



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 25, 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



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You
have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and
are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Psalms:34

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69



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The Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

To Whom Shall We Go?

A friend of mine, who is a far better Christian than I can ever hope to be, once shared with me that her family sneers at her belief system and lifestyle.

She believes in fairy tales they tell her. She's looking for simple solutions from a kind-faced man in the sky because she doesn't want to grapple with complicated answers to complicated problems.

Religion, they argue, is the easy way out.

As she spoke about this, her voice became unsteady. Not with anger, but with emotion. "I would never call this life easy," she said. "If I was looking for something that was easy, I wouldn't choose Catholicism."

What was unspoken was why she has chosen Catholicism. I know the answer, but only because I know her. I knew her before she chose it wholeheartedly, and I know her now, and I see the difference. I see that these words are written so clearly across the days of her life: "Master, to whom shall we go?"

Once the truth is known in your soul, you see, it can never be unknown. Following Christ is not about easy answers and simple teachings. Sure, it all sounds very basic: love one another as I have loved you. What could be more straightforward?

But what does that mean? What does that look like in daily, modern life, in a world full of the fallen, whose flaws have given us rough edges and weakened wills?

I'll tell you what it looks like — it looks like a struggle. It looks like failure and mess and confusion and losing your way and finding it again, all because you remembered that within you there is a compass pointing due north. It's a constant state of wandering in the dark, following a Voice that asks you to go where you're afraid to go. And you follow the Voice not because it's the only voice there is and not because it's the voice that says what you want to hear, but because it's the only one that speaks the truth, and the truth pulls on you in a way you can't quite resist.

When Christ asks, "Do you also want to leave?" he is not gaslighting us. It's a genuine question. We are free to go. We are not prisoners.

But we have heard the words of everlasting life, and now we can only have peace if we follow where they lead.

"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." — Joshua 24:15

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 26, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Seven Sisters Apostolate by The Seven Sisters
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

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

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Jack Kearns
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, August 29, 2024

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

Friday, August 30, 2024

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

Saturday, August 31, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: Bernadine Overman by The Overman Family

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Susan Lofing (Stoddard)
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Scott Corr by Danny & Norma Guzman

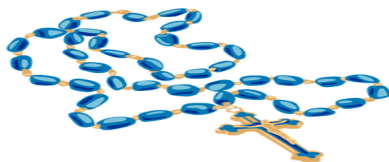
This Week's Readings



Monday 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 2024 Rosary Leader Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 1 8am: JoAnn Nash
Sunday, Sept. 1 10am: NOT FILLED
Saturday, Sept. 7 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen
Sunday, Sept. 8 8am: Claire Songco
Sunday, Sept. 8 10am: Jackie Seymour
Saturday, Sept. 14 5pm: Ellen Ramig
Sunday, Sept. 15 8am: Knights of Columbus
Sunday, Sept. 15 10am: Angie Hilbert
Saturday, Sept. 21 5pm: Carmen Trevino
Sunday, Sept. 21 8am: JoAnn Nash
Sunday, Sept. 21 10am: NOT FILLED
Saturday, Sept. 28 5pm: Diana Rohrick
Sunday, Sept. 29 8am: Addison Peck
Sunday, Sept. 29 10am: Jackie Seymour



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

August 18, 2024

Actual	\$3233.53
Online Giving	\$1045.50
ATW	\$4020.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1700.97

August 2024 Totals

Actual	\$24296.34
ATW	\$7385.00
Online Giving	\$3600.50
Budget	\$30000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$5281.84

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

September 2024 Ministers

Greeters & Ushers

Saturday, 5pm:
Greeters: Brian & Patsy Juedes-Fulk - East
 Tammie Winters - South
Ushers: Andrew Dendinger (Captain)
 Chuck Elley
Sunday, 8am:
Greeters: Karolee Kalinowski - East
 Jason & Angie Blanco - South
Ushers: Candelaio Soto Sr. (Captain)
 Michael Esselstein
Sunday, 10am:
Greeters: Mark Overman - East
 Mike Merrigan - South
Ushers: Jeff Wolfe (Captain)
 Melvin Elledge

