



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 22, 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



## 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21



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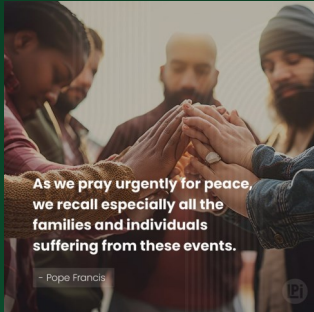
## Today's Readings

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm: 96

First Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21



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## The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Tax of Caesar

Too often, I confuse this world with the next.

Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte aren't solutions. Heaven forbid! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. *This world.*

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. *For when I have time, I tell myself. For when I am ready.*

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

*"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not."* — Isaiah 45:4

*Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, October 23, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family  
by The Diocese of Grand Island  
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Terri Martin by Rod & Ellen  
Ramig  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Christine Barajas by Pam Lind & Family  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### Thursday, October 26, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Robin Earles by Jeanne Wylie  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### Friday, October 27, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family  
by The Diocese of Grand Island  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### Saturday, October 28, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: †Cardina Martin by Gene & Mari  
Schwarzkopf

### Sunday, October 29, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: †Janet Trautman by The  
Windhorst Family  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish

## This Week's Readings



Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21  
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38  
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48  
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53  
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59  
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16  
 Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1

## Server Schedule

Oct 28 5pm Caylie Garcia  
 Tea Hill  
 Oct 29 8am Isabella Songco  
 Anna Hafner  
 10:00am William Seymour  
 Lillian Seymour

## Lector Schedule

Oct 28 5pm Carmen Trevino  
 Oct 29 8am David Nash  
 10:00am Chris Burbach

## Rosary Leader Schedule

Oct 28 5pm Ellen Ramig  
 Oct 29 8am Claire Songco  
 10:00am Jackie Seymour



## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### October 15, 2023

Actual	\$5660.93
ATW	\$3970.00
Online Giving	\$998.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$629.43
Haiti/Uganda	

#### October 2023 Totals

Actual	\$16153.92
ATW	\$6465.00
Online Giving	\$3739.04
Gen. Church Support	\$5000.00
Budget	\$30000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1357.96

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

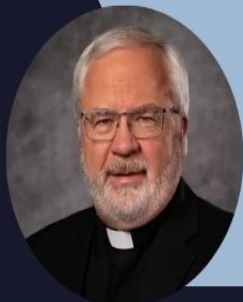
Eucharistic Revival  
 Parish Year 2023-2024

# SAVE THE DATES!

OCTOBER 22ND & 23RD

7:00 PM

St. Agnes Garden Room



Sunday, October 22nd

“A Pilgrimage Through the Order of the Mass”

Monday, October 23rd

“The Lectionary and the Roman Missal Together”

Fr. Joe Hannappel  
 Pastor of St. James Parish in Kearney

Wednesday  
 November 1st is  
 All Saints Day,  
 and Thursday,  
 November 2nd  
 is All Soul's Day



#### Mass times:

Wednesday, November 1st

7:00am, Noon, 7:00pm

Thursday, November 2nd

7:00am

St John Paul II  
 Feast Day, October 22




# Fundraiser

St Agnes Catholic School will receive 50% of every car wash purchased.

**GRAB A GRAPH-X4 CAR WASH AT TIDAL WAVE AUTO SPA FOR ONLY**

# \$20

A \$30 Value!

**VISIT THIS LINK**


[https://www.fundraiser.vip/tickets/purchase/2023\\_stagnes](https://www.fundraiser.vip/tickets/purchase/2023_stagnes)

**Or Scan This Code!**




Use your phone's camera

**Good at any Tidal Wave Auto Spa in the country!  
We appreciate your support!  
Fundraiser ends on 12/31/2023**



St. Agnes Premiere is fast approaching! The event will be held on Friday, November 17. The school foundation needs many volunteers to set up, work at, and clean up the event. Would you like to help? Please visit the sign up form at:


<https://bit.ly/PremiereVolunteers2023> .

Thank you for your support of this important event!

