



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 21, 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



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Acts 1:12-14

Psalm:27

1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17:1-11a



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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.

But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

"Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks." — Psalm 27

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 22, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Charlotte Hamilton by The Heumesser Family
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, May 23, 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 24, 2023

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †MaDonna Schenbeck by The Merkel Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, May 25, 2023

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

Friday, May 26, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Felix Koenig by Lucille Koenig
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, May 27, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Brady Hoos by Gene & Mari Schwarzkopf

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: In Thanksgiving for the Rain by The Heumesser Family
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish

This Week's Readings



Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-1

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-2

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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

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).

St. Agnes Summer Gardening

Volunteers needed this summer to help with gardening on the St. Agnes campus. Please meet June 5th at 9:00 am in the garden room for discussion of areas needing work. If you have questions, please contact Jeannette Fitzgerald at 641-0106. **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

May 14, 2023

Actual	\$3415.35
ATW	\$4880.00
Online Giving	\$860.50
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$155.85
Haiti/Uganda	\$933.00

May 2023 Totals

Actual	\$9006.36
ATW	\$7275.00
Online Giving	\$1885.00
Budget	\$18000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$166.36

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

Thank you for your continued giving!

Server Schedule

May 27	5pm	Traxton Adams Tea Hill
May 28	8am	David Hafner Jacob Mark
	10:00am	Zaide Gurrola Tristan Calvert

Lector Schedule

May 27	5pm	Diana Rohrick
May 28	8am	Nicole Hoelsing
	10:00am	Angie Hilbert

Rosary Leader Schedule

May 27	5pm	Ellen Ramig
May 28	8am	JoAnn Nash
	10:00am	Angie Hilbert



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.





Congratulations!

Congratulations to the high school seniors from St. Agnes! May God bless you as you begin a new chapter in your life!

The graduates that attended the graduation mass on Sunday, May 14th are:

Kate Larson, Alexavier Gurrola, Megan Kicken, Savian Marquez, Leona Brezenski, María Ayala Gregg Hartman, Austin Svitak, Zach Wharton



Knights of Columbus

Members of the Knights of Columbus handed out flowers on Mothers day after each of the masses for all the Mothers of our local parish. God bless all the mothers on this special day.

*****Please join us for our Monthly Knights of Columbus Meeting on May 25th from 7 pm to 7:45 pm. Socials will be from 7:45 to 8:30 pm. Fr. Konkra will be joining our meeting.*****
 Thank you for your attention.



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.



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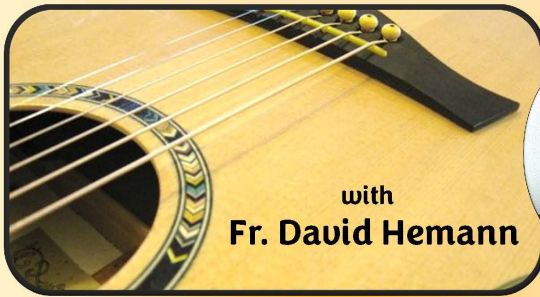


Saint Benedict Center

With heartfelt Benedictine hospitality, the monks of Christ the King Priory welcome you to Saint Benedict Center for an opportunity to rest and grow in the Lord.

Spiritual Concert

Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



with
Fr. David Hemann



Come enjoy this evening of beautiful music and sharing of the Gospel with Fr. David Hemann of the Sioux City Diocese. This prayerful, inspirational concert will draw you into the presence of our Lord. His original music provides peace and hope for the anxious heart and wisdom for the discerning soul.

Fr. David is the Pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Sioux City, IA. He has been engaged in music ministry throughout his priesthood. Fr. David has crafted numerous CDs that bring consolation and the Good News to the people and build the Kingdom of God, including *Let Nothing Trouble You*, a collection of prayers and wisdom and *Into the Light*, a collection of Psalms, Saints and various prayers.

No Charge - Donations Accepted

St. Benedict Center, 1126 Road 1, PO Box 528, Schuyler, NE 68661-0528

TO REGISTER: Please call 402-352-8819, ext. 360,

go online to www.StBenedictCenter.com or email Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com

Women of Hope Who Find God in ALL Things



A Silent Ignatian Retreat for Women
August 24-27, 2023
At Creighton University Retreat Center

This Ignatian retreat is designed especially for women using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Get away from the hectic pace of life and take time to deepen your relationship with God by engaging your heart, mind, body and eternal soul.

