



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 16, 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



**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27



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## Today's Readings

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm:118

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31



## Parish Administration

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## Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

### The Doors We Lock

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation — and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

*Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." — Psalm 118:3*

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, April 17, 2023**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Rick Cantril by Dave & JoAnn Nash  
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Mary Lee Merkel by The Merkel Family  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Christine Barajas by Margie Rood  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### **Thursday, April 20, 2023**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Wilma Kirchner by Catholic Daughters  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### **Friday, April 21, 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, April 22, 2023**

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: †Jeffrey Calvert by Mike & Terri Calvert

### **Sunday, April 23, 2023**

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: †Jeff Calvert by Margie Rood  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish



**Attention Students!!**  
**Scholarship Opportunities!**

**St. Agnes Catholic School Foundation Alumni Futures Scholarship**

Applications are available online at catholic-schoolfoundation.com! If you're an alumni of St. Agnes Catholic School, and a graduating high school senior, please consider applying (see our scholarship information online to determine if you meet our application criteria). If you have questions or need to request an electronic version of the application, please email Isabel at imoreno@st-agnes-school.com. We look forward to reading your applications!  
**Deadline: May 1, 2023**

**Server Schedule**

Apr 22 5pm Regan Schiff  
Jonah Klaas  
Apr 23 8am Mia Blanco  
Elena Blanco  
10:00am Charlotte Lewis  
Nina Polk

**Lector Schedule**

Apr 22 5pm Mary Robinson  
Apr 23 8am Carol Herman  
10:00am Kristin Schiff

**Rosary Leader Schedule**

Apr 22 5pm Ellen Ramig  
Apr 23 8am Daniel Warburton  
10:00am Kristin Schiff

**Finance Corner**

**Sunday Collections & ATW Giving**

**April 9, 2023**

Actual	\$5698.81
Online Giving	\$827.50
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>\$2473.69</b>
Easter Coll.	\$5227.37

**April 2023 Totals**

Actual	\$10003.76
ATW	\$3222.50
Online Giving	\$2395.00
Budget	\$18000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>\$2378.74</b>

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

**Thank you for your continued giving!**

**St. Agnes Catholic School Foundation Hires New Executive Director**

St. Agnes Catholic School Foundation has hired Isabel Moreno as its new executive director.

Moreno owns Fitness Instructional Training Together, an all-women's gym located in Scottsbluff. She lives in Gering with her husband and their three children Juan (18), Alyanna (15), and Jovian (7), who attends first grade at St. Agnes School. Being involved in her children's schools and her family's church has always been a passion of Moreno's, who is also a member of the St. Agnes School Advisory Council.

Moreno attended Western Nebraska Community College. She previously worked in the District Office of Scottsbluff Public Schools, has planned multiple fundraisers, and has worked as an event planner. Her fundraising and event planning experience will be put to good use as she chairs the next St. Agnes Premiere to be held on Friday, November 17, 2023. Moreno says she is "beyond blessed to become the next Executive Director and can't wait to get started!"

St. Agnes School provides its students an opportunity for academic excellence in the Catholic tradition through a partnership with parents and the parish community. St. Agnes helps students develop their potential as conscious and responsible leaders, empowering them to live the Gospel values of love, peace, respect, and service in their everyday lives. The St. Agnes Catholic School Foundation ensures the long-term financial stability of the school and parish community. For more information, visit [www.st-agnes-school.com/foundation](http://www.st-agnes-school.com/foundation) or call Isabel Moreno at 308-632-6918.



**This Week's Readings**



Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**EXCITING NEWS!** Fr. Konka has determined it is time for our new pictorial church directory. Our date(s) for photography will be: May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the Garden Room of St. Agnes.

Our scheduling process has begun! You should have received a letter in the mail this week with the details of having a family portrait taken. There are two ways to schedule a photography appointment, Online or In-Person.

When you choose to schedule your photography appointment **online**, simply go to the Universal website, [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on the yellow sunburst icon, enter **ne214** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the family Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time.

**In-person** sign-ups will take place in the Gathering Space of the church following the weekend Masses on **April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> or April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** where you can schedule your family for their portrait time. We will have volunteers eager to help you after the Masses on the above dates.

