



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 14, 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

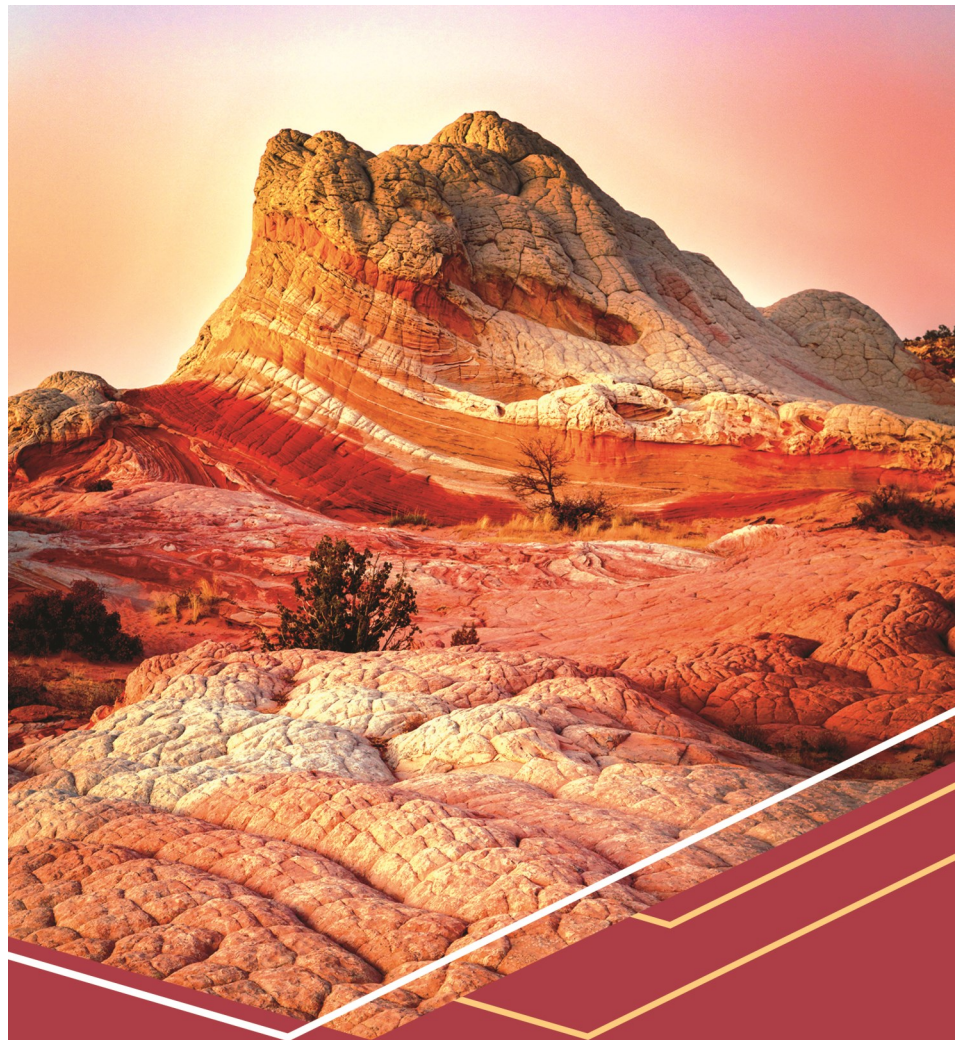
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Acts 8:17
Psalm:66
1 Peter 3:18
John 14:15-17



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Weirdly Christian

For some time, I have worn a brown scapular. If you don't know much about this devotional practice, here is a very quick-and-dirty version, greatly lacking in detail: it's two little pieces of brown cloth, connected by a cord and worn around the neck beneath one's clothing. One of the cloth pieces depicts Our Lady of Mount Carmel appearing to St. Simon Stock, and the other piece — the one that is sometimes visible at the nape of my neck — depicts Our Lady's "scapular promise:" *Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.*

This reflection is not about the brown scapular, but let me just quickly say that, while I believe the scapular promise, I do not view the scapular as a get-out-of-jail-free card, and neither does the Church. I don't wear it for the purpose of avoiding eternal fire. I wear it as a reminder to myself of my Marian consecration and as an act of humility and prayer.

I have sometimes cringed at the thought of how it looks to the person standing behind me in line at the coffee shop, should they happen to glimpse my scapular and read its brazen promise. We don't go in for talk of hellfire and salvation in polite society these days. I wonder if they think I'm a crazy person. I wonder if I should try to tuck the scapular back down below my collar.

