



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 27, 2024

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



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

- Mk 10:51-52



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Website: www.st-agnes-church.com

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9am-Noon & 1pm - 4pm

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms:126

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52



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The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Safety of Darkness

Leprosy and blindness and deafness — oh, my. The disabilities cured by Jesus in his public ministry really are quite something, aren't they? Vividly symbolic and rich food for reflection. It just wouldn't be the same if Jesus had cured eczema or athlete's foot or compulsive nail-biting.

Blind Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road, in particular captures my imagination. Because I have a confession to make, sometimes, I like to sit in the darkness, even though I know it isn't very good for me.

Well, listen: it's just easier, isn't it? You don't have to care about or fix the problems you can't see. No one expects you to rush to someone's aid if you don't see their injuries. The darkness is a good place to be, if you don't feel very brave or very smart or very able.

And when Jesus passes you by, if your whole world is darkness, it's easy enough to pretend you just didn't notice him at all.

But Bartimaeus chose not to stay in his darkness. More than that, he cried out to be released from it, even when everyone around him told him to shut up. He was so persistent that he caught the notice of Jesus, and when he heard those words — "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!" — what did he do? He didn't stammer and run away. He had courage. He got up.

It takes courage to ask for what you need to follow Christ. Because if you ask for it, you'll get it. And then begins the terrifying, wonderful journey of discipleship — testifying to what you have seen. Life in the light, no longer sitting by the side of the road but on the road, journeying toward the greatest destination of all.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us.
Do we have the courage to answer him?

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, October 28, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Christine Barajas
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Carmen Ramirez by Gilbert Ramirez
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Buford & †Benny Williams
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, October 31, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Robbie Gurney
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, November 1, 2024 ALL SAINTS DAY

Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family
by The Diocese of Grand Island
Mass (Noon)
Intention: Nancy VanHorn by The
Windhorst Family
Mass (7:00pm)
Intention: Carmen Ramirez by Leticia
Kanno

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Saturday, November 2, 2024

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

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: Sandra Derr by Connie
McDonnough
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: Yvonne Hill by Lynda Montague

This Week's Readings

Welcome

Monday Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/
Lk 6:12-1

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3,
4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-
13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab,
5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2,
3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt
5:1-12

Sunday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and
7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-
21/Mt 11:25-30

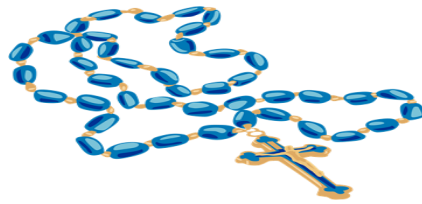
November 2024 Rosary Leader Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 4 5pm: Kristin Schiff
Sunday, Nov. 5 8am: Daniel Warburton
Sunday, Nov. 5 10am: Angie Hilbert

Saturday, Nov. 11 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen
Sunday, Nov. 12 8am: JoAnn Nash
Sunday, Nov. 12 10am: NOT FILLED

Saturday, Nov. 18 5pm: Carmen Trevino
Sunday, Nov. 19 8am: Addison Peck
Sunday, Nov. 19 10am: Jackie Seymour

Saturday, Nov. 25 5pm: Ashlee Wilson
Sunday, Nov. 26 8am: Daniel Warburton
Sunday, Nov. 26 10am: Angie Hilbert



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

October 20, 2024

Actual	\$3200.52
Online Giving	\$775.50
Gen. Church Support	\$7000.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$976.02

October 2024 Totals

Actual	\$13995.87
ATW	\$7715.00
Online Giving	\$2605.54
Gen. Church Support	\$7000.00
Budget	\$30000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1316.41

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

November 2024 Ministers

Greeters & Ushers

Saturday, 5pm:

Greeters: Dale & Veronica VonLintel - East
Ann Anderson - South

Ushers: Marvin Anderson (Captain)
Chuck Elley

Sunday, 8am:

Greeters: Susan Lessert - East
Paul & Jane Pieper - South

Ushers: Johnathan Pieper (Captain)
Jeff Pickering

Sunday, 10am:

