



August 17, 2025

Rev. Rayappa Konka
Pastor
Susan Flohr
Pastoral Minister

Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am
Tuesday - Friday
8:15am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

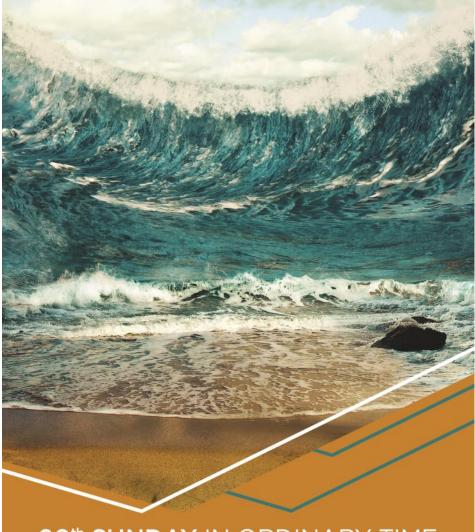
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass or by appointment (632-2541)

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office

### **Parish Office Hours:**

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



## 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

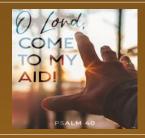


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### Saint Agnes Catholic Church

### Today's Readings

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Psalm: 40 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53



### Parish Administration

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### The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Steward's Growing Pains

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us.

That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you.

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

# This Week's Schedule

#### Monday, August 18, 2025

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

#### Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Jessica Johnson by Mike & Terri

Calvert

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

#### Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: Marvin by Troy & Carol Herman

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### Thursday, August 21, 2025

Morning Mass (8:15am)

Intention: Beth Lonawski by Margie Rood

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

#### Friday, August 22, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: Yvonne Hill by Lynda Montague

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

#### Saturday, August 23, 2025

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)

Intention: For Our Parish

#### Sunday, August 24, 2025

Weekend Mass (8:00am)

Intention: Robbie Gurney by Leticia Kanno

Weekend Mass (10:00am)

Intention: †Kim Lessert by Uncle Dick &

Aunt Susan Lessert

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### This Week's Readings



Monday Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35,

36-37, 39-40, 43ab and

44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12,

13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6

-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-

8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps

146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc

-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps

128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk

16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk

13:22-30

### Server Schedule

Aug 23 5pm Zalie Adams

Kensington Suhr

Aug 24 8am Lewis Merrigan

Thomas Esselstein

10:00am Leo Ascherl

Claire Ascherl

### Lector Schedule

Aug 23 5pm Kerry Munoz
Aug 24 8am Toni Warburton
10:00am Chuck Shwartz

### Rosary Leader Schedule

Aug 23 5pm Dan & Norma Guzman
Aug 24 8am Knights of Columbus
10:00am Kristin Schiff

### Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

### August 10, 2025

Actual \$3753.67 ATW \$3445.00 Online Giving \$937.50 Budget \$11,100.00 Surplus (Deficit) \$2963.83

### **August 2025 Totals**

Actual \$7693.31 ATW \$3445.00 Online Giving \$2281.00 Budget \$22,200.00 Surplus (Deficit) \$8780.69

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

Thank you for your continued giving!

I'm moving!



Dear St. Agnes Parish,

Thank you for letting me be a parishioner here at St. Agnes for the last 52

years. I am leaving the area and the parish to be closer with family. Thank you for the many friendships during my time here at St. Agnes.

—Lucille Koenig

My new address will be: 104 Oak Lane Park River, ND 58270



We are looking for Lonations for the auction and silent auction

hings that make great Lonations:

Season ticket holders-your seats for a game

ime share holders-time at your time share

- Family friendly experiences

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING A DONATION TO ONE OF OUR BIGGEST SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS! IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT ISABEL (308)632-6918 EXT-2



Inviting all Altar Servers and Incoming 4th Graders to a Swimming and Pizza Party at the Scottsbluff Country Club on August 22nd, Friday from 4:30 pm to 7 pm.

(Younger Siblings are welcome)

This is a project of the **Knights of Columbus** with the Coordination of our **St. Agnes Church** (Terri Calvert) and **St Agnes School** (Julie Brown). Please RSVP to **John @308-615-9429** 

Thank you for your continuous support of our local Knights of Columbus Projects.



# Knights of Columbus









### **Religious Education Program**

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

### **Celebrating Sunday**

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53

### On the Way to Mass:

Do you think people always agree about whether to follow Jesus? Why? What do you think we should do when that happens?

### On the Way Home From Mass:

Jesus compared his mission to a fire blazing across the world. What do you think he meant? How does fire grow, and what do you think that means about people's faith?

### Living the Word:

Bring at least one candle into your family prayer time this week; If you have more than one, light those from the first one and talk about ways that we can help our faith to grow and spread.

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2024-2025

#### Find Us On



### Parish Website

www.st-agnes-church.com

### myParish App

In the App Store on your phone or tablet

#### **Facebook**

St. Agnes Catholic Church

### **Confirmation Meeting**

Parents & Youth September 3rd - 6:00 pm St. Agnes Garden Room

### **Catechist Meeting**

September 3rd - 7:15 pm St. Agnes Garden Room

### Summer Family Faith Calendar

### Sunday, August 17th

Stay around after Mass and pray for peace - linger a little, love a lot.

### Monday, August 18th

Shape coat hangers or pipe cleaners into bubble wands, dip, and fill the yard with giant, soapy fun!

### Tuesday, August 19th

Join in prayer for someone who gets on your nerves.

### Wednesday, August 20th

What if Jesus showed up for dinner - what would you say or do?

### Thursday, August 21st

Surprise an elderly or infirm neighbor - offer to tackle their yardwork.

# Friday, August 22nd Queenship of Mary

Pray "Hail Holy Queen" together before an image of Our Lady.

### Saturday, August 23rd

Family Movie Night!

Grab popcorn. Press play. Enjoy the show.

Partners in Faith - June 2025



Many children and young people, Kindergarten 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 10th all Catholic formation sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm. All on the St. Agnes campus.

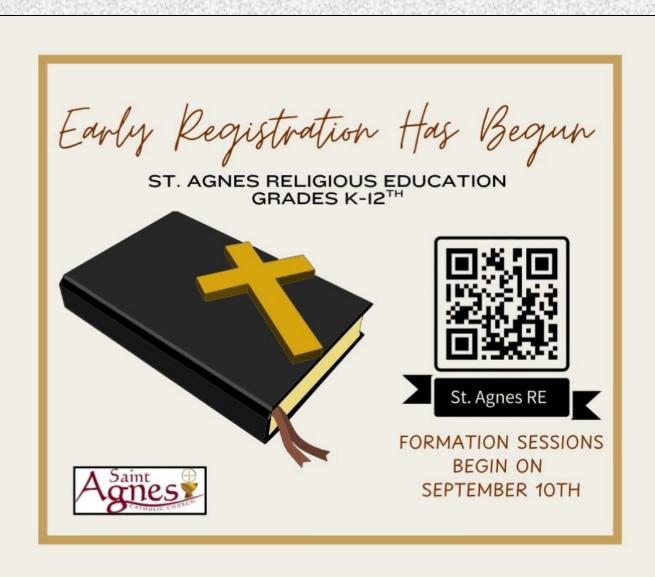
Are you willing to share your Catholic faith with others? If so, would you be willing to be a catechists on Wednesday evenings?

There are openings in 1st, 3rd, and 4th grades. 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.

# There is an opening for the Ignite Youth Group leader.

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 Emaildre@st-agnes-church.com.

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### Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.

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An offering from the Augustine Institute

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