Sometimes I do. But more often than not, I take a deep breath and decide that it's okay for me to feel self-conscious and trust that, if God wants to use this moment for His glory, he will — and if He doesn't, all I've lost is the esteem of others, which isn't worth that much to begin with.

I've always heard it said that if you do Christianity right, the rest of the world should think you're just a little bit weird.

"...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." — John 14:17

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 15, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Mike Merrigan by Joe & Mary Ostry
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, May 16, 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, May 17, 2023

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

Ascension Thursday, May 18, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †MaDonna Schenbeck by The Merkel Family
Ascension Thursday Mass (Noon)
Intention: For Our Parish

Ascension Thursday Mass (7:00pm)

Intention: Delaynie Hort by Connie McDonnough
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, May 19, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Gary Kipper by Troy & Carol Herman
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Laurie Kohmetscher by Rod & Ellen Ramig

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Scottie Schenbeck by The Merkel Family

This Week's Readings



Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-1

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-2

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-2

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/ Jn 17:1-11a

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please mark your calendars, on Saturday, June 10th, there will be no 5:00pm mass. There will be no Saturday evening mass on this date anywhere in the Diocese of Grand Island due to the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress that is taking place in North Platte on that day.

The Bishop encourages everyone to attend this event.

JOB OPENING

St. Agnes School is seeking a full-time PK para for the 2023-2024 school year. Hours are 7:45-3:15 daily on days school is in session. Interested candidates may contact the school office or Mrs. Julie Brown @ 632-6918 or jbrown@st-agnes-school.com

Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, May 16th at noon in the St. Agnes Church Garden Room. Please bring a dish to share and join your church family friends for good food, fellowship.



Thank You

To those who took a name card of a Confirmation or First Holy Communion candidate. Your prayers for these individuals were greatly appreciated! We hope to continue this new tradition in the years to come!



There is still time to sign up for the parish photo directory!

simply go to the Universal website, 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.

Photo taking will begin the week of May 22nd! If you have any questions, or need help signing up, you can call the parish office Tuesday thru Friday during business hours.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

May 2023 Totals

Actual	\$5591.01
ATW	\$2395.00
Online Giving	\$1024.50
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$10.51

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for Catholic Communication

Thank you for your continued giving!



100 Club Members: Please pick up your donation envelopes in the gathering space anytime after weekend masses.

Server Schedule

May 20 5pm	Luis Acosta Easton Hill
May 21 8am	Easton Becker Andrew Peck
10:00am	Audrey Podlesak Kayley Smith

Lector Schedule

May 20 5pm	Diana Rohrick
May 21 8am	Nicole Hoelsing
10:00am	Chris Burbach

Rosary Leader Schedule

May 20 5pm	Jennifer Hiltgen
May 21 8am	Addison Peck
10:00am	Jackie Seymour



just a reminder:





Knights of Columbus



The **Knight of Columbus** with the coordination of our **Director of Religious Education - Terri Calvert**, provided a lunch pizza party for the **Altar Servers**. **Fr. Konka** led the prayers and he said that, he started serving as an Altar Server since 3rd grade and never stopped serving until he went to the Seminary and got ordained as a priest! We are hoping the speech motivated the kids to keep serving as Altar servers.

The kids played capture the flag, baseball and kickball until 1 pm on Sunday. Special thanks to the **Gould family** for leading this project. Please watch out for the next Pizza Party in August for the Altar Servers.

THE RIGHT CONNECTION

In the days when most people could not read or write, storytellers kept the community connected with tales that were entertaining, thought provoking, and informative. Nowadays public storytelling is almost a forgotten art. Instead, we are snowed under with information, news, and commentary by everybody about everything around the clock. Against this background, many of us must “multitask” in an attempt to be more productive and efficient. We try to get as many things done at one time as we possibly can in order to make a little free time for ourselves. Every parent knows how to multitask! But with the rise of the Internet, blogs, texting, and Twittering, something new is emerging, which has been called “continuous partial attention”: paying partial attention—continuously—scanning for the best opportunities, activities, and contacts at any given moment. In general, multitasking allows us to stay in face-to-face connection with people, but continuous partial attention can isolate us in our own little bubble, simply watching a screen, often with negative consequences. The average American watches more than four hours of TV each day. In a sixty-five-year life, that person will have spent nine years glued to the tube and seen two million commercials, with over 53 percent of viewing time focused on crime, disaster, and war. We know that Internet use is growing rapidly, and recent studies show that texting while driving makes people eight times more likely to suffer a serious car accident. Saint Peter, in today’s second reading, says, “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts” (Peter 3:15). This is a clear indication of what should be the single most important thing in our lives, from which everything else flows—how we prioritize our daily life, how we spend our time, our relationships with other people, how we use our abilities, and how we use our resources. Make the connection to a Christ-centered life and live!