Hear God speak to your heart in the community of silence. There will be 11 preached conferences by Sharon Doran who combines her love of Sacred Scripture with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Expect God to work in powerful ways through the promises of His revealed Word combined with the rhythm that St. Ignatius developed to contemplate it. The exercises are Holy Spirit inspired and the word of God is living and active, so each retreat is a non-repeatable experience.

You are invited to contemplate the hope-filled mysteries and learn to experience God in ALL things and walk together on life's journey.

There will be opportunities for Mass, confessions & spiritual direction.



Retreat costs based on single occupancy and includes meals —\$425

Check-in between 4:30-5:30pm on

Thursday & retreat concludes on Sunday at 2:30pm. Register using this QR code or at creighton.edu/curc



Creighton University Retreat Center 16493 Conrail Ave | Griswold, IA 51535 | 712.778.2466 | curc@creighton.edu

AN INVITATION FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ISLAND DIOCESE AGE 15+

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

JUNE 10, 2023

Ramada by Wyndham North Platte
and Sandhills Convention Ctr
North Platte, NE 69101

Details and Register at
gidiocese.org/eucharistic-revival



We are first incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church, through the waters of Baptism.

Yet Baptism, like the other sacraments, is ordered toward Eucharistic communion. The Second Vatican Council teaches, the other sacraments, as well as with every ministry of the Church and every work of the apostolate, are tied together with the Eucharist and are directed toward it. The Most Blessed Eucharist contains the entire spiritual boon of the church, that is, Christ himself, our Pasch and Living Bread, by the action of the Holy Spirit through his very flesh vital and vitalizing, giving life to men who are thus invited and encouraged to offer themselves, their labors and all created things, together with him.

(USCCB The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

#26)

eucharisticrevival.org

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Gospel: *John 17:1-11a*

On the Way to Mass:

Jesus speaks to his Father in prayer often throughout the Gospel accounts. Why? How often do you speak to God? What could help you pray more often?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Jesus says that knowing God and knowing Jesus will give us eternal life. What can we do to know God and Jesus more?

Living the Word:

Today we hear Jesus' words spoken directly to the Father the night before he was crucified. As a family, write a letter to God. What would you want to say to him if you knew that you were going to die tomorrow?

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2022-2023*

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Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why are roses associated with Mary?

For centuries, Our Lady has been associated with roses, traditionally considered the “queen” of flowers in Europe and the Middle East for their beauty, nobility, delicacy, and fragrance. They have also been linked to royalty. In apparitions, Mary has appeared with roses at Lourdes, Guadalupe, and La Salette. One of her titles is “Mystical Rose.” This connection was so strong, people compared praying sets of Hail Marys to a “wreath of roses,” called a “*rosarium*”— now known as the Rosary.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Jesus “Christ”?



“Christ” is not Jesus’ last name. In fact, it is a title from the Greek *Christos*, meaning, “anointed one.” It refers to an ancient Jewish tradition of anointing a new king with oil.

For Jesus, calling him, “Christ,” affirms that His Lordship includes all of creation and points to His mission as the Savior and the promised Messiah of the Jews. By recognizing Him as “Christ,” Christians affirm they’re under His kingship and that they owe their final loyalty to Him.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

How do Catholics use our senses in worship?

Our everyday awareness of God comes to us through our senses: sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste. They are the pathways to the deepest parts of our imagination and understanding.

Some rituals of the Church go back to the times when few people could read or write – but they could be drawn to Jesus by using their senses. Now we use sacred music, bells, incense, poetic prayers – they all plant our faith deep in our body and bones as Catholics.



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!

