



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 8, 2023

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
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab



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Today's Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: 80

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43



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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gift that Gives Back

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... full. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Matthew 21:43

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, October 9, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family
by The Diocese of Grand Island
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Don & Bernadine Overman by
Mark & Bev Overman
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Renee, Laetner & Landon Malm
by Carmen Trevino
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, October 13, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Joe Lissolo by Michelle Lissolo
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)


Saturday, October 14, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: For Our Parish

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Peggy Mohr by The Windhorst
Family
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O'Brien & Family
by The Diocese of Grand Island

This Week's Readings



Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-17

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)

Server Schedule

Oct 14 5pm Regan Schiff
Quinten Gould

Oct 15 8am Isaac Blanco
Henry Blanco

10:00am Charlotte Lewis
Tristan Calvert

Lector Schedule

Oct 14 5pm Jennifer Hiltgen

Oct 15 8am Margaret Rood

10:00am Mark Loose

Rosary Leader Schedule

Oct 14 5pm Ashlee Wilson

Oct 15 8am Claire Songco

10:00am Jackie Seymour



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

October 1, 2023

Actual	\$5829.68
ATW	\$2495.00
Online Giving	\$1448.50
Gen. Church Support	\$500.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$273.18

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

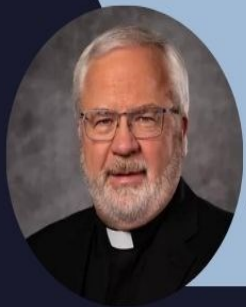
Eucharistic Revival
Parish Year 2023-2024

SAVE THE DATES!

OCTOBER 22ND & 23RD

7:00 PM

St . Agnes Garden Room



Sunday, October 22nd
“A Pilgrimage Through the Order of the Mass”

Monday, October 23rd
“The Lectionary and the Roman Missal Together”

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

St. Agnes Altar Society Fall Dinner This Weekend!!!

Sunday, October 8th
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
St. Agnes School Gym

Tickets: Adults - \$10.00;
Children 4-10 yrs. - \$5.00;
3 & under - free

Gather for food, fellowship,
a 50/50 raffle, and a bake
sale. All proceeds of this
fundraiser go to enable the
Altar Society to provide
support for the church and
its needs – the building and
the people!

Menu: Turkey & noodles,
mashed potatoes, sides
and desserts.

We hope to see everyone
there!



Fundraiser

St Agnes Catholic School will receive 50% of every car wash purchased.

GRAB A GRAPH-X4 CAR WASH AT TIDAL WAVE AUTO SPA FOR ONLY


\$20

A \$30 Value!

VISIT THIS LINK

https://www.fundraiser.vip/tickets/purchase/2023_stagnes

Or Scan This Code!




Use your phone's camera

Good at any Tidal Wave Auto Spa in the country!
We appreciate your support!
Fundraiser ends on 12/31/2023

We will have a box in the Greeting Space for collecting your donations. *This year we are collecting items for boys or girls ages 10 year to 14 years. Please keep that in mind when shopping.* We will take care of the packaging and mailing labels, etc.

If you would like to help with the packing of the shoe boxes, please join us on Oct 14th in The Garden Room of St. Agnes, we'd love to have your help. See the Deanery Mtg agenda for the DCCW meeting, speaker and Boxes of Joy. Thank you in advance.



- FRIENDLY REMINDERS**
1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox-sized container (approximately 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall).
 2. If possible, remove items from original packaging to limit waste in the receiving countries.
 3. **Please do not put any monetary donations in the gift boxes.** Go online to boxofjoy.org to make your \$9 donation for each gift box, or scan the QR code to process your donation.
 4. Secure the lid to your gift box with a single rubber band (please do not tape the gift box).
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GIFT IDEAS

PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

- TOYS**
- Handheld toys
 - Small plush animals***
 - Small balls (tennis, etc.)
 - Ball (deflated) with pump***
 - Cars or trucks
 - Doll***
 - Mini puzzle
 - Finger puppets
 - Unopened fast-food toys
 - Binoculars
 - Lego building blocks
 - Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument
 - Jump rope
 - Yo-yo
 - Slinky
 - Mini board games
 - Balloons
 - Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

- SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
- Pencils, colored pencils
 - Solar calculator
 - Pencil sharpener
 - Small board books
 - Erasers
 - Pencil case
 - Crayons***
 - Pens, markers
 - Ruler
 - Glue stick (no liquid)
 - Safety scissors
 - Coloring book***
 - Notepads
 - Stickers
 - Flash cards

- HARD CANDY & GUM**
- Please do not include any candies that will melt (Jolly Ranchers, chocolate, etc.). Please place candy in a sealed bag.**

- APPAREL**
- Socks
 - Shorts
 - Underwear
 - T-shirts***
 - Flip-flops
 - Bandanas
 - Hats
 - Plastic poncho
 - Dresses***
- NECESSITIES/HOME**
- Comb or brush
 - Cup or bottle with lid***
 - Bar soap***
 - Toothpaste (still in the box)***
 - Toothbrush and floss***
 - Bandages
 - Hand wipes
 - Lip balm
 - Manicure kit
 - Nail clippers or emery board

- ACCESSORIES**
- Watch
 - Purse or wallet***
 - Sunglasses***
 - Necklace***
 - Hair ribbons***
 - Hair bands or headbands***
 - Barrettes
 - Bracelets
 - Earrings
 - Scarf
 - Cross or rosary
- USEFUL ITEMS**
- Sewing kit
 - Utensils
 - Compass
 - LED flashlight keychain
 - Drawing bag***

We are finalizing the plans for our picture directory and we need your help!

If you have recently changed your address, we would like to make sure that we have your updated information. We need to have your information no later than Friday, October 13th. Please contact the office at 308-632-2541. Watch the bulletin for more directory information in the next few months. Thanks for your cooperation!

Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, October 17th at noon in the St. Agnes Church Garden Room. Please bring a dish to share and join your church family friends for good food, fellowship.



PLEASE DO NOT PACK

The items listed below are not acceptable for packing in a Box of Joy. Please do not include:

- Toy Weapons • Knives or Tools • Combative or Military-Style Toys • Bottled Liquids (Shampoo, Body Wash, Nail Polish, Etc.)
- Glass or Breakable Objects • Food or Beverages • Cash, Checks or Gift Cards • Chocolate or Jolly Ranchers
- Medicine or Vitamins • Bubbles • Gels (Hand Sanitizer, Etc.) • Vaseline • Lotions • Battery Flashlights • Liquid Paints or Glues

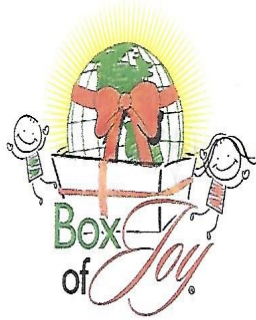
*Highly desired items.

GIDCCW Alliance Deanery Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Scottsbluff St. Agnes
2302 3rd Avenue
Scottsbluff, NE

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:30 a.m. Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Christy Ningen with Fr. Lou Nollette
"Catholics Encounter Christ"



Service Project: Boxes of Joy

Please have in mind how many boxes you want to fill and bring everything you want to fill them with. Please bring the \$9.00 per box required to send them. Boxes will be provided.

- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:30 Patriotic Rosary

Registration fee: \$10.00

Registration fee includes lunch. RSVP to Judy Schwartz 308-530-4182 |

The Journey of Grief

Sundays
Oct. 8, 15, 29
Nov. 5, 12, 19 & Dec. 3

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
St Agnes Church
2314 Third Avenue
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(Come in the South Door—Proceed to Garden Level)

Everyone is Welcome

Contact:
Ellen Ramig at 308-631-0811
Stephanie Upp at 308-631-0645

The Journey of Grief is a six session program designed to aid the healing process of grief. Meetings will include information and discussion.

