



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 11, 2025

Rev. Rayappa Konka
Pastor

Susan Flohr
Pastoral Minister

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am

Monday - Friday
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



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them,
and they follow me." - Jn 10:27

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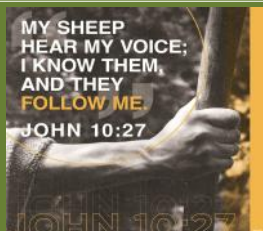
Today's Readings

Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Psalm: 100

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as “sheep” if we think they haven’t sufficiently questioned authority or if they’re too willing to go along with someone else’s plan. We say someone has “the wool over their eyes” if they aren’t willing to see what we think is very obvious. “A wolf in sheep’s clothing” is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you’ve really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it’s no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can’t protect themselves. They’re vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we’re shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don’t have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don’t have to do this on your own.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 12, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Buford & †Benny Williams

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family
by The Diocese of Grand Island

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: Gianna Gonzales by David &
JoAnn Nash

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Rich & †Dorothy Wharton by
Joe & Mary Ostry

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, May 16, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Dot Philipsen by Joe & Mary
Ostry

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)

Intention: For Our Parish

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Weekend Mass (8:00am)

Intention: †LaVonne Pieper by St. Agnes
Altar Society

Weekend Mass (10:00am)

Intention: †LaVonne Pieper by St. Agnes
Altar Society

This Week's Readings



Monday	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Server Schedule

May 17 5pm	Charlie Vath Solarah Gould
May 18 8am	Lewis Merrigan Andrew Peck
10:00am	David Hafner Havynn Urdiales

Lector Schedule

May 17 5pm	Kathleen Roehl
May 18 8am	Bridget Peck
10:00am	Michael Schaff

Rosary Leader Schedule

May 17 5pm	Jennifer Hiltgen
May 18 8am	Knights of Columbus
10:00am	Kristin Schiff

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

May 2025

Actual	\$8072.65
ATW	\$3920.00
Online Giving	\$1215.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$3208.15

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for
Communication Campaign

Thank you for your continued giving!

Happy Mother's Day!

*Her children rise up
and call her blessed
- Proverbs 31:28*



MEET THE MAN WHO MAKES KINDNESS

His plan!



FATHER JIM SICHKO

"60 Minutes for Jesus"
General Themes are Kindness,
Trust, and Leadership. Fr. Jim
is a priest of the Diocese of
Lexington, storyteller,
Papal Missionary of Mercy.

Each night of the mission
is a stand-alone talk.
You'll laugh, you'll cry,
you'll sing, you'll be inspired!

Save the Dates

August
24th, 25th, and 26th

More Information Coming!

100 Club Notice!!!

During Easter weekend, we received an application for 100 club in the collection box. This application included the fees, however it was not filled out.

If you think this was your application for 100 club, please contact the parish office so we can get you registered.

Please contact the parish office at 308-632-2541 for any additional questions about 100 club. Thank you!





Knights of Columbus



Congratulations to the children that received their Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for the past two weeks. May God Bless you and be with you always. What a great two weeks for our St. Agnes Children.

The Knights of Columbus served as honor guards for both events.



The Knights of Columbus had another successful Breakfast Buffet for the month of May. As always, thank you for your continuous support of our local K of C Projects.

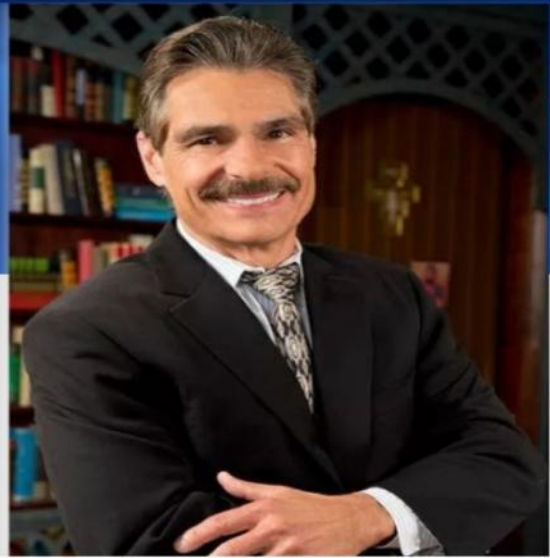


DR. RAY GUARENDI

Host of "The Dr. Is In"

CATHOLIC
AUTHOR, SPEAKER,
AND FAMILY THERAPIST

As seen on: The Oprah Winfrey Show,
CBS This Morning, The Joan Rivers Show,
Jenny Jones and The 700 Club



JUNE 2-5

TICKETS \$5
OR 5 FOR \$20

Scan here for tickets



> JUNE 2 – 7 PM

Scottsbluff | St. Agnes

"Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent"

JUNE 3 – 7 PM

North Platte | St. Patrick

"The Logic of Being Catholic"

JUNE 4 – 7 PM

Hastings | St. Michael

"Men, Women, and Marriage"

JUNE 5 – 7 PM

Lincoln | Pius X High School

"Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent"



Watch Dr. Ray's 2024
Spirit Celebration
Dinner keynote talk

RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY:
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Religious Education Program

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Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gospel: John 10:27-30

On the Way to Mass:

What does a shepherd do for his sheep?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Who are Jesus' sheep? How can they learn to recognize his voice?

