



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 5, 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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GO AND BEAR  
FRUIT THAT WILL  
**REMAIN.**

— JOHN 15:16 —

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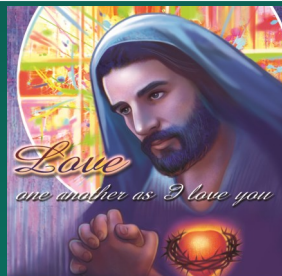
## Today's Readings

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm:98

First John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### As I Love You

This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. “Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end,” my daughter concluded. I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

“Because you’re old,” she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It’s so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn’t give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn’t fear death or the world’s hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn’t ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can’t see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” — John 15:12

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, May 6, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: The Family of Evangeline Soronio  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

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

### **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Henry Gieselman by John & Karen Koenig & Lucille Koenig  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### **Ascension Thursday, May 9, 2024**

Morning Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Poor Souls by The Heumesser Family  
Afternoon Mass (Noon)  
Intention: For Our Parish  
Evening Mass (7:00pm)  
Intention: †Doris Flohr by Joe & Mary Ostry  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Friday, May 10, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Emily Esselstein by Dave & JoAnn Nash  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)


### **Saturday, May 11, 2024**

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: †Richardis Wlaschin by Antonio & Rita Tecson

### **Sunday, May 12, 2024**

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: Martin Tschacher by Lynda Montague  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: †Christine Barajas

## This Week's Readings



*Welcome*

Monday	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-2
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

## Safe Environment



Providing a safe and secure environment is the goal of the St. Agnes Safe Environment Program. We have updated a couple of areas in our church for your safety.

**A new security system** has been installed on the north door of the church. This door will be open Monday – Saturday from 6:30 am – 7:00 pm and on Sundays from 6:30 am – Noon. **If you have a church key card, please turn it into the parish office.** If you need to be in the church when the north door is locked, please see Theresa in the office for access.

**First Aid Kits** – a **Stop the Bleed** kit has been placed in the AED cabinet located outside the door near the balcony stairs. A **First Aid** kit has been placed in the north cupboard in the Gathering Space and one is in the drawer just inside the kitchen in the Garden Room.

**Ushers** – we need more ushers for the weekend liturgies. If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact Kathleen Roehl at [ministrers@st-agnes-church.com](mailto:ministrers@st-agnes-church.com) to get signed up. Usher training will be taking place soon, watch the bulletin for details.

## Server Schedule


May 11	5pm	Regan Schiff Kensington Suhr
May 12	8am	Emily Esselstein NOT FILLED
	10:00am	Camilla Linz Logan Zulkoski

## Lector Schedule

May 11	5pm	Kathleen Roehl
May 12	8am	Nicole Hoelsing
	10:00am	Kristin Schiff

## Rosary Leader Schedule

May 11	5pm	Jennifer Hiltgen
May 12	8am	Addison Peck
	10:00am	Kristin Schiff




## Holy Day Masses

Mass times for  
The Ascension of the Lord:

Thursday,  
May 9th, 2024

7am,  
Noon  
& 7pm



*Ascension*  
OF THE LORD

## Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, May 21st 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.



## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### April 28, 2024

Actual	\$5780.65
Online Giving	\$970.50
Gen. Church Support	\$3200.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$48.85

#### April 2024 Totals

Actual	\$18111.68
ATW	\$7665.00
Online Giving	\$3431.00
Gen. Church Support	\$8900.00
Budget	\$40000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1892.32

Thank you for your continued giving!

## St. Agnes Summer Gardening

St. Agnes Gardeners 1st meeting Monday, May 6th at 9:00 am in the garden room to plan summer garden work. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannette Fitzgerald at 641-3405.

MANY HANDS  
MAKE LIGHT  
WORK!



YOU AND YOUR PARENTS  
ARE INVITED

## Senior Mass and Breakfast

MAY 12, 2024  
MASS - 8:00 AM  
BREAKFAST WILL FOLLOW IN THE ST. AGNES GARDEN ROOM

PLEASE RSVP - [DRE@ST-AGNES-CHURCH.COM](mailto:DRE@ST-AGNES-CHURCH.COM) OR 308-635-1362  
\*PLEASE WEAR YOUR CAP AND GOWN





Liturgy Corner

Sacristan Before the Mass begins, someone has to prepare for it.

