



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 7, 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



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.
If there were not, would I have told you that I am
going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm:33

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Building on the Cornerstone

Before I married my husband, I assumed there were “ugly houses” and “pretty houses,” and that was that. But Matt is an architect, someone who reads books with titles like “A Field Guide to American Houses” for fun and who uses the term *vernacular architecture* like he knows what it means.

Through him, I’ve come to learn a lot about why certain structures simply don’t have a pleasing look. There is a logic to ugliness, as it turns out. One of the main reasons a building or a home might strike some of us as ugly is because it has undergone a careless renovation. Whether out of laziness or an effort to be cost-effective, additions are made that depart from the architectural style of the original structure. The result is slapdash, confusing — ugly, for lack of a better word.

What is added on later must somewhat resemble the original. If you want to depart dramatically from the original style of a building, it’s better to build a separate structure altogether.

I think of this principle when I consider Christ as the “cornerstone.” We know we are called to model ourselves on Christ, to build on his example. But so often we cherry-pick elements of his message and attempt to build on it with additions that make no sense.

When someone looks at us, at our lives, they should be able to tell after whom that life is patterned. We must resemble the cornerstone, if we do not, it will be apparent, unseemly. You can’t see God the Father without embracing God the Son. You can’t chart the future of a house without any thought for its past.

If Christ is not our inspiration, he will be our contradiction.

“...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house... to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” — 1 Peter 2:5

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 8, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family
by The Diocese of Grand Island
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: Taylor Hort by Connie
McDonnough
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, May 11, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Sr. Chris Meyer by Jerry &
Jeannette Fitzgerald
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, May 12, 2023

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

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: For Our Parish

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: Damian Schmidt for Speedy
Recovery by The Songco Family
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Christine Barajas by Pam Lind &
Family

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: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:13, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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



2023 Graduation Mass

The 2023 graduation mass will be held on Sunday, May 14 at the 8:00am mass. Any graduating senior is welcome to attend. Please wear your cap and gown. Please RSVP your attendance to Terri Calvert by Monday, May 8th at dre@st-agnes-church.com

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



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their breakfast buffet on Sunday, May 7th from 8:00am to noon. This is an all you eat buffet. Adults are \$10.00 per person and children are \$5.00 each. Carry out is available. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Holy Day Masses

Mass times for
 The Ascension of the Lord:

Thursday,
 May 18th, 2023



7am,
 Noon
 & 7pm

Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, May 16st 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.



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

April 30, 2023

Actual	\$5030.00
Online Giving	\$1823.50
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$2146.50

April 2023 Totals

Actual	\$24977.20
ATW	\$7275.00
Online Giving	\$6772.50
Budget	\$45000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$5975.30

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for Haiti/Uganda

Thank you for your continued giving!

Server Schedule

May 13 5pm	Giovanni Alvizar Coraline Hill
May 14 8am	Isabella Songco Connelly Ascherl
10:00am	Camilla Linz Logan Zulkoski

Lector Schedule

May 13 5pm	Carmen Trevino
May 14 8am	Margaret Rood
10:00am	Chris Burbach

Rosary Leader Schedule

May 13 5pm	Jennifer Hiltgen
May 14 8am	Claire Songco
10:00am	Jackie Seymour





Knights of Columbus



Our local officers of Council 2681 attended the **Knights of Columbus 2023 Nebraska State Convention.**



Along in the picture were members from other neighboring Councils in Gering, Chadron, Valentine and Sidney; Also in the picture were Bishop Hanefeldt of Diocese of Grand Island and Fr. Fulton - State Chaplain.



Bob Wolf was elected as the new **State Deputy** for the next fiscal year of 2023 to 2025 for the K of C State of Nebraska.

Recent Baptisms



Maverick Rudy Dendinger
April 23, 2023
 Son of
Andrew & Robyn Dendinger

RELEASING THE HOLY

One day God noticed a racket going on around a man in Italy. He was hammering and chiseling stone as if something were alive inside and he was laboring to free it. "Michelangelo, what are you doing?" said God. "I am setting you free, Lord, so everyone will recognize you in this stone, as well as in everyone who suffers a violent, unjust death. I don't want people to forget what you did for us." The Lord replied to Michelangelo: "In times past I stayed in many different places. I don't remember living in that stone you're working on." "Lord," said the sculptor, "when your Son came to us, he left your Holy Spirit everywhere; we have to search it out, discover it, and reveal it to others." The Lord was pleased with Michelangelo's answer and left him to chip away. Slowly, very slowly, the sculptor set free the figure of a woman holding the body of her dead son in her lap.



Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

"BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW"



JUNE 10, 2023

Place:

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

For reservations call: (308)382-6565



SPEAKER:
FATHER TIM ANASTOS
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



The Sacrament of the Eucharist is called Holy Communion precisely because, by placing us in intimate communion with the sacrifice of Christ, we are placed in intimate communion with him and, through him, with each other. Therefore, the Eucharist is called Holy Communion because it is "the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. How can we understand this? The Gospel of John recounts that, when Jesus died on the cross, blood and water flowed out (Jn 19:34), symbolic of Baptism and the Eucharist. (USCCB The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church #25)

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
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Gospel: *John 14: 1-10a*

On the Way to Mass:

What are some ways that we can follow Jesus in our day-to-day lives?