**Please save "Best Choice" bar codes!**

The DCCW continues to collect bar codes from "Best Choice" products. The bar codes are turned in for cash and the money is given to help with ongoing clean drinking water projects in Haiti. Please save codes and put in an envelope marked "bar codes" and drop in donation boxes.

Thank you !



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## The Journey of Grief

**Sundays**  
Oct. 15, 29  
Nov. 5, 12, 19 & Dec. 3

**5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**  
**St Agnes Church**  
2314 Third Avenue  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
(Come in the South Door—Proceed to Garden Level)

**Everyone is Welcome**

**Contact:**  
Ellen Ramig at 308-631-0811  
Stephanie Upp at 308-631-0645

The Journey of Grief is a six session program designed to aid the healing process of grief. Meetings will include information and discussion.

The video topics are:

- The Journey of Grief
- The Definition of Grief
- The Dimensions of Grief
- The Needs of Grief
- The Ceremonies of Grief
- The Normal Reactions of Grief
- The Significance of Grief





# Knights of Columbus



**Knights Of Columbus in Action!** Members of the Knights of Columbus from our local Council and family members were handing out Tootsie Rolls over the weekend.

We had a sales record for this 2023 year in our Tootsie Roll drive!

Thank you to all who donated and to the companies that purchased boxes to support our project. And most of all, thank you to all who volunteered for this project. Special thanks to Brian Murdock for leading this project.

For the past 4 years, we have donated about **\$45,000.00** to Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy and Camp Scott because of this project alone.

We just love this project. Families helping families!  
#intellectualdisabilities

Members of the Knights of Columbus from our local Council were at the City Hall of Scottsbluff along with the City Manager and Chief of Police - **Kevin Spencer** and with our Mayor - **Jeanne McKerrigan**.

Along in the picture is our very own **Dr. Jordan Colwell** who is the current Vice Mayor, and also a member of the Knights Of Columbus and our current Treasurer;

**Dick Lessert** who is our Honorary member and **John Navarro Song co** - our current Grand Knight for our local council for the signing of the Proclamation.

The Proclamation was started by our **Governor Jim Pillen** of our great State of Nebraska. Local Officials and City Managers have followed and joined the bandwagon as well - to promote and support the individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. The Knights of Columbus are very supportive of this project. Locally, we have supported to Camp Scott and Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy for several years.



**\*\*Reminder - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting - October 26th, Thursday from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm. Socials at 7:45 pm to 8:15 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.**



# Trunk or Treat

Everyone is welcome to bring their cars to give candies to children. All kids are welcome. Saturday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 6- 8pm, Contact Steve Viessman (308) 631-3615

**At the St. Agnes Parking Lot!!**

## Religious Education Program

Email—[dre@st-agnes-church.com](mailto:dre@st-agnes-church.com)

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Twenty-ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

**Gospel:** *Matthew 22:15-21*

### **On the Way to Mass:**

Ask your children to think about the following questions: “What is God asking me to give to him today? What do we offer to him at Mass?”

### **On the Way Home From Mass:**

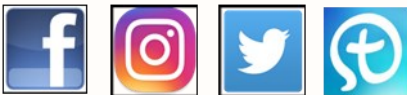
Jesus tells the Pharisees to “repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” What do you think is means to belong to God?

### **Living the Word:**

Prayer is an important way that we give to God what is God’s. In prayer, we give God our hearts. Make an inventory of all the times and ways we pray during the day. As a family discuss how you can spend more time with God in prayer. Are there new times that you could incorporate prayer into your life together? Are there new ways of praying you want to explore? Add one time or one new way of praying to your life this week.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families  
2023-2024*

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*In the App Store on your phone or  
tablet*



### **The family that prays together...**

Praying together as a family is a source of spiritual strength,

protection, nourishment, and much-needed grace for families. Use these tips to strengthen a family prayer habit in your home:

#### **Set reasonable expectations:**

Based on children’s ages and abilities, develop a mix of formula prayer, Scripture reading, and spontaneous prayer that will make up your family prayer routine.

**Practice:** Prayer is a conversation. Teach children how to have a warm, sharing, prayerful conversation with God. Demonstrate how it can be done.

