



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 12, 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



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!” But he said in reply,
‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12



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Today's Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm: 63

First Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13



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The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seeking Wisdom

I think if any of us were asked the question, "Do you love wisdom? Do you seek wisdom?" we would, at first, be a little taken aback. And then we would answer quickly "Of course!" with absolutely no doubt in our minds.

But a different way of asking the question is this: "Are you making wise choices?" That's a question that would put a fair few of us on the back foot.

The virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom were all the same. They had the exact same intentions. They had the exact same stamina, or lack of it. They had the exact same knowledge of the night being dark and lamps being necessary.

What made five foolish, and five wise?
It was their choices. Only their choices set them apart.

We may rely upon the wisdom of another — the parent who reminds us to go to confession, the friend who demurs when we start speaking gossip, the priest who preaches boldly from the pulpit against an injustice we lack the courage to denounce ourselves. But even if we feel safeguarded by their good influence, their wisdom won't save us.

We may possess a little wisdom ourselves — we may know well that a dark night is hard to navigate, and that we need the assistance of a lamp. We may go to Mass once in a while, read the Bible when we have time and serve others when it's convenient.

But a lamp needs oil to burn in the darkness, just as wisdom requires action to be brought forth into the world.

We may love God just as much as we should — our flesh may pine, our soul may thirst. But a parched field never brought rain on itself just by being dry.

We must make the choice.

"Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name." — Psalm 63:4

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, November 13, 2023

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Theresa Rezac
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Clay Hort by Connie McDonnough
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, November 17, 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, November 18, 2023

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

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Helen Hanefeldt by Mike & Terri Calvert
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family by The Diocese of Grand Island

This Week's Readings



Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-18

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

October 2023 100 CLUB WINNERS

\$200: Joyce Moeller; **\$100:** Wes/Johanna Robinson, Danny/Tammie Winters, Ryan/Jody Windhorst; **\$50:** Mary Lou Ditter, Art Renteria, Charles/Jean Koester, Dana/Lori Miller, Bob/Chris Wolf, Hunter/Letizia Kosman, Jerry/Jeanette Fitzgerald, Mark/Kathy Rueb, Deanna Schumacher

CONGRATULATIONS!

Server Schedule

Nov 18 5pm Kensington Suhr
Giuliana Suhr

Nov 19 8am Traxton Adams
Andrew Peck
Camilla Linz
Kellan Zulkoski

Lector Schedule

Nov 18 5pm St. Agnes School

Nov 19 8am Jordan Colwell
Mark Loose

Rosary Leader Schedule

Nov 18 5pm Carmen Trevino

Nov 19 8am Addison Peck
Jackie Seymour

Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, November 21st at noon in the St. Agnes Church Garden Room.

Note a change this month...

We've had ham and potato dish donated for our meal this month. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share and join your church family friends for good food and fellowship.



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

November 2023 Totals

Actual	\$8969.53
ATW	\$2495.00
Online Giving	\$1287.20
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$2751.73

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

In Remembrance of this year's deceased parishioners

Jerry Dishong— 11-2-22

Teddy L. Crittenden— 12-3-22

Rodney Ralph Brooks— 12-9-22

Wilma Cecelia Kirchner— 12-14-22

Ann Jean Straetker— 12-25-22

Christine Barajas— 2-5-23

Thomas F. Braddock— 6-5-23

Anita Schlager— 6-21-23

Marcella Castaneda— 7-20-23

Scott Paul Corr — 8-8-23

Joseph Wlaschin — 7-7-22

Teresa Ann Martin — 10-5-23

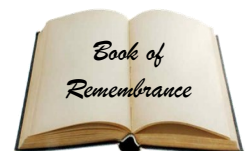
Theresa Helen Rezac — 10-21-23

THANK YOU, VETERANS

We honor you and are so thankful for your service

During the month of November, the Catholic Church honors those who have passed on to eternal life. Here at St. Agnes, you are invited to add the names of your loved ones who have died to The

Book of Remembrance located at the front of the church. Your loved ones are being prayed for in a special way this month.