Living the Word:

One way to better recognize Jesus' voice is to memorize his words in Scripture and let them imprint deep in your heart and your children's hearts. Commit John 10:27 to memory, repeating it together every day as a family: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2024-2025*

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St. Agnes Catholic Church

"Behold your Mother"

It's easy to feel overwhelmed by Mary's perfection and wonder how we can measure up. Remember, although she was full

of grace,

Mary lived a

mostly

ordinary,

often difficult

life. Jesus

gave her to us

as our

spiritual

mother (John 19:27) so we could

follow her example, know Him

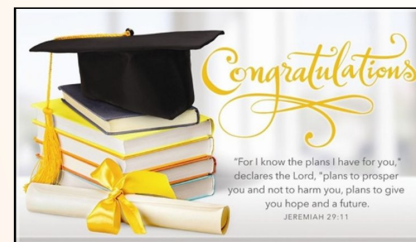
more deeply, and be part of His

family.

Mary leads us to Jesus. In the Gospels, Mary always brought people to Jesus—or brought Him to them. She talked about Him, pointed to Him, and stayed near Him. When we pray the Rosary as a family, Mary helps us reflect on Christ's life, one mystery at a time. If you want your family to grow closer to Jesus, start by spending time with His mother.

Mary is a model for family life. Her "yes" to God at the Annunciation continued daily, through every joy and hardship—fleeing to Egypt, raising Jesus, watching Him suffer. In blessings and struggles, she shows us how to say "yes" to God through our parenting challenges.

"Behold your mother" (John 19:27). Mary isn't distant—she's our mother. Jesus wants us to draw close to her, talk to her, and love her. We are never alone. We can always turn to God, but our heavenly mother is always with us, praying for us, and guiding us home.



Congratulations Graduates!

This is a significant achievement, and we are proud of you. May God bless you on your future endeavors and may they be filled with success and happiness!

Parent Talk:

My older daughter, Kara, was late getting ready for school every day—making the whole family late. Meanwhile, my other daughter, Tessa, regularly "forgot" her chores. I was pretty frustrated with their irresponsibility. Finally, I told them, "If you're late or forget your responsibilities, you'll write an essay."

The next time my older daughter was late, I assigned a 300-word essay on the importance of being on time. Her first draft was sloppy, so I had her rewrite it—twice. The final version was thoughtful—and she started showing up on time.

When my younger daughter skipped her chores, I assigned her a paragraph detailing why chores matter. She ignored it at first and lost play time, but eventually completed the assignment and started "remembering" her chores.

The results? Calmer mornings, an ordered home, and a powerful lesson learned: responsibility is part of family life. Discipline, done with love, benefits everyone.





AGES: Kindergarten - 6th Grade

WHERE: St. Agnes Catholic School

WHEN: June 2nd - 6th - 9:00 am - Noon

COST: \$25 each child - Family Max of \$75

CONTACT: RE Office - 308-635-1362 or dre@st-agnes-church.com

REGISTER FOR VBS BEFORE: May 15, 2025

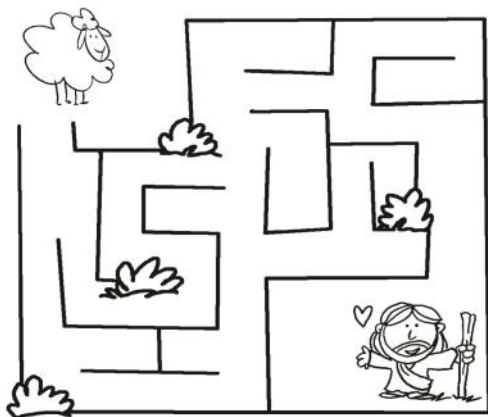
Register today!

**BUCKLE UP AS YOU PREPARE TO SOAR THROUGH
AWESOME LESSONS ABOUT PRAYER AT THIS YEAR'S VBS!**



PUZZLE

Help the sheep find Jesus.



MISSION

I will pray for the children who cannot hear anyone's voice at all.



PUZZLE

Find your way through the bible maze.



MISSION

Every night before you go to bed, read from a Bible storybook. Ask God to help you love him more and more.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
May 11, 2025



Upcoming Events

Monday, May 12th

Kindergarten Graduation

Tuesday, May 13th

Bingo for Books
Summer reading kick-off
5th Grade orchestra concert

Wednesday, May 14th

5th Grade Mass & Graduation @ 8:15
5th Grade Sneak
PK/K Picnic water games

Friday, May 16th

Talent Show - 8:30
Sr. Grad Walk - 10:00
Last Day - 3:15 Dismissal

Celebrating 1st Communion

Eleven children received their 1st Holy Eucharist on Sunday, May 4th at the 10:00 Mass. Included in the group were school students: Killian Dudley, Anita Garcia, Iviana Garcia, Arabella Gurrola, Baron Kimble, Kane Marshall, Henry Preston, and Riley Windhorst. Congratulations to these students. We are excited for you to join in full Communion at our next school Mass.



