



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



June 16, 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**

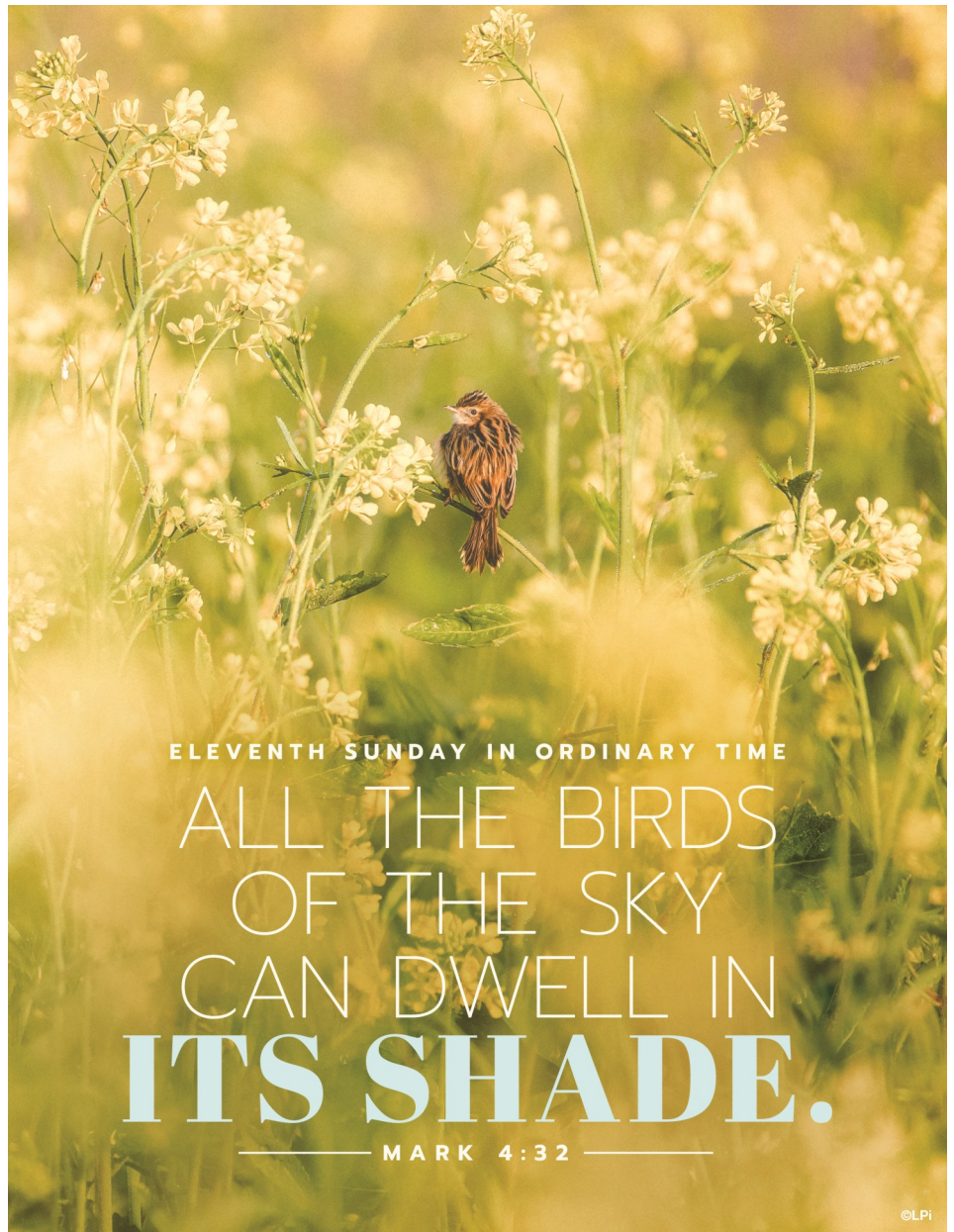
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass  
or by appointment (632-2541)

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office

**Parish Office Hours:**

Tuesday-Friday, 9am - Noon  
& 1pm - 4pm



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALL THE BIRDS  
OF THE SKY  
CAN DWELL IN  
**ITS SHADE.**

MARK 4:32

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# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

## Today's Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm:92

Second Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34



### Parish Administration

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## The Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Living Parables

Whenever someone begins a sentence with, "This parable means..." I roll my eyes. (Sometimes I do this inwardly, to be polite. But I still do it.)

We have a tendency to treat the parables like our mom's favorite casserole recipe. Ah yes, we think as we sit down to dinner, smiling as we inhale the aroma of childhood. Good ol' *mushy-chicken-rice-thing*. *I recognize you. I know exactly what you are. I don't even have to think about you.*

Parables are often presented as an example of how God stoops to meet the limits of human understanding: truth, but in a cute little story! And while it's certainly true that the parables of Christ — each word, each detail, each character — are painstakingly crafted to suit the imagination and intelligence of man, we need to be careful how we think about that.

