



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



August 24, 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

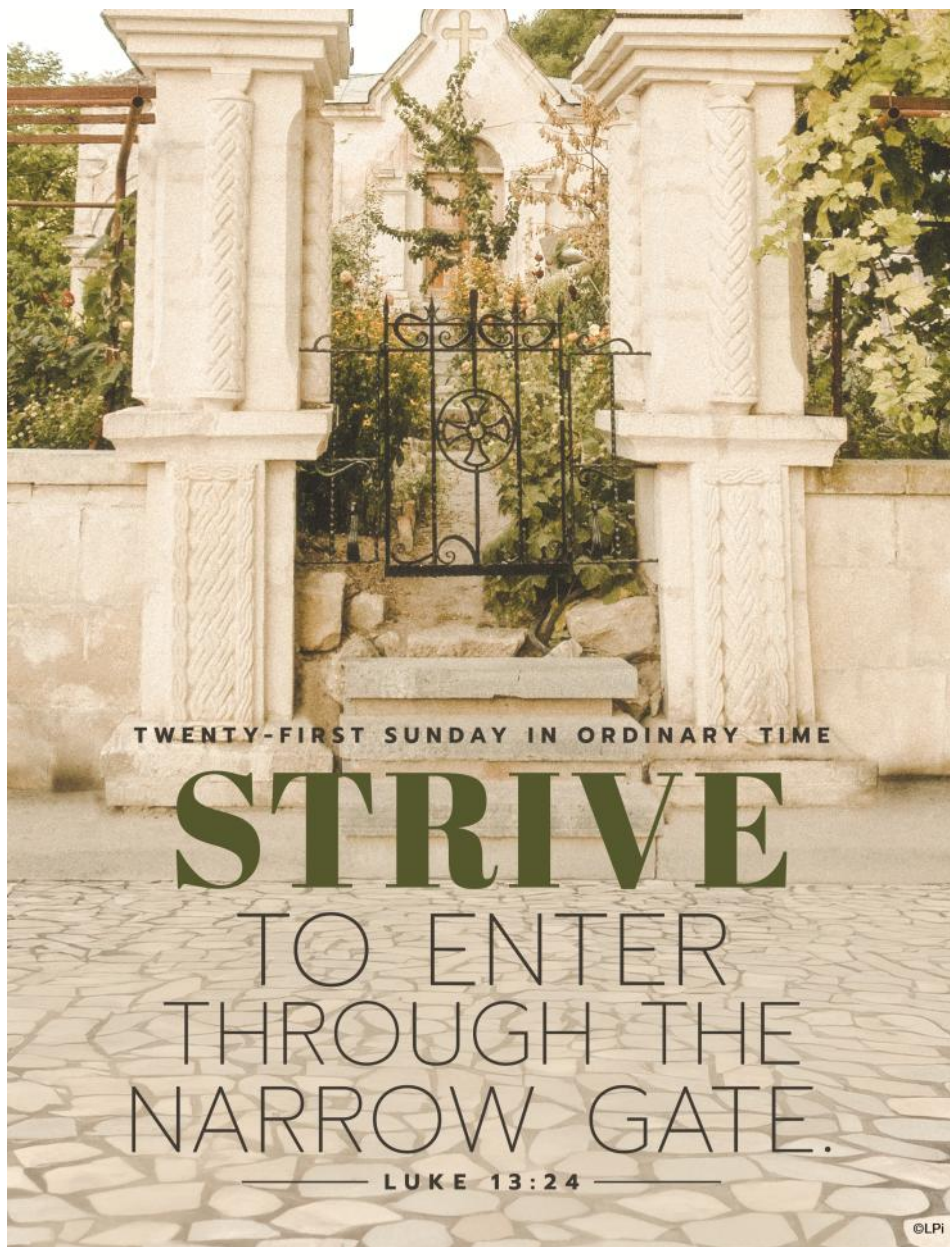
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



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(308)632-2541 Fax: (308)632-2146

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Website: www.st-agnes-church.com

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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

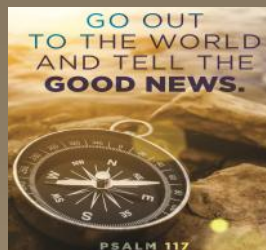
Today's Readings

Isiah 66:18-21

Psalm: 117

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30



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The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Chancing the Narrow Gate

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to schoolteachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid.