Greeters: Jeff & Dawne Wolfe - East
Rosalinda Sabala - South

Ushers: Jerry Arnold (Captain)
Doug Pieper

SERVERS

Sat, Nov. 4 5pm: Grant Celli & Coraline Hill
Sun, Nov. 5 8am: Regan Schiff & Emily Esselstein
Sun, Nov. 5 10am: Charlotte Lewis & Connelly Ascherl
Sat, Nov. 11 5pm: Giovanni Alvizar & Solarah Gould
Sun, Nov. 12 8am: David Hafner & Isabella Songco
Sun, Nov. 12 10am: Holly Polk & Nina Polk
Sat, Nov. 18 5pm: Kensington Suhr & Giuliana Suhr
Sun, Nov. 19 8am: Traxton Adams & Andrew Peck
Sun, Nov. 19 10am: Camilla Linz & Kellan Zulkoski
Sat, Nov. 25 5pm: Asher Wilson & Jonah Klaas
Sun, Nov. 26 8am: Easton Becker & Yvonne Kreiling
Sun, Nov. 26 10am: Kaden Blaylock & Logan Zulkoski

LECTORS

Saturday, November 4 & 11 5pm: Jean Ahrens
Sunday, November 5 & 12 8am: NOT FILLED
Sunday, November 5 & 12 10am: Michael Schaff

Saturday, November 18 5pm: St. Agnes Students
Sunday, November 19 & 26 8am: Jordan Colwell
Sunday, November 19 & 26 10am: Mark Loose

Saturday, November 25 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen

SACRISTANS

Saturday, 5pm:
Shelley Thomas
Sunday, 8am:
John Songco
Sunday, 10am:
Judy Schwartz

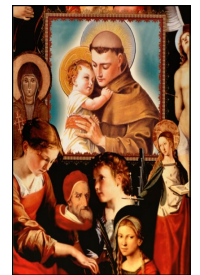
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, 5pm:
Ciborium - Connie McDonnough
Carmen Trevino & Brooke Talkington
Sunday, 8am:
Ciborium - Nancy Kerr
Dan Marshall & Daniel Warburton
Sunday, 10am:
Ciborium - Shannon Sierra
Terry Bailey & Ruth Kozal

Friday
November 1st is
All Saints Day

Mass times:

7:00am, Noon,
7:00pm



Mark your calendars!

Daily Mass times will be permanently changing from 7:00 am to 8:15 am beginning Monday, November 4th. This change is being made due to St. Agnes student parents wanting to be able to attend weekday mass. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office to visit with Fr. Konka.

The Journey of Grief

Sundays
October 27 &
November 10,17,24

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
St Agnes Church
2314 Third Avenue
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(Come in the South Door—Proceed to Garden Level)

Everyone is Welcome

Contact:
Ellen Ramig at 308-631-0811
Stephanie Upp at 308-631-0645

Discussion will be based on Doug Manning's Video Series—"The Journey of Grief". His presentation about the grief journey is captured in a personal way with practical advice. Sit with others who are grieving as he discusses the elements of the grief experience, the important aspects of a healthy approach to grieving and what grief companions can do to be a helpful part of the journey.



Knights of Columbus

We are happy to welcome the **Wemhoff Family** to our St. Agnes Catholic Church community. They moved from Iowa State. **Mike** is a current member of the Knights of Columbus and has transferred over his membership to our local council. He currently works at 21st Century Equipment. **Anne** works at Epic 4 Specialty Partners and is already active in our local community with her membership of the local Rotary. They have 3 Children together, **Gavin** who is a 9th grader, **Hannah** who is a 7th grader and **Leighton** who is a 2nd grader, and she will have her Sacrament of First Communion in April of 2015 at St. Agnes.

Welcome to our Catholic Church Community and welcome to our Knights of Columbus local council.



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 2024 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 31, 2024 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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

On the Way to Mass:

What brings you the most comfort when you're sad or upset?

On the Way Home From Mass:

I wonder why the blind man kept crying to Jesus, even when people told him he should be quiet. How do you think he felt when Jesus heard and called to him?

Living the Word:

Look for ways you can show extra tenderness and compassion toward someone in need. Maybe this looks like drawing a comforting picture for a sibling who's sad or letting them play with one of your favorite toys. Are there people outside your family you can reach out to as well?

