



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 28, 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



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5



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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9am-Noon & 1pm - 4pm

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Acts 9:26-31

Psalm:22

First John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Love in Deed

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - by Coleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 29, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Rick Hilzer by Deb Hilzer & The Hilzer Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Bradley Castinado by The Guadarrama Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Henry Gieselman by John & Karen Koenig & Lucille Koenig
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †John & Sandra Weitzel Family by Linda Thoms
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, May 3, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Seven Sisters Apostolate by Seven Sisters
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Doris Flohr by Susan Heitman

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Ray Murdock by The Family of Ray Murdock

This Week's Readings

Monday Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

St. Agnes Summer Gardening

St. Agnes Gardeners 1st meeting Monday, May 6th at 9:00 am in the garden room to plan summer garden work. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannette Fitzgerald at 641-3405.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



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 3, 2024

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

April 21, 2024

Actual	\$3303.65
Online Giving	\$1100.50
Gen. Church Support	\$5700.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$104.15

April 2024 Totals

Actual	\$12331.68
ATW	\$7665.00
Online Giving	\$2760.50
Gen. Church Support	\$5700.00
Budget	\$30000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1542.82

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

Thank you for your continued giving!

May 2024 Ministers

Greeters & Ushers

Saturday, 5pm:

Greeters: Zach & Holly Suhr - East
 Dale & Veronica VonLintel - South
Ushers: Andrew Dendinger (Captain)
 Rod Ramig

Sunday, 8am:

Greeters: Mari Schwarzkopf - East
 Twila McCarthy - South
Ushers: Jim Kerr (Captain)
 Jeff Pickering

Sunday, 10am:

Greeters: Jeff & Dawne Wolfe - East
 Yvonne Hill - South
Ushers: Doug Pieper (Captain)
 Mark Overman

LECTORS

Saturday, May 4 & 11 5pm: Kathleen Roehl
Sunday, May 5 & 12 8am: Nicole Hoelsing
Sunday, May 5 & 12 10am: Kristin Schiff
Saturday, May 18 & 25 5pm: Diana Rohrick
Sunday, May 19 & 26 8am: David Nash
Sunday, May 19 & 26 10am: Mark Loose

SACRISTANS

Saturday, 5pm:
 Shelley Thomas
Sunday, 8am:
 David & JoAnn Nash
Sunday, 10am:
 Casey Seymour

SERVERS

Sat, May 4 5pm: Alyck Rodriguez & Jonah Klaas (sub req.)
Sun, May 5 8am: John V. Songco & Isabella Songco
Sun, May 5 10am: David Hafner & Kellan Zulkoski
Sat, May 11 5pm: Reagan Schiff & Kensington Suhr
Sun, May 12 8am: Emily Esselstein & NOT FILLED
Sun, May 12 10am: Camilla Linz & Logan Zulkoski
Sat, May 18 5pm: Asher Wilson & Giovanni Alvizar
Sun, May 19 8am: Carson Windhorst & Yvonne Kreiling
Sun, May 19 10am: Holly Polk & Nina Polk
Sat, May 25 5pm: Aden Munoz & Giuliana Suhr
Sun, May 26 8am: John V. Songco & Isabella Songco
Sun, May 26 10am: Charlotte Lewis & Claire Ascherl

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, 5pm:
 Ciborium - Connie Kirchner
 Travis Gould & Brooke Talkington
Sunday, 8am:
 Ciborium - Nancy Kerr
 Dan Marshall & John Songco
Sunday, 10am:
 Ciborium - Shannon Sierra
 Ruth Kozal & Joanne Krieg

May 2024 Rosary Leader Schedule

Saturday, May 4 5pm: Carmen Trevino
Sunday, May 5 8am: Toni Warburton
Sunday, May 5 10am: Angie Hilbert

Saturday, May 11 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen
Sunday, May 12 8am: Addison Peck
Sunday, May 12 10am: Kristin Schiff

Saturday, May 18 5pm: Ashlee Wilson
Sunday, May 19 8am: Toni Warburton
Sunday, May 19 10am: Kristin Schiff

Saturday, May 25 5pm: Ellen Ramig
Sunday, May 26 8am: Claire Songco
Sunday, May 26 10am: Angie Hilbert