You've got "gentle parenting," predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got "attachment parenting," based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got "free-range parenting," where self-sufficiency reigns supreme.

But of all the parenting approaches I've come across, I've never encountered a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but I've never heard any parent or parenting "expert" worth their salt say that a mother or father should completely ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself.

Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth.

And yet we become this way with God. Even the most "devout" among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us.

But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: "No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace."

When we do this, we are making a beeline for the "narrow gate," sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All I can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself?

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

This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 25, 2025

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: Joyce Moeller by Connie
Kirchner

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: Deanna Wismer by Troy & Carol
Herman

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Morning Mass (8:15am)

Intention: Yvonne Hill by Lynda Montague
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, August 29, 2025

Daily Mass (8:15am)

Intention: †Rick Hilzer by The Hilzer Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)

Intention: For Our Parish

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Weekend Mass (8:00am)

Intention: †Francis Lagman by The Songco
Family

Weekend Mass (10:00am)

Intention: †Bernadine Overman by The
Overman Family

This Week's Readings



Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
Thursday:	1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
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 30 5pm	Charlie Vath Giuliana Suhr
Aug 31 8am	Ryker Dendinger Andrew Peck
10:00am	William Adamson Kellan Zulkoski

Lector Schedule

Aug 30 5pm	Kerry Munoz
Aug 31 8am	Jordan Colwell
10:00am	Chuck Shwartz

Rosary Leader Schedule

Aug 30 5pm	Dan & Norma Guzman
Aug 31 8am	Knights of Columbus
10:00am	Kristin Schiff

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

August 10, 2025

Actual	\$3063.21
Online Giving	\$1170.50
Budget	\$11,100.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$6866.29

August 2025 Totals

Actual	\$10756.52
ATW	\$3445.00
Online Giving	\$3451.50
Budget	\$33,300.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$15646.98

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

Premiere is coming!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

*We are looking for
donations for the auction
and silent auction*

Things that make great donations:

- Season ticket holders-your seats for a game
- Time 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 OR YOU
HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT
ISABEL (308)632-6918 EXT-2**

Mass Intentions & Special Requests



Requesting a Mass to be said for a loved one is a special way to honor either someone still living, or one who has gone ahead of us to the next stage of life in Christ. If

someone dear to you is having a birthday, anniversary, or a new baby, what better way to honor them? The suggested donation for a Mass is \$10.

For more information, contact the parish office (632-2541).



GUADALUPE CENTER ANNUAL DINNER



WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

WHERE: THE GUADALUPE CENTER

TIME: 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

TICKETS: \$15.00 PER PLATE



Dine in or Carry out

**1200 EAST 9TH STREET
SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA**

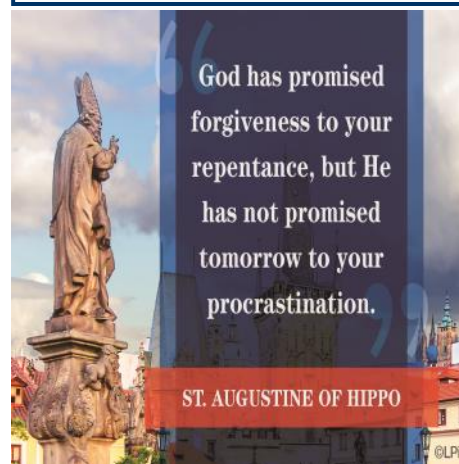
For tickets please call
Vicky (308) 637-1855 or Valeria (308) 760-7048
Hours: 5pm - 9pm

July 2025

100 CLUB WINNERS

\$200: Dan/Julie Marshall;
\$100: Kenny/Jill Wineman,
Daryl/Lana Payne, Wayne/
Kathy Smith; **\$50:** Ben/Kelly
Jenkins, Cindy Cannia, Ron/
Teresa Swank, Gayle Rojas,
Connie Kirchner, Lee/
Jeanie Knudtson, Rob Polk,
Michael/CeCeilia Skiles

CONGRATULATIONS!



