schaff, Courtni Schaff, Ruby Schiff, Logan Smith, John Songco, Wyatt Visage, Mason Warburton, Asher Wilson, Carson Windhorst
- 4th Grade:** Giovanni Alvizar, Claire Ascherl, Easton Becker, Eliana Merrigan, Luna Merrigan, Mila Miller, *Rheanne Owens, Bella Songco, Kensington Suhr, Harper Verbeck
- 5th Grade:** Grant Celli, *Easton Hill, *Sakina Kader, Timothy King, *Jonah Klaas, *Nina Polk, *Emma Saucedo, *Reagan Schiff, *Morgan Smith, *Havynn Urdiales, *Lauren Weitzel



Classroom News.....

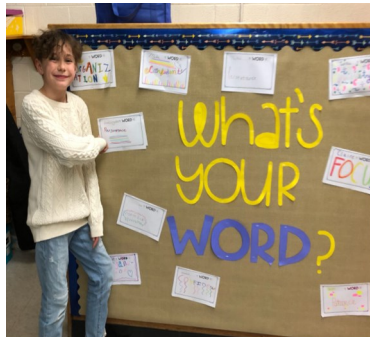
Gift of Dictionaries

The Scottsbluff/Gering Rotarians provided St. Agnes 3rd grade students an early Christmas present-their own dictionary. Rotarian and St. Agnes parent, Ryan Windhorst, visited the students and made the presentation on Friday, Dec. 16th. The excited students will now use the resource in a language arts unit on using the dictionary. Our thanks to the Rotary group who generously makes this donation each year.



Ringin in the New Year

January 4th marked the return to school after the new year. Kindergarteners welcomed the new year with a Happy "Noon" year party that included a balloon drop and a toast to the new year. 4th grade students chose a word to focus on in the new year. Other classes wrote new year's resolutions. All students are ready to let their light shine bright in 2023!



Recognizing our Achievements

The 2nd quarter awards ceremony was held on Friday, Jan 6th. Students in PK-5th grade were recognized for classroom success in the 2nd quarter. Special awards including: Good conduct, Improvement, PE, Library and Music students of the quarter were also given. Congrats to all our students on their wonderful achievements!



Hot Lunch Menu for January 16th, 2023 - January 20th, 2023

<u>Monday, Jan 16</u>	<u>Tuesday, Jan 17</u>	<u>Wednesday, Jan 18</u>	<u>Thursday, Jan 19</u>	<u>Friday, Jan 20</u>
Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes & gravy Steamed Carrots Applesauce Rolls & Margarine	Cheese Pizza Green Salad Corn Grapes	Hamburger on a bun French Fries Green Salad Pears	Super Nachos Tortilla chips, taco meat Black beans, cheese Salsa Potato Circles Apple Slices	Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes & gravy Mixed Vegetables Pineapple Wheat Roll
Helpers: Toni Warburton Tish Kosman	Helpers: Laura Garcia Chase Engel	Helpers: Andrea Margheim Jackie Seymour	Helpers: Andrea Margheim Jackie Seymour	Helpers: Chase Engel Heather Weitzel

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



Third Grade Class By Meghan Calvert



2nd quarter has come and gone in a flash! December was a short but busy month. During the school Advent Journey, 3rd grade got to present Los Posadas to the school. The class had a great time creating props and putting this play on for the school. During the month of December we celebrated Advent by doing a Jesse Tree in our classroom. Each day, a student would place an ornament on our classroom tree and then we would read the Bible scripture to go along with that ornament.

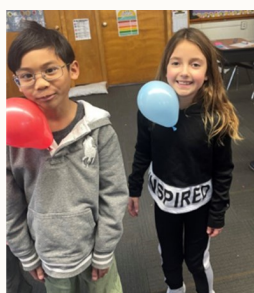
In science, we learned about static electricity. We decided to conduct experiments with balloons and the different surfaces they would stick on after being rubbed on our hair, clothes or floor. The students had so much fun with this and we learned that the balloons would stick to their faces. We then



stuck a balloon to the wall after rubbing it on a student's hair and formed a hypothesis on how long the balloon would stay there. We thought it would only last a couple hours, but it ended up staying on the wall for 24 hours!

Last, we ended December with our Christmas party.

We did a book exchange in the classroom and played a game where the students had to see who could stuff stockings with balloons to make reindeer antlers. This was a blast! 3rd grade would also like to thank the Rotary Club again for donating a Student Dictionary to each student in our classroom!



Library Room News By Lana Payne



HAPPY NEW YEAR! The library is ready to see the students back to school. There are a number of new and exciting books waiting to be checked out!

During the month of January, the library will feature books on Martin Luther King, Jr. in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. February is Black History Month. During the months of January and February African Americans and African American History will be featured. Also featured in January will be: Chinese New Year 2023, the Year of the Rabbit, Winter, Snowmen, Polar animals, Penguins, Hibernation, Winter Sports, and more.

Students who successfully completed their first semester Reading Incentive goals will be looking forward to Family Literacy Night. Information on date and time will be announced soon. Congratulations to all St. Agnes readers! Keep up the great work!



Music Room News By Cori Taedter



We are SO happy to be back at school and getting down to business in the St Agnes music classroom! The kids provided us with a starlit musical celebration of Christ's birth last month, and led us through Advent and into the Christmas season with anticipation and joy. We hope that you had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

All grades have started the semester by singing their way into sharing one special thing about their Christmas break... it has certainly been fun for us to hear of each other's adventures! PK-1st grade students are using streamers for creative dance movements, and are reviewing classroom instruments and learning new rhythmic concepts so that we may progress to pitch lessons this quarter. Grades 2-3 are perfecting their performance of the steady beat and various "New Year" rhythm reading and performance; music math has taken center stage along with time signature/measure review and correct bar line placement in 3rd grade. Watch for pictures of our "Pool Noodle" rhythms in next month's newsletter! 4th grade is anxiously awaiting their unit on instruments of the orchestra and FINALLY beginning their study of the recorder – I'm sure that their tunes will be heard throughout the building within the next few weeks. 5th grade will also be delving into pitch study this quarter, with a special surprise that we'll wait to share next month. We have much to accomplish in music class – and we love every minute!

