



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 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



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms:25

First Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20



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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn't* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, January 22, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †Fr. John Keefe by Connie Kirchner

Communal Rosary (4:45pm)

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: Pro-populo (For the People)

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Paul Edelbrock by Scott & Sharon Bird

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: Seven Sisters Apostolate by Seven Sisters

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, January 26, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)

Intention: Doris Flohr by Bill & Merna Connelly

Sunday, January 28, 2024


Weekend Mass (8:00am)

Intention: For Our Parish

Weekend Mass (10:00am)

Intention: †Sara Hain Arnold by Jerry Arnold

This Week's Readings



Welcome

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:2-2

Server Schedule

Jan 27 5pm Havynn Urdiales
Tea Hill

Jan 28 8am Grant Celli
Tristan Hoelsing
William Seymour
Lillian Seymour

10:00am

Lector Schedule

Jan 27 5pm Diana Rohrick

Jan 28 8am Nicole Hoelsing
Chuck Schwartz


10:00am

Rosary Leader Schedule

Jan 27 5pm Jennifer Hiltgen

Jan 28 8am Toni Warburton
Jackie Seymour

10:00am



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

January 14, 2024


Actual	\$3064.06
ATW	\$3970.00
Online Giving	\$670.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$2295.44

January 2024 Totals

Actual	\$14550.23
ATW	\$7665.00
Online Giving	\$2382.84
Gen. Church Support	\$5000.00
Budget	\$20000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$9598.07

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

Thank you for your continued giving!

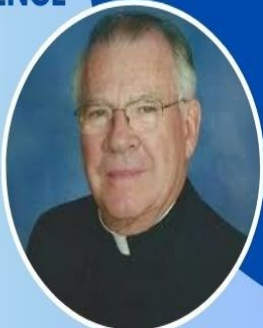


Postponed until Jan. 21st!


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

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

JANUARY 21ST AT 2:30 PM



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



2314 Thrid Ave Scottsbluff, NE

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.



Thank you



Thank you to all of our parishioners and St. Agnes students for ringing bells this year! December 4-7, proved to be very successful as the St. Agnes Bell Ringers raised \$4002.34 for the local Salvation Army. Knowing 90% of this amount stays in the valley to help others less fortunate is a blessing. Kind deeds change lives! I appreciate all of your time and efforts! Happy New Year!

Susan Lessert
Bell Ringing Chairperson

Weekly Bulletins

There are many ways to view the weekly parish bulletin! You can find it online at the St. Agnes website, on My Parish App, or you can contact the office at 308-632-2541 to get put on an email list and have it emailed right to you!

ONE ROSE, ONE LIFE

The second collection for the weekend of February 10th & 11th will be for the One Rose, One Life Campaign that is organized by the Knights of Columbus. This campaign supports the Culture of Life organizations & events throughout Nebraska.

PRO LIFE

"The biggest pro-life demonstration in Nebraska is coming up on January 27th. Mark your calendars for the Pro-Life Mass and Nebraska Walk for Life on Saturday, January 27th! Join Archbishop Lucas and Monsignor Fucinaro for the Pro-Life Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lincoln at 9 AM hosted by the Nebraska Catholic Conference, immediately followed by the Nebraska Walk for Life at 10 AM at the State Capitol, sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life.

BOY SCOUTING SUNDAY



Scout Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 11th at the 8:00am mass. All scouts are encouraged to attend and wear your uniform.

WOMEN AT WELL

Lenten Encounter Event

Virtual Guest Speaker:

Sarah Swafford

“Emotional Virtue for a Drama Free Life”



Sunday, February 18th
5:30PM Social
6:00PM Event
7:00PM Adoration+Confessions

Hosted at: St Agnes Catholic Church





Knights of Columbus

What: **Knights of Columbus - Casino Night**

When: **February 10, Saturday, 5 to 9 pm**

Where: **K of C Hall - 1719 1st Ave.**

How: **Contact Rick Forsstrom @308-641-3019 to Get a Ticket, and/or Donate Prizes and/or Donate Live Auction Items.**

Thank you for your continuous support of our local Knights of Columbus projects.

Reminder - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting - **January 25th, Thursday from 7 pm to 7:45pm.**

Socials at 7:45 pm to 8:15 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fish Fry Dates -

February 16th, March 8th, and March 22nd.

Service will begin again at 5:00 pm, and we will end at 7:00pm in the school gym.

Fr. Arul Innaiah serves as the parish priest for St. John the Baptist in Crawford, NE and the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Harrison, NE.

Fr. Arul suffers from chronic kidney disease and receives dialysis three times a week at the Chadron Community Hospital.

The only treatment for severe kidney disease is a kidney transplant. After several evaluation appointments with the Avera-McKenna Transplant Institute in Sioux Falls, SD, Father Arul has officially been placed on their Kidney Transplant Waiting List.

