



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



July 16, 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



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalm: 86

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-30



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The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like “Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard.” I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that *it's all about the soil.*

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

“...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.” — Isaiah 55:11

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS -
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



This Week's Schedule

Monday, July 17, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Nicol Harhish Rakovec
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Ken Hubl by Rod & Ellen Ramig
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Anita Schlager by Margie Rood
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, July 21, 2023

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

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family
by The Diocese of Grand Island

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Tom Braddock
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish

Server Schedule

July 22 5pm Grant Celli
Tea Hill
July 23 8am Easton Becker
Dalton Gass
10:00am Claire Ascherl
Connelly Ascherl

Lector Schedule

July 22 5pm Carmen Trevino
July 23 8am Toni Warburton
10:00am Chris Burbach

Rosary Leader Schedule

July 22 5pm Jennifer Hiltgen
July 23 8am JoAnn Nash
10:00am Angie Hilbert

Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on **Tuesday, July 18th 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.



The seed that falls on good ground yields a fruitful harvest



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

July 9, 2023

Actual	\$5691.06
Online Giving	\$1527.50
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1781.44

July 2023 Totals

Actual	\$8565.98
ATW	\$2395.00
Online Giving	\$3124.00
Budget	\$18000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$3915.02

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCIN

Thank you for your continued giving!

This Week's Readings

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-2

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-2

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-1

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

St. Agnes Altar Society cordially invites you to the 90th birthday potluck in honor of

Father Deaver

August
13
2023

ST. AGNES GARDEN ROOM
FOLLOWING 10 AM
MASS

The Altar Society will be providing the main dish and dessert. Please bring a side dish/salad to share.

MARRIAGE...
one flesh, given and received

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING



The Catholic Community of Kearney invites you to celebrate NFP Awareness Week by connecting with others who enjoy the fullness of marriage through Natural Family Planning. All are Welcome!

Family Morning Celebration
July 29th, 9:30-11:00 AM
St. James Parish Hall & St. Mary's Playground
at 3801 A Ave., Kearney, NE
for coffee and breakfast snacks

Social Hour for Adults 21+
July 30th, 7:30 PM
McCue's Taproom
at 2008 A Ave., Kearney, NE
for complimentary drinks & snacks
Contact: Julie Myers 308-233-2589;
or Abbie Wecker 308-850-7105

Learn about the methods of NFP.

Embrace God's plan for love and life in marriage!

#NFPweek


The Nebraska Catholic Conference worked diligently for the passage of LB753, known as the Opportunity Scholarships Act, which was signed into law earlier this Spring. With it, Nebraska became the 49th state to enact some form of school choice plan. Now, opponents of school choice in our state are mounting a petition drive to obtain a ballot referendum seeking to overturn LB753. Unfortunately, their information is, at best, misleading. Bishop Hanefeldt is inviting us to respectfully decline to sign this petition. Furthermore, if you have already signed this petition and wish to withdraw your signature, go to www.keepkidsfirstnebraska.com, scroll down to the last of the frequently asked questions where you can print off the "Affidavit for Removal of Name from Petition." School choice is better for everyone. LB753, signed into law by Governor Pillen, is a step in the right direction.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

WOMEN'S RETREAT
LED BY
MALLORY SMYTH

FRI & SAT
SEPTEMBER 22-23
2023


*Christ the King Catholic Church
Gering, Nebraska*

Knights of Columbus

Final Notice to get a Knights of Columbus Long Sleeves Polo. 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.



Congratulations to Matt Parsley as the Knight of Columbus of the month of June and to the Braddock's family for the Knights of Columbus family of the month. Thank you for all what you do for our local council, church and community.

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Gospel: *Matthew 13:10-13*

On the Way to Mass:

Why do you think Jesus taught in parables?

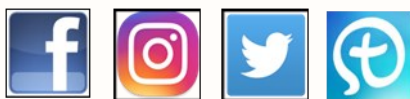
On the Way Home From Mass:

Parables are stories that teach a lesson. What lessons do you think Jesus wanted us to learn?

Living the Word:

Some parables that are good for all ages are the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32), the parable of the precious pearl (Matthew 13:45-46), and the parable of the found sheep (Luke 15:4-6). On different days this week, choose a parable to read and think about together. What is Jesus trying to reveal in this parable?

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2022-2023*



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Summer Family Faith Calendar

Sunday, July 16th

Celebrate “mini Easter” by enjoying ice-cream sundaes after Mass together.

Monday, July 17th

Every time you hear a siren, say a prayer.

Tuesday, July 18th

Resolve to use only kind, affirming words today.

Wednesday, July 19th

Build a pillow and blanket fort in the living room and read books by flashlight.

Thursday, July 20th

Catch fireflies in a jar. Release them before going to bed.

Friday, July 21st

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together. Find it here: <http://www.usccb.org>

Saturday, July 22nd

Have an A-Z scavenger hunt around the yard. Photograph something starting with each letter.

Partners in Faith - June 2023



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month.

July 2023 - For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Put the brakes on back talk



A child’s habit of making snide comments, indulging in disdainful sneers, muttering under her breath may seem harmless now but a snippy attitude hampers the growth of skills in communication, conflict-resolution, and empathy. Talking back will have to be unlearned to become an effective adult. Why not put the brakes on back talk as soon as it starts?

Be selective about TV or video viewing. Programs on network television or video sites often create exaggerated characters to enhance the comic factor. A regular diet of rude but funny characters gives children the idea that rudeness and disrespect is entertaining.

Stop it when it starts.

Laugh at a wisecrack from a precocious three-year-old and you may be sorry when he makes similar remarks at ten.

Don’t fight when you have already won. Some children see an adult’s firm “no” as “let’s negotiate.” Don’t get drawn in. State your rule with a reasonable explanation, repeat if necessary, then visibly and obviously move on. No need to fight a battle you have already won.

Partners in Faith May 2016



TOTUS TUUS

Registration opens
April 1st

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

Register here



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

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.

	B	I	B	R
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	C	O	R	C
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	R	O	C	R
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MISSION

I will plant a seed in good dirt and water it for you, Lord.

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer	rocky	birds
soil	thorns	choked
root	path	seed

- frarme f a r m e r
- sede _____
- ptah _____
- brisd _____
- rkyoc _____
- tohrsn _____
- rtoo _____
- cohekd _____
- silo _____

MISSION

Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.