



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



June 25, 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



## 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more  
than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31



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# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

## Today's Readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm: 69

Romans 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33



## Parish Administration

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## The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Necklace

I have a necklace that originally belonged to my great-grandmother. I don't really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I've certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my great-grandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don't have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn't marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

*“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” — Matthew 10:28*

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, June 26, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Thomas Braddock by Dennis & Connie Ernest  
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Sr. Vera Meis by Susan Flohr  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Janet Trautman by The Windhorst Family  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### Thursday, June 29, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Theresa Rezac by Margie Rood  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### Friday, June 30, 2023

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

### Saturday, July 1, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: †Tom Braddock by Gene & Mari Schwarzkopf

### Sunday, July 2, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: Dan Castaneda by The Gould Family

## This Week's Readings



Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-2

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-2

Thursday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-1

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-4

## July 2023 Rosary Leader Schedule

Saturday, July 1 5pm: Diana Rohrick  
 Sunday, July 2 8am: Adam & Nicole Hoelsing  
 Sunday, July 2 10am: NOT FILLED

Saturday, July 8 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen  
 Sunday, July 9 8am: Claire Songco  
 Sunday, July 9 10am: Jackie Seymour

Saturday, July 15 5pm: Ellen Ramig  
 Sunday, July 16 8am: Toni Warburton  
 Sunday, July 16 10am: Jackie Seymour

Saturday, July 22 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen  
 Sunday, July 23 8am: JoAnn Nash  
 Sunday, July 23 10am: Angie Hilbert

Saturday, July 29 5pm: Kristin Schiff  
 Sunday, July 30 8am: Adam & Nicole Hoelsing  
 Sunday, July 30 10am: Angie Hilbert

## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

**June 18, 2023**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Actual            | \$3000.57 |
| ATW               | \$4880.00 |
| Online Giving     | \$1060.50 |
| Budget            | \$9000.00 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$58.93   |
| Haiti/Uganda      | \$999.00  |

**June 2023 Totals**

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Actual            | \$12429.54 |
| ATW               | \$7275.00  |
| Online Giving     | \$3466.41  |
| Budget            | \$27000.00 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$3829.05  |

