



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



January 28, 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

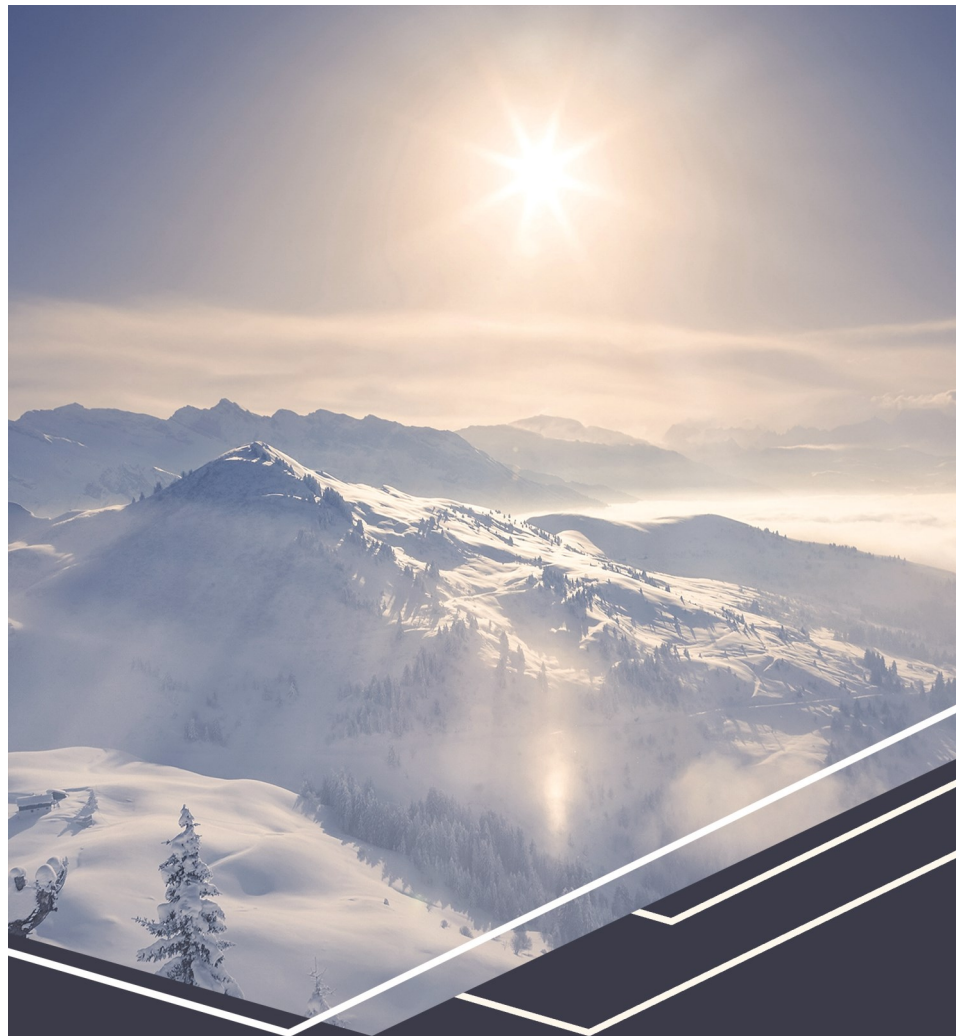
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
& by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms:95

First Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28



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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

“Would we have to go to school?” they ask me. “Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?”

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — *Why? How?* — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don’t know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: “What do you want?”

“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?”

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: “What do you want with me?”