God has promised
forgiveness to your
repentance, but He
has not promised
tomorrow to your
procrastination.

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO



Saint Benedict Center

With heartfelt Benedictine hospitality, the monks of Christ the King Priory welcome you to Saint Benedict Center for an opportunity to rest and grow in the Lord.



**Maria Rodaway:
Prairie Pioneer**

Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 3:00pm

Maria (portrayed by her great-great granddaughter **Karen Wyatt Drevo** in period attire) looks back at her life as a prairie pioneer in Otoe County, Nebraska, where she homesteaded in 1867.

Maria crossed the Atlantic Ocean with seven children to reunite her family after a 7½ year separation. She endured grasshoppers, hail, drought, tornadoes, blizzards, and the loss of her husband and six of her 13 children as she worked to become a citizen and a landowner in a new country. Resilient and resourceful, she lived a life of usefulness to her family and large circle of friends with her loving deeds and kind acts, delivering babies and nursing the sick.

No charge - donations accepted.

Reservations are appreciated but not required.

This program is supported by Humanities Nebraska.



St. Benedict Center, 1126 Road 1, PO Box 528, Schuyler, NE 68661-0528

To Register: please go online to StBenedictCenter.com,
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Icon Writing Workshop

September 21–27, 2025

Christian icons have served as "Windows into Heaven" for nearly 2,000 years.

Iconography begins with prayer and is executed with the sense that the seven days of creation are being represented in the artistic endeavor. This workshop is an instruction in icon writing in the Byzantine-Russian tradition. Its objective is the completion of one icon, provided attendance for full six (6) days and the completion of daily assignments as allocated by the instructor. For beginning, as well as for intermediate and advanced icon writers. Beginners will write the figure of St. George (a bust). Those with experience in iconography will write St. George and the dragon.



Dmitri Andreyev is the son of the well-known contemporary Russian Master iconographer Vladislav Andreyev and trained under him. He is part of the [Prosopon School of Iconology](#) founded by his father, which maintains studios throughout the United States, Russia and Europe. Their commitment to iconography has led to thousands of new students practicing iconography through Prosopon's workshops. He lives in Brookfield, VT.



This Retreat begins on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and ends Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Tuition: \$900 - includes 36 hours of studio instructions and all art supplies.

Rooms per night: Single - \$52, Double - \$43.00 (per person)

Meals: Breakfast: \$9.00, Lunch: \$13.30, Supper: \$12.30. Early reservations appreciated.

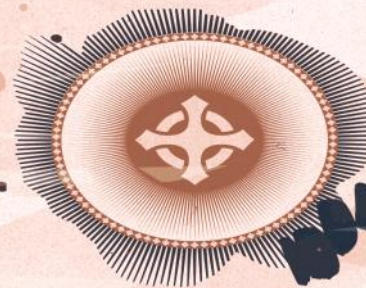
Sales/Lodging tax are additional.



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Did you know that two saints with August feast days died in World War II at Auschwitz?



St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)'s feast day is August 9. She was sent to Auschwitz as a Catholic nun of Jewish descent and died in the gas chamber. She worked her whole life in education and service to others.



St. Maximilian Kolbe's feast day is August 14. He died in by lethal injection after ministering to fellow prisoners in Auschwitz and offering his life to save another.



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ZOOM RETREAT:

PRAYING WITH JULIAN OF NORWICH

FACILITATOR: STEVEN BLUM, PHD, BENEDICTINE OBLATE.

