



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 10, 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



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” - Mt 18:15



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm: 95

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



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The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, September 11, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Scott Corr by Margie Rood
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Neil & Irene Hamilton by Michelle Lissolo
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family by The Diocese of Grand Island
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, September 15, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Joe Lissolo by Michelle Lissolo
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: For Our Parish

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Rita Brown by Pete, Joel & Justin
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Tom Braddock

This Week's Readings



Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
 Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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.



Server Schedule

Sept 16 5pm Grant Celli
 Jacob Mark
 Sept 17 8am Easton Becker
 Lucas Esselstein
 10:00am Camilla Linz
 Logan Zulkoski

Lector Schedule

Sept 16 5pm Mary Robinson
 Sept 17 8am Margaret Rood
 10:00am Chuck Schwartz

Rosary Leader Schedule

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



Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, September 19th 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.



Fr. Konka will be gone the week of September 11th thru the 15th for the annual priest retreat. He will leave again for a family visit to India on September 25th and will return on October 28th.

Fr. Thambi will be covering daily mass the week of the 11th. Fr. Neal Nollette and Fr. Deaver will be covering for Fr. Konka while he is in India. Please keep Fr. Konka in your prayers for safe travels.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

September 2023 Totals

Actual	\$4674.36
ATW	\$ 2495.00
Online Giving	\$1571.50
Gen. Church Support	\$1300.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$40.86

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for WNC (West Nebraska Catholic)

Thank you for your continued giving!

Dear St. Agnes Altar Society, parishioners, and many other friends in the Lord:

With deep gratitude I thank you for the very nice goth Birthday dinner, for the many cards and expressions of good will and thanks for the way the Lord has touched many of you through my words and actions over the years I have lived here in the valley. I am deeply honored, humbled and happy.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers and I will do the same for you.

With sincere affection,
 Fr. Stephen Deaver



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!



Knights of Columbus

What: **St. Joseph Children's BBQ Picnic**

When: **Sunday, September 10th, 11 am to 3 pm**

Where: **Scottsbluff - Frank Park - Hexagon**

Who: **All Parishioners are welcome!!!**

Why: **To help St Jo's kids. We Started in 1928, this is the State of Nebraska's Knights of Columbus' longest ongoing project!!!**

What is **St. Joseph Children's Home**? Located in Torrington, WY and was founded as an orphanage, housed up to 100 children and treatment program for emotionally disturbed children. Their mission is to provide comprehensive behavioral services to children and families.

(The picture is from 2022 Picnic)



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>

St. Agnes Altar Society Fall Dinner

Sunday, October 8th 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

St. Agnes School Gym

Tickets: Adults - \$10.00; Children 4-10 yrs. - \$5.00; 3 & under - free

Gather for food, fellowship, a 50/50 raffle, and a bake sale. All proceeds of this fundraiser go to enable the Altar Society to provide support for the church and its needs - the building and the people!

This event is not possible without your support! Check your mail for a list of all the help needed and for forms to pre-order your dinner and raffle tickets. Extra forms available at the information centers in the church. Online volunteer signup @

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AAAAD23A7FF2-fall1>

Menu: Turkey & noodles, mashed potatoes, sides and desserts.

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



Please use this form to select your nominations for these two prestigious awards. These awards will be presented at the 2023 St. Agnes Premiere Dinner and Auction at the Civic Center in Gering, Nebraska.

Distinguished Alumni Award

This prestigious award is bestowed to a former St. Agnes student in recognition of outstanding achievement through his or her contributions to the arts, business, education, government, humanities, science and philanthropies. The recipient must be an individual who, in deed or action, has brought honor to themselves, to St. Agnes School and to their community.

Nomination Criteria:

◇ Must have attended St. Agnes School ◇ Must be at least 25 years old ◇ Nominee may be deceased

Nominee's Name: _____ Age: _____
 St. Agnes Student: YES _____ NO _____ Attendance Dates: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Qualifications/Achievements: (Please use additional paper.)

Friend of St. Agnes Award

This service award is given in honor and recognition of an individual that has provided extraordinary service through volunteerism and support to St. Agnes School. The recipient can be alumni, faculty, support staff, clergy, parents, parishioners or community members.

Nomination Criteria: ◇ Must be at least 25 years old ◇ Nominee may be deceased

Nominee's Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dedication & Service to St. Agnes: (Please use additional paper.)

Nominator's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

****Return form by October 1, 2023** to:**

St. Agnes School Foundation * PO Box 2214 * Scottsbluff, NE 69363-2214

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Gospel: *Matthew 18:15-20*

On the Way to Mass:

At Mass, we know that Jesus Christ is present in both Word and sacrament. How do we recognize him in the lives and hearts of those in our community? What makes it difficult to see Christ in others?

