



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 1, 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

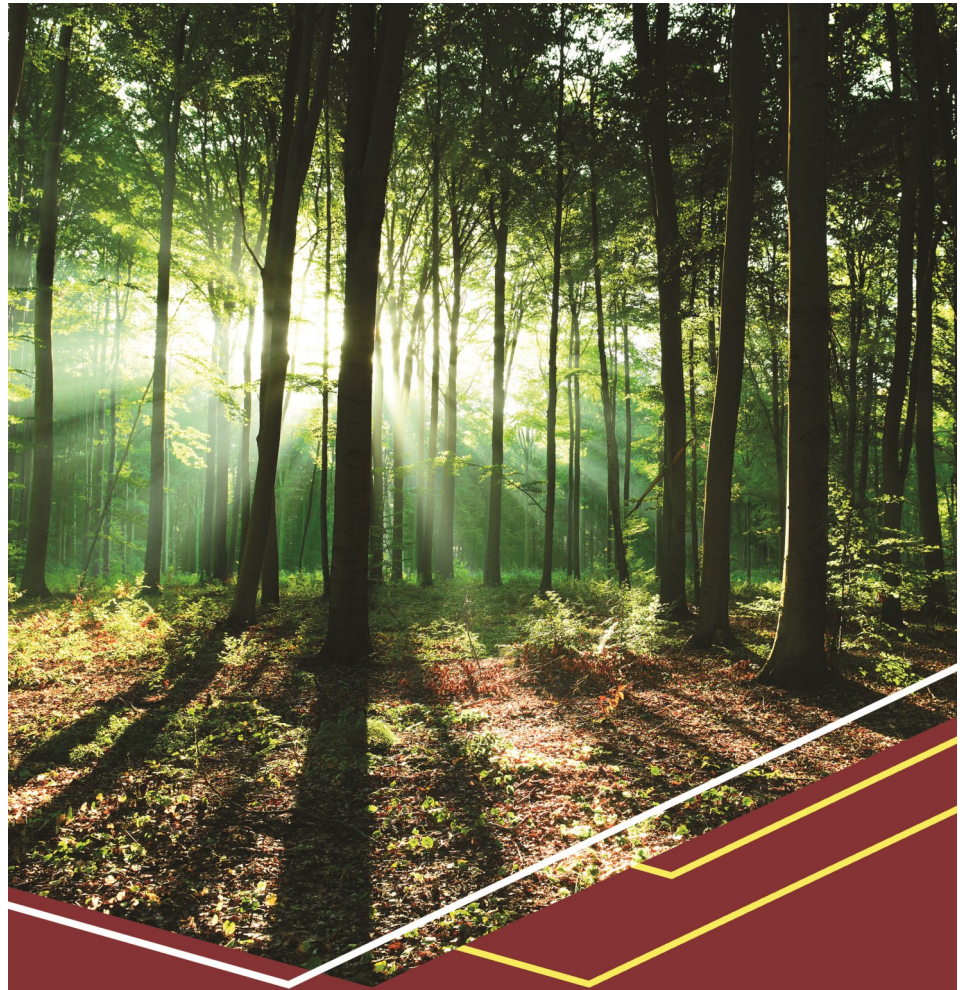
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass  
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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## Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm:15

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



### Parish Administration

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## The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

### The Word

On November 28, 1981, Alphonsine Mumureke was in the dining room at her high school in Kibeho, a small village in southwestern Rwanda. She heard a voice. It was a woman, veiled and beautiful. Alphonsine asked her who she was. "I am the Mother of the Word," answered the woman.

It was the first appearance of Our Lady of Kibeho, who would return to visit Alphonsine and two of her schoolmates over the course of the next eight years. She left with them an urgent call for repentance, along with a prophecy of the Rwandan genocide that would come to fruition in the next decade.

I have always found it compelling that Our Lady chose to identify herself in this way at Kibeho. *The Mother of the Word*. A title so simple and so concise, but so heavy with meaning.

"In the beginning was the Word..." says the Gospel of John in its opening lines.

But what is the Word? Is it spoken, or is it felt? Is it seen, written, heard? Is it shouted or whispered? Is it scribbled across pages that will one day dry and disappear? Is it carved into stone tablets, or on the nameplate above a cross? Is it poured over our foreheads? Is it set ablaze in a bush? Is it etched into our hearts?