Sometimes we have a tendency to think of parables as simple and formulaic. We consign them to the genre of bedtime stories, whose point is to soothe, to lull. But these are stories that are meant to keep us awake. They are meant to keep us wondering.

When Christ spoke of the mustard seed, he was speaking the truth in words that his disciples needed to hear two thousand years ago. But he was also speaking to you today. And he was speaking to you tomorrow, and next year, and three years from now, and on your deathbed. If you read this parable on each of those occasions, you will hear something different each time. The parable, you see, is something alive.

It doesn't change, exactly, because the truth never changes. But people change, and what they need to hear changes too.

Don't ever make the mistake of thinking you can finish Jesus' sentences.

*"With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it."* — Mark 4:33

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, June 17, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Rebecca Hort by Connie McDonnough  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Sam Reinke by Robert & Lisa Johnson  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: Fr. Konka's Ordination Anniversary by Francis & Mary Heumesser  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### Thursday, June 20, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Kevin McDonnough by Connie McDonnough  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Friday, June 21, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Wilma Zitterkopf by Vianca Castillo & Kelly Zitterkopf  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Saturday, June 22, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: †Doris Flohr by Wayne & Kathy Smith

### Sunday, June 23, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: †Vernetta Klein by The Peck Family  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish





**This Week's Readings**

Monday	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-3
Sunday:	Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Server Schedule**

June 22	5pm	Aden Munoz Jonah Klaas
June 23	8am	Grant Celli Emily Essesstein
	10:00am	Charlotte Lewis Giovanni Alvizar

**Lector Schedule**

June 22	5pm	Carmen Trevino
June 23	8am	Bridget Peck
	10:00am	Chris Burbach

**Rosary Leader Schedule**

June 22	5pm	Jennifer Hiltgen
June 23	8am	Daniel Warburton
	10:00am	Angie Hilbert

**Finance Corner**

**Sunday Collections & ATW Giving**

**June 9, 2024**



Actual	\$4083.09
ATW	\$3695.00
Online Giving	\$1024.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>\$1197.41</b>
Peter's Pence	\$393.00

**June 2024 Totals**

Actual	\$7861.09
ATW	\$3695.00
Online Giving	\$2330.00
Gen. Church Support	\$2200.00
Budget	\$20000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>\$3913.91</b>

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

**Thank you for your continued giving!**

  
**Happy Father's Day!**  


Please join us for a Father's Day Special Rosary Prayer at 9:30 am this Sunday, June 16th. All fathers are all invited to join and pray the Rosary.

Please join us in celebrating the retirement of

# Rev. Bryan Ernest

An open house will be hosted by both St. Patrick's and St. Luke's. See the details below.


<p><b>Sunday, June 16th</b> 1:30-3:30 P.M. St. Patrick's 301 East 4th Paxton, NE</p>	<p><b>Sunday, June 23rd</b> 2:00-4:00 P.M. St. Luke's 417 East 3rd Ogallala, NE</p>
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## May 2024

### 100 CLUB WINNERS

**\$200:** Jay/Ashlee Wilson;  
**\$100:** Margaret Mary Bush, Michelle Johnston, Rachel Barbour; **\$60:** Danny & Terry Bailey; **\$50:** Brad/Brandi McCaslin, Mike/Terri Calvert, Clara Linenbrink, Joe/Esther Sanchez, John Koch, Danny/Tammie Winters, Jim/Nancy Kerr

**CONGRATULATIONS!**







Please Join Us

THIS WEEKEND  
following each Mass  
FOR OUR MONTHLY  
**COOKIE/DONUT SOCIAL**  
ST. AGNES GARDEN ROOM

The Parish Office will be open from 9-noon on Tuesday, June 18th thru Friday, June 21st. Please conduct any office business in the mornings. Thank you.



**What Moves Us... Spirituality and the Arts**

July 11 – 12, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Michael Bauer, DMA, Father Keith Winton and Edward Poston. This retreat will engage us in the process of spiritual growth. Through the medium of the arts, we will enhance our intuitive connection to God, experience God’s presence in liturgy, and seek new insights through artistic projects. This year’s program will feature fresh topics and approaches that will appeal to both new and returning participants. Thursday, 10:00 a.m., to Friday, 3:00 p.m. Register now at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.



**Knights of Columbus**

Members of the Knights of Columbus were in action for holding the Canopy for the **Eucharistic Revival** Procession around our Church. This is the kickoff of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage that is happening all around our nation.



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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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

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

What does a seed need to grow? Can we make a seed grow? Whose strength or energy is inside the seed that allows it to grow and change?

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

How are we like the mustard seed? We started out very small and hidden. What happened to us? How have we changed? How have we grown? Are we done growing? What are some of the ways we continue to grow?

#### **Living the Word:**

Take a walk as a family and find the tallest tree you can find in your neighborhood. Think about how it started as a tiny seed and grew bit by bit into this largest tree. How is the power of God at work in that seed or tree? How do we measure and track our growth, physically and spiritually?