On the Way Home From Mass:

What does Jesus mean when he says, “I am the way”?

Living the Word:

Have your children help you make signs that read: “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” Place them in common areas, such as the bathroom mirror, front door, or microwaves so that his message will be seen and read often. Let these signs remind you of Jesus’ words so they can be imprinted on your hearts.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2022-2023*

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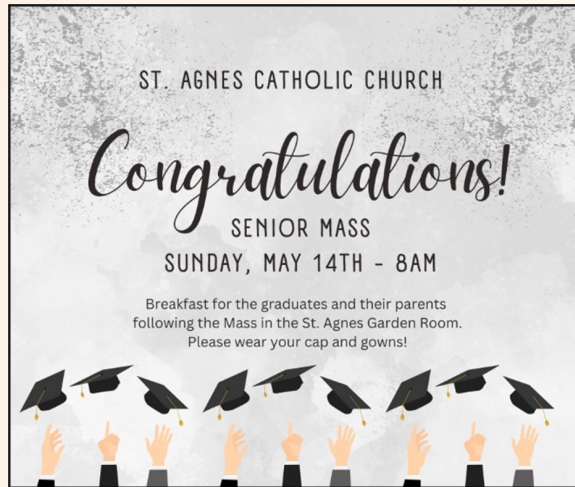


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*In the App Store on your phone
or tablet*



Three ways to extend God’s mercy at home

Jesus said, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Matthew 5:7). In other words, the more we share God’s mercy with others, the happier we will be. Here are three ways to show mercy to others and bring happiness to you both:

Avoid rash judgment. Assume the best of others, rather than the worst. For example, don’t guess at others’ motives because we can’t know what is in others’ hearts or minds. Teach children to do the right thing without worrying about why others aren’t.

Extend forgiveness. Forgiveness means allowing ourselves to move on from hurt we have experienced. Reconciliation – being friends again – may not be possible or ideal, but forgiveness in one’s heart always is.

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Jesus gave this powerful prayer to St. Faustina, saying, “*Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will*” (St. Faustina Diary, #1731). Consider praying this together on Fridays for anyone in need of mercy, especially for the dying.



ParentTalk

Have you ever really meditated on the words of the Our Father? There is a point about forgiveness that made an impact on my daughter, Tessa, when her religion class discussed it.

Tessa: “Did you realize that if you don’t forgive people, God won’t forgive you? He doesn’t even want to see you.”

Me: “What do you mean?”

Tessa: “It’s in the Our Father. ‘Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.’ He won’t forgive if we don’t.”

Me: “Yes, he really wants us to forgive each other.”

Tessa: ‘Like, if you are on your way to church and you had a fight with someone, Jesus said to go say ‘sorry’ and THEN you can go to church.’”

Me: “Not exactly. You should go to church anyway but still try to fix the problem with your friend.”

Tessa: “Okay, just don’t put it off too long.”

Partners in Faith - April 2023



TOTUS TUUS

Registration opens
April 1st

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



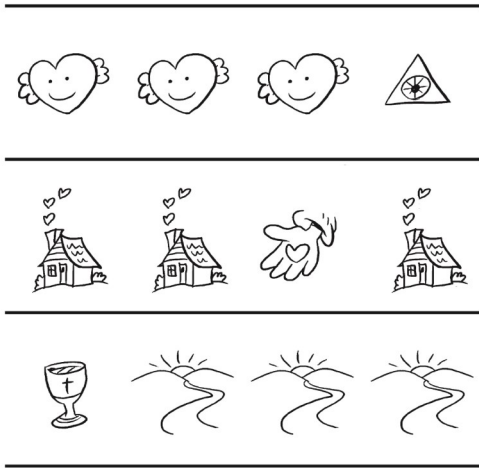
www.gidiocese.org/totus-tuus

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 **different**. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will bury my worry rocks because God has everything under his control.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS
TRUST
PREPARE

PLACE
GOING
FATHER

BELIEVE
LIVING
MIRACLES

A	T	N	A	Y	H	O	F	N	T	W
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MISSION

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
May 7, 2023



Upcoming Events

Tuesday May 9th

1st & 2nd Grades Picnic @ Park

Wednesday, May 10th

Mass @ 8:15

SB Public Library Visits

Kindergarten trip to Zoo - 10:00

Thursday, May 11th

1st Grade Virtual Zoo Trip &

Bubble-ology activities

Friday, May 12th

PK graduation - 9:00 in gym

April Virtuous Students



The April Golden Rule Ceremony was held on Monday, May 1st. Over 95 golden rules were awarded for good deeds done during the month of April. Easton Hill (5th), Lauren Weitzel (5th) and Natalia Alvizar (1st) were recognized as the Virtuous Students of the month. Grand Knight John Songco & Knight member, Travis Gould presented each with a certificate and rosette.

