



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



July 23, 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

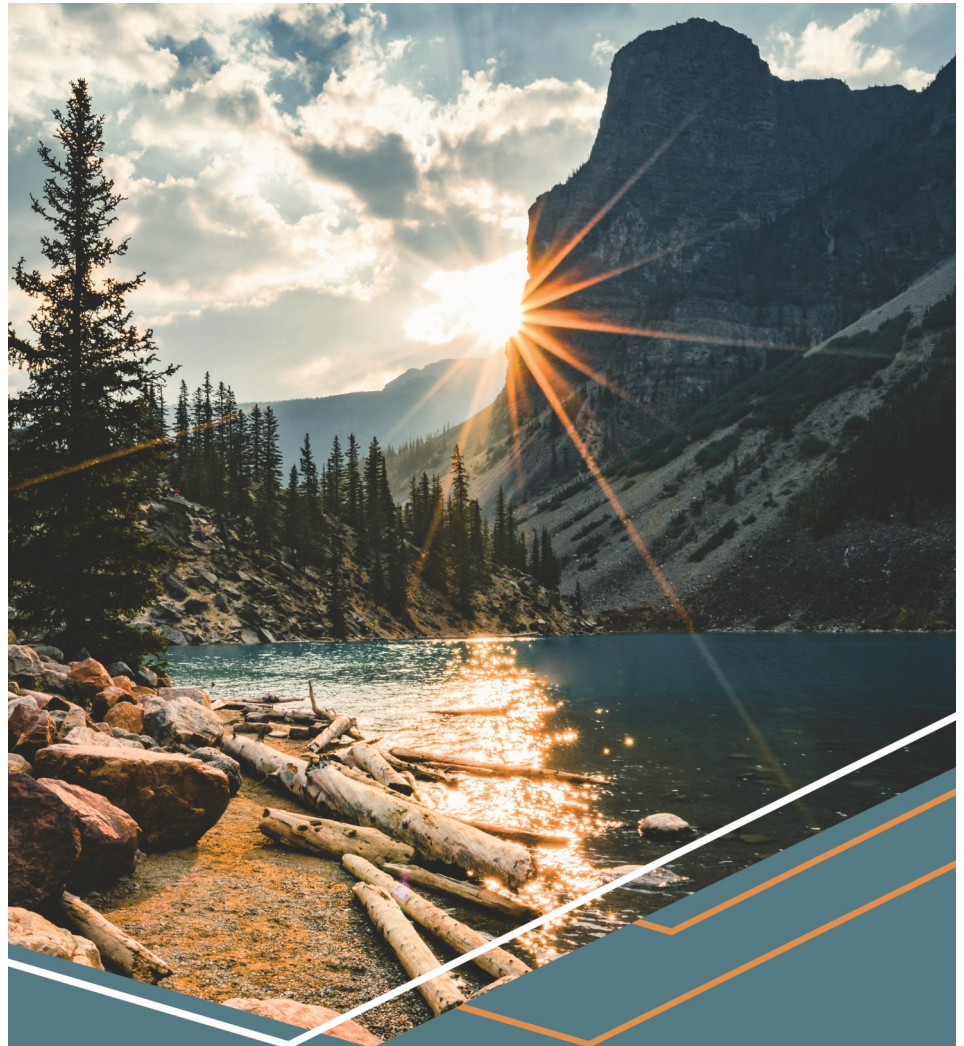
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass  
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



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

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom  
of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a



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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



## Parish Administration

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## The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Catholic Bubble

There's a dangerous myth that exists among pockets of faithful, observant Catholic families. I call it the Legend of the Catholic Bubble.

Here's how the legend goes: you find a devout Catholic parish and a devout Catholic community filled with devout Catholic people who care about devout Catholic things, and you stay away from everything and everyone else, you and your children will be safe from the influence of the evil one. Your children will never fall away from the faith, or even be tempted, and your own faith will stay steel-strong amidst the many tempests and trials of this earthly life.

