



February 4, 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

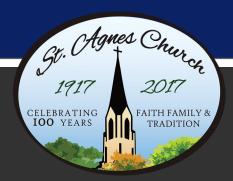
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass or by appointment (632-2541)

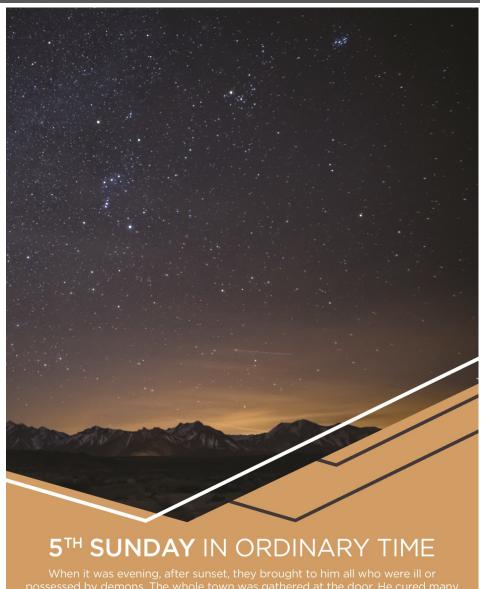
#### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

#### **Parish Office Hours:**

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





When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or cossessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not

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## Saint Agnes Catholic Church

#### Today's Readings

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Psalm:147 First Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:20-30



#### Parish Administration

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#### The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### Purpose and Pride

Father, forgive me. Today's Gospel made me want to fight somebody.

If you want to make me really, really angry, you are sure of doing so if you tell me about an old woman who was sick, but felt a little better, and then her son-in-law and all his buddies showed up, so she cooked them a bunch of food and cleaned up after them.

We all project our own feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires onto the word of God. I certainly do. And most of my feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires spring from my current role as a tired mom of little

I think there is a fear inside many of us of God's purpose for our lives. What if it's not aligned perfectly with what we think we need, or what we imagine we want? Most of the time, I think I need a nap, and I imagine that I want absolutely no one asking me for any kind of help. And here I am, perpetually napless and always being called on to render assistance.

The actions of Peter's mother-in-law were the only actions we would expect of a woman who had just received a miracle. She jumped up, and with bravery and boldness she served the Lord.

But couldn't she rest? Couldn't she serve him later? Couldn't she thank him with a smile and take a nap? Well, I suppose. But is that how you react to a miracle?

I have received my miracle — my family. My purpose. So why am I still lying down?

"He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them." — Mark 1:31

Recognize God in your ordinary Moments - by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

#### Monday, February 5, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: Catholic Daughters by Margie Rood

Communal Rosary (4:45pm)

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

#### Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †Jim Nash by Dave & JoAnn

Nash

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

#### Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Doris Flohr by St. Agnes

Students & Staff

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

#### Thursday, February 8, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †Ben Castinado by Margie Rood

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

#### Friday, February 9, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †Carr Trumbull by The Peck Family

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

#### Saturday, February 10, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)

Intention: For Our Parish

#### Sunday, February 11, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)

Intention: Ryan Windhorst for speedy recovery by The Songco Family

Weekend Mass (10:00am)

Intention: †Lynnett Rotert by Scott &

Sharon Bird

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### This Week's Readings



Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7,

8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps

84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-

31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35

-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps

81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk

7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps

106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk

8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2,

5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/

Mk 1:40-45

#### Server Schedule

Feb 10 5pm Regan Schiff

Giovanni Alvizar

Feb 11 8am John V. Songco

**Dalton Gass** 

10:00am Camilla Linz

Logan Zulkoski

#### Lector Schedule

Feb 10 5pm Jean Ahrens Feb 11 8am Nicole Hoesing 10:00am

Chris Burbach

#### Rosary Leader Schedule

Feb 10 5pm Ellen Ramig Feb 11 8am Addison Peck 10:00am **NOT FILLED** 



Eucharistic Revival Parish Year 2023-2024

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

7:00 PM St. Agnes Catholic Church Garden Room



## The Lenten Lectionary

Join us in preparing for the Season of Lent

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

#### Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### January 28, 2024

Actual \$2858.51 Online Giving \$976.50 Gen. Church Support \$7000.00 **Budget** \$10000.00 Surplus (Deficit) \$835.01

