



May 4, 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

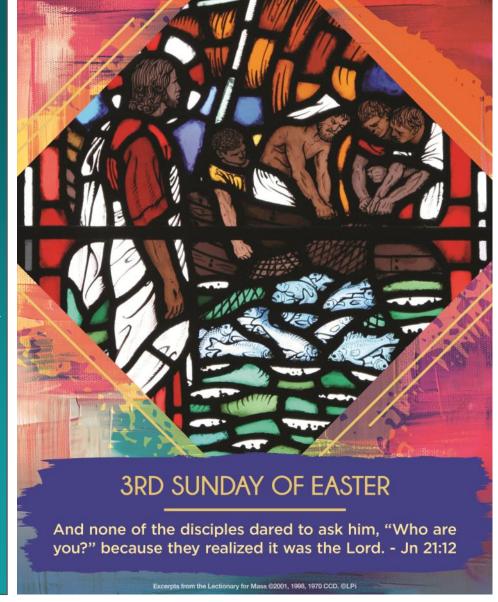
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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





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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41 Psalm: 30 Revelation 5:11 - 14 John 21:1-19



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Third Sunday of Easter

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 5, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Buford & †Benny Williams Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Dot Philipsen by Joe & Mary

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

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

by The Diocese of Grand Island

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Fr. Arul Casarala by Margie

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, May 9, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Bernadine Overman by Joe &

Mary Ostry

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)

Intention: For Our Parish

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Weekend Mass (8:00am)

Intention: †Rita Brown by Pete, Joel &

Weekend Mass (10:00am)

Intention: †Christine Bar

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This Week's Readings



Monday Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24,

26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-

> 4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-

5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9,

16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/

Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13,

14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-

2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/

Jn 10:27-30

Server Schedule

May 10 5pm **Ruby Schiff**

Regan Schiff

May 11 8am Erin Warburton

Jacob Mark

10:00am Camilla Linz

Logan Zulkoski

Lector Schedule

5pm Carmen Trevino May 10 May 11 David Nash 8am 10:00am Lisa Ringle

Rosary Leader Schedule

May 10 5pm Ellen Ramig Margaret Rood May 11 8am 10:00am **NOT FILLED**





Confirmation Class of 2025! May the Holy Spirit strengthen them and grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. A special thank you to their catechists, Ellen Ramig and Michael Calvert.

Front Row: David Hafner, Kallen Golden, Bishop Hanefeldt, Andrew Peck, Guiliana Shur Back Row: Fr. Konka, Reese Dahlinger, Connelly Ascherl, Mia Blanco, Oscar Lopez

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

April 27, 2025

Actual \$3011.36 Online Giving \$1508.50 **Budget** \$10000.00 Surplus (Deficit) \$5480.14

April 2025 Totals

Actual \$25229.78 ATW \$7715.00 Online Giving \$5314.00 **Budget** \$40000.00 Surplus (Deficit) \$1741.22

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for Haiti/Uganda

Thank you for your continued giving!



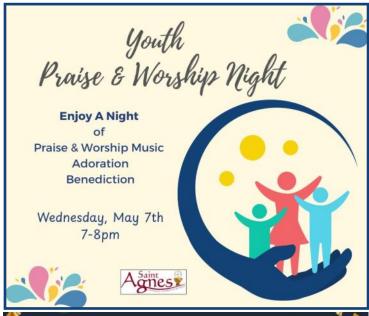
100 Club Notice!!!

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!









Do you want to win CASH prizes and help support St. Agnes School?

Join St. Agnes 100 Club!! One of the most important fundraisers for St. Agnes Catholic School is the **100 Club Lottery.** This past year, the 100 Club raised close to \$12,000 for the school. An equal amount was given away in monetary prizes to the members of 100 Club.

How are the donations used? 100 Club Lottery helps keep tuition at St. Agnes School affordable for our families! The money raised through the lottery is utilized by the school to pay salaries, buy supplies and other expenses. The donations from the lottery have played an important role in helping balance the budget at St. Agnes School.

How does it work? 100 Club members include school parents, members of St. Agnes Parish, alumni, and other folks from the community. Each member contributes \$10.00 per month for one year for a total donation of \$120.00. Members can make their donation monthly, quarterly or annually. **Each month, 50% of the total monthly donations are given away in a cash prize lottery drawing to the members of 100 Club!**

May is 100 Club Membership Drive month.