It is all of these things, yes, but it is more, still. The Word is not something that is merely spoken. It is not merely written. The Word is something that is done. It is something that we must choose to do.

Our Lady of Kibeho lamented that this world "has neither love nor peace." "If you do not convert and heal your hearts, you will all fall into an abyss," she warned.

But how do we convert our hearts? What snatches us back from the brink?

It is the Word, spoken. It is the Word, carried out. Not just one, and not just the other, but both.

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls." — James 1:21

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, September 2, 2024**

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

### **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: The Margheim Family  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: Seven Sisters Apostolate by The Seven Sisters  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### **Thursday, September 5, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Shane Malm by Trevino & Malm Families  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Friday, September 6, 2024**

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

### **Saturday, September 7, 2024**


Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: Don & LaVonne Pieper by Rod & Ellen Ramig

### **Sunday, September 8, 2024**

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: †Rita Brown by Pete, Joel & Justin  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish



## This Week's Readings



*Welcome*

Monday 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

## Server Schedule

Sept 7 5pm Aden Munoz  
Solarah Gould

Sept 8 8am John V. Songco  
Isabella Songco  
Havynn Urdiales  
Lillian Seymour

10:00am

## Lector Schedule

Sept 7 5pm Jennifer Hiltgen

Sept 8 8am Dan Marshall

10:00am Mark Loose

## Rosary Leader Schedule

Sept 7 5pm Jennifer Hiltgen

Sept 8 8am Claire Songco

10:00am 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)	<b>\$1700.97</b>

#### 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!

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

Because of early an transmission date for the bulletin this week, the collection report will not be published on its regular schedule

## 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!

## August 2024 100 CLUB WINNERS

**\$200:** Lee/Jeanie Knudtson; **\$100:** Lorna Caniglia, Bob Muldoon, Becky Murdock; **\$60:** Michelle Lissolo; **\$50:** Jan Shetler, Jim Farrenkopf, Amanda Greenman, Connie Kirchner, Doug/Louise Kent, Redo/Staci Celli, Julie Brown

**CONGRATULATIONS!**




St. Agnes Catholic Church  
@saintagneschurch



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PEOPLE SHOULD EAT AND DRINK AND ENJOY THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR, FOR THESE ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.

## HAPPY LABOR DAY!

-ECCLESIASTES 3:13 ©LPI

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 Journey of Grief**

Sundays  
October 6,13,20,27 &  
November 10,17,24

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
St Agnes Church  
2314 Third Avenue  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
(Come in the South Door—Proceed to Garden Level)

Everyone is Welcome

Contact:  
Ellen Ramig at 308-631-0811  
Stephanie Upp at 308-631-0645

The Journey of Grief is a six session program designed to aid the healing process of grief. Meetings will include information and discussion.

The video topics are:

Discussion will be based on Doug Manning's Video Series—"The Journey of Grief". His presentation about the grief journey is captured in a personal way with practical advice. Sit with others who are grieving as he discusses the elements of the grief experience, the important aspects of a healthy approach to grieving and what grief companions can do to be a helpful part of the journey. The video topics are:

- The Journey of Grief
- The Definition of Grief
- The Dimensions of Grief
- The Needs of Grief
- The Ceremonies of Grief
- The Normal Reactions of Grief
- The Significance of Grief



**3-Day Silent Directed Ignatian Retreats**



If you have been on retreats before and looking for a more personal retreat experience, consider one of the dates below. These retreats start with check-in between 4:00-5:00pm for the 6pm supper and conclude at 3pm the final day. You would be assigned a spiritual director who you would meet with each day. Directors are guided with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

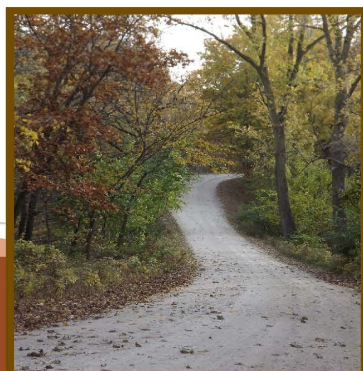
**Thurs-Sun Oct 17-20, 2024**  
**Thurs-Sun Dec 5-8, 2024**  
**Thurs-Sun Jan 23-26, 2025**

Dates through summer 2025 are set and registration will open the first week of December. Sign up for our newsletter.