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Classroom News.....

Field Day Fun

The air was filled with energy as the K-5th grade students sprinted, jumped, hopped and kicked while participating in the non-public school field day hosted by Bayard Public Schools on Wednesday, April 30th. The students thoroughly enjoyed a wide variety of events and did an amazing job of cheering each other on. Thanks to the Bayard students and staff for a great experience!



Trip Through Time

The kindergarten students enjoyed their annual Trip Through Time fieldtrip on Tuesday, April 29th. A variety of hands on activities provided the students with the opportunity to see what life was like in the 1800's. What a fun learning experience!



Snowy Bus

After pouring their best efforts into MAP testing, the HSA organization rewarded the students with one of their favorite treats – snow cones from the Snowy Bus. What a great way to celebrate our amazing effort and progress. Thanks to the HSA for all their support during the year.



Hot Lunch Menu for May 12th, 2025 - May 16th, 2025

<u>Monday, May 12</u>	<u>Tuesday, May 13</u>	<u>Wednesday, May 14</u>	<u>Thursday, May 15</u>	<u>Friday, May 16</u>
Spaghetti Bake Spinach Salad Cucumbers Oranges	Chicken Nuggets Fries Corn Apricots	Walking Taco Black Beans Broccoli Pineapple	Corn Dog Baked Beans Sun Chips Mixed Fruit	Cheese Pizza Carrots Broccoli Apple Slices
Helpers: HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Helpers: HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Helpers: HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Helpers: HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Helpers: Toni Warburton Mandi Adams

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

Fifth Grade Class

By Rob Polk

In three days, my students will share their final school Mass as fifth graders, and I'm proud of the work they've put in to learn and grow these final weeks of school. Through spelling tests, fraction math, solar system facts, American independence, and other lessons, they have proven their willingness to ask questions and seek answers.

These past few weeks they've read to PreK and 1st grade buddies, experienced their final Kickball tournament, Singspiration performance (at The Village), and a fun Field Day at Bayard Public Schools. Their education most recently has included not only formal academic subjects, but also informal lessons and about maturity, making mistakes, and redemption. In religion, they've studied lessons about God's love, Jesus' sacrifice, and the "fruits of the Spirit", among others.

It's been a joy and wonder for me to witness them reach the end of fifth grade, and while they try to comprehend what may lie ahead for them, I believe they know our St. Agnes Family will always be here to support them. As they leave our precious school and move on to their next adventure, I hope they remember we live in a flawed world that can only be made whole by understanding and appreciating the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, who is the foundation of our Catholic Faith. I hope they'll always seek to serve and love, as our Lord and Savior expects from all his followers.



Library Room News

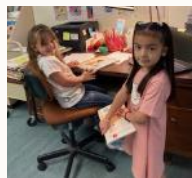
By Lana Payne



We are nearly at the end of the school year. This is the last news article for the year from the library. The year has gone quickly and been filled with the joys of students finding new books and enjoying old favorites. The library was recently gifted a check in the amount of \$1000 from the Home and School Association to go toward the purchase of books for the library. We all, the Staff and students, want to thank the HSA for its continued support of the St. Agnes School Library. THANK YOU for your generous gift.



The Reading Incentive program, **Cool Kids Read**, has concluded for this school year. We are very proud of our students and the work they have put into achieving their individual reading goals and completing their individual book projects. The library has had the pleasure of displaying the reading projects done by the third, fourth, and fifth graders. Everyone has enjoyed seeing and learning about the different reading projects. We would also like to thank all parents for their support in the Reading Incentive Program and their encouragement of the love of reading!



There's still lots of work to do in the library before the books can take their summer break. Last book Checkout days were April 22-23, all books were to be returned by May 6-7. Please help see that all the library books are returned to the library and lost or damaged books have been paid for before the end of school year. Thank you for your help! **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**



Music Room News

By Cori Taedter



As the pictures depict, the '24-'25 St. Agnes Singspirations show choir continues to share their love of Christ through their music. Singspirations was able to travel to the Village at Regional West to sing for a packed room of appreciative residents. Because of these kids' belief in their message and very willing hearts, our Singspirations effort this year was an overwhelming success – and a whole lot of fun, too! We give our thanks to God – our hearts are full!

All classes will be very busy over the next several weeks preparing for student led Mass, 5th grade graduation and the ever popular St. Agnes Talent Extravaganza on our last day of school, Friday, May 16th. We are so very fortunate to be able to worship with our music, so we are approaching these final few weeks with a renewed sense of purpose in preparing to do our best singing for the Lord! It is a busy, exciting time of year in the music room, but summer is just around the corner! Thank for a great year, St. Agnes students!