YOU AND YOUR PARENTS
 ARE INVITED
Senior Mass and Breakfast
 MAY 12, 2024
 MASS - 8:00 AM
 BREAKFAST WILL FOLLOW IN THE ST. AGNES GARDEN ROOM
 PLEASE RSVP - DRE@ST-AGNES-CHURCH.COM OR 308-635-1362
 *PLEASE WEAR YOUR CAP AND GOWN



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are having their **Monthly Breakfast Buffet on May 5th, Sunday from 8 am to 12 pm.** \$5 for Kids and \$10 for Adults. Thank you for your continuous support of our local Knights of Columbus projects.



Our very own **Bob Wolf**, the State Deputy of Nebraska Knights of Columbus along with his lovely wife Chris Wolf was in Washington DC - State Capital. He joined the Thrivent group and spoke to the Nebraska Legislative Delegation about the great Charitable works of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus.

Congratulations to Fr. Konka on Celebrating his 35th Year of receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders in the Rite of Ordination on April 26th. May you continue to guide our Parish, our School, and our Parishioners. Thank you for what you do to our St. Agnes Church Community.



Liturgy Corner

Ministry of Lector

This weekend we recognize all lectors from our parish. Thanking them for their commitment to proclaim the Word of God. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Kathleen Roehl at ministrers@st-agnes-church.com.

What does a Lector do?

Readers or Lectors at Mass, the reader proclaims the assigned Scriptures that precede the Gospel. A person does not need to be an ordained deacon or priest to serve as a reader at Mass. Readers exercise their ministry at the ambo.

After the Opening Prayer or Collect, a reader moves to the ambo for the First Reading. If there is no cantor, the reader may recite or sing the Psalm. This responsorial comes from the Scriptures and may be considered a reading like the others. If there is a Second Reading, another reader may proclaim it. After the homily, especially if there is no deacon, the reader may announce the intercessions.

The entire ministry of the reader takes place during the Liturgy of the Word. A good reader prepares for this ministry. Readers study the assigned Scripture in anticipation of the Mass. They strive to understand its meaning and the reason it was chosen for this celebration. They pray over the words and let themselves be formed by what they read. A good reader becomes familiar with the whole Bible.

The Scriptures become a part of the reader's daily and weekly prayer. The ministry of a reader is most effective when the reader has a devout spirit and the skills of interpretation and proclamation. This ministry takes on deeper significance when readers live their lives in conformity with the word they proclaim. The proclamation of the reading will become a more living interaction if the members of the assembly do not read the text along with but pay full attention to the reader as a person.

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Help us celebrate Father Konka's Ordination Anniversary

Please join us in the Garden Room following the Sunday Morning masses on April 28th for refreshments in honor of Father Konka and all that he does for our Parish!!

Ladies of the Parish, please join us for the

May Altar Society Meeting
Thursday, May 2, 2024
6:30 pm
St. Agnes Garden Room
Please bring a salad to share

**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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Gospel: *John 15:1-8*

On the Way to Mass:

What does it mean to remain? We will hear this word often at mass today. Listen for this word and think about why Jesus says it so often.

On the Way Home From Mass:

We have already listen to his voice and come to him., Now he asks us to remain, to stay with him. How do we do so?

Living the Word:

We know that a grapevine produces grapes, from which comes grape jelly, grape juice, and even wine. Jesus is the true vine and we are the branches. If the life and love of the Holy Spirit are inside us, what will be visible on the outside? Will others be able to see by what we do and by what we say that the life and love of God is inside us? Enjoy a grape-inspired snack and talk about how you see each family member bearing fruit..

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

Find Us On



Parish Website

www.st-agnes-church.com

myParish App

In the App Store on your phone or tablet

Facebook



Thank You! We appreciate and recognize the impact our volunteers make by serving others with their unique gifts and talents. Our volunteers are an essential part of the fabric of our faith community. A special thank you to the following catechists who led the Catholic formation sessions on Wednesday evenings:

1st - Lisa Gass, **2nd** - JoAnn Nash, **3rd** - Jamie Weingart, **4th** - John Songco, **5th** - Ann Anderson, **6th** - Scott Schiff, Casey & Jackie Seymour, **7th** - Ellen Ramig & Alex Ascherl, **Confirmation** - Michael Calvert, Mike Esselstein, and Travis Gould, **Ignite** (High School) - Jeff Gion, **Office** - Marvin Anderson, Elizabeth Kreiling, and Ethan Gion.