#### **January 2024 Totals**

Actual \$20997.14 **ATW** \$7665.00 Online Giving \$4509.84 Gen. Church Support \$17000.00 Budget \$40000.00 Surplus (Deficit) \$10171.98

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for One Rose One Life

Thank you for your continued giving!



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



Will be on Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Mass Times

7am, Noon, 7pm

#### **Let's Help Our Seminarians**

The priests of our diocese are aging faster than young men are becoming priests. We not only need prayers for the priestly vocations, but also donations to help support our young men in the seminary studying for our diocese.

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) has made helping our seminarians one of it's annual goals. We will be taking up a special collection in our parish to help the Bishop financially support these young men. The last few years DCCW held this fundraiser and St. Agnes Parish was very generous, so thank you. We will have a table in the Gathering Space after Masses on the weekend of February 17th & 18th. Please stop by to have a cookie and learn more about our seminarians. Your generous support is working, not that many years ago we didn't have any young men in the seminary and now we have seven. Thank the Lord! Thank you parishioners, in advance for helping this worthy cause!



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

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The Knights of Columbus are having their Monthly Breakfast Buffet on February 4th, Sunday from 8 am to 12 pm. \$5 for Kids and \$10 for Adults

Free for Uniformed Police Officers. Free for Firefighters and Free for Freshmen Students!



Fish Fry Dates -February 16th, March 8th, and March 22nd. Service will begin

again at 5:00 pm, and we will end at 7:00 pm. Please save the dates.



#### Feast of St. Blaise and the Blessing of Throats

Saturday, February 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Following all weekend Liturgies

The Blessing of Throats will take place after all weekend liturgies, February 3rd & 4th, in celebration of the Feast of St. Blaise.

Little is known about St. Blaise, a 4th-century bishop who died a martyr. He was forced to flee due to religious persecution. While hiding in a cave, legend has it that he was discovered by a group of hunters, who found him surrounded by wild animals he had tamed. The hunters dragged him off to prison. On the way, he encountered a mother with a young son who had a bone stuck in his throat.

Blaise commanded the bone be dislodged, and the child coughed up the bone.

St. Blaise's feast day is celebrated with the Blessing of the Throats with the following prayer: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."



#### **AED – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIRILLATOR**

Maybe you've never noticed where AEDs (automated external defibrillators) are kept in boxes mounted on the wall. But the next time you go out, look for them. You could be the one to help save someone's life who goes into cardiac arrest. At St. Agnes Parish & School there is an AED in a case mounted to the wall. This gift has been possible due to the donation of a generous parish family.

**Why AEDs are important** - Cardiac arrest happens when there's an electrical malfunction in the body that causes the heart to stop beating and pumping blood. Without intervention, organs can shut down and it can lead to death in a matter of minutes.

What is an AED? - If it's an abnormal heart rhythm that has caused a person to go into cardiac arrest, an AED can recognize it. The defibrillator can get their heart back into rhythm, and the chances of survival dramatically increase because it has restored the person's normal circulation.

What to do in an emergency - Here are some things to keep in mind should you ever need to help: Call 911. You want to call for help early on so first responders can be on the way to you, and a dispatcher on the line can help direct you on what to do next.