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” — Psalm 95:7

Recognize God in your ordinary Moments - by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, January 29, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: In Thanksgiving
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Doris Flohr by Rod & Ellen
Ramig
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Ana Dedic by St. Agnes
Students & Staff
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Albert Kosel by Dave & JoAnn
Nash
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, February 2, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Seven Sisters Apostolate by
Seven Sisters
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)


Saturday, February 3, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: All The Poor Souls

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Pat Nash by Dave & JoAnn
Nash
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish

This Week's Readings



Welcome

Monday	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/ Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

February 2024 Rosary Leaders

Sat, Feb 3 5pm: Carmen Trevino
Sun, Feb 4 8am: Claire Songco
Sun, Feb 4 10:00am: Angie Hilbert

Sat, Feb 10 5pm: Ellen Ramig
Sun, Feb 11 8am: Addison Peck
Sun, Feb 11 10:00am: NOT FILLED

Sat, Feb 17 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen
Sun, Feb 18 8am: Claire Songco
Sun, Feb 18 10:00am: Jackie Seymour

Sat, Feb 24 5pm: Ashlee Wilson
Sun, Feb 25 8am: Nicole & Adam Hoelsing
Sun, Feb 25 10:00am: Angie Hilbert



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

January 21, 2024

Actual	\$3588.40
Online Giving	\$1150.50
Gen. Church Support	\$5000.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$261.10

January 2024 Totals

Actual	\$18138.63
ATW	\$7665.00
Online Giving	\$3533.34
Gen. Church Support	\$10000.00
Budget	\$30000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$9336.97

**Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for
Scholarship Fund**

Thank you for your continued giving!

February 2024 Ministers

GREETERS & USHERS

Saturday, 5pm:
Greeters: Andrew Dendinger - East
 NOT FILLED - South
Ushers: Steve Olsen (Captain)
 William King

Sunday, 8am:
Greeters: Paul & Jane Pieper - East
 Mari Schwarzkopf - South
Ushers: Paul Pieper (Captain)
 Jonathan Pieper

Sunday, 10am:
Greeters: Melvin Elledge - East
 Jeff & Dawn Wolfe - South
Ushers: Robin Loose (Captain)
 Mark Loose

SERVERS

Sat, Feb 3 5pm: Aden Munoz & Coraline Hill
Sun, Feb 4 8am: John V. Songco & Lucas Esselstein
Sun, Feb 4 10am: Charlotte Lewis & Connelly Ascherl

Sat, Feb 10 5pm: Regan Schiff & Giovanni Alvizar
Sun, Feb 11 8am: John V. Songco & Dalton Gass
Sun, Feb 11 10am: Camilla Linz & Logan Zulkoski

Sat, Feb 17 5pm: Grant Celli & Morgan Celli
Sun, Feb 18 8am: Kaden Blaylock & Jacob Mark
Sun, Feb 18 10am: Holly Polk & Nina Polk

Sat, Feb 24 5pm: Asher Wilson & Easton Hill
Sun, Feb 25 8am: Traxton Adams & Addison Peck
Sun, Feb 25 10am: David Hafner & Kellan Zulkoski

LECTORS

Saturday, Feb 3 5pm: Diana Rohrick
Sunday, Feb 4 8am: Nichole Hoelsing
Sunday, Feb 4 10am: Chuck Schwartz

Saturday, Feb 10 5pm: Jean Ahrens
Sunday, Feb 11 8am: Nichole Hoelsing
Sunday, Feb 11 10am: Chris Burbach

Saturday, Feb 17 5pm: Kathleen Rohel
Sunday, Feb 18 8am: Jordan Colwell
Sunday, Feb 18 & 25 10am: Michael Schaff

Saturday, Feb 24 5pm: Mary Robinson
Sunday, Feb 25 8am: Toni Warburton

SACRISTANS

Saturday, 5pm:
 Shelley Thomas

Sunday, 8am:
 David & JoAnn Nash

Sunday, 10am:
 Chuck & Judy Schwartz

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, 5pm:
 Ciborium - Brooke Talkington
 Susan Flohr & Connie Kirchner

Sunday, 8am:
 Ciborium - Daniel Warburton
 Julie Marshall & Margaret Rood

Sunday, 10am:
 Ciborium - Joanne Krieg
 Shannon Sierra & Terry Bailey

The NEW GATHER BOOKS have arrived!

If you sat in the pews this past weekend, you found them! If you sat in the chairs this past weekend, you did not have them, as they DO NOT FIT in the chair slot.

