



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Rev. Rayappa Konka**  
Pastor  
**Susan Flohr**  
Pastoral Minister

**Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday: 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am**  
**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday**  
**7:00 am**  
**Wed 8:15**

**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



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JULY 24, 2022

*Ask*  
and you will receive;

*Seek*  
and you will find;

*Knock*  
and the door will be  
opened to you.

Luke 11:9



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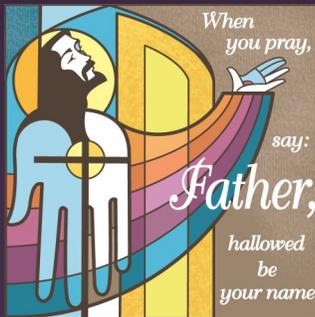
## Today's Readings

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalms:138

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13



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## The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND PRAYERS? OH, MY!

How often do we hear about snakes and scorpions at Mass? Well, today we do! Jesus uses these frightful (to most of us!) images for their shock value in order to emphasize how graciously and unfailingly our Father in heaven cares for us. The first reading sets the stage for our reflection. Who can hear the story of Abraham negotiating with God in the first reading and not smile at his audacity? The middle Eastern custom of bartering likely honed Abraham's skills in that arena. He even appeals to God's sense of honor, saying, "Far be it from you to do such a thing" [as to wipe out the innocent with the guilty]. Have we not all bargained with God at one time or another when we were desperately in need?

Notice that the very first words of today's Gospel are "Jesus was praying." Of course, the disciples would be curious about a practice that was so central to Jesus' daily life. He was obviously good at it. Perhaps they wanted to know how they could more easily "influence" God themselves! They wanted to know what would work. Luke's vision of the beloved Lord's Prayer (one of two found in the Gospels) is highlighted today in response to the disciples' request.

The two parables following the Lord's Prayer teach us about prayer both from the point of view of the one who prays and from God's point of view. The parable of the friend who knocks on the door at midnight illustrates prayer from the point of view someone who urgently needs something. Persistence is the key. The last section of the Gospel offers us a glimpse of prayer from God's point of view. If you seek, you will find; if you knock, the door will be opened. With Jesus as our mediator, we are assured of a hearing before our Father in heaven who is waiting to give good gifts to his children.

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, July 25, 2022

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Fr. Charles Height by Fr. Steven Deaver  
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Marie Hoeft by Mark & Willow Holobek  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: Lee Trautman by Fr. Steven Deaver  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Thursday, July 28, 2022

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: For lukewarm hearts by Diana Rohrick  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### Friday, July 29, 2022

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Fr. Robert Rooney by Fr. Steven Deaver  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### Saturday, July 30, 2022

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

### Sunday, July 31, 2022

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: †Teresita Songco by The Songco Family  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: †Karen Koch by Jerry & Jeannette Fitzgerald

## This Week's Readings



Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28  
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53  
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12  
 Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Faith, Hope and Love . . . Are these present in your marriage? Have you given up hope that they can be? In 1 Corinthians 13:13 Jesus tells us the greatest of these is Love. Living in a marriage that is missing love can be difficult. If you have given up hope that your marriage can and will get better, ask your spouse to consider attending a Retrouvaille program. Retrouvaille is an international Christian-based ministry that offers a three-stage program to help couples improve their marriages. First, a weekend program is attended, followed by post-weekend meetings. Finally, an on-going monthly small group of couples gather for support and growth. If improving your marriage is important to you, reach out today. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program. August 12-14 2022 to register call 1-800-470-2230 or [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org), [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) last day to sign up July 25th 2022

## Mass Intentions & Special Requests



Requesting a Mass to be said for a loved one is a special way to honor either someone still living, or one who has gone ahead of us to the next stage of life in Christ. If someone dear to you is having a birthday, anniversary, or a new baby, what better way to honor them? The suggested donation for a Mass is \$10. For more information, contact the parish office (632-2541).

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, St. Agnes offers *The Journey of Grief*, a grief support group. Please contact the parish office at 308-632-2541 for more information.



## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

**July 17, 2022**

Actual	\$5069.60
ATW	\$4930.00
Online Giving	\$1390.50
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$479.10

**July 2022 Totals**

Actual	\$20545.50
ATW	\$7505.00
Online Giving	\$3456.50
Budget	\$27000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$4507.00

**There is no 2nd collection for next week.**

**Thank you for your continued giving!**



## Reflecting on God's Word

Prayer has always been part of the Christian heritage. The book of Psalms long ago became the prayer book of the church, along with some hymns and canticles from other books of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. Among the most beautiful prayers we have are the *Magnificat* of Mary, the *Benedictus* of Zechariah, and the *Nunc Dimittis* of Simeon, all in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:46-55; 1:68-79; 2:29-32).

Most importantly, Jesus prayed. Think about that for a moment. Jesus, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, the only begotten Son, prayed. We know that he went off by himself to pray. He did this before some of the most important moments in his ministry, like before he chose those who would be with him. But it is safe to assume that he did it as a habit.

So when one of the disciples asked him to teach them to pray and Jesus responded with the Our Father, it deserves our attention. This prayer reveals the heart of Jesus, and tells us how we should speak to the Father. The prayer has two parts: blessing the Father and calling for his presence in the world, then turning to God for our basic needs of food, forgiveness, and fidelity.

The parables that follow call us to persevere and persist in prayer because God is a Father who will give us his life-blood, in this case, the Holy Spirit, to all who ask. Continue to knock, continue to ask. God will respond.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.A. Copyright © 2012, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

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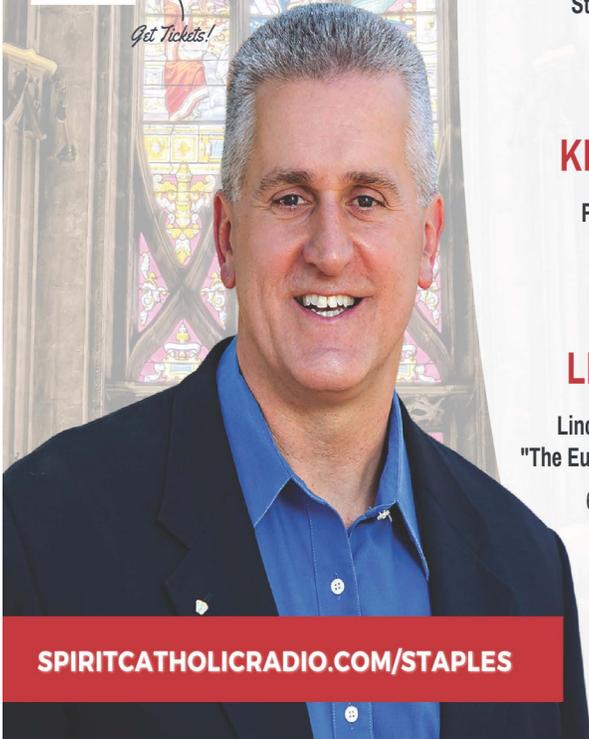
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Join **Spirit Catholic Radio** and Catholic Answers Senior Apologist **Tim Staples** at one of these locations listed below or attend all three! Each evening's talk begins at 7 p.m. and centers around Eucharistic-related topics.

### COLUMBUS | JULY 26

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church  
"Why Be Catholic?"

1565 18th Ave in Columbus

### KEARNEY | JULY 27

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
"Living Bread"

2407 W 56th St in Kearney

### LINCOLN | JULY 28

Lincoln Pius X Catholic High School  
"The Eucharist in the Fathers of the Church"

6000 A St in Lincoln - school gym



### The Liturgy Corner

The Liturgy Corner is devoted to exploring the liturgical and ritual life of our parish. The goal of the Liturgy Corner is to foster active participation in the liturgy of the faithful of St. Agnes. Each week a new liturgical topic can be found in this corner of the bulletin.

Featured this week is **What is "liturgy"?**

The word liturgy comes from a Greek term meaning "public work or work done on behalf of the people."