SERVERS

Sun, Sept. 1 8am: Regan Schiff & Lucas Esselstein
Sun, Sept. 1 10am: Camilla Linz & Yvonne Kreiling
Sat, Sept. 7 5pm: Aden Munoz & Solarah Gould
Sun, Sept. 8 8am: John V. Songco & Isabella Songco
Sun, Sept. 8 10am: Havynn Urdiales & Lillian Seymour
Sat, Sept. 14 5pm: Regan Schiff & Giuliana Suhr
Sun, Sept. 15 8am: Kaden Blaylock & Andrew Peck
Sun, Sept. 15 10am: Ruby Schiff & Claire Ascherl
Sat, Sept. 21 5pm: Aden Munoz & Quinten Gould
Sun, Sept. 22 8am: Carson Windhorst & Lucas Esselstein
Sun, Sept. 22 10am: David Hafner & Connelly Ascherl
Sat, Sept. 28 5pm: Asher Wilson & Easton Hill
Sun, Sept. 29 8am: St. Agnes School Students
Sun, Sept. 29 10am: William Seymour & Lillian Seymour

LECTORS

Sunday, September 1 8am: David Nash
Sunday, September 1 10am: Mark Loose
Saturday, September 7 & 14 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen
Sunday, September 8 & 15 8am: Dan Marshall
Sunday, September 8 & 15 10am: Mark Loose
Saturday, September 21 & 28 5pm: Ashlee Wilson
Sunday, September 22 8am: Dan Marshall
Sunday, September 22 & 29 10am: Chuck Schwartz
Sunday, September 29 8am: St. Agnes Students

SACRISTANS

Saturday, 5pm:
 Shelley Thomas
Sunday, 8am:
 Jerry & Jeannette Fitzgerald
Sunday, 10am:
 Casey Seymour

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS


Saturday, 5pm:
 Ciborium - Connie Kirchner
 Connie McDonnough & Travis Gould
Sunday, 8am:
 Ciborium - John Songco
 Julie Marshall & Michael Calvert
Sunday, 10am:
 Ciborium - Terry Bailey
 Scott Schiff & Ann Anderson

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).



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Knights of Columbus

A friendly reminder: The Knights of Columbus meeting is on **Thursday, August 29th from 7 pm to 7:45 pm.** Socials to follow afterwards from 7:45 pm onwards. Thank you

The St. Agnes Catholic Church Altar Servers had a fun swimming and pizza party! They also enjoyed some good desserts at the Scotts Bluff Country Club!

Special thanks to Fr. Konka for blessing the children and the food. He also encouraged the children to keep serving as Altar servers, and to keep praying in the morning and before going to bed.

Over 50 children enjoyed the party with their parents! Thank you to all the parents who brought their children to the party!

Thank you all for your continuous support of our local Knights of Columbus projects!

P.S. Thank you to our Honorary Member Dick Lessert and his wife Susan for providing and helping on the dessert for the children.



Members of our local Knights of Columbus with **Fr. Konka** cooked burgers and hotdogs for the St. Agnes School open house. Special thank you to the **Schiffs family** for bringing their BBQ trailer and donating the beef.



Our Deepest Thanks

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Parish Registration Updates

In the coming weeks, we will be making calls to our registered parishioners to verify and update our information that we have on file. Any change in address or phone numbers, and if you would like to receive donation envelopes are all updates we will be making. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 308-632-2541.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

A Ministry Fair is coming to St. Agnes on September 21st & 22nd in the Gathering Space. Save the date as you won't want to miss this!

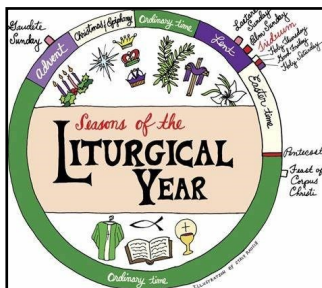
What is the Purpose of a Ministry Fair? A Ministry Fair is held to generate awareness, enthusiasm, and involvement among parishioners, ultimately increasing those involved in the various liturgical ministries at St. Agnes.