We will be placing both the Breaking Bread AND the new Gather book in the NORTH + SOUTH Information Centers for those who choose to sit in the chairs in the front of church. Please grab one of each on your way in.

We know it will take some getting used to, and we thank you for your efforts to make this small change so that we can keep them in such wonderful shape for many years to come!

Please contact Jessica Mikoloyck for more information!

BOY SCOUTING SUNDAY



Scout Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 11th at the 8:00am mass. All scouts are encouraged to attend and wear your uniform.

All women of the parish are invited to join us for the

February Altar Society Social and Meeting

ST AGNES GARDEN ROOM

Thursday, February 1, 2024
6:30pm

Please bring a dish to share

Eucharistic Revival
Parish Year 2023-2024


SAVE THE DATE!
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

7:00 PM
St. Agnes Catholic Church
Garden Room



The Lenten Lectionary
Join us in preparing for the Season of Lent


Fr. Joe Hannappel
Pastor of St. James Parish in Kearney



Knights of Columbus

What: **Knights of Columbus - Casino Night**
When: **February 10, Saturday, 5 to 9 pm**
Where: **K of C Hall - 1719 1st Ave.**
How: **Contact Rick Forsstrom @ 308 -641-3019 to Get a Ticket, and/or Donate Prizes and/or Donate Live Auction Items.**

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




CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Bless St. Agnes School and the many people who advance our mission. May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service of others. May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers. Fill our minds with knowledge and wisdom. Amen.



Weekly Bulletins

There are many ways to view the weekly parish bulletin! You can find it online at the St. Agnes website, on My Parish App, or you can contact the office at 308-632-2541 to get put on an email list and have it emailed right to you!



ONE ROSE, ONE LIFE

The second collection for the weekend of February 10th & 11th will be for the One Rose, One Life Campaign that is organized by the Knights of Columbus. This campaign supports the Culture of Life organizations & events throughout Nebraska.

WOMEN AT WELL

Lenten Encounter Event

Virtual Guest Speaker:
Sarah Swafford

"Emotional Virtue for a Drama Free Life"



Sunday, February 18th
5:30PM Social
6:00PM Event
7:00PM Adoration+Confessions

Hosted at: **St Agnes Catholic Church**





Parish Council Application

- The purpose of the St. Agnes Parish Council is to collaboratively plan with the Pastor the means of carrying out the message of the Gospel of Jesus. The council works in good faith to advise and confer with the Pastor on matters regarding the Parish. The Pastor shall consider the advice of the council in a serious and thoughtful manner.

Role:

- Prayerfully and thoughtfully represent the interests of the Parish community by helping the Parish Council discern how to utilize the resources of the Parish community.
- Provide guidance on pastoral matters by assisting the Pastor in researching issues, making, and implementing decisions.
- Provide consistent communication between parishioners and the Pastor.
- Advocate for the Pastor, and priorities to the Parish community. Lead with enthusiasm and commitment. Collaborate with members of the Parish Council and the Pastor.

Commitment:

- Membership on the Parish Council is expected to be regarded with importance by the individual Parish Council members. Members are expected to fulfill the requirements of their job descriptions.
- Term: 3 years; Term may be extended upon mutual consent between Parish Council member and Pastor.
- Meetings: Attend all scheduled Parish Council meetings held monthly from September through May (~1.5 hours each) on the second Tuesday of the month.

Qualifications:

- Active registered member of St. Agnes parish for a minimum of one year.
- 25 years or older and in full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Good communication skills
- A desire for spiritual growth in oneself and the Parish

There are several ways to apply:

- Fill out the form below and return to parish office.
- Download and print a copy from the Parish Website: www.st-agnes-church.com
- Visit the parish office for a copy.

Questions? Contact Parish Office – office@st-agnes-church.com or call 308-632-2541

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Member of St. Agnes parish for _____ years

Please attach an additional form addressing the following questions.

- Parish ministries and/or organizations in which you have been/are active and your role.
- Brief personal background.
- Why do you think you would be an asset as a member of the St. Agnes Parish Council.
- What do you believe are the most important issues that should be addressed by parish leadership?
- What are the parish's major strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities?

