



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 20, 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



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm: 67

Romans II:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28



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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prayers God Always Answers

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called "The Prayers God Will Always Answer." I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like "Forgive me" and "Help me." I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, "No, it cannot be done for you as you wish," she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from "Aladdin." Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

"Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!'" — Matthew 15:28

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 21, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Joan Cromer by The Peck Family
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Tuesday, August 22, 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, August 23, 2023
Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Debbie Trautman by The Windhorst Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, August 24, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Fr. Steven Deaver by Pat & Julie Brown
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)
Friday, August 25, 2023
Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Nicol Harnish Rakovec by Margie Rood
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)
Saturday, August 26, 2023
Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: For Our Parish
Sunday, August 27, 2023
Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Janet Trautman by The Windhorst Family
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Jim Sevier by Maggie

This Week's Readings



Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-1

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Server Schedule

Aug 26 5pm Kensington Suhr
Giuliana Suhr

Aug 27 8am Isabella Songco
Anna Hafner

10:00am William Seymour
Lillian Seymour

Lector Schedule

Aug 26 5pm Ashlee Wilson

Aug 27 8am Bridget Peck

10:00am Michael Schaff

Rosary Leader Schedule

Aug 26 5pm Ellen Ramig

Aug 27 8am Claire Songco

10:00am Jackie Seymour



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

August 13, 2023

Actual	\$5862.25
ATW	\$4830.00
Online Giving	\$692.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1384.25
Haiti/Uganda	\$857.00

August 2023 Totals

Actual	\$11085.04
ATW	\$7225.00
Online Giving	\$2293.00
Budget	\$20000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$603.04

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

Thank you for your continued giving!

Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival June 11, 2023—July 17, 2024

Sunday, September 17th at 7:00 pm St. Agnes Church Garden Room

“Living the Creed” will be the theme for Fr. Karnish’s talk to introduce our parish to this renewal of our faith.

The creeds play an important role in voicing our basic beliefs.

What is my relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Spirit?
How well do I know these three persons of the Trinity?



Fr. Karnish is a retired priest of the Grand Island Diocese and a former pastor of St. Agnes from 1981 to 1988.



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SAVE THE DATE

WOMEN'S RETREAT
LED BY
MALLORY SMYTH

FRI & SAT
SEPTEMBER 22-23
2023

*Christ the King Catholic Church
Gering, Nebraska*

July 2023 100 CLUB WINNERS

\$200: Will Bates;
\$100: Alex/Rachel Ascherl, Diana Rohrick, Julie Brown; **\$50:** John Koch, Peter Wylie, Tim/Katrina Gonzales, Tom/Mary Carson, Debbie Wademan, Dennis/Connie Ernest, Jordan/Tiann Colwell;
\$40: Donna Deforge

CONGRATULATIONS!



Knights of Columbus

What: Swimming and Pizza Welcome Party
Who: New altar servers - incoming 4th graders and current altar servers (younger siblings are welcome).
When: August 26th, Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm.
Where: Scottsbluff Country Club
How: Parents, please RSVP and text John @615-9429.
By Who: Knights of Columbus with the coordination of our School Administrator, Julie Brown and Religious Director, Terri Calvert.

POOL party



Attention Alumni!!

The foundation would like to update their records of all our alumni.

If you are or know an alumni please send current address and phone number to:

imoreno@st-agnes-school.com or call 308.632.6918 ext. 2

Thank You from the St. Agnes School Staff

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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).

October 6-8, 2023

Overlook Lodge - Camp Comeca
75670 Road 417
Cozad, NE 69130

For more information go to:
<https://www.gidiocese.org/the-way-retreats>

To request an application, please contact:
Elizabeth A. Heidt Kozisek, Ph.D.

308-382-6565 or cpo@gidiocese.org

Application Deadline October 1, 2023

Register early, space is limited.

THE Way
A Healing Retreat for
Female Survivors of Abuse
Developed and led by Sue Stubbs
Victim Assistance Coordinator—Archdiocese of Atlanta

This retreat is Christian-based. Women of all faiths and traditions are invited and welcomed.