But like the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman, it's all made up.

Don't misunderstand me: I love a good devout Catholic parish. I live for a supportive, devout Catholic community. It's one of the biggest blessings in the Christian life, and I cannot overstate how helpful it is to raise children in an environment that upholds your Catholic faith and does not denigrate it.

But. But.

Make no mistake: the Catholic Bubble will not save you. The trials and the temptations will find you there, too: on the parish council, at Catholic school, in your Catholic moms' group. No community on earth is so supportive that it mimics Heaven. The weeds have been sown with the good seed, and the harvest time is not yet upon us.

Cherish your community, certainly — but beware of the lure of the Catholic Bubble. We are called to be yeast in the loaf of bread, and yeast is nothing on its own.

*"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." — Romans 8:27*

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, July 24, 2023**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Douglas George Donovan by the Mother of Douglas  
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Jay Derr by Connie McDonnough  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Wednesday, July 26, 2023**

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

### **Thursday, July 27, 2023**

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

### **Friday, July 28, 2023**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Rebecca Hort by Connie McDonnough  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### **Saturday, July 29, 2023**

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: †Ed Hagerman by Mary Robinson

### **Sunday, July 30, 2023**

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: Special Intention by The Songco Family  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish

### Server Schedule

July 29 5pm Mia Blanco  
Elena Blanco  
July 30 8am Tristan Hoelsing  
Lucas Esselstein  
10:00am Zaide Gurrola  
Emery Wineman

### Lector Schedule

July 29 5pm Steve Viessman  
July 30 8am Carol Herman  
10:00am Mark Loose

### Rosary Leader Schedule

July 29 5pm Kristin Schiff  
July 30 8am Adam & Nicole Hoelsing  
10:00am Angie Hilbert

### 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).

### Finance Corner

#### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

##### July 16, 2023

Actual	\$3438.09
Online Giving	\$1063.50
ATW	\$4880.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>\$618.41</b>
Haiti/Uganda	\$845.00

##### July 2023 Totals

Actual	\$12004.07
ATW	\$7275.00
Online Giving	\$4187.50
Budget	\$30000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>\$6533.43</b>

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

### This Week's Readings



Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-4
Tuesday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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.



# August Altar Society Meeting & Social

Ladies of the parish please join us for our monthly meeting and social

August 3rd @ 6:30pm  
St. Agnes Garden Room  
Please bring a dish to share



## Knights of Columbus

Just a friendly reminder for our Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, July 27th, Thursday. 7 pm to 7:45 pm Meeting, Socials at 7:45 to 8:30. Thank you for your cooperation. (The meeting is always the last Thursday of the month).

## GARAGE SALE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish will be having a parish garage sale on August 12th at the Guadalupe Center from 7am - 2pm. They are raising funds to help repair their church basement floor. There will be food for sale for breakfast and lunch. All are invited to come and support this cause.

# The Giving Tree

Each year, St Agnes teachers provide items to their classrooms at their own expense to make their classrooms an amazing environment for all students. To help defray some of the costs, the Home & School Association has created The Giving Tree.

Please consider donating.

July 22-August 13, 2023

Take an apple from the Giving Tree in the gathering space. Once you have fulfilled the requested items, place in bag or box with the apple attached and return it to the bins provided near the tree.

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 49<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Sixteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

**Gospel:** *Matthew 13:31-33*

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

Where in your life and throughout the universe do you see a growth of less to more?

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

What happened to the mustard seed? What happens to bread when you add yeast? How is this like the Kingdom of heaven?