He is now eligible to receive a kidney transplant from either a deceased donor, which may take several years, or from a living donor. Kidneys from living donors can decrease waiting time to months, increase life expectancy, and function longer. Living donors can donate a kidney because we each only need one kidney to live.

Father Arul is hoping to receive a kidney from a living donor for the increased health benefits, and so that he can once again travel back to India to visit his family. He has not been able to go home since he started dialysis, two years ago.

If you are interested in the possibility of becoming a living donor and would like more information, please contact Jill Balcom, (308) 665-5175, parishioner of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Harrison, NE.

Bishop Hanefeldt to hold Synodal Listening Sessions

Following upon the October 2023 gathering for the Synod in Rome, the Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops has asked diocesan bishops to hold 2-3 listening sessions regarding two "guiding questions" from the Synod. Bishop Hanefeldt has scheduled two listening sessions and is inviting all Catholics, including those who may be inactive in the practice of the faith, to attend and share their perspective.

Listening sessions will be held on **Tuesday, January 30**, from 7:00-8:30pm at Christ the King Church in Gering, and on **Tuesday, February 6**, from 7:00-8:30PM at Resurrection Church in Grand Island. Please join us if your schedule permits.

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The guiding questions upon which you are encouraged to reflect are these:

Where have I seen or experienced successes – and distresses – within the Church’s structure(s)/organization/ leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?

How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ.

CATHOLICS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Grand Island Diocese

ARE YOU *searching* FOR SOMETHING TO HELP YOU GROW IN YOUR FAITH?

ARE YOU *looking* TO REVITALIZE YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE?

ARE YOU *seeking* A WAY TO STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?

Join us

for a three-day weekend where you will experience how God's grace works within you and how you can share this grace with others. Talks presented by clergy and laity, fellowship with others, and prayer through song and word, will inspire, educate, and motivate. Held at Comeca Camp & Retreat Center in Cozad, this Friday evening through Sunday evening experience is sure to be a memorable one full of insight, growth, and perhaps a few laughs along the way!

**WOMEN'S WEEKEND:
MARCH 8-10, 2024**
**MEN'S WEEKEND:
MARCH 22-24, 2024**

Scan to register today!



Religious Education Program

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Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: *Mark 1:14-20*

On the Way to Mass:

If Jesus were to ask us today to leave everything behind and follow him, how might we respond?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Simon, Andrew, James, and John all gave up their careers as fishermen to follow Jesus. What helps us to be able to follow Jesus?

Living the Word:

The fishermen in today's Gospel left everything to follow Jesus and became "fishers of men." As disciples of Jesus, they were called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. From Mass, we too are sent out to proclaim the Good News. What story about Jesus would you share? Pick a time this week to share your stories with one another. Either read the story from the Bible and tell why that is your favorite or write it in your own words or draw a scene from the story to share with your family.

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2023-2024

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Meet the Confirmation Candidates



Trenton Gion

My name is Trenton Gion and I am in the 8th grade at Bluffs Middle School. My parents are Jeff and Lisa. I have an older sister, Allyson, who is a nurse, and an older brother, Ethan, who is in college studying to become a teacher. I play the trumpet in band and a jazz band, I play soccer, and I run cross country.

Goal for Confirmation: My goals for Confirmation are to spend time learning more about the Church and my faith with my sponsor, my grandpa Larry Gion. After I receive the Sacrament of Confirmation I would like to help with religious education or in another area of the Church where I can help others.



Sacrament of Confirmation

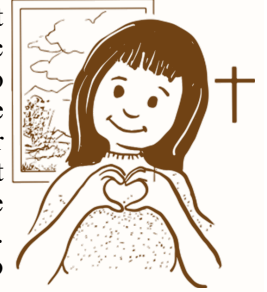
April 7th @ 10AM

First Holy Communion

April 14th @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Shape children's hearts with virtues

A key element of Catholic parenting is to shape the hearts of our children, not just manage their behavior. One way to shape a child's heart is to offer opportunities to grow in virtue:



Modesty: "Modesty protects the intimate center of a person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), #2521). Modesty awakens in youngsters a respect for the human person. Teach them to dress, speak, and take in entertainment that is wholesome, uplifting, and respectful of themselves and others.

Faithfulness: When children see that their parents are faithful to one another, for example, they intuit that faithfulness or fidelity means to act in a way that honors a commitment. Children may not always hear what we say, but they are influenced by what they see us do.

Meekness: Meekness is not timidity. It fuels self-control. St. Thomas Aquinas cautioned against expressing physical anger because it makes anger oversized. Guide and model how to use meekness to manage anger. Meekness will help prevent evil from ruling actions.

Charity: "If I...have not love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). Charity is giving love without an expectation of receiving in return. Teach children to put others' needs first. They will find that as they grow in charity, they will be happier and more joy-filled.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 21, 2024



Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



The Conversion of Saint Paul

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.