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Classroom News.....

A Night at the Movies

St. Agnes students and their immediate family members enjoyed a night at the Midwest Theater in celebration of their amazing raffle ticket selling success. Students enjoyed the movie *Mummies* and enjoyed plenty of delicious treats. Thanks to : Movie Sponsor – U&U Trucking & the Urdiales family, Popcorn Sponsor: the Engel family, Drink Sponsor: the Knights of Columbus-Scottsbluff, and Candy Sponsor: the Songco family. What a fun reward for all the hard work done by our families!



Wax Museum

Third grade students performed a wax museum in the school gym on Tuesday, May 2nd. Each child researched a person of interest, then created a poster board, dressed as the person and stood ready to tell about themselves to passing visitors. What a fun and educational experience for both the students as well as their guests!



Visitation

St. Agnes welcomed 15 PK and 15 kindergarten students for visitation held on Thursday, April 27. The children enjoyed making new friends and taking part in activities in the gym and stations in the classroom while the parents met with teachers about classroom policies and procedures. We look forward to these groups joining us in the fall for an amazing 23-24 school year.



Leader In Me

Find Your Voice was the April habit of the month. Students who understand this habit are trustworthy and stand up for what is right. They influence others in a positive way and work to empower their friends and classmates. Students recognized include: PK – Sophie McGhehey, K – June Hoelsing, 1st – Mara Margheim, 2nd – Charles Vath, 3rd – Ruby Schiff, 4th – Mila Miller and 5th Morgan Smith.



Hot Lunch Menu for May 8th, 2023 - May 12th, 2023

<u>Monday, May 8</u>	<u>Tuesday, May 9</u>	<u>Wednesday, May 10</u>	<u>Thursday, May 11</u>	<u>Friday, May 12</u>
Hot Dog on a bun Steamed Carrots Potato Circles Pears	Cheese Quesadilla Salsa & tomatoes Southwest black beans Corn	Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Broccoli w/ ranch Cookie Apples	Cheese Pizza Green Salad w/ DL Spinach Banana	Chicken Patty Sandwich Tater Tots Green Beans Fruit
Helpers: Seth Covalt Meghan Covalt	Helpers: Ashby Adams Bill King	Helpers: Rachel Ascherl Kika	Helpers: Tish Kosman Ashlee Wilson	Helpers: Corey Smith Tracy Smith

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

Third Grade Class By Meghan Calvert

Once again, another month has flown by up here in 3rd grade. We have been working mastering our multiplication facts, and are now starting on some division. It has been fun watching the students fall in love with math and all the different strategies we can use in math to solve a problem.

This month for art we learned about Claude Monet. We learned about the impressionist era and recreated his garden paintings with our own twist. The students used flowers to paint with and made impressions on the paper. Then they used blue paint and a ruler to move the blue paint over the flower imprints they made. It was a new and fun technique to play with.

3rd grade worked hard on creating a living wax museum. The students researched historical figures for 2 weeks. Then after they researched their figure, they created a timeline, a trifold poster and a speech. They then dressed up as that figure and presented it as if they were that person at our living wax museum. It was fun to watch them research and present their presentations. They all worked so hard on this project!

We are officially in our last couple weeks of school, and I cannot believe how fast this year went by! It is such a bittersweet moment for me. I am so excited to see what all my current students will accomplish next year when they go to 4th grade, but I am not ready to say goodbye to them yet. As this is my first class, they will always hold a special place in my heart.



Library Room News By Lana Payne

Here it is, May already! Only a couple weeks of school remain for this school year. It has been a busy year in the library but the days, weeks and months have gone by fast! This will be the last week for book checkout this year. The students are always surprised and disappointed to hear that. Hopefully students will take part in the Scottsbluff Library's Summer Reading Program. Mrs. Carlson and the team of children's librarians will be here before school is out to introduce the students to this summer's reading theme and to give them information about signing up for the program. This is always an enriching fun-filled activity for the summer months. Hope everyone gets registered and sets some summer reading goals for themselves!

This year's St. Agnes Reading Incentive Program concluded at the end of April. Students read many books and completed monthly projects to meet their personal reading goals. They can be very proud of their reading accomplishments. To celebrate, will be having a Bingo for Books activity for all students who successfully completed their Reading Incentive goals for the semester.

The library books are ready for a little summer rest just hanging out on the shelves with their book buddies. Please help your students find and return all books they may have checked out this school year. We would much rather have the books returned than for you to have to pay for any missing books!

One benefit of summer is that there is more light to read by. Summer goes better with a book (or books)!



Music Room News By Cori Taedter

A group of very excited St. Agnes music students came together to present our spring music program, "The Movies, The Music," on Thursday evening, April 20th. With songs from the movies of Peter Pan, Mary Poppins, The Jungle Book, The Little Mermaid, The Lion King, Zootopia (and more!) we felt that EVERYONE in our audience would know SOMETHING to sing along with..... and we think we were right! Because of our children's hard work 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 19th. 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! Thanks for a great year, St. Agnes students!