The cost is \$375 for room, all meals and private sessions. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 would be requested at registration. Register at [creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats](http://creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats)

or scan code.

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

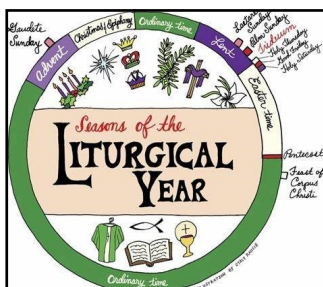
**What is the Purpose of a Ministry Fair?** A Ministry Fair is held to generate awareness, enthusiasm, and involvement among parishioners, ultimately increasing those involved in the various liturgical ministries at St. Agnes.

**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



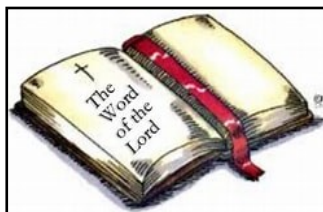
Altar Serving



Greeter



Music Ministry



Lector



SACRISTAN



USHERS



Extraordinary Minister of Communion

## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Gospel:** *Mark 7:5-8, 14-15, 21-23*

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

Do you follow rules and laws at home, at school, traffic laws, and so on? What would happen if we did not have rules?

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

God has established commandments for his people. Why did God establish these commandments? Who were they created for? Why are they important? Why do we follow them?

### **Living the Word:**

Every family has rules to follow. It is easy to judge our brothers and sisters, our classmates and our friends when they break a rule or feel upset that they do not have to live by the same rules we do. Discuss the important rules in your home, and how you make peace with one another. Discuss how we can make room for peace at home. Where do we experience peace? Who is the source of all peace?

*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*

### **Save the Dates!**

#### **September 4th**

**6pm-** Confirmation parent & candidate meeting (*Garden Room*)

**7:15pm** - Catechist Formation  
(*Garden Room*)

#### **September 11th**

**7-8 pm** - Religious Education formation sessions begin!

#### **October 23rd**

**6pm** - First Holy Communion parent's meeting (*Garden Room*)

#### **Sacraments**

*Confirmation* - April 27th @ 10:00 am Mass

*First Holy Communion* - May 4th @ 10:00 am Mass

### **Why Do Catholics Do That? Why do Catholics call priests, "Father?"**

Referring to priests as "Father" signifies that we belong to a spiritual family guided by a father figure. This honorific was given to leaders of the early Church. "Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (1 Corinthians 4:15). As a father guides, nurtures, instructs, and cares for his children, so a priest does the same for his parish family.



*Partners in Faith - June 2024*

### **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](mailto:dre@st-agnes-church.com)

# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of September 01, 2024



### Pope Saint Gregory the Great

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn.



### Modernism | Heresies | Episode 7

We live in a post-modern world. But to understand the post-modern world, we must understand the heresy of modernism. What is modernism? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Christopher Mooney for an informative discussion on the heresy of modernism.



### The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World | The Mission of the Family | Ep 1

God has a plan for marriage and the family. By understanding God's goal for family life and its relationship to the world, families will be better prepared for the challenges of living this vision in modern society.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Find the matching pair.



ANSWER: three and six

## MISSION

The next time you wash your hands, thank God that he made rules to keep us all safe, healthy and happy.

## PUZZLE

Color the areas marked with a dot.



## MISSION

I will open doors for others and say, "Have a happy day."





Connecting Students and Families through Faith  
September 1, 2024



Upcoming Events

Monday, September 2nd

NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY

Wednesday, September 4th

Mass @ 8:15 - 5th Gr. Leads

**\*\*Important Reminders:**

- PE days are M-Th-F: Please be sure your child is wearing tennis shoes
- Library books are due on Tuesday
- Lunch count is turned in to the Hampton Inn by 8:30. If your child will be late, please call before this time to ensure a lunch is ordered for them.
- Mass day is Wednesday. Please be sure that your student is dressed appropriately for Mass. They are visiting the house of the Lord – please look nicer than a normal school day. (No athletic wear or logoed t-shirts)
- 4th & 5th grade Singspirations meets on Monday afternoons - 3:15-3:45

**Safety Day Training**

St. Agnes students and staff took part in the annual safety day training on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Standard response protocols for all drills: Hold, Secure, Lock-down, Evacuate and Shelter were reviewed and drills were run for various emergencies that might occur in the building. Officers, Chris Calvert and Jordan McBride assisted in running the safety day drills. We are grateful to them for their assistance in helping ensure the safety of our students and staff.