The **Knights of Columbus** are in the process of ordering Shirts for members. If you want a shirt ordered, please contact **Mike Esselstein @ 631-9711**. The council will shoulder half of the cost of the Shirt. Thank you for your cooperation.





Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

"ABIDE IN ME"

- JOHN 6:56



JUNE 10, 2023



SPEAKER:
FATHER TIM ANASTOS
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Place:
Ramada by Wyndham North Platte
and Sandhills Convention Ctr
2102 S Jeffers Street, North Platte, NE 69101

To register visit:
www.gidiocese.org/eucharistic-revival



The Second Vatican Council teaches, "The origin and growth of the Church are symbolized by the blood and water which flowed from the open side of the crucified Jesus," and that "it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth the wondrous sacrament of the whole Church." In this image from the Gospel of John, we see that the Church, the Bride of the Lamb, is born from the sacrificial love of Christ in his self-offering on the cross. The Eucharist represents this one sacrifice so that we are placed in communion with it and with the divine love from which it flows forth. We are placed in communion with each other through this love which is given to us. That is why we can say, "the Eucharist makes the Church." (USCCB The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church #25 cont.)
eucharisticrevival.org

Final plans are being made. Don't miss out, join others for this exciting diocesan event.

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, June 10, 2023, North Platte, NE.

**Information and
registration can be found at
gidiocese.org/eucharistic-revival**

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Gospel: *John 14: 15-21*

On the Way to Mass:

What are ways that you can show Jesus that you love him?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Is it difficult to keep Jesus' commandments? Is there one commandment that is harder for you to follow?

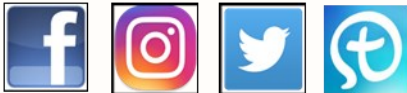
Living the Word:

Jesus gave us two commandments that summarize all the commandments. Read Matthew 22:37 and Matthew 22:39, and then discuss them as a family. Which of these two commandments do you think is harder to follow?

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2022-2023*

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Thoughtful Moments:

Why does Easter matter?

Jesus died so that we might live. In fact, He died so that we might live forever. If we truly believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, that belief must cause us to live differently. Easter gives us confidence that the darkness in our past can be forgiven, our present has meaning, and we can have hope for the future. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in human history.



Come together in silence.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence." Once a week, turn off the television, computers, video games and telephones for fifteen minutes. Sit in silence together and listen for God's voice.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but (H)im who sent me" Mark 9:37.

Live with Easter joy throughout the year

The Church gives us a whole season to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter, ending on Pentecost (May 28). Here are five ways to spread Easter joy beyond the season:



Praise God daily together: Christ's Resurrection is a source of hope. Without it, getting to Heaven would be impossible for us. Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving together every day.

Celebrate our new life. Plant an indoor Easter garden that you can tend all year. Point out new leaves, blossoms, or shoots when they appear, and remember that Easter brings us all new life.

"Tell me a story." Jesus told marvelous stories to help us understand God's love for us. Add Jesus' stories to your regular bedtime story selection and help children fall asleep with sweet dreams of God's love.

Fast before the feast. The pain of Good Friday makes the joy at Easter more intense. Observe every Friday as a day of penance. For example, in addition to abstaining from meat, consider making Friday night a no-dessert or a no-computer game night. Then, on Sunday, treat yourselves to whatever you gave up.

Celebrate Easter every week: At every Mass, we receive the Resurrected Christ. He is as present to us as He was to Mary Magdalene outside the tomb. Don't miss a chance to celebrate "Little Easter" every Sunday.

Partners in Faith - Mary 2023



TOTUS TUUS

Registration opens
April 1st

Happening here
July 16th - 20th (6th-12th)
July 17th - 21st (1st-5th)



www.gidiocese.org/totus-tuus

This year Totus Tuus will be held collaborating with Christ the King, Gering. The day program, elementary, will be held at CTK and the middle/high school program will be held at St. Agnes.

There are a limited number of spots, so register today!

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Circle the pictures that show love.