On the Way Home From Mass:

How can family members listen better or practice patience with one another when frustrations arise?

Living the Word:

Recognizing Christ, especially in those with whom we disagree, involves listening. We need to practice being silent so that we can listen to God. Have your children practice being still without distractions, even if just for a minute. Ask them, “Can you keep your hands and arms silent? Your feet and legs silent? Your eyes closed and mouth silent? In the silence, what did you hear in your heart?”

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*



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www.st-agnes-church.com

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tablet*

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.

Are you willing to share your Catholic faith with others? If so, would you be willing to be a catechist on 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!” You will be provided with training, materials, and support.

If you are willing to share your time and talents with the children and youth of St. Agnes please contact the Religious Education Office via Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

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



Save the Date!

September 13th

**7-8 pm - Religious Education
formation sessions begin!**



myParish App will be used as a platform for communication for all RE programs this year. You can download the app

for your iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more.



FORMED, a revolutionary online platform, provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers like Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, Sophia Institute Press, St. Paul Center, and more! FORMED presents a tremendous opportunity to help the overwhelming majority of Catholics change the way they consume media and develop a daily habit of faith formation and prayer.

This is a **free** service to all parishioners of St. Agnes. If you haven't signed up today go to: www.formed.org and sign up today!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 10, 2023



Fun with Exalting the Holy Cross | Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney

In honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, let's talk about . . . talking to kids about Jesus' suffering. Plus a family-friendly at-home Veneration of the Cross, and our favorite feast day foods.



Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows by Kimberly Hahn

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

Discover the value of redemptive motherhood by tuning in to Anna Mitchell, co-host of EWTN's "The Son Rise Morning Show." Anna shares the story of her five-year-old's serious illness along with the miraculous intercession of a fourth-century martyr.

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

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Moses	lifted	snake
perish	save	world
loved	heaven	desert




soMes M o s e s
 havnee _____
 letfid _____
 saken _____
 dseret _____
 levod _____
 wrodl _____
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 seva _____




MISSION




When you catch yourself doing something wrong, stop. Ask Jesus to help you.

PUZZLE

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

S   

C   

J   

MISSION

Every morning, I will remember to tell Jesus that I believe in him.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
September 10, 2023



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 13th

Mass @ 8:15

School Pictures @ 8:30

Picture  Day

**Important Reminders:

- PE days are M-Th-F: Please be sure your child is wearing tennis shoes
- Library books are due on Tuesday
- Lunch count is turned in to the Meat Shoppe by 8:30. If your child will be late, please call before this time to ensure a lunch is ordered for them.
- Mass day is Wednesday. Please be sure that your student is dressed appropriately for Mass. They are visiting the house of the Lord – please look nicer than a normal school day. (No athletic wear or logoed t-shirts)

Altar Server Pool Party

52 students attended the recent pool party hosted by the Knights of Columbus to recognize and appreciate those children who assist at Mass as altar servers. Fr. Konka attended and took time to thank the kids for their service and encouraged them and others to continue their service to the Church in this capacity. Thanks to John Songco for organizing the event. Mrs. Calvert will be training new altar servers soon. All 4th graders and any new 5th graders are welcome to join the group.



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Traveling Crucifix

St. Agnes students will continue to pray for their vocations and those currently studying for and discerning a call to the priesthood. Each week a new class hosts the traveling crucifix in their classroom and the students pray for vocations. Once each class has hosted the Crucifix, we will invite families to host the Crucifix in their home.



Watch for more information and a sign-up genius to sign up. Please continue to pray for vocations.

Horizon Musica Festival

St. Agnes 3rd-5th grade students, their parents and a few alumni enjoyed the opportunity to join with others in the Scottsbluff community to bring forth the first Horizon Music Festival. St. Agnes was responsible for the children's carnival area where we ran a mini-Penny Carnival. Food, crafts, other games and performances by multiple Christian music artists were also part of the event. What an awesome experience to join with other Christians to bring about this amazing family event! Thanks to all who volunteered to help.



Celebrating Mass

St. Agnes 5th graders led the first student-led Mass on Wednesday, September 6th. Our students will lead our Wednesday Masses twice each month. We will also lead weekend Mass once each quarter. This is a beloved responsibility in our school and one we provide to all students in 1st-5th grades. It provides a great opportunity for them to have an even deeper understanding of Mass.