Is There a Theme? Yes! The theme of the 2024 Ministry Fair is, **“ Help me, Lord, to stir up the gift of your Spirit!”**

Stewardship, Me? A Ministry Fair also encourages the practice of stewardship of time and talent by fostering a deeper realization about our Baptismal call to be followers and disciples of Jesus Christ.

Got Questions? The Ministry Fair is a great way for parishioners to meet and gather information about the various liturgical ministries that are available within the parish community. The following ministries will be featured, and a representative will be present to answer any questions you may have: *Greeters, Ushers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Music, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Environment.*

Already Involved? For those already involved in ministry, parishioners are afforded an opportunity to *recommit their time and talent* in order to carry out the parish's mission statement and help build the Kingdom of God on earth.



Liturgical Environment



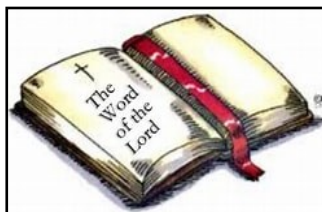
Altar Serving



Greeter



Music Ministry



Lector



SACRISTAN



USHERS



Extraordinary Minister of Communion

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: *John 6:60-69*

On the Way to Mass:

At Mass, the priest makes a gesture over the bread and the wine, asking God to send down the Holy Spirit. This gesture starts up high and ends down low. Which for this moment during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

On the Way Home From Mass:

Where did you see the gesture calling down the Holy Spirit? Why do we invoke the Holy Spirit at this moment in the Mass? It is the Spirit who changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus, and it is the Spirit who gives us faith to believe in his real presence!

Living the Word:

While Jesus' teachings are indeed hard, we are called as a people of faith to live out these teachings. This is not something that we do alone, as the Holy Spirit is always with us, guiding us toward the kingdom of heaven. What moments have you seen the Holy Spirit working in your life? Write a prayer to the Holy Spirit or draw an image of the Holy Spirit at work in your life.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

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St. Agnes Catholic Church

Summer Family Faith Calendar

Sunday, August 25th

After Mass today, set an extra place for Jesus at your table.

Monday, August 26th

Bless each child this morning before the day's activities start.

Tuesday, August 27th

Fill your home with signs of love, such as framed photos, handmade artwork, or notes of encouragement.

Wednesday, August 28th

Surprise someone with a friendly phone call.

Thursday, August 29th

Celebrate the Eucharist by having bread with every meal.

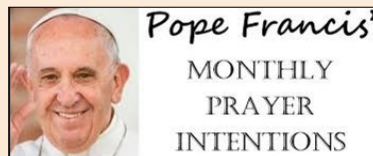
Friday, August 30th

Abstain from TV as a Friday sacrifice.

Saturday, August 31st

Go through a closet and donate extra clothes, books, and toys, to your local charity.

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 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

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!

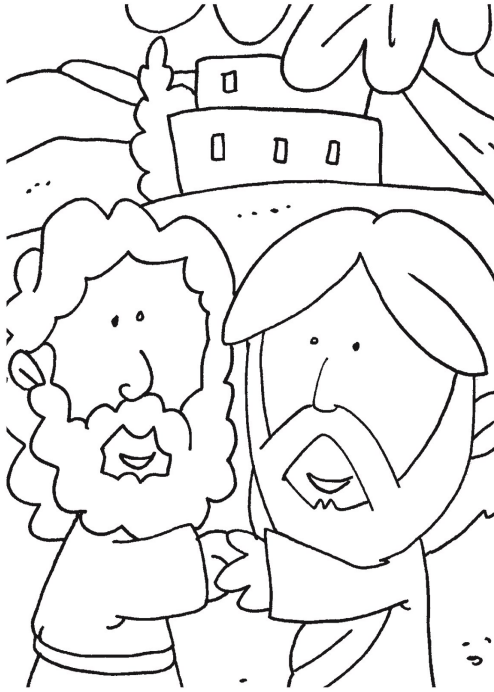
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Kids' Corner