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

## July 2023 Ministers

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| <p><b>GREETERS &amp; USHERS</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, 5pm:</b><br/>                 Greeters: Gail Ellison - East<br/>                 Jeffrey &amp; Michelle Johnston - South<br/>                 Ushers: Chuck Elley (Captain)<br/>                 William King</p> <p><b>Sunday, 8am:</b><br/>                 Greeters: Mary Skiles - East<br/>                 Twila McCarthy - South<br/>                 Ushers: Emmanuel Casillas (Captain)<br/>                 Andrew Dendinger</p> <p><b>Sunday, 10am:</b><br/>                 Greeters: Sarah Lewis - East<br/>                 Mark Overman - South<br/>                 Ushers: Gale McGrew (Captain)<br/>                 Mark Overman</p> <p><b>SERVERS</b></p> <p>Sat, July 1 5pm: Regan Schiff &amp; Solarah Gould<br/>                 Sun, July 2 8am: Tristan Hoelsing &amp; Lucas Esselstein<br/>                 Sun, July 2 10am: Zaide Gurrola &amp; Tristan Calvert</p> <p>Sat, July 8 5pm: Giovanni Alvizar &amp; Quinten Gould<br/>                 Sun, July 9 8am: Isabella Songco &amp; Addison Peck<br/>                 Sun, July 9 10am: Audrey Podlesak &amp; Kellan Zulkoski</p> <p>Sat, July 15 5pm: Ashanti Acosta &amp; Jonah Klaas<br/>                 Sun, July 16 8am: David Hafner &amp; Jacob Mark<br/>                 Sun, July 16 10am: Camilla Linz &amp; Tristan Calvert</p> <p>Sat, July 22 5pm: Grant Celli &amp; Tea Hill<br/>                 Sun, July 23 8am: Easton Becker &amp; Dalton Gass<br/>                 Sun, July 23 10am: Claire Ascherl &amp; Connelly Ascherl</p> <p>Sat, July 29 5pm: Mia Blanco &amp; Elena Blanco<br/>                 Sun, July 30 8am: Tristan Hoelsing &amp; Lucas Esselstein<br/>                 Sun, July 30 10am: Zaide Gurrola &amp; Emery Wineman</p> | <p><b>LECTORS</b></p> <p>Saturday, July 1 &amp; 8 5pm: Mary Robinson<br/>                 Sunday, July 2 8am: Nicole Hoelsing<br/>                 Sunday, July 2 &amp; 9 10am: Kristin Schiff<br/>                 Sunday, July 2 8am: Bridget Peck</p> <p>Saturday, July 15 &amp; 22 5pm: Carmen Trevino<br/>                 Sunday, July 16 &amp; 23 8am: Toni Warburton<br/>                 Sunday, July 16 &amp; 23 10am: Chris Burbach</p> <p>Sunday, July 29, 5pm: Steve Viessman<br/>                 Sunday, July 30 8am: Carol Herman<br/>                 Sunday, July 30 10am: Mark Loose</p> <p><b>SACRISTANS</b></p> <p>Saturday, 5pm:<br/>                 Mary Robinson</p> <p>Sunday, 8am:<br/>                 Dave &amp; JoAnn Nash</p> <p>Sunday, 10am:<br/>                 Chuck &amp; Judy Schwartz</p> <p><b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b></p> <p>Saturday, 5pm:<br/>                 Ciborium - Brooke Talkington (sub req.)<br/>                 Connie McDonnough &amp; Linda Elley</p> <p>Sunday, 8am:<br/>                 Ciborium - Michael Esselstein<br/>                 Nancy Kerr &amp; David Skiles</p> <p>Sunday, 10am:<br/>                 Ciborium - Ruth Kozal<br/>                 Shannon Sierra &amp; Terry Bailey</p> |
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Rest In Peace Ed Hagerman, husband of Cecilia & former parishioners of St. Agnes

## 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).



### 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

### DO NOT FEAR

Stanley Francis Rother was born in Oklahoma. He recognized a priestly vocation in his teens, but after five years in the seminary he was turned away. His bishop believed the best priests are not necessarily the intellectuals, but the most committed, so he enrolled Stan in another seminary where the young man studied diligently. After ordination in 1963, Father Rother served five years in parishes before volunteering for mission work in western Guatemala. He ministered to people's spiritual needs, learned the Tzutuuhil language, and taught people to read, write, and do basic math. He built a small hospital. Right-wing elites and the military ruled Guatemala. They blamed the Church for "civil unrest." In 1981 beatings, tortures, and murders escalated. Yet Father Rother stayed because he believed Jesus' words, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (Matthew 10:28). He was shot by a death squad. His body lies in Oklahoma, but his heart is buried among the Tzutuuhil people. Copyright © 2010, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



## Knights of Columbus

Knights in Action. Our local members of the Knights of Columbus were up early at 4 am on Saturday, June 17th to cook and prepare for the Festival of Hope - Breakfast. 100% proceeds goes to the cause.

The Festival of Hope is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help cancer patients and their families in the service area of Regional West Medical Center.



Our very own **Bob Wolf** from our Council is inducted as the new "**State Deputy**" of the Knights of Columbus of our great state of Nebraska. He will be overseeing 28,000+ total members. This is the first time to have out from west Nebraska to ever hold this position.



The **Knights of Columbus** are in the process of ordering Shirts for members. If you want a shirt ordered, please contact **Mike E. @631-9711**. The council will shoulder half of the cost of the Shirt. Thank you for your cooperation. If you are not a member of the Knights of Columbus and wants a shirt, you can still request a shirt ordered and we can make you a member of our local council.



## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Gospel:** *Matthew 10:26-33*

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

What does it say about God that he knows all secrets and even all the hairs on your head?

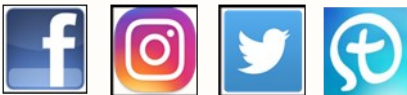
### **On the Way Home From Mass:**

If God knows everything about you, even how many hairs are on your head, what does that tell you about what he feels for you?