MISSION

Make cards for the sick. Remind them how much Jesus loves them.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





Connecting Students and Families through Faith
May 14, 2023



Upcoming Events

Monday May 15th

Kindergarten graduation - 9:00

5th Grade lunch at park

Tuesday, May 16th

Kindergarten to Fitness gym/
lunch at park

3rd grade to Jax

Wednesday, May 17th

Final Mass - 5th Grade Leads

5th Grade Graduation

Thursday, May 18th

Ascension Thursday Mass - 12:00

Friday May 19th

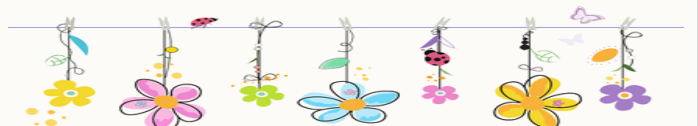
Last Day of School

Celebrating Mary

May is the month of special devotion to our Mother Mary. The May Crowning is a special Catholic ritual in which a stature of Mary is crowned with a garland of flowers, honoring her as the Queen of May. The 3rd grade students led Mass on May 3rd and included the May Crowning ritual. The students will be encouraged to honor Mary by praying the rosary this month.



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Classroom News.....

End of Year Fun

The start of May marks an exciting time for the students of St. Agnes as it means lots of extra fun and educational activities and fieldtrips to close out the year. Whether taking fieldtrips to the zoo, Dominos, or Agate Fossil beds, or enjoying picnics, bubbles or kickball with friends, all provide the chance to learn a bit more and spend the last few days making some lasting memories. We are grateful of another amazing year of learning and growing together.



The Chicks Have Arrived

Kindergarten students are the proud parents of 3 chicks, all of whom arrived during the first week of May. Their room is filled with peeps and giggles as the students enjoy caring for their new furry friends.



Kickball Tourney

May 3rd and 4th marked the days of the annual kickball tournament at St. Agnes School. The students wait with great anticipation for this event to take place. 3rd-5th graders are drafted onto teams by 5th grade captains and play a double elimination tourney. 1st and 2nd participate in an exhibition game. Great fun is had by all. Results include: Champions: Red, 2nd place: Blue, 3rd place: Grey, 4th place: White, and 5th place: Green. 2nd defeated 1st in the exhibition game. Most important was the amazing sportsmanship shown and the comradery built during this fun event.



Hot Lunch Menu for May 15th, 2023 - May 19th, 2023

Monday, May 15	Tuesday, May 16	Wednesday, May 17	Thursday, May 18	Friday, May 19
Corn Dogs French Fries Vegetable Fruit	Super Nachos Taco Meat, Black Beans Nacho Cheese Sauce Potato Fruit	Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes /Gravy Corn Roll & Margarine Fruit	Taco w/ cheese, lettuce Salsa Green Beans Potato Fruit **Lunch is at 11:00**	Chicken & Waffles Potato Vegetable Fruit
Helpers: Adam Vath Terri Calvert	Helpers: Ashby Adams Ashlee Wilson	Helpers: Liz Engel Terri Calvert	Helpers: Tish Kosman Beth Merrigan	Helpers: Jessica Acosta Toni Warburton

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

Pre-K Class By Nicole Boness

I can't believe the school year is almost over! This class has been such a great group of kids. I am going to miss them so much. It has been fun watching them grow over this past school year. I am so proud of each and every one of them. These kids have been working hard on perfecting their songs for graduation and they can't wait to sing them in front of their parents.

Pre-K has been learning a lot about spring. They have been learning the process of how a flower grows. The kids got to create their own flower and label the parts. They also all made bumblebees to hang on the door. We had our last Vocation Friday, which the kids loved doing all the activities. We celebrated Cinco De Mayo with some yummy Mexican food and learned about their culture. The kids got to go to the zoo and eat lunch at the park. On top of that, the 3rd graders invited us to their Wax Museum.

As you can see, we have been very busy! We have one week left and I know it's going to fly by. I hope everyone has a great and safe summer!



Fifth Grade Class By Lynsey Ayers



Hello everyone! Here it is, the final Fifth Grade bulletin for the school year! I do not know how this school year went by so quickly! We are finishing up the year with our final tests, and also a comparison paper comparing selves to a favorite book character and presenting everyone's' Historical Figures projects! So far, our presentations have been wonderful, and it has been so much fun seeing each student learn and grow a new appreciation for their specific figure. I cannot begin to describe how proud I am of every single one of my students for the work that they have done over this year and all that they have accomplished. They have worked so hard, it has been such a pleasure being given the chance to be a part of their education journey. I know that they are all going to do so well and go so far in the years to come. I could not have asked for a more wonderful class and start to being at St. Agnes.