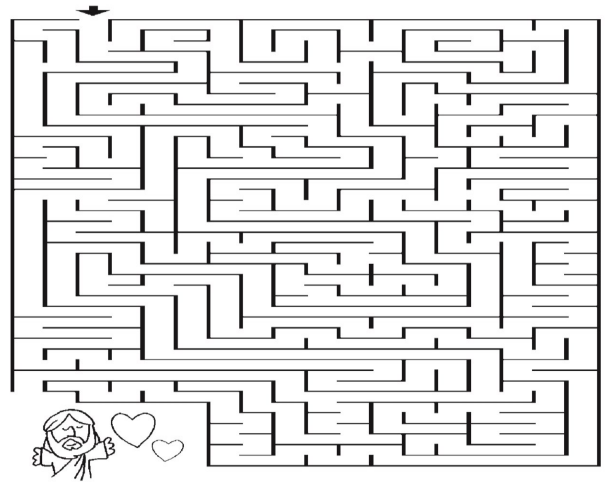
COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



PUZZLE

Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



MISSION

Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
August 25, 2024



**Welcome to Our New Custodian,
Kobie Bradley**

Kobie was born and raised in Scottsbluff, NE. He graduated from Scottsbluff High School in 2003. He then attended Chadron State College for Elementary Education. He has 3 amazing kids, two boys and one girl. In their spare time, they enjoy being at the lake with friends boating and camping, going to their

cabin in Newcastle, Wy, and just relaxing at home. Kobie plans to finish his degree and teach elementary education and special education. We are so excited to have Kobie join our team.

Please help welcome him to St. Agnes!



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 27th

Advisory Co - 7:00pm

Wednesday, August 28th

Mass @ 8:15

Monday, September 2nd

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day



We are in need of lunch room volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please stop by the school office and sign up when you drop off your child for school this coming week. Thank you to all of our past lunch room volunteers!



**St. Agnes Catholic School
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Welcoming Our New Students

St. Agnes School welcomed 18 new students for the 2024-2025 school year. New students include:

PK: Abel Blaylock, Quinn Carlson, Corinn Covalt, Max Dutkiewicz, Evie Engel, Ryker Lenhardt, Brolly Mc Bride
Kindergarten: Gabby Guerrero, Johnathan Lacy, Lily Meza, Noah Roper, **1st Grade:** Kami Garcia, Mehlani Garcia,
2nd Grade: Sophia Guerrero, Carsen Stands, Elyana Torres-Islas **5th Grade:** Isaa Ramirez, Amelia Tritt

We are excited to have the students and their families join our St. Agnes School community. We know you will love being a part of our amazing village.



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Hot Lunch Menu for August 26th, 2024 - August 30th, 2024

<u>Monday, Aug 26</u>	<u>Tuesday, Aug 27</u>	<u>Wednesday, Aug 28</u>	<u>Thursday, Aug 29</u>	<u>Friday, Aug 30</u>
Turkey/Beef Macaroni Peas Peaches Cherry Jello	Chicken Nuggets Spinach Salad Grapes Corn	Chicken Corn Dog French Fries Baby Carrots w/ranch Banana	Beef Taco Refried Beans Spanish Rice Watermelon	Three Cheese Baked Spaghetti Celery/Cucumbers Cantaloupe Garlic Toast
Helpers: Jordan Diedrich Amanda Diedrich	Helpers: Andrew Preston Leanne Wahl	Helpers: John Songco Lizbet Hernandez	Helpers: John Songco Dave Schaff	Helpers: Easton Becker Jeremy Becker

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

Back to School BBQ and Open House

The annual back to school BBQ and open house was held on Thursday, August 15th. Families, new and old, gathered with excitement to kick off the new school year. Schiff farms provided the meat for the picnic and school families provided the side dishes. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their help in cooking the food.

Families enjoyed visiting information alley where they gathered important information and had the opportunity to use the Foundation photo booth to mark the beginning of a new year of learning. The students excitedly placed their school supplies in their new classrooms in anticipation of the first day of school on August 19th.



Welcome Back

St. Agnes welcomed 100 students to the first day of school on Monday, August 19th. The halls were filled with excited students carrying new backpacks and dressed in their finest first day of school attire. Many photo opportunities took place in the front yard with the fun welcome back signage provided by the HSA. This group also welcomed families with muffins and juice. Everyone is looking forward to an amazing school year!