Thank you!

*"Being a catechist is not a title; it is an attitude of abiding with him, and it lasts a lifetime! It means abiding in the Lord's presence and letting ourselves be led by him."
~Pope Francis*

Scripture Lessons:

John 15:1-8, "Remain in me"

In this Gospel passage, Jesus compares life with Him to the Vine and its branches. Our connection with Him is absolutely vital for our souls. The stark reality is that a vine-branch can't be cut off and "transplanted" in the soil; it's either attached to the vine or it withers and dies.



Why does Jesus say something so shocking? Because He is the Word of God. Jesus Christ must be the center of our lives. While some are called to devote themselves more radically to Christ than others (e.g. monks, nuns, and priests), everyone is called to deep, living intimacy with Him. A close relationship with Christ isn't a luxury; it's a necessity for our spiritual health.

What can a parent do?

Teach children that Jesus must be the center of our hearts, souls, and lives. Help them to build the habit of praying to Him often. Teach them that weekly Mass and monthly Confession is needed to "keep in touch" with their Friend. To the extent that our hearts belong to Jesus, we will find lasting peace and joy.

Partners in Faith - April 2024



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2024



**Registration
opens: April 1, 2024**

**Get ready to join us.
St. Agnes and Christ the King
June 9-14, 2024**



Register
here



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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joined	pray	gardener
branch	fruit	clean

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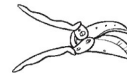
MISSION

Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith, when you stay connected to Jesus.

PUZZLE

Which picture name begins with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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MISSION

I will love God more than anything and love my neighbors as myself.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
April 28, 2024



Upcoming Events

Monday, April 29th

5th Grade Counselor Visit
BMS orientation: A-L 6pm &
M-Z: 6:45pm

Tuesday, April 30th

PK & K Visitation 8:30 - 10:00
Advisory Council - 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 1st

Mass @ 8:15
Kickball - Round 1

Thursday, May 2nd

3rd Gr. Wax Museum - 8:30 in gym
1st Grade Bubbles Day
Kickball Tournament Finals

Friday, May 3rd

PK Zoo Field Trip

HSA Supports the Library

Home and School Association officers Mandi Adams and Beth Merrigan, recently presented librarian, Lana Payne, with a check for \$1000. This money will be used to purchase the Golden Sower, Caldecott and other award-winning books for the 2024-2025 school year. We are extremely grateful to our parent organization for this donation and all they do to support our school. We are so very blessed by their good works!



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Classroom News.....

Spring Program

Toes were tapping and parents and grandparents beamed as St. Agnes PK-5th grade students presented the musical, *Light It Up*, on Thursday, April 18th. With much of our school year being focused on the theme: Be The Light, this program was a perfect culmination to our year. Each song gave a new outlook on the ways Christ diminished the darkness when He gave us life through Him and initiated ways for us to illuminate His love to others. As we head into summer, we will continue to work to be a light for others.



Valley Voices

On April 15th, St. Agnes students enjoyed a performance by the Valley Voices Children's Choir under the direction of Deanna Goranson. This group is comprised of 3rd-5th grade students from various schools who meet once a week and work on various types of music. Their spring program was themed Music From Around the World. Alumni, Nina Polk, was part of the group. We all enjoyed their performance.



MAP Testing Finalized

The spring MAP testing was finalized on Monday, April 22nd. Our students worked hard and did an amazing job of showcasing their learning from this school year. MAP tests results will come home in your child's report card on the last day of school. Should you have any questions after receiving the results, please reach out to Mrs. Brown or the classroom teacher.



April 2024 100 CLUB WINNERS

\$200: Frances/Mary Heumesser; **\$100:** Beth Harvitz, Duong Tran, Margaret Mary Bush; **\$50:** Dennis/Connie Ernest, Tina Delgado, Paul Tyler, Greg/Dawn Wolfe, Jeanie Kramer, Troy/Carol Herman, Mary Cushing Ostry, Jereome Otto; **\$40:** Dick/Susan Lessert

CONGRATULATIONS!

