



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 27, 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



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall
be loosed in heaven.” - Mt 16:19



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm: 138

Romans II:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20



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The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who Do You Say That I Am?

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next.

Her godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer.

There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Let our whole lives be our answer.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." — Matthew 16:16

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 28, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Fr. Steven Deaver by Deb Hilzer and Family
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Rick Hilzer by Deb Hilzer and Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Thomas Braddock by St. Agnes Students & Staff
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, August 31, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Ellen Gion by Larry Gion
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, September 1, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Bernadine Overman by Mark & Bev Overman
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †John Klaas by Steven & Jonah Klaas & Tara Longoria

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Ed Hagerman by Margie Rood

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September 2023 Rosary Leaders

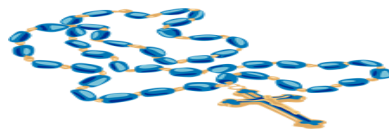
Sat, Sept 2 5pm: Diana Rohrick
 Sun, Sept 3 8:00am: Toni Warburton
 Sun, Sept 3 10:00am: Kristin Schiff

Sat, Sept 9 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen
 Sun, Sept 10 8am: JoAnn Nash
 Sun, Sept 13 10:00am: Kristin Schiff

Sat, Sept 16 5pm: Carmen Trevino
 Sun, Sept 17 8am: Toni Warburton
 Sun, Sept 17 10:00am: Angie Hilbert

Sat, Sept 23 5pm: Ellen Ramig
 Sun, Sept 24 8am: Nicole & Adam Hoelsing
 Sun, Sept 24 10:00am: NOT FILLED

Sat, Sept 30 5pm: Diana Rohrick



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

August 20, 2023

Actual	\$3631.30
Online Giving	\$1441.40
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$4927.30
Clergy Health Ins.	\$1337.00

August 2023 Totals

Actual	\$14716.34
ATW	\$7225.00
Online Giving	\$3734.40
Budget	\$30000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$4324.26

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

September 2023 Ministers

GREETERS & USHERS

Saturday, 5pm:
Greeters: Rick & Denise Forsstrom - East
 Sara Olsen - South

Ushers: Brian Fulk (Captain)
 Phillip Kelly

Sunday, 8am:

Greeters: Lyle Downs - East
 Mary Skiles - South

Ushers: Michael Esselstein (Captain)
 Andrew Dendinger

Sunday, 10am:

Greeters: Yvonne Hill - East
 Mark & Robin Loose - South

Ushers: Emmanuel Casillas (Captain)
 Mark Overman

SERVERS

Sat, Sept 2 5pm: Caylie Garcia & Jonah Klaas

Sun, Sept 3 8am: Mia Blanco & Elena Blanco

Sun, Sept 3 10am: Claire Ascherl & Nina Polk

Sat, Sept 9 5pm: Giovanni Alvizar & Solarah Gould

Sun, Sept 10 8am: Isaac Blanco & Henry Blanco

Sun, Sept 10 10am: Zaide Gurrola & Kellan Zulkoski

Sat, Sept 16 5pm: Grant Celli & Jacob Mark

Sun, Sept 17 8am: Easton Becker & Lucas Esselstein

Sun, Sept 17 10am: Camilla Linz & Logan Zulkoski

Sat, Sept 23 5pm: Ashanti Acosta & Tea Hill

Sun, Sept 24 8am: Tristan Hoelsing & Thomas Esselstein

Sun, Sept 24 10am: Traxton Adams & Yvonne Kreiling

Sat, Sept 30 5pm: Luis Acosta & Coraline Hill

LECTORS

Saturday, Sept 2 5pm: Odilla Murillo

Sunday, Sept 3 8am: Toni Warburton

Sunday, Sept 3 10am: Kristin Schiff

Saturday, Sept 9 & 16 5pm: Mary Robinson

Sunday, Sept 10 & 17 8am: Margaret Rood

Sunday, Sept 10 & 17 10am: Chuck Schwartz

Sunday, Sept 23, 5pm: Steve Viessman

Sunday, Sept 24 8am: Bridget Peck

Sunday, Sept 24 10am: St. Agnes School Children

Saturday, Sept 30 5pm: Steve Viessman

SACRISTANS

Saturday, 5pm:

Mary Robinson

Sunday, 8am:

John Songco

Sunday, 10am:

Chuck & Judy Schwartz

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, 5pm:

Ciborium - Patsy Juedes-Fulk

Jennifer Hiltgen & Susan Flohr

Sunday, 8am:

Ciborium - Twila McCarthy

David Skiles & John Songco

Sunday, 10am:

