



September 29, 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





26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm:19 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Angel in the Marble

If you show up to the gates of heaven completely whole, I kind of doubt you'll be let inside.

I know that sounds pretty awful, because what kind of God doesn't want all of you, exactly as you are? "Be yourself," we tell our kids. "If someone expects you to change to be their friend, you don't want to be that person's friend."

And sure, all of that is true ... to an extent. But I think if we really analyze our closest friendships, we'll see that we have been changed by them. We aren't the same person we were on the day we met our best friend or before we fell in love with our spouse. The good relationships should always change us, form us. They should call us to some higher plateau on the mountain climb that is life. But to be nimble enough for the climb, there will be parts of ourselves that we have to jettison — preconceived notions, prejudices, selfish tendencies, habits that we cling to like a security blanket.

This is how we become who we are meant to be: by discerning what isn't helpful and good in our own nature, and letting it go.

"I saw the angel in the marble," Michelangelo once said of his artistic process, "and I carved until I set him free."

Would it not be a terrible tragedy if we all remained shapeless hunks of marble, untouched by the chisels of experience and relationship, thinking ourselves perfect exactly as we are?

God looks at us and he sees the angel hidden in the marble, imprisoned there by the constraints of earthly life: original sin, the weakness of our flesh, the unceasing enticement of the evil one. He sees past what we need to excise, what we need to lop off, what we need to relinquish. He knows we are greatly attached to every part of ourselves, even those parts that lead us to sin.

He sees more than what is. He sees what can be.

"Cleanse me from my unknown faults!" — Psalm 19:13

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, September 30, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †John Kissack Sr. by Marjorie

Kissack

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †John Kissack II by Marjorie

Kissack

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: Yvonne Hill by Margie Rood

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family

by The Diocese of Grand Island

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, October 4, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)

Intention: Carmen Ramirez

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)

Intention: †Dean Fast by Margie Rood

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)

Intention: For Our Parish

Weekend Mass (10:00am)

Intention: James & Heather Jackson Family

by Weitzel/Overman Families

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This Week's Readings Welcome

Monday Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6

-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps

88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc

-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5,

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-

9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps

139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/

Lk 10:13-1

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps

119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125,

130/Lk 10:17-24

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-Sunday:

5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/

Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

October 2024 Rosary Leader Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 5 5pm: Ellen Ramig Sunday, Oct. 6 8am: Knights of Columbus Sunday, Oct. 6 10am: Angie Hilbert

Saturday, Oct. 12 5pm: Diana Rohrick Sunday, Oct. 13 8am: JoAnn Nash Sunday, Oct. 13 10am: NOT FILLED

Saturday, Oct. 19 5pm: Carmen Trevino Sunday, Oct. 20 8am: Toni Warburton Sunday, Oct. 20 10am: Jackie Seymour

Saturday, Oct. 26 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen Sunday, Oct. 27 8am: Daniel Warburton Sunday, Oct. 27 10am: Angie Hilbert



October 2024 Ministers

Greeters & Ushers

Saturday, 5pm:

Greeters: Joyce Moeller - East Ann Anderson - South Ushers: Marvin Anderson (Captain)

Steve Olsen

Sunday, 8am:

Greeters: Joseph & Mary Ostry - East Zach & Holly Suhr - South Ushers: Mike Hackett (Captain) Jim Kerr

Sunday, 10am:

Greeters: Melvin Elledge - East Scott Schiff - South Ushers: Jerry Arnold (Captain) Mark Overman

SERVERS

Sat, Oct. 5 5pm: Aden Munoz & Giovanni Alvizar (sub req.) Sun, Oct. 6 8am: Kaden Blaylock & Jacob Mark