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2024-2025*

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Parish Website

www.st-agnes-church.com

myParish App

In the App Store on your phone or tablet

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St. Agnes Catholic Church



**Wednesday, Oct. 30th
5:30-7 p.m.**

*St. Agnes School Gym
Come in your costume!*

Hosted by the St. Agnes Middle School & High School youth

Scripture Lessons:

Mark 10:46-52, a blind man shows the way

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, saw Jesus more clearly than many of His closest followers. Hearing that Jesus was near, he cried out, "Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although the crowd tried to silence him – and even the disciples tried to discourage him – Bartimaeus persisted, and his determination caught Jesus' attention. In a bold act of faith, Bartimaeus threw aside his only possession, his cloak, and hurried to Jesus, trusting completely that his prayer would be answered.

As the only person in Mark's Gospel to call Jesus "Master," Bartimaeus exemplified humility and unwavering confidence. His story shows that true faith requires persistence, trust, and the willingness to leave everything behind to follow Christ.

What can a parent do? The challenges of living a Christian life today can sometimes blind us to the joy of following Jesus. Instead, encourage children to approach Christ with the same excitement and confidence as Bartimaeus. There is so much joy in a friendship with Him! When we trust in Him, we become true disciples on our way to happiness with Him forever.

Partners in Faith - October 2024



The Hallow App - Just in time to celebrate the month of the Rosary, October, Hallow will be available to all RE and School families. Now you can pray the Rosary this month using the Hallow App in your car or at home! And this is just the beginning of what is offered on the Hallow App.



Our Religious Education Program and School has partnered with

Hallow this year as a way to intentionally bring God into the lives of our students and teachers - not only in the classroom, but all the time! Please look for an email inviting your family to sign-up for the App, free!

Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app with over 5,000 sessions to choose from. The content inside the app ranges from daily meditations, traditional prayers, Bible stories for sleep, kids and family prayers, mental health meditations, music, and so much more.



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of October 27, 2024



The Catholic Take on Halloween

Remembering the dead in purgatory, celebrating the Saints, and the Catholic perspective on Halloween.



Brother Francis - All Souls Day

In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.



Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints

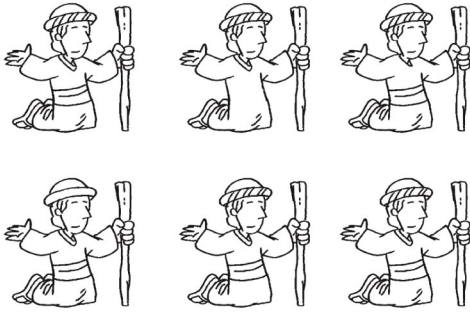
Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude.

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

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Find the matching pair.



Answer: XIS AND 3N5 S88BNW

MISSION

I will look for goodness in others. I will see as God sees.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

TEACH
BLESSED
COMFORTED

FILLED
MERCY
PURE

PEACEMAKERS
REJOICE
REWARD

A T I C H Y C O P Y M
R E J O I C E R E T A
D A B F L O S U A S D
E C O I U M E R C Y E
F H D L M F U A E U R
I E Y L A O C Y M P I
P U R E P R E W A R D
C A M D O T I R K O U
O S U B L E S S E D R
J Y C E N D B I R G O
U L A D I R A W S E D

MISSION

On the playground, look for someone who is alone. Invite that child to play with you.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
October 27, 2024



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 29th
Advisory Council Meeting - 7:00pm

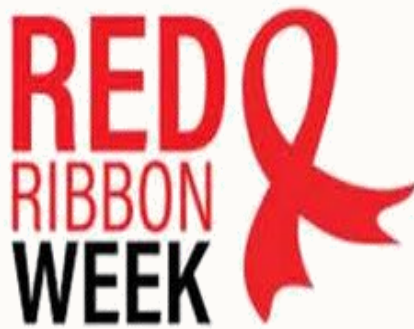
Wednesday, October 30th
Mass @ 8:15






Thursday, October 31st
Halloween Parade 2:15 - Parties - 2:30

Friday, November 1st
All Saints Mass @ Noon

Scholastic Book Fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair was held during the week of October 21-25. St. Agnes families were invited to stop by after school or during parent-teacher conferences to peruse the wonderful selection of reading materials. Funds raised during the book fair are used to purchase new materials for our library. Thanks to all who supported the event. Watch future bulletins for the final numbers raised to support our library.