The video topics are:

- The Journey of Grief
- The Definition of Grief
- The Dimensions of Grief
- The Needs of Grief
- The Ceremonies of Grief
- The Normal Reactions of Grief
- The Significance of Grief



Please save "Best Choice" bar codes!

The DCCW continues to collect bar codes from "Best Choice" products. The bar codes are turned in for cash and the money is given to help with ongoing clean drinking water projects in Haiti. Please save codes and put in an envelope marked "bar codes" and drop in donation boxes.

Thank you !



Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Gospel: *Matthew 21:33-35, 37,
39-41*

On the Way to Mass:

Have you ever been put in charge of something, or been asked to do a task for someone else? How did it go?

On the Way Home From Mass:

A tenant *is one* who works the land *but* does not own it. How can we be a good tenant in the vineyard this week?

Living the Word:

The vineyard's grapevines produce grapes, a fruit that many enjoy eating. As workers in God's vineyard, what type of "fruit" are we called to produce? If we are full of the light of the risen Christ, how will it show on the outside? Let us think of ways we can show others that we belong to God. Have your children make a list to post in a place at home where everyone will be able to see it. How will you and your family accomplish items on this list this week, this month, this year?

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*



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Parish Website

www.st-agnes-church.com

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*In the App Store on your phone or
tablet*

Good sports – big and small

Children learn the basics of sportsmanship from adults, especially parents and coaches. By learning to develop good sportsmanship, children also learn that success in sports comes to those who know how to persevere and respect others – win or lose.

Focus on lessons learned. Winning is just one lesson learned from playing sports. Youngsters also learn to take pride in their efforts, their improving skills, and in their accomplishments, even if the ending score doesn't favor them. Encourage young athletes to play fair, to have fun, and to concentrate on helping the team while improving their own skills.

Remember, you are the parent. How you behave during practices and games will teach your children more than what you say. Unless you are coaching your child's team, stay on the sidelines. Shout only encouragement – not directions or criticism – to the players. Praise sincere effort and congratulate winners, even if they're on the other team.

Stay positive. Express only support for coaches, officials, or other players. Any concern you have should be addressed privately.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

Blessing ourselves with holy water before entering a Catholic church recalls the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews who cleansed themselves by bathing before entering the holy temple.

In addition, when we bless ourselves with holy water, we recall our baptism and renew our promises to God to live our faith. Because holy water is a sacramental, we receive graces when we use it with the right disposition, such as strengthening us against temptation and removing venial (small) sins.

Partners in Faith - September 2023

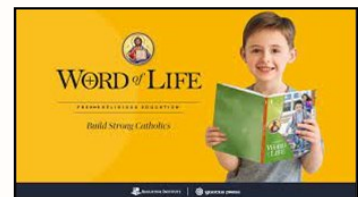
St. Agnes Religious Education is raising the bar in Catholic formation. The *Word of Life* curriculum published by Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press will be implemented this Fall.

A New Vision for Catechesis An authentic catechetical renewal requires new catechetical models that help children, teachers, parents, and families discover their authentic Catholic identity to reinvigorate fruitful participation in the Church's life and mission. The Church needs new catechetical resources to not only provide faithful teaching, we must be able to explain why the faith is relevant in our modern culture.

An Integrated Approach to Catechesis An engaging and relevant kerygmatic catechesis young learners enjoy through a blended learning model of textbook, online learning interactions, and engaging video enhancements.

State-of-the-art digital components allow young learners and parents to interact with dynamic faith formation materials in the classroom and at home.

An authentic and comprehensive program for children and parents, providing a complete family faith formation with *Word of Life* materials and the expansive digital library of the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press.



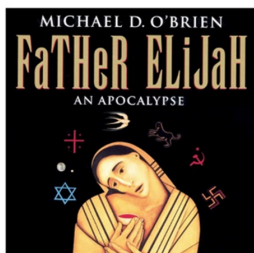
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of October 08, 2023



John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



Father Elijah: An Apocalypse by Michael D. O'Brien

This audiobook explores the state of the world and the faith through the story of Father Elijah, a Carmelite priest sent on a mission for the Vatican that leads to crises and conflicts ultimately affecting the fate of the Church.