Sun, Oct. 6 10am: Alyck Rodriguez & Logan Zulkoski

Sat, Oct. 12 5pm: Regan Schiff & Coraline Hill

Sun, Oct. 13 8am: Carson Windhorst & Yvonne Kreiling

Sun, Oct. 13 10am: Charlotte Lewis & Connelly Ascherl

Sat, Oct. 19 5pm: Havynn Urdiales & Easton Hill

Sun, Oct. 20 8am: John V. Songco & Emily Esselstein

Sun, Oct. 20 10am: Holly Polk & Nina Polk

Sat, Oct. 26 5pm: Alyck Rodriguez & Jonah Klaas Sun, Oct. 27 8am: Erin Warburton & Mason Warburton

Sun, Oct. 27 10am: Ruby Schiff & Kellan Zulkoski

LECTORS

Saturday, October 5 & 12 5pm: Carmen Trevino Sunday, October 6 & 13 8am: Toni Warburton Sunday, October 6 & 13 10am: Chuck Schwartz

Saturday, October 19 & 26 5pm: Kathleen Roehl Sunday, October 20 & 27 8am: David Nash Sunday, October 20 & 27 10am: Mark Loose

SACRISTANS

Saturday, 5pm: Ellen Ramig / Shelley Thomas

Sunday, 8am:

David & JoAnn Nash

Sunday, 10am: Casey Seymour

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, 5pm:

Ciborium - Brooke Talkington Susan Flohr & Jennifer Hiltgen

Sunday, 8am:

Ciborium - David Skiles Twilla McCarthy & Nancy Kerr

Sunday, 10am:

Ciborium - Shannon Hafner Terry Bailey & Judy Schwartz

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

September 22, 2024

Actual \$3634.56 Online Giving \$975.50 Budget \$10000.00 Surplus (Deficit) \$5389.94 VCNIN \$1312.42

September 2024 Totals

Actual \$13830.03 **ATW** \$7715.00 Online Giving \$4501.00 Gen. Church Support \$10000.00 Budget \$40000.00 Surplus (Deficit) \$3953.97

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!



Thank you for helping when our parish has funeral dinners. We appreciate when we call the ladies of the parish to donate salads and cake while the funeral committee prepares the rest of the meal. After the funeral, we leave the empty dishes from the donated food in the church kitchen to be picked up by the donors the next time they come to church. We are blessed to have a long list of parishioners to call for this food. Thanks again for all the wonderful donations and don't forget to pick up your containers!







VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St Agnes Altar Society is preparing for our Fall Dinner Chili Feed on October 12th. This is our only fundraiser and with the money raised we help with the needs of our church building and community. In recent years, we have helped fund the church pew reupholstery and replaced the carpet in the Garden Room. We would appreciate your help in either volunteering your time or food items needed to make our chili feed and bake sale a success!

To sign up please scan the QR code below







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Providing a safe and secure environment is the goal of the St. Agnes Safe Environment Program. We have updated a couple of areas in our church for your safety.

A new security system has been installed on the north door of the church. This door will be open Monday – Saturday from 6:30 am – 7:00 pm and on Sundays from 6:30 am – Noon. If you have a church key card, please turn it into the parish office. If you need to be in the church when the north door is locked, please see Theresa in the office for access.

The **exterior doors** of the church and school have a number on the upper right side. Please note the door number that you enter these buildings through. The doors have been numbered to assist in a quick response by first responders when called to the church or school in an emergency.

Safety Kits – Stop the Bleed kits have been placed in the AED cabinet located outside the south door near the balcony stairs in the church and in the hallway between the classrooms and gym in the school.

A *First Aid* kit has been placed in the north cupboard in the Gathering Space and one is in the drawer just inside the kitchen in the Garden Room. The school first aid closet is located in the hallway between the classrooms and gym.

A box containing two *Narcan* doses has been added to the church and school AED cupboards as well. With so many people taking prescription opioids for pain relief, there is increased potential for addiction and overdose. Noloxone or Narcan is used to reverse the effect of an overdose until emergency responders arrive.

St. Agnes Monday Evening Discussion Group

This year's discussion group began on Monday, September 9th . We meet at 7:00pm every

Monday evening in the Garden Room and we will continue to meet into the Spring of 2025.



