



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 18, 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

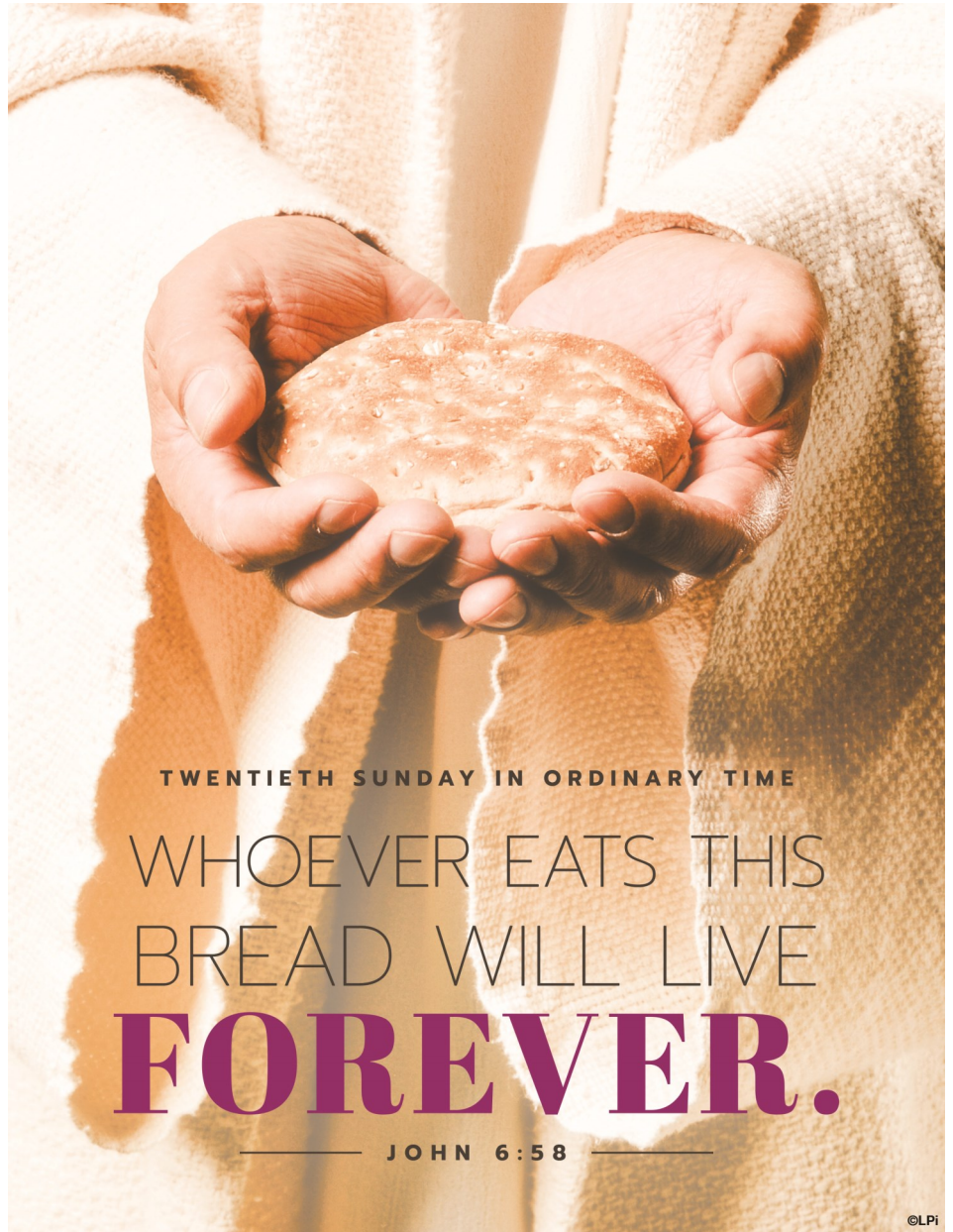
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER EATS THIS
BREAD WILL LIVE
FOREVER.

JOHN 6:58

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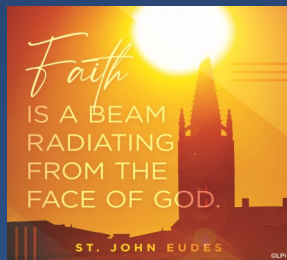
Today's Readings

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms:34

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58



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The Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Fullness of Life

Like any other child of the '90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I've spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money's worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills.

But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied.