Remember, this is a terrific opportunity for a professional portrait in the comfort of our own church.

Schedule your family soon!



## Knights of Columbus

**Knights of Columbus members**, we are going to support the incoming **First Communion** candidates on **April 23rd** at the **8 am and 10 am** mass.

If you are in town this weekend and available, please attend one of these masses (or both). Wear your **Tuxedo** (with inside Baldric) or **black/dark suit**.

Thank you for your continuous support of our local council projects.

Congratulations to Adam Hoelsing and Family to be family Knight of the month of March.

And also, to John Navarro Songco to be the Knight of the month of March.

Thank you continuous support and leading our local council projects.

### "What's Next for our Listening Church?" A Look at the Synod Process So Far

A year and a half into the Synod on Synodality you may be wondering what is happening with this process right now and what its future holds. As we move towards the completion of the continental phase and head towards the universal phase, we are excited to offer an insider look at the synod process and what it means for the church. Join us for a conversation with Dr. Kristin Colberg and Dr. Orm Rush, both members of the synod's theological commission and participants in the writing of the Document for the Continental Stage of the Synod (DCS). Learn from these internationally recognized scholars about their understanding of synodality, the resistance it's faced, their experiences of participating in this process, and what they anticipate for the gathering of bishops in Rome in October 2023. This promises to be an exciting conversation that you won't want to miss!

**Upcoming webinar with Kristin Colberg and Orm Rush**

Hosted by **Liturgical Press**

**Time--Apr 19, 2023 05:30 PM in St. Agnes Church Garden Room It is free. All are welcome.**

### **THE MUSIC MINISTRY INVITES YOU!**

If you'd like more information about the weekly Music Ministry or the seasonal Parish Choir, feel free to email Jessica at [musicministry@st-agnes-church.com](mailto:musicministry@st-agnes-church.com). We are gathering contact information for those who have expressed an interest in joining our ministry and look forward to welcoming you!

### **Young at Heart**

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, April 18th at noon in the St. Agnes Church Garden Room. Please bring a dish to share and join your church family friends for good food and fellowship.



## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16th

11am - 2pm

Divine Mercy Carry-In Lunch

The Altar Society will be hosting a *BBQ themed* lunch following the 10am Mass in the Garden Room. Please bring your favorite dish to share!

Ice Cream Sundaes and an Easter egg hunt will follow the lunch

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3pm in the church



**ST AGNES  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**100  
CLUB**

**\$120 ANNUAL DONATION**  
(BILLED MONTHLY, QUARTERLY OR ANNUALLY)

**50% OF DONATIONS GO TO WINNINGS, 50% GOES TO THE SCHOOL**

**MONTHLY WINNERS!!!**

1 - \$200 WINNER  
3 - \$100 WINNERS  
9 - \$50 WINNERS

Amount may vary based on enrollment

**MUST BE 19 YEARS OF AGE**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARY SKILES @ 641-0461.

## Yes!! I want to join St. Agnes 100 Club!!

Complete this form to join 100 Club or to renew your membership. Return form to the school or place in the St. Agnes collection basket. Envelopes will be available in the gathering space the first weekend in May.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Method (Please mark one):

- Monthly (\$10.00/month x 12 payments = \$120.00/year)
- Quarterly (\$30.00 every 3 months x 4 payments = \$120.00/year)
- Annually (\$120.00 x 1 payment = \$120.00/year)

## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
for the Second Sunday of Easter  
**Gospel:** *John 20:19-29*

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

Alert your children that they will hear a Gospel passage about St. Thomas doubting that Jesus has risen. Feeling doubts is natural sometimes in our life of faith. What is most important is what we do with our doubts. It is okay to have questions, as Thomas did. It is okay to rely on God as you seek the answers to your questions. Doubt can make your faith stronger. Encourage your children to ask what might be in their hearts about God.

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

Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. “Who are those that have believed without seeing? Is this hard or easy to do?