The group is using the DVD series on "The Holy Land Revealed." This course covers the ancient history of the geographic area that includes modern Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian territories. The time span begins with the First Temple period (ca. 960 B.C.) and goes through the Second Temple period, the time of Jesus.

In mid-November to mid-December, the group will read and discuss a book by Amy Ekeh entitled "Advent: Season of Divine Encounter."

Beginning in January, the group will study "The Gospel According to Luke" as the Sunday readings for the 2025 Liturgical Year will focus on the Gospel of Luke.

The only cost is for any books that an individual might want to purchase. Each session lasts approximately for one and half hours. The discussion group is eager for more people to join. All are welcome! Questions – contact Kathleen Roehl 632-7407

SAVE THE DATE

2024 ST AGNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION PREMIERE



Friday, November 22, 2024

Gering Civic Center
Details to follow

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



Religious Education Program

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Celebrating Sunday
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

On the Way to Mass:

Whom do you admire? What do they teach us about how to live?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Do you think Jesus really meant for us to cut off our hands or feet? What did he mean?

Living the Word:

Take time for an age-appropriate examination of conscience: How have you loved God and others well, and how have you fallen short? For those old enough, make a family trip to the sacrament of reconciliation, and have a simple celebration afterward.

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2024-2025

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Scripture Lessons: Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48,



Discipleship duties

The disciples were jealous of an unfamiliar man who was healing in Jesus' name. They seemed more about concerned losing spotlight than about the healing itself. Yet, we often do the same when we refuse to participate in good works because the people are unfamiliar, those in charge don't do things the way we'd like, or we fear our efforts won't recognized. Competitiveness and ego have no place in the Christian community.

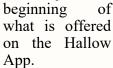
Jesus was very clear: we must be ruthless in removing sin from our lives. Giving up a relationship, job, or habit that keeps us from God may feel as painful as cutting off a hand, but the consequences of our choices last forever. Being lukewarm toward Jesus is impossible.

What can a parent do? Teach children that being a disciple comes with commitments. If we promise to follow Jesus, we must give up whatever tempts us away from Him. Remind children that everyone on Jesus' side shares the same goal: to build up the kingdom of God. The work of the kingdom must come first.

Partners in Faith - September 2024



The Hallow App - Just in time to celebrate the month of the Rosay, October, Hallow will be available to all RE and School families. Now you can pray the Rosary this month using the Hallow App in your car or at home! And this is just the





Our Religious
Education
Program and
School has
partnered with

Hallow this year as a way to intentionally bring God into the lives of our students and teachers - not only in the classroom, but all the time! Please look for an email inviting your family to sign-up for the App, free!

Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app with over 5,000 sessions to choose from. The content inside the app ranges from daily meditations, traditional prayers, Bible stories for sleep, kids and family prayers, mental health meditations, music, and so much more.



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Week of September 29, 2024



Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?



St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/.



The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

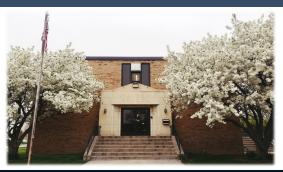
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School Newsletter





Connecting Students and Families through Faith September 29, 2024



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 2nd

Mass @ 8:15 - 3rd Grade Leads

Friday, October 4th

Blessing of Pets - 2:45 on playground

Monday, October 7th

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 8th

NO SCHOOL



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Welcome to St. Agnes

St. Agnes School welcomed 14 new families to our village this school year. The Home & School Association provided a special welcome for each of them by providing a specially made sign to display in their yard letting others know that they are proud new members of the St. Agnes School Community. The parent organization invites all our new families to take part in the meetings and events hosted by this group. Meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the school learning center.











Kids Fitness Day

St. Agnes 3rd graders enjoyed the Kids Fitness & Nutrition Day fieldtrip held on Tuesday, September 24th. Sponsored by Panhandle Public Health, this annual event teaches the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

The students enjoyed the interactive day of nutrition and physical activity stations that kept them engaged and active while learning important information about healthy eating choices and exercise. They loved all the activities including: kickboxing, aerobics, yoga, Zumba and more. What a great day of fun and learning!