YOU ARE INVITED

St. Agnes

CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

2023 PREMIER

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 17 5:30PM

2023

ORDERTICKETS@STAGNESONLINE.MAESTROWEB.COM

Sock it to us!



The Catholic Daughters organization is having a sock drive for those in need in our community. Socks of all sizes and colors are welcome! Please place new packages of socks or monetary donations in the box in the Gathering Space by Sunday December 3rd.

Call Beth Esselstein (631-9689) for more info.

Thanks in advance for your generosity to help keep folks warm!

Thank you to all who made this year's Fall Dinner a success!

Thank you to all those who brought baked goods, pies, and other delicious desserts for the dinner and bake sale. For all who devoted their time to set up, cook, serve throughout the dinner, and clean up, the event could not have been possible without you!

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle winners, Ken & Dorothy Phillipsen!

Here is a look at the Fall Dinner Breakdown:

- Total Income-** \$4322.00
- 50/50 Raffle Total -** \$885.00
- Bake Sale -** \$459.25
- Total Expenses -** \$1,695.18
- Net Total -** \$2026.82

It is gracious hearts that make this parish the amazing place it is. Thank you for your continued support!



Knights of Columbus



Thank you for everyone that went to our Monthly Breakfast Buffet. We had a busy Sunday morning with total of **187 patrons** that came in and we served breakfast for. Thank you for your continuous support of our local Knights of Columbus projects.



We will have our **Food Drive on November 18th**. Please contact Jason S. @605-484-0907 to sign up if you are available and willing to help that day. Thank you for your help in advance.

WOMEN AT WELL
ADVENT
ENCOUNTER



VIRTUAL GUEST
 SPEAKER:
 CLAIRE DWYER

"BEING OBEDIENT
 TO THE SEASON"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

EVENT AT 6:00 PM MT

ADORATION + CONFESSIONS 7:00 PM MT

ST AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Abide IN: Advent
 Daily Prayer Journals available
 to purchase at the event



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**Mass Intentions &
 Special Requests**



Requesting a Mass to be said for a loved one is a special way to honor either someone still living, or one who has gone ahead of us to the next stage of life in Christ. If someone dear to you is having a birthday, anniversary, or a new baby, what better way to honor them?

The suggested donation for a Mass is \$10. For more information, contact the parish office (632-2541).

32nd Sunday
 IN ORDINARY TIME



"The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'"

- Mt 25:10b-12

St. Agnes Catholic Church

**CHRISTMAS
 PARISH
 CHOIR**

BEGINS NOVEMBER 19TH
 @ 5PM
 AT ST. AGNES CHURCH

REHEARSALS ARE FOR THE
 8PM MASS ON DECEMBER 24TH

PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS
 TO JES.MIKOLOYCK@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE
 INFORMATION!

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Thirty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Gospel: *Matthew 25:1-13*

On the Way to Mass:

Ask your children, “How can we be prepared to receive Jesus when he comes to us? Think about the ways you prepare yourself for Mass to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. What else can you do to prepare your hearts for Mass?”

On the Way Home From Mass:

What do you think Jesus meant when he talked about keeping our light burning? How can we make sure we are ready to meet him when he comes?

Living the Word:

Recall your children’s response to the question of how we can keep our light burning. Invite them to choose one idea to live out in the week ahead, so that you are prepared to welcome the Bridegroom when he comes.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

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tablet*

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“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”



In a time when it was a challenge to follow God’s way, Joshua made a public

declaration that he and his family would continue to serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15). Here are some ways you and your family can know and serve the Lord:

Family prayer time. At least once a day, pray as a family. Praise God for His goodness. Repent of the times you failed to love God or each other. Intercede for others. Ask for all that you need. Quietly listen for God’s voice.

Experience Mass each week. Help your children meet Christ “up close and personal” at Mass on Sunday. Let nothing come in the way of your weekly appointment with the Lord.

Keep a family gratitude journal. At mealtime, take turns writing a line or two about how God blessed you each that day.