A service of the Victim Assistance Ministries of the Roman Catholic Church in Nebraska
Provided by the Diocese of Grand Island in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Omaha and Diocese of Lincoln

Magnificat Brunch

Saturday, August 19, 2023,
9am-Noon (MT.) At Holy Rosary
Lyceum-916 Cheyenne Ave,
Alliance, NE.

Guest Speaker-Paula Wilson
Magnificat is a ministry to
catholic ladies. Join us for
prayer, music, a meal and
fellowship. Cost -\$12. Contact:

Teresa Nelson via email:
turts@charter.net or phone:
cell-308-760-3070 or Home:
308-762-1368.

WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Gospel: *Matthew 15:21-28*

On the Way to Mass:

Pay attention to the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass. Why is it important to ask for God's mercy and forgiveness at the start of Mass?

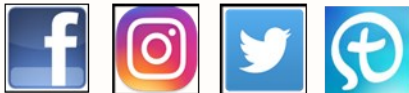
On the Way Home From Mass:

Jesus says that the Canaanite woman has great faith. How does she show great faith? How can we have faith like she does?

Living the Word:

The words "Lord, have mercy" are sometimes repeated or sung in Greek, which is the original language of the Gospel accounts. As a family, explore the different ways this prayer can be said or sung: Greek: Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. English: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Discuss which way each person prefers and why.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2022-2023*



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*In the App Store on your phone or
tablet*

Summer Family Faith Calendar

Sunday, August 20th

Review today's Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28) and pray for an increase of faith in prayer.

Monday, August 21st

Choose (or make up) a short family prayer to say together every day this school year.

Tuesday, August 22nd The Queenship of Mary

Light a candle and sing the hymn, "Hail, Holy Queen."

Wednesday, August 23rd

Practice patience... patiently!

Thursday, August 24th

"Finish the story!" One person begins a story and the others take turns adding to it.

Friday, August 25th

Tonight, turn off the TV and screens, and spend family time together.

Saturday, August 26th

Play frisbee or catch outside

Partners in Faith - June 2023

Save the Dates!

September 6th

6pm- Confirmation parent & candidate meeting (Garden Room)

7:15pm - Catechist Formation
(Garden Room)

September 13th

7-8 pm - Religious Education formation sessions begin!

Stewardship Opportunities Over 100 children and young people, preschool 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.

Starting on September 13th all Catholic formation sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm. All on the St. Agnes campus.

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You can register your child(ren) on-line today for the RE sessions by scanning the QR Code below.



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of August 20, 2023



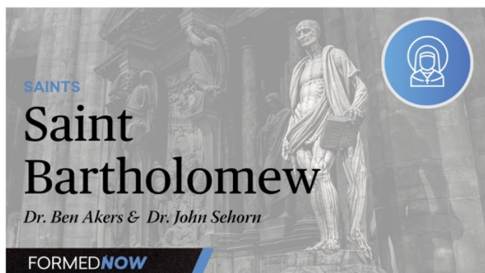
Pope Saint Pius X

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.



The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



Saint Bartholomew

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the great apostle, St. Bartholomew. Grab your Bible and follow along. We recommend The Augustine Bible.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Kids' Corner



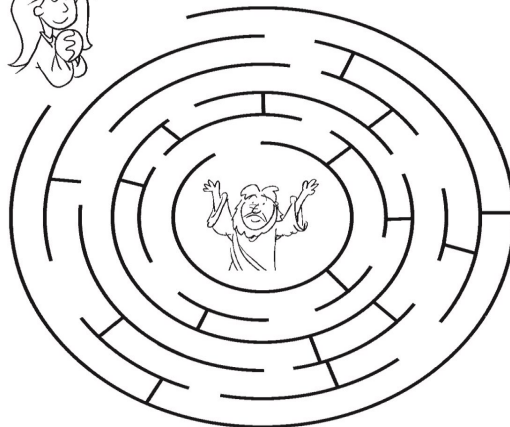
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



PUZZLE

Help this woman find Jesus.