MAP Testing

First through fifth grade students have had their best thinking caps on as they completed the fall session of MAP testing. These tests provide our teachers with a snapshot of where each student appears to be performing at this point in the school year. It provides information on what areas may need further attention during the course of the year. These scores can be tied into our new IXL program allowing each individual to work on targeted areas.

Test results will be provided to parents during P/T conferences in October.

Jody Windhorst

Serving Our Neighboring Parishes

The St. Agnes Student Council Lighthouse team's first projects served our neighboring parishes, Christ the King and Guadalupe. On September 19th, we delivered multiple boxes of canned food and dry goods to the Christ the King food pantry to be used for distribution to needy families in our community. On Sunday, September 22nd, 26 members of our group volunteered as table bussers for the Guadalupe Fall dinner. We are proud to serve others and look forward to many more projects during the year.







Tish Kosman

Teresa Swank



Elise Gurrola

Anthony Gurrola

Hot Lunch Menu for September 30th, 2024 - October 4

Monday, Sept 30 Tuesday, Oct 1 Wednesday, Oct 2 Thursday, Oct 3 Friday, Oct 4 Egg Salad Sandwich Grilled Cheese Cabbage Burger Chicken Enchilada Pepperoni Calzone Garden Salsa Chips Green Beans Tomato Soup Refried Beans Lettuce/Spinach Salad Orange Slices Apple Southwest Corn Peaches Grapes Jello Crackers Pears Celery w/peanut butter Rice Krispie Treat **Helpers:** Helpers: Helpers: Helpers: Helpers: Cassie Meza HELP NEEDED

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Amanda Diedrich Jordan Diedrich

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



First Grade Class By Sharon Bird



We took our first spelling test. The students were so excited about this test. The spelling tests will be given on Fridays throughout the school year. Thank you, parents, for studying with your child.

In September, the first grade students celebrated their success and efforts with a picnic in our classroom that included: singing, dancing, and bringing our stuffed animals to school. What a wonderful time for all!

September 25 and 26 are days scheduled for the first grade students to take their first MAP tests (math and reading). We did a reading and math practice test on September 20.

In our class, we have been learning about Johnny Appleseed and apples. Many activities were planned. We tasted different kinds of apples, read books about Johnny Appleseed, and learned how to draw Johnny Appleseed. The students did a wonderful job following directions and coloring the picture.

Mrs. Payne shared a wonderful book <u>The Apple Orchard Riddle</u> containing a riddle about apples with our class. We read the book and then cut apples to see the star inside.

Our classroom smelled like apple pie after apple pie play-doh was made. The students then played with it and took it

home at end of the day.

Thank you, parents, for reading with your child for the Reading Incentive Program.













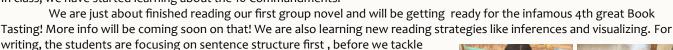
Fourth Grade Class By Kristi Becker



We have been working hard already this year in 4th grade. Our first mid -quarter progress reports when out already and I am so proud of how much they are already growing and learning!

The fourth grade class see Ms. Ayers for math and are working into Unit 3. They have been practicing addition and subtraction algorithms, rounding, estimating sums and differences.

We have been enjoying the Hallow app in our Religion class. The daily gospels, the Marian Playlist, and the Catholic Sprouts podcast are a perfect addition to our religion class. In class, we have started learning about the 10 Commandments.



bigger writing pieces!

While my students go to Ms. Ayers for math, I also get to teach the 5th grades their reading/ELA/writing as well! We are very invested in the novel, Holes. I have added in watching bits and pieces of the movie to help with visualizing the setting and characters. They will start their first writing piece, an informational piece, shortly! They are also currently practicing perfect verb tenses in ELA.

We are gearing up for fall here at school! The 4th graders have made beautiful sunflower art for the hallway, have completed their first reading incentive project and they have enjoyed their first duties on the student council committee! They also led Mass last week and did a fantastic job!