Participate in your parish. Take your family to First Friday and Saturday observances, holy days and devotions, and support your parish’s charitable efforts. These are important expressions of our Catholic spirituality.

Partners in Faith - November 2023



First Communion Parents Meeting
Nov. 15th - 7pm
St. Agnes Garden Room

Parent Talk:

I have wanted to get more family prayer into our days but our busy schedule seemed to get in the way.

We decided to commit to praying together three times a day.

After trial and error, we now start in the

morning by praying an Angelus before breakfast. Then we pray a decade of the Rosary. This has become a peaceful way to begin the day.

After we get home from school and work, we have a snack and pray another decade of the Rosary. This only takes a few minutes but it also becomes a nice time to reconnect. Finally, we gather one more time at bedtime and pray the Angelus and another decade of the Rosary.

Although I set alarms on my phone to remind me, the children alert me to prayer time before the alarm goes off. They enjoy the opportunity to connect with God and each other.



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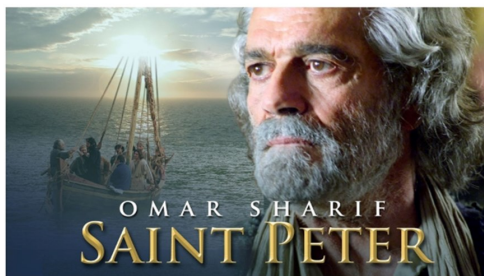
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of November 12, 2023



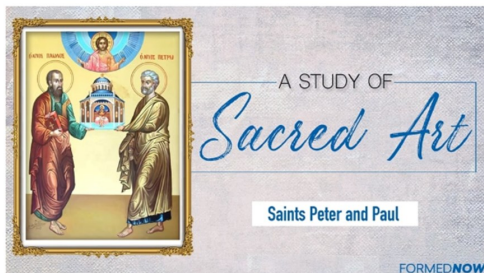
Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



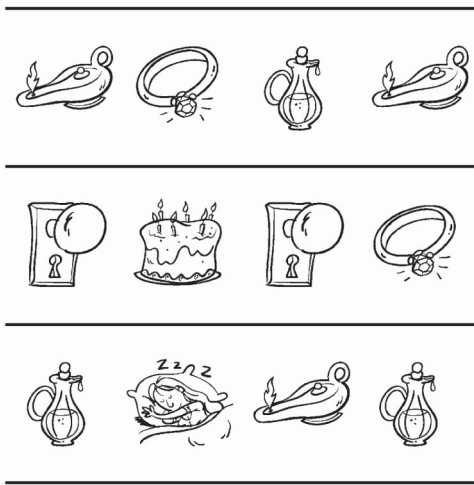
Saints Peter and Paul

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss an icon depicting Sts. Peter and Paul.

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will show the way to God by sharing favorite Bible stories with others.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

- VIRGINS
- WISE
- WEDDING
- LAMPS
- OIL JARS
- DOOR
- FOOLISH
- BRIDEGROOM
- WATCH

A V I R B Y G N O S U
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MISSION

As a family, go through your closets and drawers. Take out all the clothes you don't wear anymore. Then donate them to charity.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
November 12, 2023



Upcoming Events

Monday, November 13th

Student Co. works Soup Kitchen
Student Co. delivers Premiere Catalogs
Kindergarten's Doughnuts for Grownups

Wednesday, November 15th

Mass @ 8:15 - 1st Grade leads

Friday, November 17th

Kindergarten Friendship Feast
Premiere Event

Saturday, November 18th

Student-led Mass - 5:00

Singspirations Performs at Old West Choir Fest

St. Agnes Singspirations, made up of 4th & 5th grade students, shined their light on the Old West Choir Fest crowd with their light-themed program that included the songs: Here Comes the Sun, Be A Light & Triple Little Light Fantastic. These students were outstanding ambassadors for our school earning a gold rating from two judges and a bronze from the third. More importantly, they received **many** positive comments from other schools regarding their message. We are extremely proud of these kids for their hard work and dedication. Way to let your light shine!