Monday, 10/28	Tuesday, 10/29	Wednesday, 10/30	Thursday, 10/31	Friday, 11/01
Crazy Hair & Sock Day	Teacher/ Student switch day	Sundays best on Wednesday	Halloween	All Saints Day
Kick off this week wearing Red and with crazy hair and wacky socks!	Students- Dress as a teacher, any kind of teacher Teachers- Dress as a student	Wear your new St. Agnes attire, or your Sundays best	Halloween Parties, Costumes	ALL SAINTS DAY
				

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Classroom News.....

Celebrating Academic Achievements

The first quarter academic award ceremony was held on Monday, October 21st in the school gym. Students in PK-5th grade were recognized for their academic achievements in the first quarter. Special awards included: good conduct, music, PE and library students of the quarter, service awards and IXL achievement awards. We are proud of each of our students for their hard work in the 1st quarter and look forward to great things from them in the 2nd quarter.



Pre-K & Kindergarten Awards



Good Conduct Award



3rd/4th & 5th Grade Awards



Scholastic Gold Award



IXL & Service Awards



1st and 2nd Grade Awards



Scholastic Silver Award



Library/
Music & PE
Awards



Tools & Technology Fieldtrip

St. Agnes 4th grade students enjoyed their first fieldtrip of the year to the Farm & Ranch Museum to participate in the Tools & Technology fieldtrip. The students stepped back in time to learn what farming and life was like before all the technological advancements. They tried grinding corn by hand, fetching water using a pulley system, rode the potato digger, and many other activities. They enjoyed learning about what farming was like in the past.



Hot Lunch Menu for October 28th, 2024 - November 1st, 2024

<u>Monday, Oct 28</u>	<u>Tuesday, Oct 29</u>	<u>Wednesday, Oct 30</u>	<u>Thursday, Oct 31</u>	<u>Friday, Nov 1</u>
Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Sliced Tomatoes Grapes	Pig in a Blanket Corn Celery w/ Peanut Butter Banana	Beef Lasagna Green Beans Garlic Toast Pears	Cheese Pizza Spinach Salad Peaches Rice Crispy Treat	Beefy Tostada Spanish Rice Apricots Pudding
Helpers: Jordan Diedrich Amanda Diedrich	Helpers: Leanne Wahl Jody Windhorst	Helpers: Kika Katy Marshall	Helpers: Kelly Beeber Baron Kimble	Helpers: Rochelle Ramirez Jackie Dutkiewicz

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

First Grade Class By Sharon Bird

Our first quarter of the school year is now completed. Time has gone by quickly. Recently we learned about owls. The students enjoyed this topic. Videos were watched and books read to enhance our studies. Our owl hats with one fact about owls were made. The first graders always enjoy making the hats. Bats and then spiders will be the next topics for discussion.

When we discussed St. Francis, the students drew pictures of him. These were then on display in the hall. On Friday October 18, we cut the top off two pumpkins, cleaned them out, and then discussed what would happen if vinegar, baking soda, and food coloring were put inside the pumpkin. The students enjoyed watching the results.

For a writing assignment, the students were asked to write what he/she would like me to dress up as for Halloween. Wow! What wonderful ideas! The students also drew a picture of the costume.

Parents, thank you again for all your kindness and support. Please continue to read and study spelling with your child.



Fourth Grade Class By Kristi Becker



4th grade is in the middle of two of our most exciting field trips, Legacy of the Plains for the annual 4th Grade Tools and Technology Through Time and the infamous Flowerfield. The kids enjoyed spending the afternoon outside at Legacy of the Plains, learning how early settlers farmed and lived in Nebraska. For Flowerfield, we have been working hard to prepare here at school. The students have baked bread, practiced spelling bees, learned all the important dates in history, and have been memorizing a poem to recite at the Flowerfield School.

Students started their new book clubs, with the books they chose in our book tasting. They read a couple pages a day and then have been doing an activity when finished. In grammar, students have been working hard on conjunctions and labeling our language wall on the board!

Students recently created board games related to following Jesus. This became an exciting activity, as we spent a lot of time designing and playing their games, all while focusing on how to be followers of Christ.

We are looking forward to having our special volunteer Marilyn Rahmig come in and teach art starting in November.

