



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 11, 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

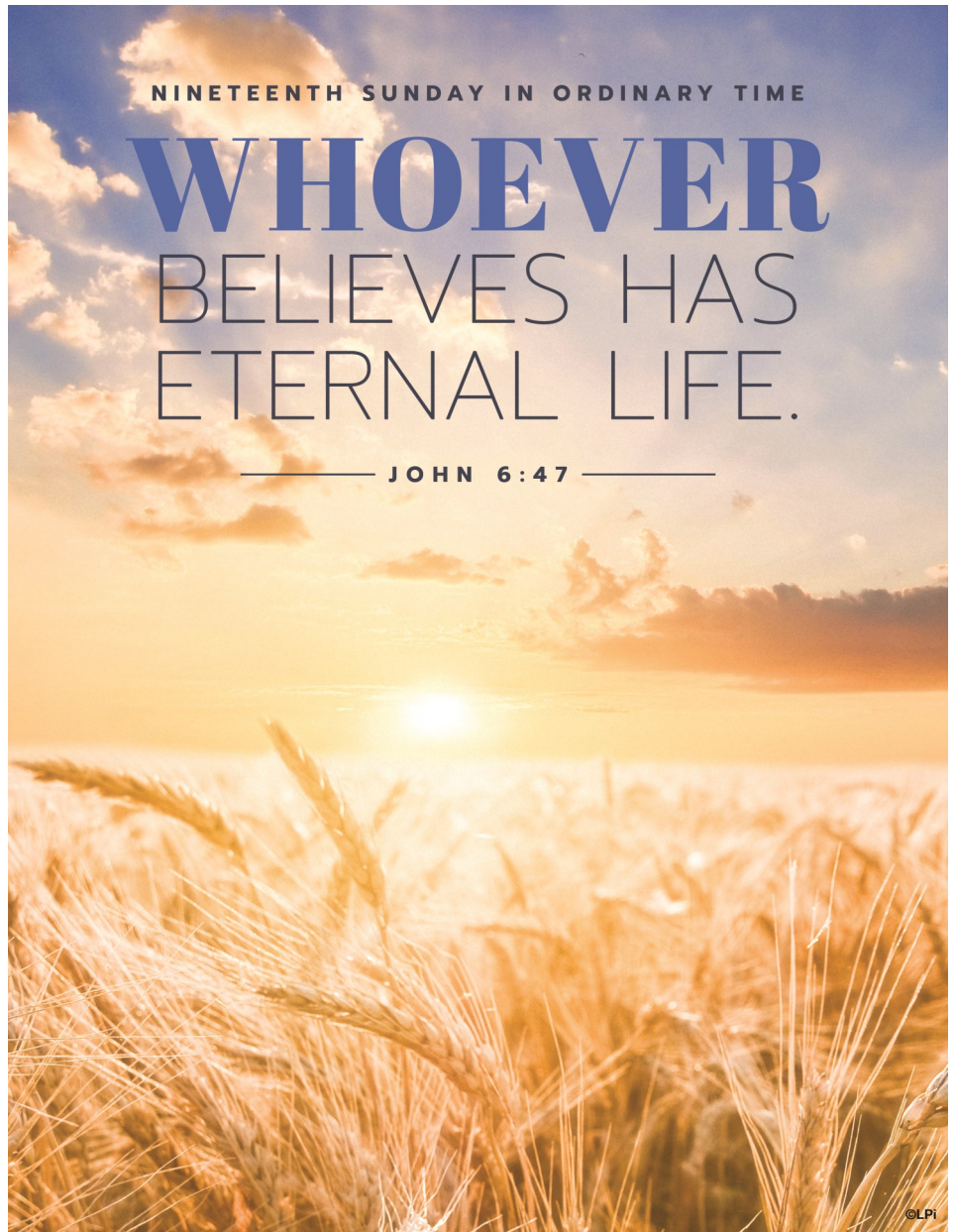
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER
BELIEVES HAS
ETERNAL LIFE.

— JOHN 6:47 —



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

First Kings 19:4-8

Psalm:34

Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

John 6:41-51



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The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Murmurings

When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It's also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn't have to be whispered.

"Stop murmuring among yourselves," Jesus tells the community in today's Gospel, and I think I detect a hint of impatience in his voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it's true that what they were whispering about wasn't particularly flattering, and it also wasn't very accurate: *Did you hear what he said? That he's the bread of life?*

Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don't know, but we do know that they're not bringing their questions into the open. They're whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy.

We know this guy. Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me... And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand.

In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. *Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...*

Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps this Gospel shows us that this is no new thing.