MISSION

When I hear a siren, I will pray for the people inside the ambulance.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
August 20, 2023



Upcoming Events

Monday, August 21st

1st Day of School

Wednesday, August 23rd

Mass @ 8:15

Friday, August 25th

Safety Drill Day

Summer Upgrades

Summer always brings upgrades and changes within the building and this year we focused on the upgrades in the gym. After a wildly successful paddle auction at last fall's Premiere event, we were fortunate to replace the sound system and stage curtains, both of which have lifespans of more than 30 years. We are excited to showcase the new look and sound and wish to thank all the generous donors who helped make these upgrades possible.



We are in need of lunch room volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please stop by the school office and sign up when you drop off your child for school this coming week. Thank you to all of our past lunch room volunteers!



St. Agnes Catholic School
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Ph: 308-632-6918



Horizon Music Festival

The St Agnes School community will have an amazing opportunity for quality family fun in a Christian environment when the community hosts the Horizon Music Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 2nd & 3rd. The festival will be held at the Five Rocks in Gering and will include food, games, activities, vendor market and performances by Christian music artists. The event is FREE to all attendees. St. Agnes School will be hosting the carnival games area and would greatly appreciate volunteer help with running the games. If you or one of your older children are willing to help support this amazing event, please contact Mrs. Brown or Mandi Adams.



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Discipleship Fridays

After a wonderfully successful year of learning and inspiration through Vocation Fridays, we have decided to make this a new tradition which going forward will be referred to as Discipleship Friday. Each year, we will choose a theme of focus for our discipleship training. This fall our school will join the diocese and Catholics across the nation in celebrating the Eucharistic Revival. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to rekindle a loving relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist and send our Church out on a mission for the life of the World.

Discipleship Fridays are scheduled for: Oct 13, Nov 10, Jan, 19, Feb. 23, March 22, and April 26.



Pre-K's New House

St. Agnes PK students will be excited to return to a new playhouse which was donated for their playground. This fun feature allows for role play and development of imagination. We are grateful for this donation and ask our families to help us maintain it's condition by remembering that the PK playground is for students 4-5 years old. Please do not allow your older children to play in this area as this is how the equipment gets broken. We appreciate your support!



Hot Lunch Menu for August 21st, 2023 - August 25th, 2023

<u>Monday, Aug 21</u>	<u>Tuesday, Aug 22</u>	<u>Wednesday, Aug 23</u>	<u>Thursday, Aug 24</u>	<u>Friday, Aug 25</u>
Corn Dogs Baked Beans Steamed Carrots Peaches	Chicken Nuggets Au Gratin Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Pears	Hamburger on a Bun w/condiments French Fries Green Beans Grapes	Pizza Fresh Green Salad Corn Applesauce	Pancakes w/Syrup Potato Triangle Denver Scrambled Eggs Banana
Helpers: HELP NEEDED	Helpers: HELP NEEDED	Helpers: HELP NEEDED	Helpers: HELP NEEDED	Helpers: HELP NEEDED

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

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#2 & 3

Shout Outs from Summer:

Summer is a favorite time for St. Agnes students with the opportunity to vacation, participate in fun activities and attend camps. Lots of our students had some big moments during summer 23'. Shout outs to them for letting their light shine bright!

1. Bella Songco won the longest drive competition with a drive of 114 yds.
- 2/3. John Songco and Owen Engel enjoyed lots of golf and participating in the Calliworks camp
4. Emersyn Bauer participated in the Tabor dance recital
5. Mason Warburton's baseball team won the division championship.
6. 17 ST. Agnes students and alums took part in the Tofy Camp and production of the play Moana.
7. Oliver Vath participated in t-ball.
8. Charles Vath was chosen to participate in the 8U All Star baseball game.
9. Courtni & Calliopi Schaff enjoyed a trip to NM to see the Laretto Chapel after learning about it in religion.
10. Ryker Dendinger, Rhett Marshall & Lewis Merrigan played 8U traveling baseball for Westco. Their team placed 1st in a tournament and 2nd in another.
11. Rhett & Kane Marshall participated in the Scottsbluff Country Club Sports Academy. Rhett won longest golf drive and best tennis volley while Kane was honored for the best backhand.

#4



#5



#8



#7



#9



#10



#11