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Kids' Corner



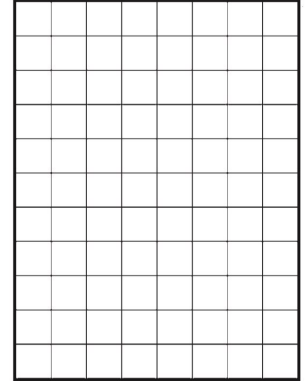
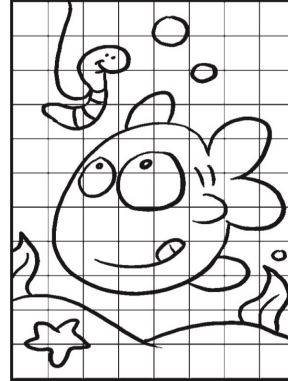
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MISSION

Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
January 21, 2024



Upcoming Events

Wednesday January 24th

Mass @ 8:15

Friday, January 26th

Penny Carnival Kick-off

Sunday, January 28th

Student led Mass - 10:00am
(Kicking off CSW)

December 2023

100 CLUB WINNERS

\$200: Mike/Terri Calvert; **\$100:** Francis/Mary Heumesser, Redo/Staci Celli, Travis/Charissa Gould; **\$50:** Pete Brown, Jeff/Dawne Wolfe, KJ Hafer, Steve/Janice Hamburger, Jim Kozal, Jeff/Bridget Peck, David/JoAnn Nash, Adam/Holi Vath; **\$40:** Jim Farenkopf

CONGRATULATIONS!

December Virtuous Students



January 11th marked the day for honoring December golden rule recipients and the Virtuous Students of the month. On hand to make the presentation to Arabella Gurrola (1st), Kensington Suhr (5th) and Aden Munoz (5th) was Grand Knight John Songco and dads Zach Suhr and Anthony Gurrola. Congratulations to these students.

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Classroom News.....

The 2nd quarter awards ceremony was held on Friday, January 12th. Students in PK -5th grade were recognized for academic achievements in the 2nd quarter of the year. Awards include: classroom certificates, good conduct, improvement, library, PE and music students of quarter, scholastic gold and scholastic silver. We are extremely proud of ALL of our students for their hard work and amazing progress in the first semester. Thanks to the HSA for providing doughnuts to help us celebrate.



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

Monday, Jan 22

Chicken Nuggets
Broccoli w/ranch
French Fries
Pears

Helpers:

Kerry Munoz
JoAnn Savala

Tuesday, Jan 23

Chili
Wheat Crackers
Cinnamon Roll
Peaches

Helpers:

Kristin Schiff
Toni Warburton

Wednesday, Jan 24

Mini Corn Dogs
Tator Barrels
Carrots w/ranch
Fruit Cocktail

Helpers:

Kristin Schiff
Kika

Thursday, Jan 25

Pancakes
Scramble Eggs
Potato Triangle
Orange Wedges

Helpers:

Kristin Schiff
Bethany Nira

Friday, Jan 26

Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Peas
Grapes

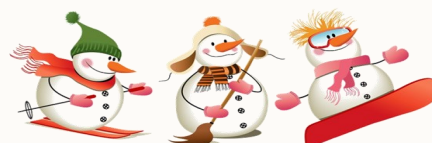
Helpers:

Danielle Guerrero
HELP NEEDED

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



Second Grade Class By Lori Svitak



What does a person do on a snow day? They write a bulletin piece! I hope you all stayed warm this past week as the frigid temperatures blast on through!

We have hit the pavement running or sliding into January! We spent some time in math reviewing the concepts that we learned before Christmas break. We continue to work on different ways to solve story problems. We are taking apart the problems to better understand what it is asking us to do. The unit test is coming up soon.

In social studies, we are learning about consumers, producers, wants, needs, opportunity costs, and budgets. This is a bit of an eye-opener to the children that there is a limit to what you can spend. We also talk about using cash versus credit or debit cards.

In religion, we are preparing for First Reconciliation. This will be held this weekend. We are reviewing the steps and prayers. Please pray for the students receiving this sacrament.

In reading, we are on review week. This gives us time to dive deeper into the skills learned during the last 5 weeks. It also allows time to talk about Martin Luther King Jr., poetry, and polar animals, hibernation, and the Arctic regions. It combines reading with science.

Happy Birthday to Hank Blaylock.



Fifth Grade Class By Lynsey Ayers



Hello Everyone! Welcome to the second semester of the year! It is so amazing how fast the year has gone by! The fifth graders have come back from break taking off running! I am so proud of their enthusiasm for this semester.

We are starting out all fresh in all of our subjects. We are officially beginning Unit three in spelling and vocabulary.

In math, we are beginning Unit 6 which is all about multiplying decimals. In science, we are learning about how humans have affected the earth and its spheres, and in social studies, we will be focusing more on the settlements that were first created in the New Americas.

5th grade had the privilege to lead the school's Epiphany celebration when we returned after Christmas break. We will be spending the 3rd quarter religion in the Family Life series which focuses on God's gifts of family, self, life, love and community.

We are very excited for all of the new information that we will be learning this quarter!