Please consider joining 100 Club to support St. Agnes School.

Help Us Make History – Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving

Have you dreamed of making history? Of course, we all have. And now we have a chance to be a part of your community's day of giving – and opportunity to unite our community around causes in which we truly believe and help nonprofit organizations connect to the larger community. The Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving will be offered in all the dioceses of Nebraska, Archdiocese of Omaha, Lincoln, and Grand Island!

We need your help! Please join our campaign and help us reach our goal in the areas of helping youth attend summer events, help update the technology in the church, help with the ongoing maintenance of the church, help provide general support for the parish, or donate an amount of your choosing.

Get ready to give! On May 7th, visit Nebraska.igivecatholictogether.org and make a donation to St. Agnes. All giving will end at 11:59PM on May 7, so make sure to get your gift in on time!

Questions? If you have any questions or would like more information, contact us. Thank you in advance for your generosity to our church!



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Our local Knights of Columbus attended the Annual Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Convention in Kearney. And we are very proud and honored to be recipients of the 2 great awards. First Place for the "Publicity Awards - Top Overall Council". And "2025 Silver Level - ICC Awards" which is the 2nd highest level we can ever



Nebraska K of C.

The Knights of Columbus are having their Monthly Breakfast Buffet from 8 am to 12 pm on Sunday, May 4th. It is still \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

Gospel: John 21:1,4,6-9,12,15-17

On the Way to Mass:

What is the biggest way you've ever shown someone love, or someone has shown love to you?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Ho does Peter show his love for Jesus? How do you think you would respond if Jesus asked you, "Do you love me?"

Living the Word:

Think of and commit to an extraspecial act of love for God and others this week. Perhaps it's baking a treat for a neighbor, bringing a special donation to a food pantry, or picking our a bouquet to leave at your favorite statue at church.

> Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2024-2025

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May God's blessings be on the following children as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4th.

Killian Dudley

Parents:
Jonathan & Melissa Dudley

Anita Garcia

Parents:

Greg Garcia & Luiza Guzman

Iviana Garcia

Parents:

Greg Garcia & Luiza Guzman

Arabella Gurrola

Parents:

Anthony & Elise Gurrola

Baron Kimble

Parents:

Baron Kimble & Ana Delgado

Gracelynn Lilley

Parents:

Loren & Kimberly Lilley

Kane Marshall

Parents:

John & Katy Marshall

Henry Preston

Parents:

Andrew & Sara Preston

Kate Sole

Parents:

Joshua Sole & Kristine Benda

Leighton Wemhoff

Parents:

Michael & Anne Wemhoff

Riley Windhorst

Parents:

Ryan & Jody Windhorst



Parent Talk:

For more than a week, Tessa came home upset about the environment in her classroom. The way Tessa told it, the teacher had little control over the class, nor any idea of what the kids were up to when her back was turned. When it continued into the next week, I decided to email the teacher to tell her I wasn't happy.

As I started typing, I realized I wasn't being fair. What if Tessa wasn't giving me the whole story? Shouldn't I be helpful rather than critical?

My email instead asked for a meeting and the teacher responded immediately. When we met, she acknowledged that there were issues in class but detailed the excellent steps she was taking to get on top of them. Further, she had suggestions for how I could support her at home.

This experience convinced me to be a partner rather than a critic.

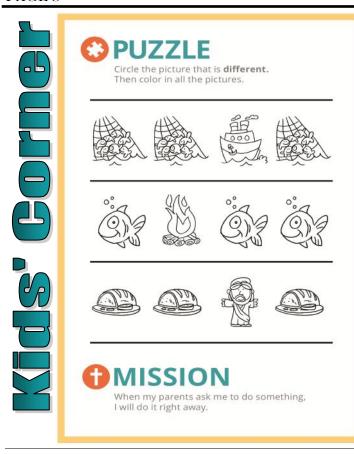
Partners in Faith - April 2025

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AWESOME LESSONS ABOUT PRAYER AT THIS YEAR'S VBS!