Today, we see Jesus respond to his sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of his teaching. *Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. And that is the end of their murmuring.*

The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 12, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Gervasio & †Lucia Soronio & †Elizabeth Tampus by Evangeline Reynolds
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: In Thanksgiving by Francis & Mary Heumesser
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: Cartina Giron by Carmen Trevino
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, August 15, 2024 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Morning Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Special Intention by The Gould Family

Evening Mass (7:00pm)
Intention: For Our Parish
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, August 16, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Daniels Family by Francis & Mary Heumesser
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)


Saturday, August 17, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Antonio Castaneda by The Gould Family

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Sister Mary John by Francis & Mary Heumesser

This Week's Readings



Welcome

Monday Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15: 20-27/Lk 1:39-5

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Server Schedule

Aug 17 5pm Regan Schiff
Easton Hill

Aug 18 8am Kaden Blaylock
Jacob Mark

10:00am David Hafner
Claire Ascherl

Lector Schedule

Aug 17 5pm Mary Robinson

Aug 18 8am Toni Warburton

10:00am Mark Loose

Rosary Leader Schedule

Aug 17 5pm Ashlee Wilson

Aug 18 8am Claire Songco

10:00am Knights of Columbus

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

August 2024 Totals

Actual	\$15784.88
ATW	\$3695.00
Online Giving	\$1370.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$10850.38

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for Clergy Health Insurance

Thank you for your continued giving!

ANNULMENT SEEKERS WORKSHOP!

Are you divorced and looking for peace of conscience regarding a prior marriage? Are you seeking to enter the Catholic Church, but you or your spouse have a prior marriage? Are you seeking to marry in the Catholic Church, but you or your partner have a prior marriage? If any of these apply to you, you may be interested in petitioning the Tribunal for a declaration of marriage nullity! The free workshop in our area will be held on **Monday, August 26th at 7:00 pm at Christ The King Church - Gering**. Please consider registering so that we have enough packets, please email: tribunal@gdiocese.org or call the Tribunal: (308) 382-6364.

Have you heard the news?

We are changing our Fall Dinner to a Chili Feed!

Save the Date! Saturday, October 12th at 6:00 PM



More Details to Come

The Giving Tree

Each year, St Agnes teachers provide items to their classrooms at their own expense to make their classrooms an amazing environment for all students. To help defray some of the costs, the Home & School Association has created The Giving Tree.

Please consider donating.

July 27-August 11, 2024

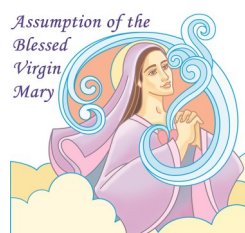
Take an apple from the Giving Tree in the gathering space. Once you have fulfilled the requested items, place in bag or box with the apple attached and return it to the bins provided near the tree.

Holy Day Masses

Mass times for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Thursday, Aug 15
7am & 7pm

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



****This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Remember to mark your calendars****



Knights of Columbus

Inviting all Altar Servers and incoming 4th Graders to a Swimming and Pizza Party at the Scottsbluff Country Club on August 16th, Friday from 5 pm to 7 pm. (Younger Siblings are welcome) This is a project of the Knights of Columbus with the Coordination of our Religious Director, St. Agnes Church and School Administrator, St Agnes School. Please RSVP to John @ 308-615-9429 Thank you for your continuous support of our local Knights of Columbus Project



Parishioners from St. Agnes Catholic Church, Christ the King Catholic Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church enjoyed a nice dinner together to support our Seminarian Noah Huddleston from the Diocese of Grand Island.

Noah is coming back to Kearney Nebraska and will be back to Rome next month to finish his studies. He will be ordained as a Deacon in 1 year and will be ordained as a Priest in about 2 years. Special thanks to Gould family for leading the project and hosting the dinner, the Schiff family for donating the beef and the Marshall Family for donating the cheese. The dinner brought family together while at the same time, supporting our own Seminarian.



"RCIA" or "OCIA"?

RCIA is now called OCIA. During their November '21 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops meetings, the U.S. Bishops changed the name of

the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) to Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). This name change reflects the Catholic Church's desire to return to the most accurate and precise English translations from previous Latin texts.

What is OCIA?