### ***Living the Word:***

As a family look up the painting *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas* by Caravaggio. Discuss what you see and what each person in the painting might be feeling.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families  
2022-2023*

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**Parish Website**

[www.st-agnes-church.com](http://www.st-agnes-church.com)

**myParish App**

*In the App Store on your phone  
or tablet*

## ***Confirmation Class***



Tristan Calvert



Emma Casillas



Ayla Ellis



Thomas Esselstein



Zaide Gurolla



Anna Hafner



Téa Hill



Liam Kicken



Kennedi Larson



Ben Moravec



Adriel Muñoz



Emily Nelson



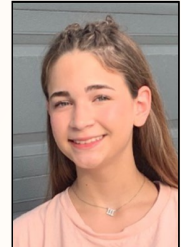
Kayley Smith



Reese Weingart



Marley Wilkinson



Marley Wineman

***April 16, 2023***

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of April 16, 2023



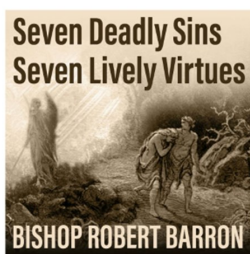
### God's School of Trust | Divine Mercy | Episode 1

The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust," beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament.



### St. Bernadette of Lourdes

"St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.



### Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues by Bishop Robert Barron

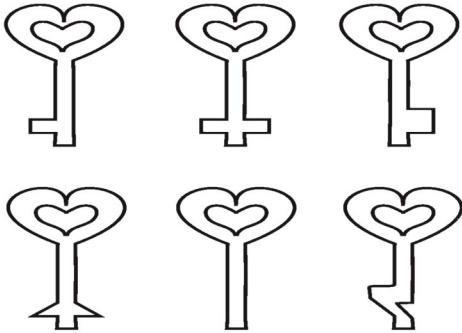
Join noted professor of theology and author Bishop Robert Barron in this revealing presentation as he sheds light on the seven deadly sins—those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our relationship with God and others—and the antidote to them, the seven lively virtues!

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

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Which key will unlock this door?

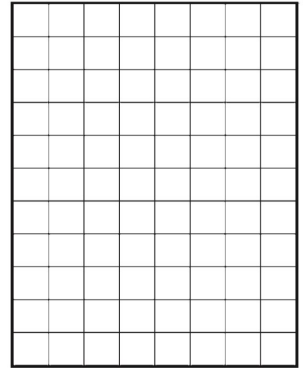
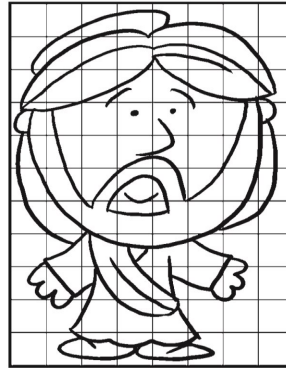


## MISSION

I will pray for those who hurt me and forgive them.

## PUZZLE

Copy the picture square by square.



## MISSION

Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.





*Connecting Students and Families through Faith*  
*April 16, 2023*



## *Upcoming Events*

**Wednesday, April 19th**

*Mass @ 8:15*

*Kindergarten Trip Through Time  
Fieldtrip*

**Thursday, April 20th**

*Spring Program - 6:30 in gym  
(Backdoors open at 6:10)*

*MAP testing begins*

**Friday, April 21st**

*Vocation Friday*

## **Welcoming a New Foundation Director**

St. Agnes School and Foundation are excited to announce the hiring of Isabel Moreno as the new School Foundation Director. Isabel and her husband, Adrian, have 3 children: Juan, Alyanna and Jovian who is in first grade at St. Agnes. She is the owner of Fitness Instructional Training Together fitness studio for women located in Scottsbluff. We are excited to bring Isabel on board and look forward to her implementing her ideas and skills in further growing our school foundation.



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## Lenten Almsgiving Project

St. Agnes students collected over 7 totes of canned goods and non-perishable foods as part of their Lenten journey. The students and their families responded to a plea from the Guadalupe Center to help restock their food pantry, which serves community members who are suffering from food insecurity issues. This was a great opportunity to teach about almsgiving during the Lenten season. Thanks to all the families who responded to the need for help.