During six Zoom sessions, we will pray with, *The Showings of Julian of Norwich*. Julian's writings stem from a series of revelations she received during a life-threatening illness. She left us with the very first book composed by a woman in the English language which deeply conveys God's love and goodness toward us. Through Julian's uplifting and encouraging insights into God's love, we will strive to more deeply understand how, in her words, "God is nearer to us than our own soul," and "in falling and rising again we are ever precious kept in one love."

The retreat will run from **September 22 to December 1, 2025**.

The Zoom meetings will be every other Monday from 7:00-8:00 PM Central Standard Time. There is no cost to register and participate in this Zoom retreat other than the cost to purchase the book.



Steven Blum, PhD, is a Benedictine Oblate and a trained Spiritual Director. He has recently retired from a 40-year career as a Clinical Psychologist in private practice and has taught and consulted at various universities and mental health agencies. Raised in New York, he now lives in Lincoln, NE.

Following the completion of the six Zoom sessions, participants are invited to register for an optional on-site, one-day retreat focused on Julian at St. Benedict Center on

December 13, 2025, 9:30am - 2:30pm

It includes a presentation by Father Thomas Leitner, OSB, as well as time for discussion, reflection and an experiential practice.

The cost for this day is \$35 which includes lunch.

Registration is limited.

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Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

On the Way to Mass:

How does a person get to know Jesus as a friend? Do you think it's possible to go to Mass and know things about Jesus - but still not love him? What's the difference?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Jesus says that in the kingdom of God, "some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." What does he mean?

Living the Word:

Can you think of an instance in your life when you felt close to Jesus? Journal or draw a picture about what it looks like.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2024-2025*

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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 24th

After Mass, say a prayer for teachers and students kicking off a new school year.

Monday, August 25th

Play "guess the Saint's! Grab *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, drop clues, and take turns guessing.

Tuesday, August 26th

Brighten the sidewalk - chalk up some feel-good messages for our neighbors.

Wednesday, August 27th

Tonight, turn off the screens and tune in to God together.

Thursday, August 28th

Cool off by washing the car together.

Friday, August 29th

From noon to 3:00pm - the hours Jesus hung on the Cross - unplug from screens in His honor.

Saturday, August 30th

Family Movie Night!

At dinner, swap your best summer stories.

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 Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com.

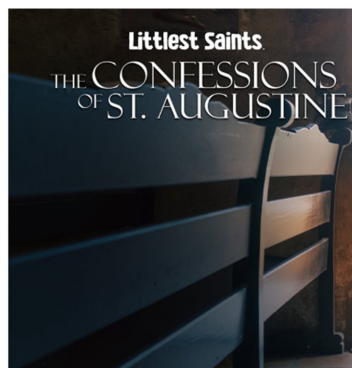
Early Registration Has Begun

ST. AGNES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
GRADES K-12TH



St. Agnes RE

FORMATION SESSIONS
BEGIN ON
SEPTEMBER 10TH



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The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.

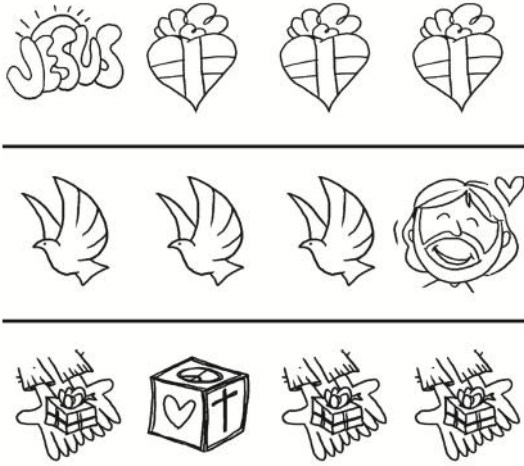
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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will choose to do the right thing, even if no one else does.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS
TAUGHT
SAVED

NARROW
LOCKS
KNOCK

DOOR
FEAST
KINGDOM

J	U	E	S	W	A	O	N	I	H	W
A	K	N	O	C	K	Y	S	O	J	E
R	I	U	A	L	F	E	A	S	T	M
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MISSION

Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
August 24, 2025



Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 24th

Spaghetti Dinner - 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 26th

Advisory Council - 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 27th

Mass @ 8:15



We are in need of lunch room volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please stop by the school office and sign up when you drop off your child for school this coming week. Thank you to all of our past lunch room volunteers!