Every Park Needs a Lark | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

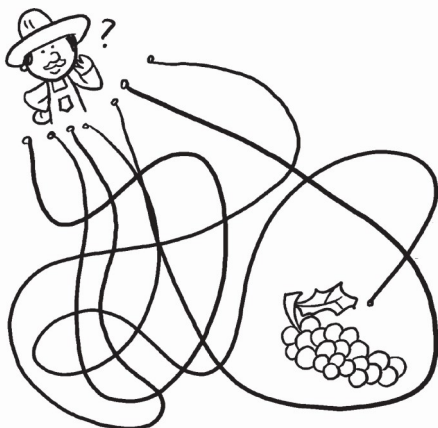
This episode of Benjamin Cello reveals that every part of creation has a purpose and brings beauty into the world.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Help the farmer find the right path to the grapes.



MISSION

I will remember to say, "Thank You," to my family and friends.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





Connecting Students and Families through Faith
October 8, 2023



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 10th

4th Grade Flowerfield Fieldtrip

Wednesday, October 11th

Mass @ 8:15 - 2nd Grade leads

Friday, October 13th

Discipleship Friday

Wear your shirt!!

Student Council Lighthouse Team

Thirty-two 3rd-5th grade students were welcomed onto the St. Agnes Student Council Lighthouse team. This group will spend the year training to improve their leadership skills and working as ambassadors for our school, parish and community. Congratulations to these students and we look forward to watching them grow as leaders.



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Classroom News.....

Book Tasting

Fourth grade students, and Mrs. Brown, enjoyed experiencing a taste of the next novels they will potentially read in the class book clubs. Students examined the cover, read the back and a short excerpt from 5 different novels before rating each book for their interest level. These surveys help Mrs. Becker place students with like interests into book clubs for each novel. What a fun way to experience new literature!



Teacher Convention

St. Agnes teachers attended the Diocesan Catholic Teacher Convention held at North Platte St. Pats School on Monday, October 2nd. Teachers from all the Catholic schools in the diocese, joined together to celebrate Mass with the Bishop and be inspired by motivational speaker, Paul J Kim. The afternoon provided opportunities to attend individual professional development sessions for enhancing classroom teaching.



August 2023 100 CLUB WINNERS

\$200: Amanda Otto; **\$100:** Donna Giebler, Gretchen Chord, Rhalene Katus; **\$50:** Seth Covalt, Rick/Denise Forrstrom, Cliff Verbeck, Anthony/Elise Gurrola, Ben Jenkins & Kelly Beeber, Dorothy Daly, Adam/Nicole Hoelsing, Doris Flohr, Jay/Ashlee Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS!



A Trip to the Pumpkin Patch

St. Agnes PK & kindergarten students enjoyed a trip to the Adams Family Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday, October 5th. On a beautiful fall morning, The students enjoyed learning about growing corn, searched for letters in the corn maze, played on the haybale slide and in the tire, and of course searched for the perfect pumpkin. They enjoyed eating lunch on the pumpkin patch grounds before returning to school for the afternoon.



Hot Lunch Menu for October 9th, 2023 - October 13th, 2023

<u>Monday, Oct 9</u>	<u>Tuesday, Oct 10</u>	<u>Wednesday, Oct 11</u>	<u>Thursday, Oct 12</u>	<u>Friday, Oct 13</u>
Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Spinach Potato Triangle Orange Wedges	Meatloaf Scalloped Potatoes Green Salad WW Roll Fruit Cocktail	Soft Shell Taco Taco meat, Cheese, Lettuce, Salsa Refried Beans Peas	Hamburger on a bun French Fries Carrots w/ranch Peaches	Chicken & Pasta Alfredo Green Beans Broccoli w/ranch Apples
Helpers: Sean Holloway Kerry Munoz	Helpers: Sean Holloway Kristin Ganthier	Helpers: Sean Holloway Roxanne Skiles	Helpers: Kika Mayra Lara	Helpers: Jordan Colwell Andrea Margheim

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



First Grade Class By Sharon Bird



October is here! Our days go by so quickly. The students have been hard at work. It is so wonderful when the students comment that our days go by quickly.