**Be consistent:** Meet in the same place and same time every day for a specific amount of time. Children will learn that regular prayer is a priority and a vital habit.

**Be generous:** Allow each member to choose an intention – someone or something for which to pray. That way, prayer becomes even more personal.

**Keep it simple:** God wants to encounter our hearts with His grace. If family prayer is as simple as offering intentions before a Crucifix and closing with a hymn of praise, that’s good prayer

*Partners in Faith-October 2023*

### **Parent Talk:**

Tessa wanted to be Maleficent for Halloween - a strong female character who used powerful magic to subjugate a kingdom. Glamorous but horrible. I wasn’t thrilled with my daughter imitating a villainess who cursed a kingdom.

“You know, saints have amazing powers, too,” I said. “St. Padre Pio read souls and St. Clare of Assisi turned away an army attacking her monastery.”



Tessa thought for a few minutes. “Did St. Clare do that all by herself?” she asked.

“As an answer to prayer,” I said. “She put the Eucharist in a monstrance on the convent walls and prayed for protection. The attackers fled.”

“I’ll be St. Clare,” Tessa decided. “Faith was her super power. Courage, too.” On Halloween, Tessa wore a brown tunic with a rope belt and a black veil. We made a monstrance out of pipe cleaners, glitter, and aluminum foil. And there was no sign of Maleficent!

*Partners in Faith-October 2023*



**Saturday,  
Oct. 28th,  
6-8 pm**

*St. Agnes Parking Lot*

Everyone is welcome to bring their cars to give candy to the children. All children are welcome! *Hosted by the Knights of Columbus*

# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of October 22, 2023



### Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



### Slaves and Kings: The Story of St. Anthony Mary Clare (English Audio)

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



### Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism

This powerful documentary captures how spiritual power can triumph over violence and oppression. Get a new glimpse of history through this film as you learn about John Paul II's intricate role in the collapse of communism.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Find the right shadow.

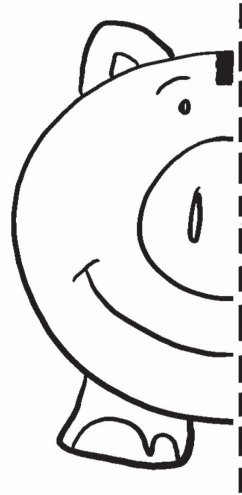


## MISSION

I will remember to obey the laws of my God and my country.

## PUZZLE

Complete the picture of the piggy bank.



## MISSION

Take care of God's world. Together as a family, clean up trash that's lying around in your neighborhood.





Connecting Students and Families through Faith  
October 22, 2023



## Upcoming Events

### Monday, October 23rd

Quarterly Awards - 8:20  
Book Fair opens - 3:30 - 4:00 daily &  
P/T Conference Nights  
Red Ribbon Week

### Tuesday, October 24th

P/T Conferences 5:00 - 9:00

### Wednesday, October 25th

Mass @ 8:15

### Thursday, October 26th

P/T Conferences 5:00 - 9:00

### Friday, October 27th

NO SCHOOL

## Serving the Hungry

St. Agnes student council members will be assisting monthly at the Guadalupe soup kitchen. The first group of students assisted Travis and Charissa Gould at the October 9<sup>th</sup> event where nearly 90 meals were served. We are grateful for this service opportunity that allows the kids to see their own blessings while they work to assist those in need.


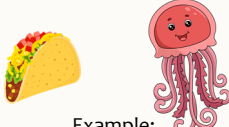





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## Red Ribbon Week October 23rd- 26th

There will be special activities going on all week.

Monday Zoom Day	Tuesday Alphabet Wear	Wednesday Alternative Backpack	Thursday Thrift Shopping	Friday NO SCHOOL
Business on top, casual on the bottom!	Pick something that corresponds with the first letter of your first name, and incorporate it into your clothes for the day.	Dress up in your St. Agnes attire. And use something else other than your backpack for a backpack. Use a trash can, a wagon, even a box! The possibilities are endless....	Wear a tacky, hilarious outfit that could be found at the thrift store.	NO SCHOOL
	 Example: Mrs. Julie Brown can wear a Jelly fish, Jam or a bunch of Jewels. Ms. Teresa can wear a turtle, a taco or a train.			