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will ask Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to help me every day.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

ETERNAL
CHRIST
FATHER

GLORY
GIVEN
FOLLOWERS

WORLD
SHOWN
PRAYING

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MISSION

The next time you talk to God, pray for each of your friends. Ask your friends to pray for you, too.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
May 21, 2023

Upcoming Events

July 24 - August 4th

Jumpstart Summer School

August 17th

Back To school BBQ

August 21st

1st day of school for students

Giving Thanks for a Great Year

St. Agnes students and staff closed out the 2022-2023 school year on Friday, May 19th. It was a wonderful year of learning and growing in faith and knowledge. We are grateful to our parents, families, parish, benefactors and the Scottsbluff community for their continued support of our school and all that happens here. We are blessed by God to have such an amazing village. Wishing everyone a safe and fun-filled summer.



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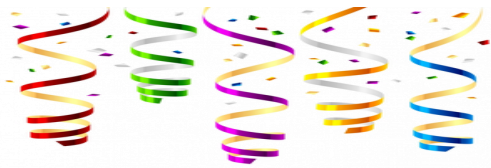


Celebrating Our Graduates

St. Agnes School hosted 3 graduations during the last week of school. PK graduated on Friday, May 12th, followed by kindergarten on Monday, May 15th and 5th grade on May 17th. We are proud of these students and wish them the very best on the next step of their education journey.



PK: Greyllynn Adams*, Olivienne Alvizar*, Coyle Ascherl*, Mustafa Awadallah*, Adaline Behnke*, Bryn Calvert*, Reid Colwell, Kellan Covalt*, Harper Dendinger, Ella Engel*, Gionni Galvan*, Weston Gould*, Aavin Gurrola, James Hoelsing*, Mateo McBride*, Sophie McGhehey*, Rachel Schiff, Duke Suhr*, Oliver Vath*, Ellery Young
*indicates moving on to kindergarten



Kindergarten: Killian Dudley, Anita Garcia, Iviana Garcia, Sullivan Gauthier, Arabella Gurrola, June Hoelsing, Graham Jenkins, Muhammad Kader, Brynn Maas, Kane Marshall, Henry Preston, Carsen Stands, Riley Windhorst



5th Grade: Luis Acosta (Gering), Grant Celli, Connor Dudley, Adan Garcia, Solarah Gould, Easton Hill, Sakina Kader, Ella Kildow, Timothy King, Jonah Klaas, Nina Polk, Emma Saucedo, Reagan Schiff, William Seymour, Morgan Smith (Mitchell), Havynn Urdiales, Lauren Weitzel
*All students moving on to BMS other than those indicated

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

Presidential Academic Excellence Scholastic Gold Awards



5th Grade Graduation and Final Awards

St. Agnes School honored their 5th grade with a Mass, graduation celebration and reception held on May 17th at the church. Seventeen students received their diplomas and were recognized for their academic success and other achievements. Special Awards include:

April Wylie Reisberg Outstanding 5th Grader:

Regan Schiff

Virtuous Students of the Year:

Morgan Smith, Nina Polk, John Songco & Easton Hill

Presidential Academic Excellence Award & Scholastic Gold:

Grant Celli, Easton Hill, Sakina Kader, Jonah Klaas, Nina Polk, Emma Saucedo, Regan Schiff, Morgan Smith, Havynn Urdiales & Lauren Weitzel

Scholastic Silver Award:

Luis Acosta, Connor Dudley, Adan Garcia, Solarah Gould, Ella Kildow, Timothy King & William Seymour

Presidential Academic Achievement Award:

Luis Acosta, Ella Kildow, Timothy King & William Seymour

Top Scholar:

Jonah Klaas

Classroom Citizenship Awards:

PK - Olivienne Alvizar & Kellan Covalt K- Iviana Garcia & Riley Windhorst 1st Gr- Rose Schiff & Ryker Colwell 2nd Gr- Hazel Acosta & Leo Ascherl 3rd Gr- Matilda Kosman & Logan Smith 4th Gr- Claire Ascherl & Easton Becker 5th Gr- Regan Schiff & Easton Hill

Special Reading Award:

Grant Celli, Easton Hill, Sakina Kader, Ella Kildow, Jonah Klaas, Nina Polk, Emma Saucedo, Regan Schiff, William Seymour, Havynn Urdiales & Lauren Weitzel

Virtuous Students of the Year Award

Presidential Academic Achievement Awards



Top Scholar Award



April Wylie Reisberg Award



Special Reading Award



Classroom Citizenship Awards



Scholastic Silver Award