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families  
2023-2024*

#### **Find Us On**



#### **Parish Website**

[www.st-agnes-church.com](http://www.st-agnes-church.com)

#### **myParish App**

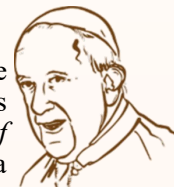
*In the App Store on your phone or tablet*

#### **Facebook**

*St. Agnes Catholic Church*

### **Why do Catholics follow the Pope?**

All Catholics – including the Pope – follow Jesus. The ministry of the Pope, called the “papacy,” was begun by Jesus when He gave Peter “*the keys of the kingdom of Heaven*” (Matthew 16:19). By doing so, Jesus gave Peter a special role of leadership in the new Church.



The authority given to St. Peter is passed to his successors who also become visible head of the Church. The Pope brings unity to the entire community of Catholics and helps us continue Jesus’ saving mission.

### **Parent Talk**

Last Summer, I proposed making a Memory Box to store souvenirs from the summer so we could record what we did while school was out. I thought the children would enjoy looking at it when they were older. I knew I would.

The girls covered a shoebox with wrapping paper to make it look cheerful. To make it durable, we brushed on a coat of white glue thinned with water.

Throughout the Summer, we added bags of beach sand, empty seed packets from the garden, movie tickets, maps from our day trips, invitations to graduation parties, and even autographs from visiting friends and family.

At the end of the Summer, the Memory Box went on the bookshelf in the family room. When we started planning this year’s Summer activities, we took down our Memory Box and relived our fun memories from last year. We also got ideas for this Summer, too!

*Partners in Faith - June 2023*

### **Parents and faith always matter**

There have been frequent news reports about the secularization of America, with focus on young adults who don’t feel religion has a place in their lives. The good news is that recent studies show that in close and loving religious families, parents are just as likely as ever to pass on their religion to their children.

**Close parent-child bonds make the difference.** Researchers found that when a child feels emotionally close to a parent, he or she is more likely to adapt the parent’s religious practices. When raised by a warm and affirming parent, it is easier for a child to understand and relate to a warm and loving God.

**Religious parents model what they preach.** Children are motivated to follow in their parents’ religious footsteps when the parents practice what they preach. That kind of authenticity is compelling. Surrounding children with a loving faith community, teaching faith practices, encouraging service, and being a consistent presence were noted as convincing to children who adopted their parents’ faith when grown.

*Partners in Faith - June 2014*

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of June 16, 2024



### To Be a Pilgrim

An ancient trail of pilgrimage runs through south-east England, a pathway along which so much of English identity converges. It is the way of St. Thomas Becket, the martyr who stood up to a King and inspired Christendom. It is a route that drew countless pilgrims in ages past, captured the imagination of Chaucer, and interest in this pilgrim path is strongly reviving again today.



### Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author

This engaging series delves into the lives of the saints who led the Catholic Counter-Reformation. In this episode, learn about St. Thomas More, a patient witness to the faith who endured a heroic martyrdom at the hands of Henry VIII.



### Episode 124: Dryness in Prayer

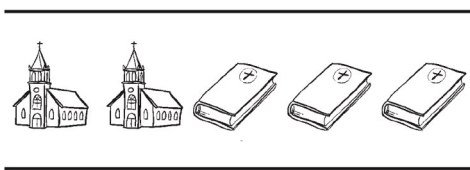
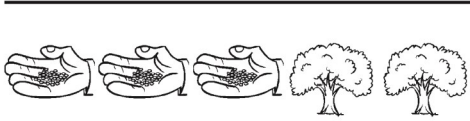
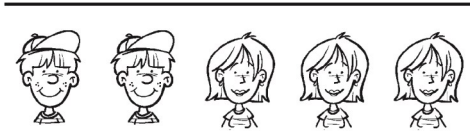
Probably the most important relationship in our life is our relationship with God, and we are building that through prayer. Prayer is real — it's for everyone, but we know that prayer is not always easy. Sometimes it can even be really hard.

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Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Circle the group in each row that has **more**.  
Then color in all the pictures.



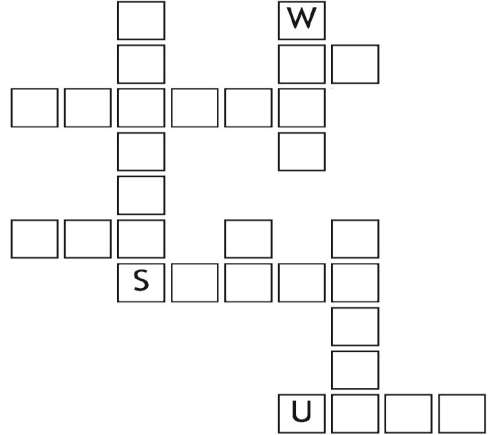
## MISSION

I will share the word of God with my family and friends.

## PUZZLE

Fill this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Jesus used stories when he spoke to the people.



## MISSION

Memorize John 3:16 this week. Let God's love sink into your heart. Treasure what you learn from Jesus.