In the church the AED is located outside the glass door in the back of the church on the south side. See photo below:

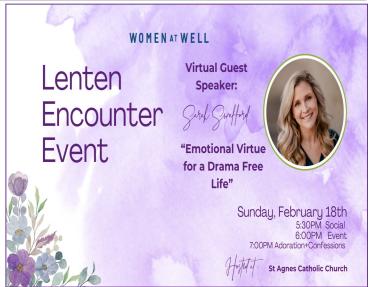


In the school the AED is located in the hallway between the school and the gym. See photo below:



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#### Parish Council Application

The purpose of the St. Agnes Parish Council is to collaboratively plan with the Pastor the
means of carrying out the message of the Gospel of Jesus. The council works in good
faith to advise and confer with the Pastor on matters regarding the Parish. The Pastor
shall consider the advice of the council in a serious and thoughtful manner.

#### Role:

- Prayerfully and thoughtfully represent the interests of the Parish community by helping the Parish Council discern how to utilize the resources of the Parish community.
- Provide guidance on pastoral matters by assisting the Pastor in researching issues, making, and implementing decisions.
- Provide consistent communication between parishioners and the Pastor.
- Advocate for the Pastor, and priorities to the Parish community. Lead with enthusiasm and commitment. Collaborate with members of the Parish Council and the Pastor.

#### Commitment:

- Membership on the Parish Council is expected to be regarded with importance by the individual Parish Council members. Members are expected to fulfill the requirements of their job descriptions.
- Term: 3 years; Term may be extended upon mutual consent between Parish Council member and Pastor.
- Meetings: Attend all scheduled Parish Council meetings held monthly from September through May (~1.5 hours each) on the second Tuesday of the month.

#### Qualifications:

- Active registered member of St. Agnes parish for a minimum of one year.
- 25 years or older and in full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Good communication skills
- A desire for spiritual growth in oneself and the Parish

\*\*Application on reverse side



St. Agnes School will be holding open registration during the week of February 20-253. New students may register during the hours of 7:30-10:30 & 12:30-3:30. A student entering the Pre-K program must be 4 years old by Aug. 1 and those entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Aug. 1. A state embossed birth certificate and record of current immunizations is also needed.

A new scholarship opportunity is available through the diocese for families new to our school.

Qualifying families can receive up to a 90% scholarship. The Scholarship opportunities organization provides another new opportunity for tuition assistance as does the newly established Peggy Olsen Scholarship. These new funding sources along with our own foundation scholarships will allow us to provide more support for families hoping for the opportunity to provide their child/children a Catholic education.

For more information on registration, scholarship opportunities, school programming and openings, please contact Administrator, Julie Brown @ 632-6918 ext #3 or

jbrown@st-agnes-school.com.

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#### There are several ways to apply:

- Fill out the form below and return to parish office.
- Download and print a copy from the Parish Website: www.st-agnes-church.com
- Visit the parish office for a copy.

Questions? Contact Parish Office – office@st-agnes-church.com or call 308-632-2541

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Last Name	=
Address	10
City	a.
State Zip	
Phone Number	
Email	2
Member of St. Agnes parish for years	

#### Please attach an additional form addressing the following questions.

- Parish ministries and/or organizations in which you have been/are active and your role.
- Brief personal background.
- Why do you think you would be an asset as a member of the St. Agnes Parish Council.
- What do you believe are the most important issues that should be addressed by parish leadership?
- What are the parish's major strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities?

Thank you for your application.

A member of the Parish Council will be in contact with you.

Applications are due to the Parish Office by February 9, 2024

### **Religious Education Program**

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Gospel:* Mark 1: 29-39

#### On the Way to Mass:

How can we make time for prayer in our life together as a family, especially when we are busy?

#### On the Way Home From Mass:

When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, she got up and waited on them. What is your response when someone has shown you compassion?

#### Living the Word:

Jesus shows compassion by healing Peter's mother-in-law. We too, are called to show compassion to those who are sick. Create a get-well card for someone who is sick or thinking -of-you note for an elderly person in your neighborhood. If you do not know of anyone to them offer the sent to. correspondence to your parish priest or other pastoral care minister to take on their visits to the sick and homebound.