**St. Agnes Catholic School**  
**205 E 23rd, Scottsbluff, NE**  
**Ph: 308-632-6918**



**Sandbox Fun**

The St. Agnes PK students are enjoying the new sandbox located in their playground. The sandbox was designed and built by Mr. Polk. We are grateful to him for constructing this fun area for these little students to explore, create and grow.



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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Thanks to all who support the school through their 100 Club membership. We are always looking for more members. If you are interested in joining this fundraiser, please contact coordinator, Mary Skiles: [skilesmary@hotmail.com](mailto:skilesmary@hotmail.com)

**Lunch Help**

St. Agnes School is grateful to all who help make our lunch program run smoothly. We use 2 volunteers daily to assist our lunch coordinator in serving and cleaning up after lunch. School families are asked to volunteer for at least 5 lunch duties. If every family complies with this request, we would still have open spots. So, if you, or someone you know would like to help the school in this capacity, please contact Teresa in the school office. Duty runs from 11:25-12:25. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.



**IXL Learning**

Has your student mentioned using IXL? Are you wondering what it is? IXL at its most basic, is a targeted learning tool that offers experiences for students, tailored to their age group by specific subject and topic. It is able to help support teaching and learning with a very focused outcome. This program is tied to multiple of our curriculums and is being used in grades K-5 to target specific areas identified for individual students as needing additional focus or enrichment.

All families received IXL login information at open house night. Your student may login at home for additional academic practice and use the fun learning games. Take time to check out this great learning tool.



**Hot Lunch Menu for September 2nd, 2024 - September 6th, 2024**

<b>Monday, Sept 2</b>	<b>Tuesday, Sept 3</b>	<b>Wednesday, Sept 4</b>	<b>Thursday, Sept 5</b>	<b>Friday, Sept 6</b>
<b>NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY</b>	Hamburger w/bun French Fries Apple Sauce Sliced Tomatoes	Beef Lasagna Green Beans Pears Garlic Toast	Beefy Tostada w/beans Spanish Rice Peaches Vanilla Pudding	Cheese Pizza Spinach Salad Grapes Cookie
<b>Helpers:</b>	<b>Helpers:</b> Maina Kader HELP NEEDED	<b>Helpers:</b> John Songco Maina Kader	<b>Helpers:</b> John Songco Maina Kader	<b>Helpers:</b> John Songco Maina Kader



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



## First Grade Class By Sharon Bird



WOW!!! The first grade students have been busy! We have been learning the procedures in our classroom, as well as reviewing the procedures of the school. I am so pleased with the efforts of the students.

Each student has been assigned a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass Buddy this year. The students will attend Mass with his/her buddy every Wednesday.

In religion, we discussed families, that Jesus calls us to be His followers, and that we belong to the Catholic Church. Watch for the Take Home pages that are sent home when we begin a new chapter.

First Grade received many wonderful items from the Giving Tree. Thank you so much!

Kami Garcia and Mehlani Garcia are the new students in First Grade. What a wonderful addition to our class. The girls were welcomed by all. We now have 16 students.

On Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, we participated in an all-school Safety Day. In preparation for Safety Day, the first grade students discussed the protocol and practiced the different drills. We do these drills to ensure the safety of all.

Thank you for your kindness and support. First grade is off to a wonderful start!



## 4th Grade Class By Kristie Becker



I am excited to start another year in 4th grade! We are off to quick start! We started the week with getting to know each other and getting to know all the ins and outs of 4th grade. They also learned of the new "big kid" responsibilities they now get to take part in. One is putting up and taking down the flag each day and the other is assisting in lunch help when 5th grade has band. They were all very eager to do both! They were also happy to be Mass Buddies with the first graders for the Wednesday Masses. I see great leadership forming in them!

We started right into our classes. We are reading a group novel together, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, together. It's a tradition to read this Judy Blume book first in our class! We also started right in with learning about Nebraska in Social Studies. We also eased into a new year with talking about growth mindset and goals. I thank Mrs. Calvert (3rd) for giving them a great foundation of growth mindset! I'm looking forward to a fun and exciting year!