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School Newsletter





Connecting Students and Families through Faith May 4, 2025



Upcoming Events

Monday, May 5th

5th to BMS orientation BMS parent orientation PPHD Dental Screenings

Tuesday, May 6th

Kickball Tourney Round 1

Wednesday, May 7th

Mass @ 8:15

Kickball Tourney Championship rounds

Thursday, May 8th

1st Gr. Bubbles day 3rd grade to JAX

Friday, May 9th

PK Graduation - 8:30 4th Grade to Agate Fossil Beds 5th Grade band concert - 6:00pm

Movie Night

St. Agnes students and families enjoyed a private movie night at the Midwest Theater on Friday, April 25th to celebrate their amazing efforts in selling nearly 35000 raffle tickets for Penny Carnival. The group enjoyed the new release, King of Kings, where a boy walks

alongside Jesus, witnessing His miracles, facing His trials and understanding His ultimate sacrifice. Thanks to Knights of Columbus, Songcos and the Engels for sponsoring the treats for the students and to Jim & Jean Bauer and the Suhrs for sponsoring the movie.











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3rd Grade Wax Museum

St. Agnes gym was a living history museum on Tuesday, April 29th as our 3rd grade students presented their annual wax museum for parents, schoolmates and staff. Each student read a biography of a person of interest then wrote a short report of important facts that could be presented in about 2-4 minutes. Stepping on the start button brought these figures to life and led to the opportunity for viewers to learn a plethora of information on historic, sports, biblical and other well-known figures.













Visitation

St. Agnes welcomed 16 PK students and 9 kindergarten students for a morning visitation on Monday, April 28th. The students enjoyed meeting their teacher and new friends,

took part in some fun classroom activities and enjoyed playing at recess before heading home. We look forward to seeing them again at back -to-school night in August.









MAP Testing

St. Agnes 1st-5th grade students completed MAP testing during the

week of April 23-30. These tests provide teachers with a snapshot of each student's learning progress and help to identify areas of strength as well as areas where growth is still needed. Results of these tests will come home in each student's report card on the last day of school.







Hot Lunch Menu for May 5th, 2025 - May 9th, 2025

Monday, May 5	Tuesday, May 6	Wednesday, May 7	Thursday, May 8	Friday, May 9
French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Tator Tots Peaches	Beefy Nacho Black Beans Spinach Salad Pears	Sloppy Joe Green Beans Carrot Sticks Grapes	Hamburger Fries Cherry Tomatoes Banana	Pulled Pork Cole Slaw Watermelon Cookie
Helpers: Brooke Lacy Solarah Gould	Helpers: Julie Berning HELP NEEDED	Helpers: Juyoung Adams HELP NEEDED	Helpers: Julie Berning HELP NEEDED	Helpers: Elise Gurrola Tish Kosman

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



Kindergarten Class By Teri Ramirez



It has been a wonderful year full of laughter and learning in kindergarten and I am sad to let my students

go. They all deserve a relaxing and fun summer because they worked very hard this year.

I want to thank each child for all the warmth, the memories, and the learning we have shared this school year. This past year we have grown together, and a little bit of each of my students will always be with me.

To the wonderful parents, I want to thank you for allowing me to be your child's kindergarten teacher. It has been a wonderful and rewarding year, and I will love your child always.

Love, Mrs. Ramirez





Third Grade Class By Meghan Calvert



We are officially in our last two weeks of school, and I cannot believe how fast this year went by! It is such a bittersweet moment for me. I am so excited to see what all my current students will accomplish next year when they go to 4th grade, but I am not ready to say goodbye to them yet.

This last month we have been working hard researching and creating our wax museum project. All 19 students have been working hard bringing their historical figure to life. They each created a speech, timeline and tri-fold poster about their person. They then presented their historical person to their parents and to the school on April 29th in the school gym. This is one of my favorite projects to do with 3rd grade and I am so proud of how hard they worked on this.

In April, we wrapped up our fossil unit in science with the students doing a stem project where they had to use toothpicks and try to remove chocolate chips from cookies without breaking the chocolate chips. We also had a fun stem project this month where the students had to build a nest to protect their egg from breaking. After each group created their nest, Mrs. Rachael dropped each group's nest from the school roof. 4 out of the 5 eggs did not break! We had a blast with this stem project.

We just finished our last MAPS test, and I am so proud of my students. They have been working so

hard this school year, and their scores really reflect that. We will now be spending these last 2 weeks having fun and creating our final memories in 3rd grade!