The sacristan "diligently arranges the liturgical books, the vestments, and other things that are necessary for the celebration of Mass" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 105a). This short description summarizes the invaluable work performed behind the scenes by a person who helps us pray at the Eucharist.

The sacristan may be a volunteer or a paid staff member. In some churches, the priest or deacon performs this role.

A sacristan needs knowledge of the principal liturgical books: The Roman Missal and the Lectionary for Mass, as well as auxiliary materials such as the Rite of Baptism for Children and the Book of Blessings. A good sacristan will understand the liturgical year and know how to locate the texts for any Sunday in the primary books, marking them with ribbons. The sacristan will also be aware of special ceremonies taking place on particular days and be prepared to set the books accordingly.

A sacristan may also set out the vestments to be worn by the priest and deacon. Traditionally, sacristans spread the vestments on a sacristy table, neatly arranged one on top of the other, so the clergy can do them in order.

Sacristans also prepare the bread and wine, the vessels, and other materials necessary for the Mass. They usually bring the bread and wine to the back of the church where the procession of the gifts will begin, and they set other articles on the credence table in the sanctuary.

You may not see them much after the service begins, but the Mass would not go smoothly without the careful, devoted work of a parish sacristan.

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If you are interested in serving as a sacristan in our parish, please contact: Kathleen Roehl at ministers@st-agnes-church.com



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are having their Monthly Breakfast Buffet on May5th, Sunday from 8 am to 12 pm. \$5 for Kids and \$10 for Adults. Thank you for your continuous support of our local Knights of Columbus projects.

Our local Knights of Columbus members, Bob Wolf (State Deputy) with his wife Chris, Mike Esselstein (District Deputy), and our local Grand Knight were in Younes Conference Center in Kearney for the K of C Convention. Also, in the picture are our neighboring council from Chadron, Valentine and Sidney.

Our local council is very proud to bring home 2 awards - Intellectual Disability Campaign Award and Silver ICC Award.



To finish up the 9-month-long Religious Education classes, the students enjoyed a pizza party courtesy of our Local Knights of Columbus council. Thank you to all the teachers who have donated their time and talent with the leadership of Terri Calvert. A solemn prayer was led by our very own Mike Calvert. A quick shoutout to Dave from Arthur's Pizza for providing the pizza for a discounted price.



## Eucharistic Pilgrimage Across the Diocese

### Stop 1 Sidney NE

#### Eucharistic Adoration

- June 12 - 6:00 PM MT, St. Joseph Church, Kimball

#### Mass

- June 13 - 10:00 AM MT, St. Patrick Church, Sidney

#### Eucharistic Procession

- June 13 - following Mass St. Patrick Church, Sidney

### Stop 3 North Platte NE

#### Eucharistic Adoration

- June 14 - 6:30 PM CT, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, North Platte

#### Mass

- June 15 - 8:00 AM CT, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, North Platte

#### Community Service

- June 15 - 10:00 AM CT, Catholic Cemetery North Platte

#### Mass

- June 16 - 11:00 AM CT, McDaid Elementary School, North Platte

#### Eucharistic Procession

- June 16 - following Mass, McDaid Elementary School, North Platte

### Stop 4 Lexington NE

#### Eucharistic Adoration

- June 16 - 7:30 PM CT, St. Ann Church, Lexington

#### Mass

- June 17 - 8:00 AM CT, St. Ann Church, Lexington

#### Eucharistic Procession

- June 17 - following Mass St. Ann Church, Lexington

**NOTE: These services will be bilingual.**

### Stop 2 Ogallala NE

#### Community Potluck

- June 13 - 6:00 PM MT, St. Luke Church, Ogallala

#### Eucharistic Adoration

- June 13 - 7:30 PM MT, St. Luke Church, Ogallala

#### Mass

- June 14 - 8:00 AM MT, St. Luke Church, Ogallala

#### Eucharistic Procession

- June 14 - following Mass, St. Luke Church, Ogallala

### Stop 5 Grand Island NE

#### Community Potluck

- June 18 - 5:30 PM CT, St. Mary Cathedral Square Grand Island

#### Eucharistic Adoration

- June 18 - 7:30 PM CT, St. Mary Cathedral, Grand Island

#### Mass

- June 19 - 8:00 AM CT, St. Mary Cathedral, Grand Island

#### Eucharistic Procession

- June 19 - following Mass, St. Mary Cathedral, Grand Island



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Pilgrimage**



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## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
**Gospel:** *John 15:9-17*

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

What do you love about your friends? What do you like to do with your friends? In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us friends. How would others know that Jesus is my friend? How do my words, my actions, and what is in my heart show Jesus that he is my friend?