### **Living the Word:**

“Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” Have your children copy this Scripture passage on paper and then draw a picture of themselves. Ask your children to draw strands of hair and count them together. Try counting each strand of hair on their heads. Can you finish counting? Talk about how God our loving Father already knows how many actual hairs on our head we have. What does that say about how intimately he knows us?

*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**

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### **Scripture Lessons:**

Matthew 10:26-33

#### **Do not be afraid**

In this Gospel reading, Jesus told His disciples not to fear encountering persecution, but to fear separating themselves from God through sin. Loving God involves being faithful to Him in what He tells us to do. This faithfulness will prepare us for heaven, but it will also bring us into conflict with the world. Conflict has always been a part of the Church's experience. Instead of being afraid, we can trust God, Who watches over all the details of our lives with a loving gaze. Jesus told His disciples that God had even counted all the hairs on their heads. He loves us so much, He is interested in even the smallest details about us.

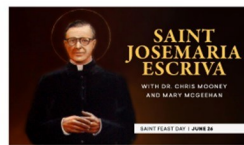
**What can a parent do?** Jesus' advice to his followers 2,000 years ago applies to us today. If we stay focused on God and what He wants from us – and for us – we'll be able to take the conflicts we encounter in stride. Making time for daily family prayer, Sunday Mass and monthly Confession will help us keep our gaze pointed toward Heaven.

*Partners in Faith - June 2014*



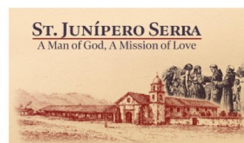
## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of June 25, 2023



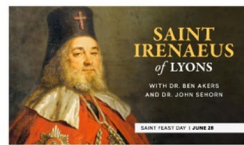
#### St. Josemaria Escriva | Catholic Saints

Called "the saint of ordinary life" by Pope John Paul II, St. Josemaria Escriva centered his ministry around a simple truth: each person can experience the extraordinary grace of holiness even in the ordinary events of day-to-day life.



#### St. Junípero Serra: A Man of God, A Mission of Love

In this documentary, learn about Father Serra's heroic missionary activity to Indigenous peoples in 18th-century North America.



#### Saint Irenaeus of Lyons | Catholic Saints

In this episode of FORMED Now, Dr. John Sehorn and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this second-century Church Father, explaining his importance to the history of Christianity and his title, the "Doctor of Unity."

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Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.



# TOTUS TUUS

Registration opens  
**April 1st**

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



[www.gidiocese.org/totus-tuus](http://www.gidiocese.org/totus-tuus)

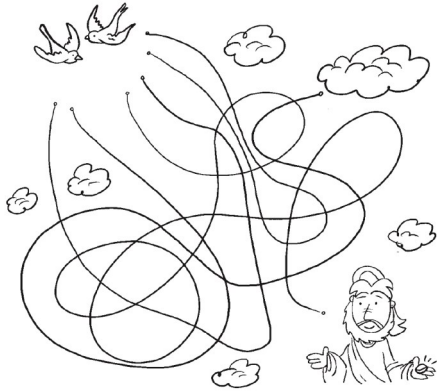
This year Totus Tuus will be held collaborating with Christ the King, Gering. The day program, elementary, will be held at CTK and the middle/high school program will be held at St. Agnes.

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

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Find the right path to Jesus

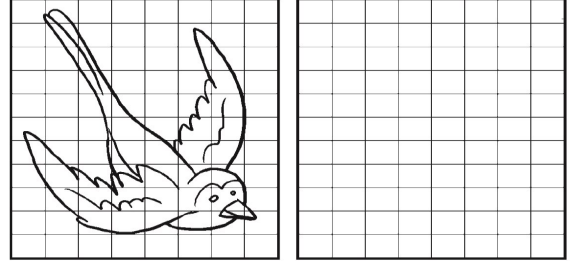


## MISSION

I will exercise my body and pray-er-cise my soul for 10 minutes every afternoon.

## PUZZLE

Copy the picture square by square. Then color it in.



## MISSION

After you brush your hair, count the hairs in the brush. God knows how many hairs you lost!