Thank you for your application.

A member of the Parish Council will be in contact with you.

Applications are due to the Parish Office by February 9, 2024

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: *Mark 1:21-28*

On the Way to Mass:

What does it mean to be holy?
How are each of us made holy?
Our home is a holy place. How is that made visible?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Why do you think the people listened to Jesus when he talked?
Why do you listen to Jesus?

Living the Word:

In our creed, we profess that we are one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. The word *holy* means to be set apart for a special purpose by and for God. Discuss as a family who you know who has been set apart for God's work. (Hint: it's all of us!) Invite each family member to consider how God is calling him or her to holiness this week.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

Find Us On



Parish Website

www.st-agnes-church.com

myParish App

In the App Store on your phone or tablet

Facebook

Meet the Confirmation Candidates



Kalleigh Golden

My name is Kalleigh Golden. My family consists of my parents JoAnn & Robert Golden. Including myself I have 9 siblings; Heather, Jordan, Tyler, Meghan, Jazmine, Kaden, Lillian, and Kallen. I attend Mitchell Secondary School. I am an 8th grader. I do volleyball, wrestling, and also track.

Goal for Confirmation: I will help as much as I can when they ask for help. Whenever I can I'll try to be a helper when help is needed.



Sacrament of Confirmation

April 7th @ 10AM

First Holy Communion

April 14th @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Scripture Lessons:

Mark 1:21-28, Jesus is no ordinary teacher

In this Gospel reading, we read that Jesus entered the synagogue at Capernaum with His apostles to teach. Most teachers would draw from the writings of other scholars for authority, and would begin, "Thus says the Lord..." but Jesus said, "I tell you..." As God, He already knew what the Scriptures meant without leaning on someone else's teaching.

Jesus taught as one who had the authority of God and that astonished His listeners. Even the unclean spirits who were torturing a man at the synagogue recognized Jesus as "the Holy One of Israel." Clearly, this was no ordinary teacher!

Jesus showed His authority again when He performed an exorcism on the man. The unclean spirits had no choice but to obey Him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance.

What can a parent do? Jesus shows us that God's power and love are greater than any evil. Teach children that they can talk to Jesus about anything that happens, good or bad. At the same time, stress that Jesus is God and deserves to be worshipped and obeyed.



Partners in Faith - January 2024

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's gospel

quiet	spirit	shook
teaching	Jesus	shout
amazed	Holy One	obey

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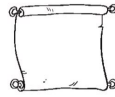

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MISSION




Make a new label for your family's stain pre-treatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus. Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.

PUZZLE

Which picture name starts with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

J   

D   

H   

MISSION

I will ask Jesus to help my family and friends do good and not evil.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
January 28, 2024



Upcoming Events

Monday, January 29th

*Celebrating Catholic Schools Week
HSA Meeting - 6:00 in LC*

Tuesday, January 30th

Promoting vocations - Buddy reading

Wednesday, January 31st

Mass w/Bishop Hanefeldt

Thursday, February 1st

*Family Picnic - 11:30-12:30
Bring a blanket and your own lunch*

Friday, February 2nd

*Wear your inspiration themed shirt
Saint Bingo hour @ end of the day*

Welcoming a New Student

St. Agnes School welcomes new first grader, Baron Kimble, and his parents Baron and Anna. Baron and family relocated to Scottsbluff from Lincoln, NE for his mom's new job at Regional West Medical Center. Baron enjoys, "playing on his i-pad, thinking and figuring things out and playing in the gym." We are excited to have the Kimbles join our St. Agnes school and parish communities.