In September, the first grade students completed their first MAP tests (math and reading). The students did their best. I am proud of their efforts.

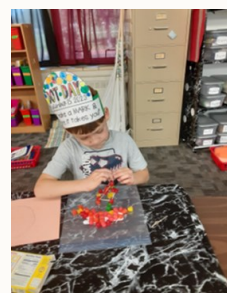
On Dot Day students were each given a box of Dots and then instructed to create a structure using toothpicks and the candies. Wow! The room was filled with thinking, positive comments, and creativity. Mrs. Brown participated in the activity. The students always enjoy when Mrs. Brown is able to share in an activity with us.

We were very lucky to participate in the planting of a Japanese lilac tree. NRD planted the tree near the Pre-K classroom. What a wonderful learning experience for the first grade students!

Johnny Appleseed was the topic of learning at the end of September. We tasted different types of apples. After tasting the different apples, we discussed what we liked or disliked about the apples. We made apple pie play dough. Oh, our classroom smelled so good!!

Mrs. Payne shared a wonderful book containing a riddle about apples. We read the book and then cut the apples to find the star inside.

Thank you, parents, for studying spelling words with your child and reading with your child for the Reading Incentive Program. Your support is very important!



Library Room News By Lana Payne



BOO! The Halloween books are jumping off the shelves with excitement! Students will be greeted by creepy characters, wacky witches, and ghoulish adventures during the month of October! It will be frighteningly FUN!

Other October themes include Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day (Oct. 9th), National Book Month: the month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing, and literature. National Book Month is also a time to honor the country's best books and authors, which ties in nicely with our Reading Incentive Program. Students should have finished their reading goals and projects for September and the upper grade classes are invited to display their projects in the library! Students will have started on their October Reading Incentive goals this past week.

We would like to say congratulations and THANK YOU to Mrs. Carlson, the long-time librarian at Scottsbluff Public Library. Mrs. Carlson will be retiring on Oct 6th after serving the library and community for 46 years! She has partnered with St. Agnes School many times over the years; getting kindergarteners their first library cards, being a guest reader for many of our Reading Incentive events, providing Teacher Totes on requested topics, and personally introducing each year's Summer Reading Program. She has been a valuable resource and support over the years!

The Book Fair also happens in October, the week of Oct. 23-26, the week of Parent/Teacher Conferences. The fair takes place downstairs in the Learning Center. The fair will be open Mon-Thurs. right after school until 4:00 P.M. It will also be open Tues. and Thurs. evenings during P/T Conferences. Please plan to come to the Book Fair that week! The children will be very excited! They will have a chance to preview the new books during their library time and will be making a wish list for you! Thank you for supporting the Book Fair! The profits from the book sales allow our school to purchase new books for the St. Agnes Library. **See you at the Book Fair!**



Music Room News By Cori Taedter



The 4th Graders absolutely LOVE playing the Boomwackers! We are so very grateful to have acquired these pitched instrument tubes for our music classroom, BOTH diatonic and chromatic sets, through the Giving Tree. We are certainly making good use out of them! It is amazing to be able to incorporate so much fun with learning and creating music – definitely the best of both worlds!

We have accomplished much in the other grade levels over the past few weeks as well; Pre-K students have not only been moving to the music, but have been VERY creative with their rhythm sticks. First grade has mastered identification and performance of quarter note, eighth note and quarter rest rhythms, and second grade students are performing rhythms including half notes from notation. Third grade is preparing to begin their bucket drumming unit, and grades 4-5 are polishing their abilities with 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time signatures/measure building and notes/intervals on the staff – whew! We've been busy! Singspirations has been diligently learning music and choreography for our 3 show choir numbers this year, and are MORE than excited to present them at the Old West Choir Fest the morning of Saturday, November 4th – we are so very blessed!