In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn't get to eat — whatever I couldn't fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I've gotten older, it's a feeling I've encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven't we all? The people you think are perfect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being letdowns, when instead it's the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today's scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." — John 6:55

This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 19, 2024

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

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

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

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: Special Intention by The Gould Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, August 22, 2024

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

Friday, August 23, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Pro-Populo (For The People)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)


Saturday, August 24, 2024

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

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Scott Corr by Danny & Norma Guzman

This Week's Readings



Welcome

Monday	Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Server Schedule

Aug 24	5pm	Aden Munoz Jonah Klaas
Aug 25	8am	Carson Windhorst Andrew Peck
	10:00am	Ruby Schiff Logan Zulkoski

Lector Schedule

Aug 24	5pm	Ashlee Wilson
Aug 25	8am	Jordan Colwell
	10:00am	Chris Burbach

Rosary Leader Schedule

Aug 24	5pm	Diana Rohrick
Aug 25	8am	Toni Warburton
	10:00am	Angie Hilbert

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

August 2024 Totals

Actual	\$5277.93
Online Giving	\$1184.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$3537.57

August 2024 Totals

Actual	\$21062.81
ATW	\$3365.00
Online Giving	\$2555.00
Budget	\$20000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$6982.81


Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for **VCNIN**

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@gidiocese.org or call the Tribunal: (308) 382-6364.

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).



PLEASE JOIN US THIS WEEKEND
FOR OUR MONTHLY SOCIAL

Cookies & Donuts

Saturday August 17th
and Sunday August 18th
after each Mass in the
Garden Room



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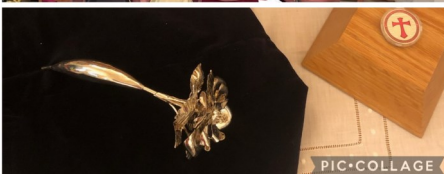
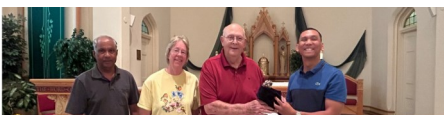


Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus have sponsored the Annual Picnic and Golf Tournament for the Priests from Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christ the King Church and St Agnes Church. This is the priests annual get together to promote wellness and socials.



We had the opportunity to host the "Silver Rose" for all of our 3 masses over the weekend. It is on a tight schedule, we picked up the Silver Rose from the Sidney Council on Saturday August 10th and Ogallala Council picked it up from us on Sunday, August 11th. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more information, please go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose.html>



"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
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: *John 6:51-58*

On the Way to Mass:

Each time we go to Mass, we participate in a meal with Jesus. He did not give us Body and Blood only once. He continues to give it to us at every Mass. How can we thank him for this gift?

On the Way Home From Mass:

What does it mean when Jesus said, "whoever eats this bread will live forever"? How does he nourish us—through his Word, sacraments, and prayer?

Living the Word:

We have received the gift of eternal life through the Eucharist. While this is a personal gift for each of us, it is also a calling to invite others to eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." How are our lives affected by our remaining in him and he in us? Imagine what the world might be like today if all people respected and valued the Eucharist. Draw a picture of what the world might look like if we showed our love for the Eucharist. Share these pictures with your parish priest.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

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St. Agnes Catholic Church

Summer Family Faith Calendar

Sunday, August 18th

Attend Mass and receive Communion. Commune around the dinner table to celebrate peace, love, and family.

Monday, August 19th

Recite the Apostle's Creed as an act of faith.

Tuesday, August 20th

Read about one of the saints. Pray to him or her to intercede for your family.

Wednesday, August 21st

Spend the day looking for a sign of God's love for you and share it with the rest of the family at bedtime.

Thursday, August 22nd

Pray for all foreign missions today.

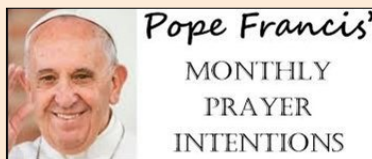
Friday, August 23rd

Family Fun Night!
Play board games, sing songs, watch movies... together!

Saturday, August 24th

Practice compassion by visiting a nursing home together.

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.

Religious Education 2024-2025 Early Registration!

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



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

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of August 25, 2024



The First Multiplication | Bread of Life | Episode 1

In this first episode of Bread of Life, Dr. Tim Gray shares insights from Sacred Scripture and dives into the Gospel of Mark's account of the first multiplication of loaves. Dr. Gray shows how Christ's eucharistic teaching is grounded in the Old Testament, provides hope for the reconstitution of Israel, and anticipates the Last Supper.



Confessions of Augustine: Who Is St. Augustine? (Part 1 of 6)

Join these two patristic scholars as they help viewers learn how to read this classic text and draw from the riches of the spiritual life of the doctor of the Church, Saint Augustine.



The Bread of Life: Celebrating the Eucharist!

Join Brother Francis in the delightfully inspirational and instructive presentation that teaches children all about the sacrament of the Eucharist!

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Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

bread	world	life
heaven	eat	true
people	drink	food

edrba	<u>b</u> <u>r</u> <u>e</u> <u>a</u> <u>d</u>
lfei	___
wldor	___
ppleo	___
dnkri	___
fodo	___
hevena	___
tuer	___
eta	___

MISSION

Ask your parents if you can have a snack of grape juice and bread today. Talk about how the Israelites came to get manna every morning. How can you as a family make Jesus a part of your day, every day?

PUZZLE

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



MISSION

I will clean my room without complaining.