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2023-2024

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Parish Website
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In the App Store on your phone or tablet

**Facebook** 

## **Meet the Confirmation Candidates**



#### **Quinten Gould**

My name is Quinten Gould. My parent's are Travis and Charissa Gould. I have two sisters, Solaria and Kira and one brother, Weston. I am in the 8th grade at Bluffs Middle School. I am involved in football at BMS. I mow lawns and work for my grandpa, dad, and uncles.

Goals for Confirmation: I plan to teach religious education in the future.



**Sacrament of Confirmation** April 7th @ 10AM

First Holy Communion April 14th @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

High School Senior Mass/ Breakfast May 12th @ 8:00 am

## If the saints had social media, what would they post?

Is there a "holy" way to use social media? Consider these suggestions from the saints:

#### To friend or unfriend?

St. Teresa of Ávila cautioned that parents "be very careful whom they allow to mix with their children when young." Although socially outgoing and fun-loving, she didn't try to be liked by everyone, but sought the close friendships with those who encouraged her in holiness.

#### "Kind comments, only."

St. Philip Neri advised someone who gossiped to pluck a chicken and scatter the feathers in the wind. Those far-flung feathers were like rumors – impossible to take back. Today, he would warn

us to be careful what we post; who knows how many will see it.

Disagree, but charitably: St. Thomas Aquinas debated often and won admiration, if

not agreement, from his adversaries for his respectful conduct. "We must love [those who agree and disagree]...for they help us in the finding of [the truth]." For those in online debates, he would advise all to respond with charity and humility while still seeking the Truth.

Partners in Faith - January 2024

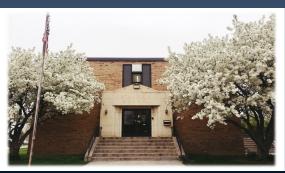
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## School Newsletter





# Connecting Students and Families through Faith February 4, 2024



## **Upcoming Events**

Monday, February 5th

100th day of school celebrations

Tuesday, February 6th
HSA meeting - 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 7th

Mass @ 8:15

<u>Friday, February 9th</u> Mid - Q reports go home



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#### **Celebrating Catholic Schools**

United in faith and community, St. Agnes students, staff and families celebrated our amazing school during national Catholic Schools Week held the week of January 28-Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. The students kicked off the week by leading the 10:00 Sunday Mass. We enjoyed service in our community by singing at and making cards for local nursing homes. We enjoyed a buddy reading activity, celebrated Mass with Bishop Hanefeldt, thanked our parents and volunteers at our indoor picnic lunch and played Saint bingo together as a school. We are blessed by all who make our school an amazing place to learn and grow. Thank you for your continued support!







#### **Penny Carnival Kick-off**

Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> marked the kick-off of Penny Carnival season. Students received their raffle ticket sales packets and now have 5 weeks to work to meet their class and school goals. Their goal is to exceed the over 35000 tickets sold last year. HSA asks for ticket packets to be turned in on Thursdays for counting. Rallies will be held on Fridays up to the Penny Carnival which will be on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Bingo prizes are being collected. There are donation bins at the front and back entrances of the school as well as in the church. Bring your new and gently used items. Mark your calendar for this family-fun event. Its success impacts all families as it helps us maintain tuition costs.



#### **New Scholarship Opportunities**

We are excited to share with you the launch of Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska (OSN), a scholarship granting organization created through LB753, Nebraska's first school choice program. This transformative program will enable more students the opportunity to attend the private school of their choice. Families can now fill out an eligibility survey with Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska to see if their child could be eligible. Scholarship applications will be available by mid-February.

We are equally excited and grateful to announce another new scholarship opportunity provided in honor of long-time teacher, Peggy Olsen.





#### The Peggy Olsen Scholarship

The family of Peggy Olsen have established a scholarship in her name to recognize her years of teaching at St. Agnes School and the diference she made to so many students during that time. The scholarship will provide funds for annual tuition at St. Agnes School to be distributed among students who qualify under need guidelines set by the school. Interested applicants must apply at St.Agnes School

Donors are being sought for the Scholarship Opportunities of Nebraska. By donating to a scholarship-granting organization like OSN, taxpayers can claim nonrefundable income tax credits of up to 50% of their state income tax liability. This means that eligible contributors can reduce their tax liability by a significant amount, making it a win-win for both the contributor and the students receiving scholarships.