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Honoring Academic Excellence

Thirty 4th & 5th grade students were recognized for their academic excellence in the 2nd quarter at a breakfast held before school on January 16th. These students achieved and were recognized for scholastic gold excellence (90% or higher avg) or scholastic silver excellence (80=89% avg). Congratulations to:



Scholastic Gold: Kaden Blaylock, Owen Engel, Sarah Kader, Matilda Kosman, Holly Polk, Calliopi Schaff, Courtni Schaff, Ruby Schiff, John Songco, Wyatt Visage, Mason Warburton, Ascher Wilson, Carson Windhorst, Claire Ascherl, Easton Becker, Tristan Hoelsing, Sloane Margheim, Luna Merrigan, Mila Miller, Rheanne Owens, Bella Songco, Harper Verbeck

Scholastic Silver, Zoe Calvert, Malia Linz, Logan Smith, Gio Alvizar, Ivy Kae Becker, Eliana Merrigan, Aden Munoz, Kensington Suhr.



2nd Grade Reconciliation

Seventeen second graders made their first reconciliation on Saturday, January 20th. This is the first big step in their preparation for making their 1st Communion this spring. Please pray for these 2nd graders as they study and prepare to receive the Lord through the Holy Eucharist




First
Reconciliation

Winter Weather

Old man winter gave us a harsh reminder that we are in the depths of winter. The blistering cold temperatures and snow gave us reason to close school for one day. Please be reminded that school closures are announced to parents through the following methods: 1. See Saw message from classroom teacher, 2. E-mail from the school, 3. Listed on KNEB school closure list and 4. Shared on St. Agnes School parent facebook page. If you are not connected to at least one of these resources, please do so, so you are able to receive important messages.

Parents, please be sure your students are dressed for the cold weather, including winter coats, boots, hat and gloves.



Hot Lunch Menu for January 29th, 2024 - February 2nd, 2024

<u>Monday, Jan 29</u>	<u>Tuesday, Jan 30</u>	<u>Wednesday, Jan 31</u>	<u>Thursday, Feb 1</u>	<u>Friday, Feb 2</u>
Meat Lasagna Green Salad Wheat Roll w/butter Fruit Cocktail	Chicken & noodles Mashed Potato Steamed Broccoli Pears	Hamburger on a bun Potato Wedges Carrots w/ranch Peaches	FAMILY PICNIC	Spaghetti w/meat sauce Green Salad 1/2 banana Brownie
Helpers: Amanda Diedrich Jordan Diedrich	Helpers: Katie Moser Kristin Harkins	Helpers: Danielle Guerrero Charissa Gould	Helpers:	Helpers: MaryLou Ditter Hollie Vath

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

Pre-K Class By Nicole Boness

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. The kids are back in full swing. I would like to give a little shout out to them. They worked really hard in the first semester and it has shown. All of them have improved in so many areas and I am so proud of them! The kids have started off the new year practicing on writing their numbers and getting ready to start their lowercase letters.

For science, we did an experiment with vinegar, food coloring, and baking soda. The kids got to see the reaction when you add vinegar to baking soda. They also got to guess what color it was going to make as well as mixing colors together to see what they made. We have also been learning with My Big Red Clifford about penguins and doing some fun penguin activities.

These kids love crafts so we made Valentine's Day Monsters. We have also been talking about God's creations where they got to draw their own picture of God's Creations. I wish you could see them all, because they were all fantastic! We have some pretty amazing artists and creative minds in here.

In the next weeks, we will be talking about Ground Hogs Day, celebrating the 100th day of school and talking about the meaning of Lent.



Third Grade Class By Meghan Calvert

3rd quarter is in full swing in 3rd grade. We have been working hard in all our subjects! Math has become one of our favorite subjects. We are still working on our multiplication facts and different strategies to find out the product to our equations. 3rd grade has also been working on area and how to decompose to find an area of a nonstandard figure. We love the hands-on activities that our new math curriculum includes in our lessons.

The students have been very curious about the solar system. We have been focusing on the moon and the different moon phases. Next time you see a St. Agnes 3rd grader, ask them what phase the moon was last night. They have learned the 8 different phases and what causes these phases. We did an art project creating a moon phase. Each student got to pick out what phase they wanted and create it. They came out awesome!

We have been doing more Bible hunts this month as well. We have been learning how to look up different verses in the Bible. The students have been focusing on how to find the book, chapter and verse number. This has been a great way for them to become familiar with the Bible and learn to read it on their own.