Ciborium - Terry Bailey

Ruth Kozal & Alex Ascherl

This Week's Readings



Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-2
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival

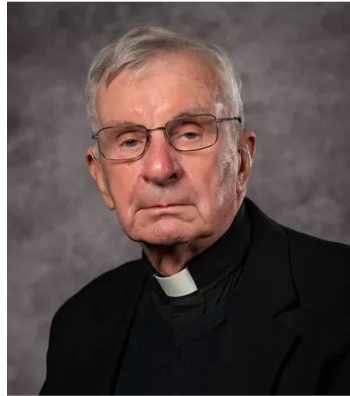
June 11, 2023—July 17, 2024

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

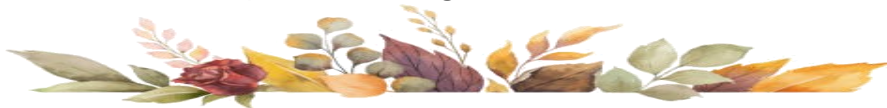
“Living the Creed” will be the theme for Fr. Karnish’s talk to introduce our parish to this renewal of our faith.

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.



The Men’s Group will start meeting again beginning Thursday, September 14th from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Garden Room. We meet on the Second Thursday of each month. We will be finishing the book *Signs of Life* by Scott Hahn. All are welcome to attend!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration First Friday, will be on September 1 following the 7 am Mass. Please take time and pray for our priests, our Church, and our country. All are invited to attend.



Knights of Columbus

Just a friendly reminder for our Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, August 31st 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).

Knights of Columbus in Action!

Members of the local **Knights of Columbus** Council helped out for the open house for the St Agnes Catholic School with the Cooperation of "Home School Association". One of the members, **Scott Schiff** even brought his own BBQ Trailer and provided the hamburgers and hotdogs for the event! Also, Dick Lessert and John Songco helped out with cooking and serving out food. Over 180 students, parents, families and friends showed up for the open house! What a great turnout and a nice way to kick off the opening of school.

Great job to our fellow Catholic gentlemen!



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

St. Agnes staff members would like to thank the many parishioners who so graciously filled our wish lists from the Giving Tree. We were thrilled by all the treasures that will help us get our classrooms up and going for the new school year. Even greater is our appreciation for the outpouring of support we continue to receive from the generous people of our parish. We are so very blessed! Please know of our prayers for you and please keep us in your prayers as we begin a new school year.



RECLAIMING FRIENDSHIP

Ladies Retreat

September 22-23

Hosted at Christ the King Catholic Church, Gering

Join us for a special weekend to reflect on reclaiming friendship with Jesus and others!

Details:

- Friday, September 22 - 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- Saturday, September 23 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Speaker: Mallory Smyth
- Location: Christ the King Catholic Church, Gering
- Cost: \$25 per person
- Lunch provided

Register today!

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxtvuey>

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Gospel: *Matthew 16:15-18*

On the Way to Mass:

How would you answer Jesus' question: Who do you say that I am?

On the Way Home From Mass:

I wonder how Simon Peter felt when Jesus said, "Blessed are you, ... Upon this rock I will build my church." I wonder if he fully understood what Jesus was asking of him.

Living the Word:

It is hard to answer Jesus' question with just one word. Simon Peter even had two different names for Jesus in his answer in today's Gospel. Write down everyone's answer to the question "Who do you say that Jesus is?" Look at the variety of ways Jesus reveals himself to us.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2022-2023*

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Summer Family Faith Calendar

Sunday, August 27th

today, after Mass, pray for returning teachers and students looking forward to a good school year.

Monday, August 28th

Pick a good habit you each want to adopt and practice it all day long. (Hint: Patience is a good one!)

Tuesday, August 29th

Draw pictures on the sidewalk or driveway with colored chalk.

Wednesday, August 30th

Resolve not to complain today.

Thursday, August 31st

At dinner, share your favorite memories from the summer.

Friday, September 1st

Pick a beatitude and try to live it all day long (Matthew 5:3-11)

Saturday, September 2nd

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

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 27, 2023



Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.



Confessions of Augustine: Who Is St. Augustine? (Part 1 of 6)

Join these two patristic scholars as they help viewers learn how to read this classic text and draw from the riches of the spiritual life of the doctor of the Church, Saint Augustine.



St. John the Baptist | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they talk about St. John the Baptist, the forerunner to Christ.

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

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Which picture name **begins** with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

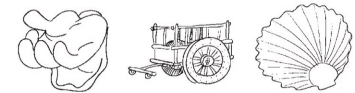
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MISSION

I will share my favorite Bible verse about Jesus with a friend.