An informational gathering will be held on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> for individuals, businesses or corporations who may desire more information about this opportunity. Please contact Mrs. Brown, <u>ibrown@st-agnes-school.com</u> for more information or to register for the gathering, or log onto nebraskaopportunity.org.

#### Hot Lunch Menu for February 5th, 2024 - February 9th, 2024

Monday, Feb 5	Tuesday, Feb 6	Wednesday, Feb 7	Thursday, Feb 8	Friday, Feb 9
Chicken Patty	Turkey	Ham	Nachos	Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Carrots & Celery Apple Sauce
French Fries	Dressing	Scalloped potato	Black Beans	
Steamed Broccoli	Mashed Sweet Potato	3 bean salad	Tater Tots	
Pears	Mandarin Oranges	Grapes	Mixed Fruit	
<b>Helpers:</b> Anthony Gurrola Elise Gurrola	Helpers:	<b>Helpers:</b>	Helpers:	Helpers:
	Katie Moser	Linz Family	Ashlee Wilson	Amanda Diedrich
	Andrea Margheim	Linz Family	HELP NEEDED	Amanda Diedrich

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



## First Grade Class By Sharon Bird



January has been an exciting month for the first graders. We welcomed a new student named Baron Kimble to our class.

We discussed igloos, watched videos, looked at books, and then each child made an igloo with marshmallows. Wow! This was a great learning project and was fun!

Another science project given to the first grade scientists was to predict what would happen to a marshmallow in different water temperatures. We used three cups of water (hot, warm, and cold). Prior to beginning the project, each student wrote down his/her prediction. Then the students observed the marshmallows in the different water temperatures to see if his/her prediction was correct.

In religion, we discussed the importance of saying thank you to God for all His goodness. Students discussed the many things they are thankful for.

Catholic School Week was held the week of January 28<sup>th</sup>. Many activities were enjoyed during the week.

Thank you, parents, for reading and studying spelling words with your child. You are AMAZING! Your efforts will assist your child to be successful.









## Library Room News <u>By Lana Payne</u>



The library and students are ready for February! Featured topics and books for February are Groundhog Day (Feb. 2), Valentine's Day (Feb. 14), Random Acts of Kindness Day (Feb. 17) Presidents' Day (Feb. 19) and Tell a Fairy Tale Day (Feb. 26). February is all about LOVE. Along with a selection of Valentine books, the library will also display books of love, kindness, and friendship.

Even though ALL our Presidents have a special day, the library will feature our two most noted Presidents, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln. February is also Black History Month. Our library is rich with books on Black History. We encourage each of our students to read at least one Black History book during the month of February.

Students have continued working hard on their Reading Incentive goals and have earned many stamps in their Passports.

A Reading
Incentive Reward
celebration and activity
will take place on Friday,
February 2. In
conjunction with Catholic
Schools Week students
played Saint Bingo for
books and fun prizes!





## 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! Many of our students prepared to share their many offerings and talents for the student-led Masses during Catholic Schools Week – what an exciting time for our school! In addition, as part of the celebration of our community, the Singspirations traveled to the Residency to share our music and Love of the Lord with many appreciative residents.

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-1<sup>st</sup> grade students are reviewing classroom instruments and learning new rhythmic concepts so that we may progress to pitch lessons later 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 drumming notation recognition in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. After successful completion of the instruments of the orchestra unit, 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be entering into staff/note name review so that they can FINALLY begin their study of the recorder – I'm sure that their tunes will be heard

throughout the building within the next few weeks. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will also be delving into pitch study/review this quarter, with their introduction to major scales, chords, and yes – the ukulele! We have much to accomplish in music class – and we love every minute!