School Pictures

Spectrum Photography will be taking individual student pictures on Wednesday, September 13th. A picture envelope went home with each student. Forms must be turned in that morning to order pictures. If a parent would like to write one check for multiple children, please send an envelope for each child and identify which envelope holds the money.

Hot Lunch Menu for September 11th, 2023 - September 15th, 2023

Monday, Sept 11

Chicken Nuggets
Tater Tots
Steamed Broccoli
Pineapple

Helpers:

Heleigh Hafner
J & S Hafner

Tuesday, Sept 12

Spaghetti w/ meat sauce
Green Salad w/ranch
Mixed Fruit
Cookie

Helpers:

Sheree Verbeck
Kristin Gauthier

Wednesday, Sept 13

Cheese Quesadilla
Salsa
Corn
Tater Circles
Mandarin Oranges

Helpers:

Andrew Preston
Sarah Preston

Thursday, Sept 14

Hamburger Pizza
Peas
Green Beans
WW Roll w/margarine
Peaches

Helpers:

Mayra Lara
Sheree Verbeck

Friday, Sept 15

Hot Dog on a Bun
Baked Beans
Carrots w/ranch
Pears

Helpers:

Andrea Margheim
John Songco

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



First Grade Class By Sharon Bird



WOW!!! The first grade students have been busy! We have been learning the procedures in our classroom, as well as reviewing the procedures of the school. I am so pleased with the efforts of the students.

In science, we discussed sound. The students then created a musical instrument, which they enjoyed.

The Flag, the Statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln are topics we discussed in social studies.

On Friday August 25th, we participated in an all-school safety day. Safety procedures were discussed and then we practiced the drills. We do these drills to ensure the safety of all.

Reading Incentive has started. Please read with your child. Fill out the gold calendar and return it at the end of the month. If the calendar is misplaced, please send a note or Seesaw message stating your child has read during the month.

Mrs. Nastasia has been in our classroom for a week. She is completing a portion of her student teaching in our room. While in our classroom, she shared information about South Africa and did some teaching.

We are enjoying our new religion series. Keep an eye out for the Take Home pages.

Thank you for studying spelling with your child. A new list comes home each Monday.

Thank you for your kindness and support. First grade is off to a wonderful start!



Library Room News By Lana Payne



The books in the library have missed us over the summer and are busy welcoming us all back to school! We've spent these first weeks getting reacquainted with the library: the rules about the handling and care of the books, appropriate behavior while in the Library, and the proper care of library books that students check out from the Library.

During the month of September the library will feature books on: the beginning of the school year, libraries, kindness, sharing, love, friendship, Johnny Appleseed, September 11, 2001, and other books.

Over the past several years the library has added to its collection many good books to teach children about the events and aftermath of 9/11: ***This Very Tree: A Story of 9/11, Resilience and Regrowth*** by Sean Rubin, ***30,000 Stitches: The Inspiring Story of the National 9/11 Flag*** by Amanda Davis, ***Branches of Hope: The 9/11 Survivor Tree*** by Ann Magee, ***Fireboat*** by Maira Kalman and for older students: ***The Twin Towers*** by Kate Messner, ***Towers Falling*** by Jewell Parker Rhodes, ***Ground Zero*** by Alan Gratz, ***I Survived the Attacks of September 11, 2001*** by Lauren Tarshis, ***What Were the Twin Towers?*** by Jim O'Conner and others

Students are also checking out books for the new Reading Incentive program. This year's theme is ***Reading is a Passport to Countless Adventures.***

FYI: This year's Scholastic Book Fair will be held on October 23-26. We hope everyone will come check out the Book Fair! Thank you for your continued support!



Music Room News By Cori Taedter



BEAT, BEAT, Feel the BEAT! Say your name and take a seat! Pictured is the proud St. Agnes 2nd grade music class who has earned the pool noodle beat keeper to add some flair to our beat keeping game! I couldn't be more thrilled to report that we have begun a most exciting music adventure together!

All grades will be spending the next few weeks working diligently on rhythmic notation, rhythm patterns, and creating and performing original rhythmic compositions. Grades PreK-2 are concentrating on activities to strengthen steady beat, 3rd grade is reviewing note values in preparation for our drumming unit during which they will be reading from notation, while 4th and 5th grades are dazzling me with their musical knowledge through review games and reading rhythmic ostinati....complete with partner rhythm stick patterns and line dancing! We are also blessed with a nice supply of rhythm instruments in our classroom, so we will be learning about their origins, what makes them unique, and playing them with gusto, I'm sure! I am so happy to say that our school is full of students who love to play and sing, which makes our music classroom a wonderful place to be!