## Hatching Chicks

The kindergarten class is excited to announce the impending babies coming to their room. The students began the beloved embryology unit on Wednesday, April 5 when they, with the help of the Extension Center placed 12 eggs in their incubator. The students will spend the next 21 days waiting and watching for changes in the eggs and recording all data in their science journals. The babes are expected to arrive around April 26<sup>th</sup>. Watch future bulletins for further reports on their science adventure.



## Easter Egg Hunts

Cold and wintery weather did not stop the annual class Easter egg hunts from happening on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The older students braved the cold to hide the eggs for the younger students to hunt. It is always a beloved event for all the students.



## Spring MAP Testing Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:30 Testing</u>	<u>10:00 Testing</u>
Thursday, April 20	5th Reading	2nd Reading
Friday, April 21	3rd Math	
Monday, April 24	1st Math 3rd Language	2nd Math 4th Language
Tuesday, April 25	5th Math	4th Math
Wednesday, April 26		5th Language
Thursday, April 27	4th Reading	3rd Reading
Friday, April 28	1st Reading	

## *Hot Lunch Menu for April 17th, 2023 - April 21st, 2023*

### Monday, Apr 17

Hot Dog  
Tater Tots  
Steamed Carrots  
Pears

**Helpers:**  
Greg Visage  
Ashlee Wilson

### Tuesday, Apr 18

Pancakes  
Sausage Patti  
Potato Triangles  
Spinach  
Orange Wedges

**Helpers:**  
Greg Visage  
Kika

### Wednesday, Apr 19

Cheese Pizza  
Fresh Green Salad  
Steamed Broccoli  
Roll & Margarine  
1/2 Banana

**Helpers:**  
Jody Windhorst  
Kristin Schiff

### Thursday, Apr 20

Grilled Cheese  
Fresh Chips  
Tomato Soup  
Apples

**Helpers:**  
Jordan Colwell  
Lynsey Maas

### Friday, Apr 21

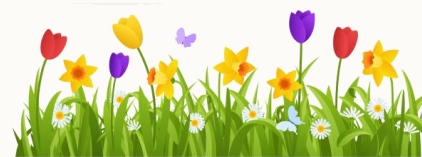
Super Nachos  
Taco Meat, Black Beans  
Cheese Sauce, Salsa  
Potato Circles  
Peaches

**Helpers:**  
Tracy Smith  
Jordan Colwell

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



## Pre-K Class By Nicole Boness



Springtime is here! The kids are enjoying this beautiful weather. I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break. Last week the kids got to dye eggs using food coloring and shaving cream. They loved getting messy and making different designs on their eggs. They also had an Easter egg hunt, which I think was their favorite. They enjoyed opening them and seeing what they got.

We have also been doing a unit on family. Each student brought a picture of their family and shared it with the class. They enjoyed having them hung up in the classroom because they like looking at them throughout the day. We have learned about how all families are different. They have practiced drawing their family and have also learned about different cultures. Their drawing skills have improved so much, and it is fun to watch them add details to their pictures.

I really can't believe that we only have five weeks remaining in school. This school year has gone by so fast. I am going to be soaking up these last weeks because I know they are going to go fast. Here in the next couple of weeks we are going to learn about spring. We will be planting some flowers, learning about insects, and doing some crafts that go along with springtime.



## Fifth Grade Class By Lynsey Ayers



Hello everyone! Here we are halfway through April! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter Break! I feel like this last bit of the school year is going to fly by now. I am very proud of all of the fifth graders' hard work. In class, we have been working hard on our knowledge of various grammar skills and how they are used. Our spelling and vocab tests have been amazing lately and I am so proud of how much studying and effort each student has put into them.

In math, we have been working more with fractions and decimals, and are now working on how to transfer them into percentages.

We have completed studying space in science and are now moving on to energy from food, and in social studies we will be moving on from the Revolutionary War to A New Nation.

Soon, we will begin our research projects where we will be researching individual famous people throughout history and presenting them in various creative ways.

We enjoyed a week of mock middle school. We practiced lockers, passing classes, no recess or snacks and other middle school concepts.

It was a great learning experience!

I cannot wait! I am so excited to see how much more my class will grow and learn during these last few weeks of the school year!