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

Jesus said, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. "How would you describe complete joy?"

### **Living the Word:**

Jesus invites us to love one another. What does that look like in your family, your neighborhood, your school, or your work environment? Make a list of (1) how you have loved others this week, and (2) how others have shown you love this week. Which list is longer? How might this inspire or challenge you as you strive to follow the command to love others this week?

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families  
2023-2024*

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### **Parish Website**

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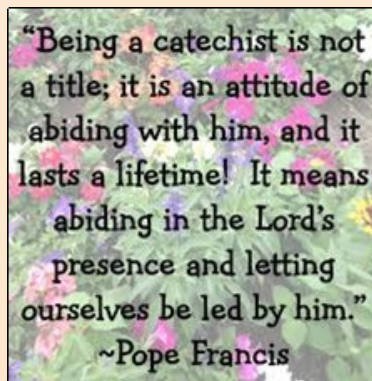
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**Thank You!** We appreciate and recognize the impact our volunteers make by serving others with their unique gifts and talents. Our volunteers are an essential part of the fabric of our faith community. A special thank you to the following catechists who led the Catholic formation sessions on Wednesday evenings:

**1st** - Lisa Gass, **2nd** - JoAnn Nash, **3rd** - Jamie Weingart, **4th** - John Songco, **5th** - Ann Anderson, **6th** - Scott Schiff, Casey & Jackie Seymour, **7th** - Ellen Ramig & Alex Ascherl, **Confirmation** - Michael Calvert, Mike Esselstein, and Travis Gould, **Ignite** (High School) - Jeff Gion, **Office** - Marvin Anderson, Elizabeth Kreiling, and Ethan Gion.

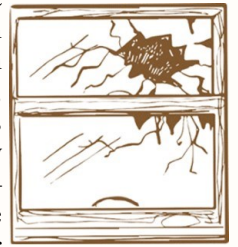
### **Thank you!**



### **Parent Talk:**

When we moved into a new neighborhood, I became concerned about some of the boys Toby started playing with. They seemed a little wild and some of the neighbors accused them of vandalism and stealing.

I told Toby of my concerns but said I wouldn't forbid him from playing with them. However, if the boys committed any misdeeds – whether he participated or not – I would hold Toby solely responsible.



That next week Toby ran home in a panic. Even though he "told them not to," the boys threw a rock through Mr. Grayson's front window. I walked Toby back to Mr. Grayson's house where he apologized for his and his friends' behavior and made arrangements to replace the window.

He had to mow a lot of lawns and rake a lot of leaves to pay for the window but he quickly lost interest in those friends, much to my relief.

*Partners in Faith - April 2024*



**Senior Recognition Mass** We will recognize the St. Agnes High School Seniors on May 12th at the 8:00 am Mass.



# TOTUS TUUS

2024



**Registration  
opens: April 1, 2024**

**Get ready to join us.  
St. Agnes and Christ the King  
June 9-14, 2024**



Register  
here



# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Find the heart that matches.



## MISSION

Read John 15:9-17 with your family. God loves you, and he wants you to be completely happy, but you need to let go of your selfishness. You can obey God and love others by sharing your time with them. You can show your love for God by sharing your money with others, too.

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.







Connecting Students and Families through Faith  
May 5, 2024



**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, May 6th**

5th Grade bake sale after school

**Tuesday, May 7th**

4th Grade to Agate Fossil Beds

**Wednesday, May 8th**

Mass @ 8:15

**Thursday, May 9th**

Ascension Thursday Mass @ Noon

4th Grade leads

**Friday, May 10th**

PK Graduation - 9:00



**Fish Fry Donation**

St. Agnes Fryers hosted 3 fish fries during the Lenten season. These events provided opportunity for the school, parish and local community to gather for fellowship and good food. The proceeds of the event benefit the school.

On Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, event organizers: Travis Gould, John Songco and Dan Warburton, presented Mrs. Brown with a check for \$3218.66. We are extremely grateful to all the Knights who helped with these events and to those who supported them by their attendance. We are blessed with an amazing village of supporters.



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# Classroom News.....