### Rotary Club Performance

The 2023 Singspirations group were the guests of the Scottsbluff/Gering Rotary club on Tuesday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. The group performed 2 of the 3 songs, *Be a Light* and *Here Comes the Sun*, which they are preparing for the Old West Choir Fest competition which will take place November 4<sup>th</sup> at SHS.



### Discipleship Friday

Pk-5<sup>th</sup> grade students enjoyed the first Discipleship Friday held on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Decked out in their new, brightly colored, "We are a Eucharistic People", t-shirts, the students spent the afternoon taking part in fun and learning activities centered on the topic: Who is Jesus? The students rotated through 5 stations including: prayer, art, snack, music and game.



### Flowerfield School Trip

St. Agnes 4<sup>th</sup> grade students enjoyed a day of living like pioneer children when they attended school at the Flowerfield School in Banner County on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed dressing like pioneer children, baking their own bread, writing with quills and participating in an orthography (spelling) bee. Congratulations to Holly Polk who won the spelling contest.



## Hot Lunch Menu for October 23rd, 2023 - October 27th, 2023

<u>Monday, Oct 23</u>	<u>Tuesday, Oct 24</u>	<u>Wednesday, Oct 25</u>	<u>Thursday, Oct 26</u>	<u>Friday, Oct 27</u>
Soft Shell Taco Taco Meat, Salsa Cheese, Lettuce Tater Circles Peas Apples	Chili Cinnamon Rolls Wheat Crackers Peaches	Pancakes Sausage Patti Potato Triangle Spinach Oranges	Hamburger on a Bun Fresh Green Salad French Fries Apricots	NO SCHOOL
<b>Helpers:</b> Joe Hafner Shannon Hafner	<b>Helpers:</b> Rose Owens Aurora Linz	<b>Helpers:</b> Rose Owens Kelly Beeber	<b>Helpers:</b> Rose Owens Myra Lara	<b>Helpers:</b>

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



## Second Grade Class By Lori Svitak



The month of October is going so fast! There are a lot of fun learning opportunities to enjoy! We have finished our math unit on place value. We made amazing Frankenstein faces using tens and ones. They are out in the hall if you stop by. We are now learning about patterns when skip counting by 5's. The students used a 100 chart to find the patterns. Coming up we will learn about skip counting by 10's and 100's, understanding even and odd numbers, and addition patterns.

In science, we will detour out of our book for a while and talk about owls and other night creatures. We will be dissecting owl pellets this week. Should be interesting and fun!

In reading, we are on the unit about fables. We have read *The Tortoise and the Hare* and *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*. It's a great way to talk about moral lessons!

The month of October is a great month for story writing. We are putting our imagination to the test. We have written stories about Halloween and haunted houses. The students will be reading their stories to each other in class. I hope they are not too scary!

Happy Birthday to Hazel Kosman, James and Jaycee Smith, and Rachel Hafner!



## Fifth Grade Class By Lynsey Ayers



Hello Everyone! It is amazing to realize that it is already the end of 1st quarter! This year seems to be flying by. The fifth grade class has been working so hard in all of their subjects.

In math, they have been learning more about decimals and breaking them down to work with them properly.

In science, our studies have us learning about physical and chemical changes to different forms of matter. In social studies, we have started discussing different explorers and why exploration began.

We also recently finished reading the book *Holes* as a whole class and will be soon watching the movie to write a comparison paper on the two. Now that we are done with this book, the fifth graders have chosen their group reading book and have begun reading individual books together, which is very exciting.

Outside of class subjects, we had a very fun time at the WET (Water Education for Tomorrow) field trip where we learned the many ways water is important such as; the water cycle, irrigation, surface and ground water, and pollution.

The fifth graders who participate in Singspirations also visited the Rotary Club and sang for them, which they all enjoyed very much. Lastly our class is very excited to have earned their Dojo points for the month for showing great work, teamwork, and role-modeling.

This has been a wonderful month and I am so excited to see what the future holds for the fifth grade class.