**THE
LUNCH
ROOM**



Back to School Night

The Home & School hosted students and their families at an ice cream social and open house on Monday, August 18th. Students enjoyed ice cream sundaes before visiting their new classrooms to meet their teacher and drop off school supplies. Everyone enjoyed reconnecting after a 3 month summer hiatus. We are looking forward to an amazing year!



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



Classroom News.....

Welcoming New Students

New student to St. Agnes were surprised to find a welcome to St. Agnes sign in their front yard, a special greeting to their new school family. The signs were provided by HSA and were delivered by 5th grade students who offered a warm welcome to each new member of our school family. We are excited to have these 22 youngsters join our team.



Giving Tree

The teachers and support staff of St. Agnes would like to thank all the generous supporters of the Giving Tree, who filled a multitude of wish- list items for our classrooms, playground and other leadership programs. What a wonderful surprise for our staff to return to school to a bucketful of items graciously donated by individual parishioners!

We are most grateful to HSA for hosting the tree and to each of the individuals who took time to fill a wish from the tree.

We are blessed to have such a supportive village of people who help us in our mission to continue to build the kingdom of God through our faith-based education.



Hot Lunch Menu for August 25th, 2025 - August 29th, 2025

Monday, Aug 25

Sloppy Joe
Sweet Potato Fries
Banana
Sun Chips

Helpers:
Jean Bauer
Holly Suhr

Tuesday, Aug 26

Pig in Blanket (all beef)
Cheesy Broccoli
Mixed Fruit
Carrots w/ranch

Helpers:
Kristin Guthier
Holly Suhr

Wednesday, Aug 27

Mac & Cheese
Tossed Salad w/romaine
Cucumber Slices
Wheat Bread w/jelly
Apricots

Helpers:
HELP NEEDED
HELP NEEDED

Thursday, Aug 28

Taco
Refried Beans
Mandarin Oranges
Cookie

Helpers:
Juyoung Adams
HELP NEEDED

Friday, Aug 29

Pulled Pork Sandwich
Smiley Fries
Watermelon
Frito Chips

Helpers:
Danielle Guerrero
HELP NEEDED

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

Welcoming Staff to Their New Positions

Kyla Odermann – We are excited to welcome Kyla Odermann to our staff. Kyla is a recent graduate of Chadron State College and will be taking on the role of first grade teacher. Kyla is not new to the classroom, as she spent multiple years working in the preschool at Morrill Public Schools. We look forward to her joining our St. Agnes family and sharing her talents with our students.



Jeannette Cervantes – We welcome Jeannette Cervantes, new PK para. Jeannette comes with a great deal of experience after spending 10 ½ years working for Headstart. She will also provide support to K-2nd grade classrooms on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are excited by the experience she brings and look forward to the support she will provide our students.



Stacy Wilson – Stacy Wilson is a professor of Spanish education for WNCC. She has taught at the collegiate and high school levels for several years. She will be adding a new adventure to her teaching as she brings a Spanish immersion experience to our school. She will teach Spanish weekly to each of our classes K-5th grade. We are very excited for this enriching experience for our students.



Rob Polk – Mr. Polk is a familiar face in a new position. Rob has been part of the St. Agnes community for over 15 years as his children attended school here. For the past 5 years, he has served as our interventionist para. This fall, he will be stepping into a full-time role as the 5th grade classroom teacher. We are thrilled to have Rob in this role.



Mary Ann Saucedo – Miss Mary Ann is also a familiar face whose children attended St. Agnes while she served several years as our kindergarten para. She is returning this year in a part-time role as the A3 assistant. We are excited to have her back on staff.