### **Living the Word:**

The parable of the growing seed (Mark 4:26-29) is very similar to the two in today's Gospel this week read it together as a family and discuss how it is similar and different.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families  
2022-2023*

### **Find Us On**



### **Facebook**

**Twitter:** [st\\_agnes\\_church](https://twitter.com/st_agnes_church)

### **Instagram:**

[st.agnescatholicchurch](https://www.instagram.com/st.agnescatholicchurch)

### **Parish Website**

[www.st-agnes-church.com](http://www.st-agnes-church.com)

### **myParish App**

*In the App Store on your phone  
or tablet*

### **Summer Family Faith Calendar**

#### **Sunday, July 23rd**

Offer your Mass intention for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

#### **Monday, July 24th**

Say "I forgive you" to someone who hurt you today.

#### **Tuesday, July 25th**

Pretend to be a character from a movie or book. See who guesses your character first.

#### **Wednesday, July 26th**

#### **St. Joachim and Anne**

To honor Jesus' grandparents, pray for grandparents everywhere.

#### **Thursday, July 27th**

Cool off by washing a car together.

#### **Friday, July 28th**

Watch the sunset and praise God for His creation.

#### **Saturday, July 29th**

#### **Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus**

Invite friends for dinner in honor of these saints, who hosted Jesus.

*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.



### **Religious Education**

Children and young people, kindergarten through grade 12, will sign up this fall to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist. *We are currently looking for grade school catechists for Wednesday evenings.*

As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials, and support. *Classes begin in September.*

### **OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA)**

The OCIA catechist works to provide instruction in the whole of the Christian life, including doctrine and precepts, and helps those seeking initiation to come to know Jesus Christ.

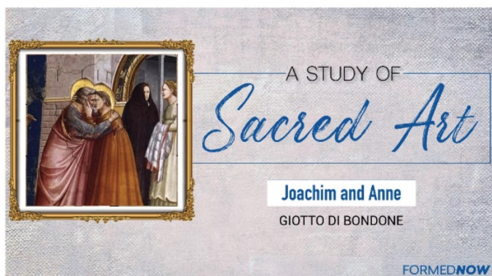


Training is provided for the OCIA catechist as well as catechist manuals.

If interested or for more information, contact Terri Calvert at 635-1362 (RE Office) or Email [dre@st-agnes-church.com](mailto:dre@st-agnes-church.com)

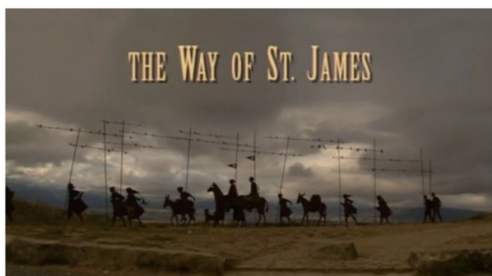
# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of July 23, 2023



### Sts. Joachim and Anne | Sacred Art

In this episode on FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this famous painting "Joachim and Anne Meeting at the Golden Gate."



### The Way of Saint James

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



### Catholic Parenting Tips w/ Catholic Sprouts | FORMED Now

Join Taylor Kemp and Nancy Bandzuch, who founded Catholic Sprouts alongside her husband Bill, for tips for raising Catholic children!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Find the matching shadow!

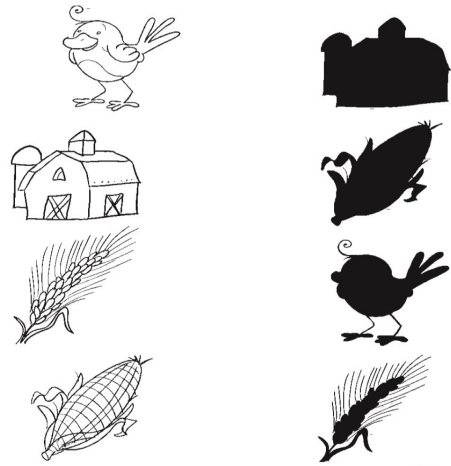


## MISSION

I will water the plants at home and drink a cup of water myself.

## PUZZLE

Find the matching shadow.



## MISSION

Help your parents in the garden. Watch how carefully weeds need to be pulled, so you don't pull up the good plants, too.