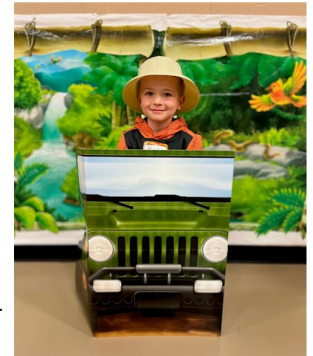
## Kindergarten Trip Through Time

Kindergarten students enjoyed the annual Trip Through Time field trip hosted by the Farm and Ranch Museum on the sunny afternoon of April 24<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed stepping back in time and learning about life in the days of old. They discovered more about transportation, making rope, washing clothes and playing games from that era to name a few. It was a great afternoon of fun and learning!



## Pre-K & Kindergarten Visitation

St. Agnes hosted upcoming PK and K students for a visitation on the morning of April 30<sup>th</sup>. The new students enjoyed participating in activities in their classrooms, meeting new friends and playing outside at recess. After the hour and a half visit, most did not want to go home, but the start of a new school year is not far off, and we will look forward to many adventures when we return on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Space is still available in both of these classrooms if you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of our St. Agnes School family.



## Discipleship Friday

The final Discipleship Friday was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> with a theme of Sent on a Mission. The students enjoyed learning more about evangelization and how they might become Intentional Disciples. They played Snakes & Missionaries in the activity station, sang and danced to *Give a Little Kindness, Give a Little Love Away* in the music station, made a fisher of men project in the art station and enjoyed listening to the Ascherl's aunt, Theresa, tell about her mission experiences as they enjoyed a snack in the snack station. It has been a great year of learning, fun and growing in our faith as we have celebrated being Eucharistic People. May we go forth as intentional Disciples spreading God's word and light to others in the community as we head into summer.



## Hot Lunch Menu for May 6th, 2024 - May 10th, 2024

<u>Monday, May 6</u>	<u>Tuesday, May 7</u>	<u>Wednesday, May 8</u>	<u>Thursday, May 9</u>	<u>Friday, May 10</u>
Beef Nachos Cheese Black Beans Rice Pineapple	Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Banana	Mini Corn Dog French Fries Celery & Cucumbers Apple Sauce	Sloppy Joe Baked Beans Carrot Sticks Orange Slices	Chicken Tenders Spinach Salad Corn Peaches
<b>Helpers:</b> Kelly Beeber Beth Merrigan	<b>Helpers:</b> Kristin Gauthier Chris Gauthier	<b>Helpers:</b> Kristin Schiff Kika	<b>Helpers:</b> Beth Merrigan Kelly Beeber	<b>Helpers:</b> Anthony Gurrola Elise Gurrola

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

## Kindergarten Class

By Teri Ramirez



It has been a wonderful year full of laughter and learning in kindergarten and I am sad to let my students go. They all deserve a relaxing and fun summer because they worked very hard this year.

I want to thank each child for all the warmth, the memories, and the learning we have shared this school year. This past year we have grown together, and a little bit

of each of my students will always be with me.

To the wonderful parents, I want to thank you for allowing me to be your child's kindergarten teacher. It has been a wonderful and rewarding year, and I will love your child always.

Love,  
Mrs. Ramirez & Mrs. Perez



## Fourth Grade Class

By Kristie Becker

I can't believe this is my final bulletin and that the year is coming to end. What an amazing year it has been with this special group! I will truly miss them at the end of the year, but am happy I can peek over at them across the hall next year!

We are in the middle of our Oregon Trail Simulation unit and it is the highlight of our classroom right now! The wagons trains are moving along, already facing many challenges. Students have had to decide on witch trail to follow at a fork in the road. Both trails had their own set of fates that students had to choose wisely on. They are learning a lot of decisions require a lot of energy and delays on the journey.

We started a unit on fossils. We recently did a lab where students got to create their own cast and model fossils using plaster of paris, modeling clay, and small animal figures. The students really enjoyed this project!

In religion, we recently acted out small skits that reflect how we can show God's will. I was really impressed with their creativity in their skits . We have also enjoyed doing a rosary with 3rd grade.

Our math unit has slowly introduced harder strategies with fractions, and I am proud of how hard the students have worked on this. They all have different strategies that they relate to the most and are making great strides in math!

We recently learned a new concept in grammar: abstract and concrete nouns. They took to this well! They challenge me each week to create a harder language wall for them, as they love labeling all the different parts of a sentence!

My class is really looking forward to the kickball tournament , Agate Fossil Beds, the talent show, and other end of the year activities!

I thank this class for a fantastic year of learning and growing!