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Johh
prophets
Peter

Father
blessed
Elijah

Christ
revealed
Jeremiah

Jhno

J o h n

Eilhaj

Jeemirha

prepohts

Preet

Crsith

bsseeld

reevalde

Fearth

MISSION

Tell God you are sorry for your sins. Ask God to help you follow Jesus' example.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
August 27, 2023



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 29th

Advisory Council - 7pm

Wednesday, August 30th

Mass @ 8:15

Saturday, September 2nd

Horizon Music Festival

Sunday, September 3rd

Horizon Music Festival

Monday, September 4th

NO SCHOOL

St. Agnes School welcomed 103 students back to school on Monday, August 21st. Families were greeted by fun back to school signage provided by HSA. The students were excited to return and see their friends and prepare for another great year of learning. Please keep our school in your prayers as we begin the 68th year of educating students in faith and knowledge.



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Classroom News.....

Back to School BBQ

The back- to- school BBQ made a welcome return after a 3 year hiatus due to Covid. The Schiff family provided the hamburgers and hotdogs and each school family provided side dishes. Following the BBQ, students were able to visit their classroom and bring in their school supplies while parents were able to visit the information station located in the gym. It was a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship to kick off the new school year.



New Students @ St. Agnes

St. Agnes welcomed 14 new students to the school for the 23-24 school year. They include:

PK: Emersyn Bauer, Juna Downey, Penny Gauthier, Sean George, Emory Holloway, Ada Jenkins, Hadley Koncaba, Collette Kosman, Sawyer Moser
 K: Olivia Diedrich, Selena Lara, Pippin Merrigan, Hank Nira, Finn Winters



Welcome Rachael Ascherl

We are pleased to welcome Rachael Ascherl to our St. Agnes School staff. She will be serving as the PK para. Rachael and her husband Alex are the parents of Connolly (7th), Claire(5th), Leo(3rd), Coyle (K) and Barrett (PK).

She is originally from IA where she attended Iowa Western Community College. She worked as the director of a daycare before opting to stay home and raise her children. She is excited to return to the work force and is excited to be part of the staff where her own children are being educated. We are pleased to bring Rachael on board.



Welcome Nastasia Henwick

I'm Nastasia Henwick from South Africa. Together with my husband Michael, we have lived in Minatare for 6 years We have 2 beautiful little children, Levi (2) and Talia (7 months).

I was a Preschool Teacher before we moved to America and I loved every minute of it. I

have been busy with my teaching degree for some time. I'll be with St. Agnes for the next few weeks to do my Student Teacher Practicum in order to finish my degree.

I'm very excited to learn how different schools are here than back Home and to get to know the St. Agnes kids & families.



Hot Lunch Menu for August 28th, 2023 - September 1st, 2023

Monday, Aug 28

Chicken Fried Chicken
 Mashed Potatoes & gravy
 Mixed Vegetables
 Apricots

Helpers:
 Holly Suhr
 Matt Blaylock

Tuesday, Aug 29

Super Nachos
 Taco Meat, Black Beans
 Queso, Salsa
 Potato Circles
 Pineapple

Helpers:
 Holly Suhr
 Matt Blaylock

Wednesday, Aug 30

Spaghetti w/ meat sauce
 Fresh Green Salad
 Mandarin Oranges
 Cookie

Helpers:
 Holly Suhr
 John Songco

Thursday, Aug 31

Hot Dog on a Bun
 French Fries
 Broccoli w/ranch
 Fruit Cocktail

Helpers:
 Beth Merrigan
 John Songco

Friday, Sept 2

Grilled Cheese
 Sandwich
 Fresh Potato Chips
 Steamed Carrots
 Peaches

Helpers:
 Elise Gurrola
 John Songco

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



More Summer Shout Outs:

1. Carson Windhorst and Asher Wilson played for the 9u Westco traveling team.
2. Riley Windhorst played t-ball
3. Allie Windhorst took part in the Tabor Dance Academy recital
4. Gio Alvizar's baseball team won state and went on to compete in the regional in KS.
5. Tristan Hoelsing's baseball team won the division championship.
6. Henry Hoelsing participated in the 8U All-star baseball game.
7. June Hoelsing learned to roller skate and also lost her 2 front teeth.
8. After many years of waiting and watching siblings, James Hoelsing finally got to play in his 1st t-ball game.
9. Zaylie Adams attended Camp Rock
10. Ellery Young spent the summer at cattle shows and brandings - her favorite places.
11. Lily Adams won the 400 at the Lizard's track meet in late May.
12. The Schiff girls attended Camp Rock, were part of the Moana production and visited the Shrine of Mother Cabrini.
13. The Kader kids enjoyed a month-long vacation in Africa.