Liturgy always referred to an organized community. A work, then, done by an individual or a group was a liturgy on behalf of the larger community. All the worshipers are expected to participate actively in each liturgy, for this is holy "work," not entertainment or a spectator event. Every liturgical celebration is an action of Christ the High Priest and of his Mystical Body, which is the Church. It therefore requires the participation of the People of God in the work of God.

The official liturgy of the Catholic church includes the Liturgy of the Eucharist (the Mass) and the Liturgy of the Hours. This is the public prayer of the community; other prayer is private and devotional. More on devotional prayer later.



### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 2022

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

— Colossians 2:12

## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday for  
Seventeenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Gospel: *Luke 10:38-42*

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

Pay careful attention to the Our Father during Mass today. Jesus is teaching us that God loves us as a parent and responds to our needs. Pray with confidence as children of a God who loves us.

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

Think of one phrase from the Our Father that stands out to you. Explain why.

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

Talk candidly at home about your prayer life this week. When have you prayed when have you felt that your prayers were answered? Were your prayers ever answered in a way that you weren't expecting? Just as Jesus learned to pray from his mother, Mary, your children will learn to pray from you.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2021-2022*

### ***Find Us On***

#### ***Facebook***

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[st.agnescatholicchurch](https://www.instagram.com/st.agnescatholicchurch)

#### ***Parish Website***

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

#### ***myParish App***

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### **Summer Family Faith Calendar**

#### ***Sunday, July 24th***

Light a candle for the Holy Father's intentions after Mass today.

#### ***Monday, July 25th***

Make up a story and let everyone have a chance to add to it. Give it a happy ending.

#### ***Tuesday, July 26th***

Honor Jesus' grandparents by praying for all grandparents.

#### ***Wednesday, July 27th***

Practice patience!

#### ***Thursday, July 28th***

Whenever you hear a siren, say a prayer for the safety of all involve.

#### ***Friday, July 29th***

In honor of St. Martha, set up an extra place for Jesus at your table.

#### ***Saturday, July 30th***

Donate canned good to a soup kitchen.

*Partners in Faith - June 2021*



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month.

#### **July 2022 - Elderly**

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**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 14th all Catholic formation sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings. Grade school will be held from 7:00-7:45 pm and middle/high school will be held from 7:00-8:00 pm. All on the St. Agnes campus.

***We are currently looking for grade school catechists, and middle school catechists 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](mailto:dre@st-agnes-church.com)

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

**SCAN ME**



# FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

July 24, 2022

## WATCH

### SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: SOLDIER FOR CHRIST

At the end of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the “Soldier for Christ.” While Martin Luther’s interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.



## LEARN

### FORMED NOW! DOES FAITH TAKE A VACATION?

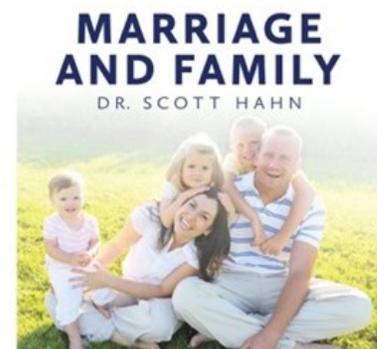


As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it's important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives. Since it's easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don't let the spiritual life take a back seat.

## LISTEN

### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Strong relationships and marriages are of vital importance to individuals, the Church, and society as a whole. In this focused presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn shares key principles that he has lived out in his own life. His advice is practical, challenging, and sometimes requires sacrifice, but it is sure to bear fruit and bring forth many blessings in your family. In honor of Sts. Joachim and Anne, please enjoy this powerful talk!



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# Kids' Corner

Pick a set of letters to fill in the blanks.  
Then you will see what Jesus told his disciples.

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Ask and you wi\_\_ receive.

S\_\_k and you'll find.

Knock and the d\_\_r opens.

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Abraham asked God to spare the wicked city of Sodom if there were only 10 to 50 innocent people there. Darken in any squares showing the numbers 10 through 50 to find how God answered.

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