Hot Lunch Menu for April 29th, 2024 - May 3rd, 2024

Monday, April 29

Grilled Cheese
Sun Chips
Peas
Grapes

Helpers:

Katie Moser
Beth Merrigan

Tuesday, April 30

Chili
Green Beans
Apricots
Vanilla Pudding

Helpers:

Kristin Bauer
Beth Merrigan

Wednesday, May 1

Lasagna
Spinach Salad
Garlic Toast
Peaches

Helpers:

HELP NEEDED
HELP NEEDED

Thursday, May 2

Mac & Cheese
Steamed Broccoli
Dinner Roll
Peaches

Helpers:

Mandi Adams
HELP NEEDED

Friday, May 3

Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Garlic Toast
Carrots
Pears

Helpers:

Charissa Gould
Corey Smith

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



First Grade Class By Sharon Bird



This school year has flown by quickly. The students have grown academically, as well as a team.

In April, Mr. Rod Matthewson donated 2 boxes of sidewalk chalk to our class. The students enjoyed going outside and being creative. Mr. Matthewson also donated sidewalk chalk to the first graders in last year's class. He's such a kind person! We wrote thank you notes to him and created pictures to show our appreciation for the gift. Mr. Polk also donated sidewalk chalk to the first grade class. Thank you notes were written and pictures drawn to show our appreciation to him as well.

MAP testing for first grade was scheduled for Monday, April 15 and again Wednesday, April 17. The students worked diligently. I am so proud of their efforts.

The spring program was so wonderful. Mrs. Taedter and the students did such a great job! We made pop-up thank you cards to let her know we appreciate her efforts.

The students had great interest in learning about the Solar Eclipse that took place on April 8th. We stayed inside and watched the eclipse. While inside, we were able to see the eclipse in different areas, not just locally. How exciting!

Earth Day is always a special day for learning. We watched videos about trash and garbage trucks, read a wonderful book on plastic, and Earth Day hats were made.

Information on some fun days (picnic, art, bubbles, etc.) will be sent home. Thank you for the kindness and support this year!!!!!!



Library Room News By Lana Payne



We are almost at the end of April and nearly to the end of the school year. This is the last **Library News** article for the year from the library. The year has gone quickly and been filled with the joys of students finding new books and enjoying old favorites. The library was recently gifted a check in the amount of \$1000 from the Home and School Association to go toward the purchase of books for the library. We all, the staff and students, want to thank the HSA for its continued support of the St. Agnes School Library. THANK YOU!!!!

The Reading Incentive program is also coming to its conclusion for this school year. We are very proud of our students and the work they have put into achieving their individual reading goals and projects. The library has had the pleasure of displaying the reading projects done by the third, fourth, and fifth graders. Everyone has enjoyed seeing and learning about the different reading projects. We would also like to thank all the parents for their support of the Reading Incentive Program and their encouragement of the love of reading!

There's still lots of work to do in the library before the books can take their summer break. Last book checkout day was April 24. All books should be returned by May 8. Please help see that all the library books are returned to the library and lost or damaged books have been paid for. Thank you for your help!



Music Room News By Cori Taedter



A group of very excited St. Agnes music students came together to present our spring music program, "Light it Up!" on Thursday evening, April 18th. With every song reminding us of why it is important to share the light of God's love with others, we were able to do just that with a wonderful combination of both vocal and instrumental compositions. Because of our children's hard work, belief in the message and very willing hearts, our program was an overwhelming success – and a whole lot of fun, too! We give our thanks to God – our hearts are full!

All classes will be very busy over the next several weeks preparing for a number of student led Masses, 5th grade graduation and the ever popular St. Agnes Talent Extravaganza on our last day of school, Friday, May 17th. We are so very fortunate to be able to worship with our music, so we are approaching these final few weeks with a renewed sense of purpose in preparing to do our best singing for the Lord! It is a busy, exciting time of year in the music room, but summer is just around the corner! Thank for a great year, St. Agnes students!