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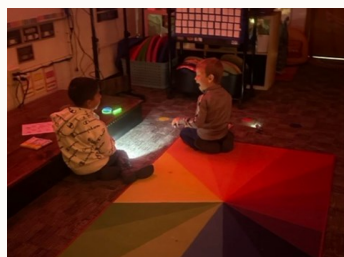
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Going Batty

Kindergarten students enjoyed spending a day of learning inside their very own bat cave as they celebrated Bat Day on Monday, October 30th. The boys and girls loved working by the light of their flashlights as they completed activities associated with bats including, creating a bat fact book, having a bat art activity and enjoying a batty food experience.



50 Days Smarter

PK and K students celebrated being 50th day of school celebration held on Friday, November 3rd. Decked out in their 50's attire, the students enjoyed activities in their individual classrooms associated with the number 50, tried a 50's era treat – coke floats and enjoyed learning some 50's dances – the Hand Jive and Twist. What a fun way to celebrate conquering the first 50 days of school. They are looking forward to more fun and challenging learning experiences in the next 50 days.



Premiere Event

The Premiere Event is fast approaching and we make one last call out to parents for your help in making this fundraiser an amazing event and a huge success. It takes a number of volunteers in multiple different areas to make this night come to fruition. If you have not signed up to help, please contact Mrs. Brown or Isabel Moreno ASAP. The hearts and hands of ALL school families are needed. Just like our children, let's **let out light shine** on behalf of our school.

Hot Lunch Menu for November 13th, 2023 - November 17th, 2023

Monday, Nov 13	Tuesday, Nov 14	Wednesday, Nov 15	Thursday, Nov 16	Friday, Nov 17
Soft Shell Tacos Cheese, Lettuce Salsa Tater Barrels Steamed Broccoli Apples	Hamburger on a bun French Fries Green Salad Mandarin Oranges	NO HOT LUNCH HOT DOG FEED	Chili Cinnamon Rolls Wheat Crackers Pears	Chicken Nuggets Tater Circles Peas Orange Wedges
Helpers: Jeremy Becker Lizbeth Hernandez	Helpers: Adam Hoelsing Lizbeth Hernandez	Helpers:	Helpers: Rose Owens Lizbeth Hernandez	Helpers: Jordan Colwell Lizbeth Hernandez

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



Kindergarten Class By Teri Ramirez



October has come and gone in a flash, and the kindergartners have learned so much! I have been very pleased with all my students' progress thus far. The holidays are fast approaching and our days are filled with so much excitement and energy. Sometimes it's hard to keep students focused on learning, but over the years, I've learned to embrace the holidays and go a little above and beyond to engage my students. This gives me the best results in terms of learning. I feel my students learn more and work harder than ever. This month we had our third FEAR FACTOR DAY! Which took place on Halloween. The students did challenges that went along with what we've been learning in math and reading. They also got to try some special treats, such as ear wax, zombie scabs, and franken snot. They were delicious! We also played some minute to win it games. It was a blast!

Kindergarten has been rocking and rolling with tons of learning opportunities and making memories with our friends.



Fourth Grade Class By Kristi Becker



Fourth grade has been busy, once again! They just finished up the fourth chapter in math and are ready to move into a new chapter on numbers and number patterns. The students have been working hard in math to learn new concepts!

The students have been creating many wonderful works of art that are on display around our room and in the hallway. They recently researched a couple of Saints and picked who they would like to be like. They created haunted houses for the hallway, with the best part of the houses being the writing that accompanied it. They had to sell the haunted house to potential buyers! They were very creative!

In our science unit, students have started learning about fossil fuels and nonrenewable resources. These are big concepts for the kids, and they are learning how to take notes and organize their learning. We are also discussing the Native American Tribes from Nebraska in social studies.

Some students have started a second book club, as they have finished their first books. They are currently learning to summarize fiction and nonfiction pieces.

We are looking forward to an eventful and blessed November and December.