Many adults entering the Catholic Church, or those just thinking about it, follow a process known as the OCIA—the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The OCIA process has several distinct stages:

- **Inquiry:** the initial period before you decide to enter the Catholic Church. You're asking questions and checking it out but aren't yet ready to commit.
- **Catechumenate:** those who decide to enter the Church and are being trained for a life in Christ are called catechumens, an ancient name from the early Church. In this stage, you're developing your faith and are being "catechized"—learning catechism, or the basic points about Catholic faith and life.
- **Purification and preparation:** The Church will help you focus and intensify your faith as you prepare to commit your life to Christ and be received into the Church at Easter. If you're following the OCIA process, you'll go through a beautiful series of Gospel-based meditations during Lent.
- **Initiation:** the culmination of the whole process! You're received into the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass, where you'll receive the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. (If you've already been baptized, you won't be baptized again.) At St. Paul of the Cross Parish, First Reconciliation (Confession, Penance) is celebrated the Monday of Holy Week.
- **Mystagogy:** after reception into the Church at Easter, this period lets you reflect and learn more about the mysteries of the Mass and the Sacraments that you now participate in fully adapted from beginningcatholic.com

If you are interested in participating in OCIA 2024-2025 or would like more information, please contact Terri Calvert at dre@st-agnes-church.com or Office number 308-635-1362.

Religious Education Program

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Celebrating Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: *John 6:41-51*

On the Way to Mass:

How do you feel when you are hungry? What happens when you do not have something to eat? In today's Mass, we will hear about Jesus being the Bread of Life. How does the Eucharist feed us?

On the Way Home From Mass:

We have received so much from God. How do we return that love to him?

Living the Word:

The Eucharist is the greatest way we receive the gifts of God and the way we give honor and love to God the Father. Take a sheet of paper and draw line down the middle. On one side, write "Gifts from God at Mass." Then list all the gifts that are present for our family in the liturgy. On the other side, title it "Give God honor, love, and praise." Finally, list all the ways we show God the Father honor, love, and praise at Mass. Which list is longer?

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

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Family Faith Calendar

Sunday, August 11th

Before you go to Mass today, have everyone run around the house collecting loose change. Then put it in the children's collection.

Monday, August 12th

Show your family love by giving "good morning" hugs, "thank you" hugs, "thank you" hugs, "I'm glad you're mine" hugs.

Tuesday, August 13th

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

Wednesday, August 14th

Any time you find yourself worrying today, say a quick prayer of thanksgiving instead.

Thursday, August 15th

In honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, say the prayer, "Hail, Holy Queen."

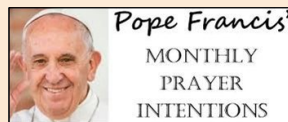
Friday, August 16th

Skip a favorite food today to show empathy for people who don't have enough to eat.

Saturday, August 17th

Cheerfully do an unpleasant task or chore and offer the sacrifice as a prayer for someone else.

Partners in Faith - June 2021



Pope Francis' intention for August - For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Stewardship Opportunities Many 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 11th 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.



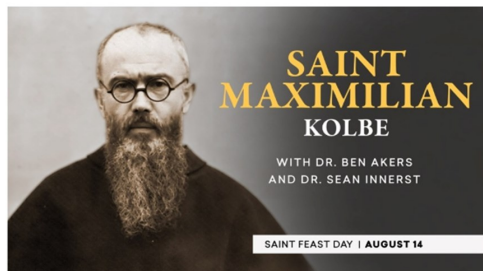
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of August 11, 2024



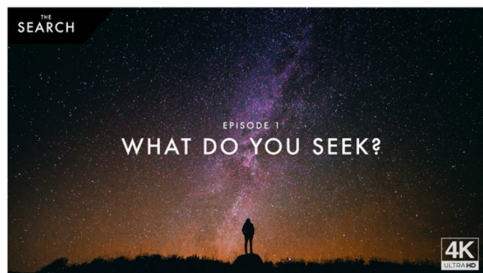
A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Assumption (Part 4 of 5)

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the faith.



St. Maximilian Kolbe | Catholic Saints

At age twelve, St. Maximilian Kolbe received a vision of Our Lady where he accepted the crowns of both purity and martyrdom, vowing to promote devotion to Mary as the defense against the twentieth century's evils. Join Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers as they dive into the life of this modern martyr.



What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

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PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

sout	humble	Mighty
spirit	servant	great
Savior	blessed	holy

- sulo s o u l
- Mythig _____
- srevatn _____
- hylo _____
- stirip _____
- belssde _____
- Soivar _____
- hmuleb _____
- gerta _____

MISSION

Mary was a humble girl, and God chose her to be Jesus' mother. David was a humble shepherd, and God chose him to be a great king. Name one other humble person in the Bible that God lifted up and used powerfully.

PUZZLE

Find and circle eight things that are different.



MISSION

The Hebrews often baked manna into little cakes. Ask your parents if you can make pancakes this weekend, and talk about how Jesus is like manna.