



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 26, 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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm: 23

First Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The King Comes Holding a Mirror

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day.

It's just one very short question: *Which Christs did I not recognize today?*

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart.

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

"And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." — Matthew 25:32

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, November 27, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Wayne & Betty Hort by Connie McDonnough
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: Pro-Populo (For the People)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Jared Hort by Connie McDonnough
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, December 1, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Christine Barajas by Pam Lind & Family

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: Theresa Songco by The Songco Family
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish

This Week's Readings



Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

December 2023 Rosary Leaders

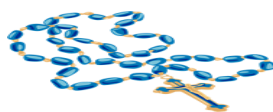
Sat, Dec 2 5pm: Diana Rohrick
Sun, Dec 3 8am: JoAnn Nash
Sun, Dec 3 10:00am: NOT FILLED

Sat, Dec 9 5pm: Carmen Trevino
Sun, Dec 10 8am: Adam & Nicole Hoelsing
Sun, Dec 10 10:00am: Angie Hilbert

Sat, Dec 16 5pm: Diana Rohrick
Sun, Dec 17 8am: Addison Peck
Sun, Dec 17 10:00am: Jackie Seymour

Sat, Dec 23 5pm: Carmen Trevino
Sun, Dec 24 9:00am: JoAnn Nash

Sat, Dec 30 5pm: Ellen Ramig
Sun, Dec 31 8am: JoAnn Nash
Sun, Dec 31 10:00am: Angie Hilbert



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

****Because of early transmission dates for the bulletin these few weeks, the collection report will not be published on its regular schedule****

November 12, 2023 Totals

Actual	\$3433.42
ATW	\$3970.00
Online Giving	\$1304.50
Gen. Church Support	\$2200.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$907.92

November 2023 Totals

Actual	\$12402.95
ATW	\$3970.00
Online Giving	\$2591.70
Gen. Church Support	\$2200.00
Budget	\$20000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1164.65

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

December 2023 Ministers

GREETERS & USHERS

Saturday, 5pm:
Greeters: Brian & Patsy Juedes-Fulk - East
 Zach & Holly Suhr - South
Ushers: Rod Ramig (Captain)
 Mike Svitak

Sunday, 8am:
Greeters: Mary Skiles - East
 Mike Merrigan - South
Ushers: Troy Herman (Captain)
 Mike Hackett

Sunday, 10am:
Greeters: Sarah Lewis - East
 Lynda Montague - South
Ushers: Candelaeio Soto Sr. (Captain)
 Jeff Wolfe

SERVERS

Sat, Dec 2 5pm: Aden Munoz & Quinten Gould
Sun, Dec 3 8am: John V. Songco & Jacob Mark
Sun, Dec 3 10am: Havynn Urdiales & Claire Ascherl
Sat, Dec 9 5pm: Asher Wilson & Dalton Gass
Sun, Dec 10 8am: Traxton Adams & Tristan Hoelsing
Sun, Dec 10 10am: Ruby Schiff & Connelly Ascherl
Sat, Dec 16 5pm: Grant Celli & Morgan Celli
Sun, Dec 17 8am: Carson Windhorst & Andrew Peck
Sun, Dec 17 10am: Alyck Rodriguez & Logan Zulkoski
Sat, Dec 23 5pm: Regan Schiff & Quinten Gould
Sun, Dec 24 9am: Yvonne Kreiling & NOT FILLED
Sat, Dec 30 5pm: Havynn Urdiales & Kensington Suhr
Sun, Dec 31 8am: Kaden Blaylock & Emily Esselstein
Sun, Dec 31 10am: David Hafner & Giovanni Alvizar

LECTORS

Saturday, Dec 2 5pm: Carmen Trevino
Sunday, Dec 3 & 10 8am: Bridget Peck
Sunday, Dec 3 & 10 10am: Chris Burbach
Saturday, Dec 9 5pm: Jennifer Hiltgen
Saturday, Dec 16 & 23 5pm: Steve Viessman
Sunday, Dec 17 8am & Dec 24 9am: David Nash
Sunday, Dec 17 10am: Mark Loose
Saturday, Dec 30 5pm: Jean Ahrens
Sunday, Dec 31 8am: Jordan Colwell
Sunday, Dec 31 10am: Michael Schaff

SACRISTANS

Saturday, 5pm:
 Mary Robinson

Sunday, 8am:
 David & JoAnn Nash

Sunday, 10am:
 Shelley Thomas

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, 5pm:
 Ciborium - Linda Elley
 Brooke Talkington & Charissa Gould

Sunday, 8am:
 Ciborium - Shannon Hafner
 David Skiles & Michael Esselstein

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

November 2023 100 CLUB WINNERS

\$200: Barbara Calvert; **\$100:** Annie Urdiales, Mike Wharton & Lisa Scheppers, Tom Parks; **\$50:** Ray/Becky Murdock, Lee/Jeanie Knudtson, Steve/Chris Lunnis, Chad/Kelli Larson, Jake Friedlein, Doug/Louise Kent, Greg/Nancy Hill, Jean Ahrens, Lucien/Margaret Kicken

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Liturgy Corner



The Choir

Choir The choir fosters the active participation of the faithful by means of the singing (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 103). The choir may sing alone or in alternation with the faithful. At other times, it supports the great voice of all the faithful, lifted in praise and thanks to God.

Today Catholic congregations are expected to sing most of the music at Mass. Singing is one sign of their participation. In the past, however, choirs provided most of the music. They sang the proper Entrance and Communion Antiphons, for example, as well as the unchanging parts of the Mass, such as the Kyrie, the Gloria, the Credo, the Sanctus, and the Agnus Dei. The choir still sings at those times of the liturgy, but it shares the responsibility of singing with the entire assembly.

Choirs also share the responsibility of praying. They are to sing from a location that facilitates their active participation (294), a place that makes it evident that choir members are part of the entire gathered community and from where each member may conveniently share in Communion (312).

For some centuries, choirs sang in a loft, usually raised over the back end of the church. This made them more audible, but it questioned other values the church now tries to address. Choir members should sense that they are part of the entire gathered assembly, and they should be able to participate easily in Communion.

Choirs are usually ready to welcome new members. If you would like to join, speak up! And if you are not a member of the choir, don't forget that the choir is there to assist you, not to replace you. You share responsibilities with them. Participate and sing!

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In Remembrance of this year's deceased parishioners

- Jerry Dishong— 11-2-22
- Teddy L. Crittenden— 12-3-22
- Rodney Ralph Brooks— 12-9-22
- Wilma Cecelia Kirchner— 12-14-22
- Ann Jean Straetker— 12-25-22
- Christine Barajas— 2-5-23
- Thomas F. Braddock— 6-5-23
- Anita Schlager— 6-21-23
- Marcella Castaneda— 7-20-23
- Scott Paul Corr — 8-8-23
- Joseph Wlaschin — 7-7-22
- Teresa Ann Martin — 10-5-23
- Theresa Helen Rezac — 10-21-23

Let us do your Holiday Baking!



CHRISTMAS COOKIES, CANDY & MORE!

Homemade by Catholic Daughters

St. Agnes Church Gathering Space

Saturday & Sunday Dec. 2nd & 3rd after each mass

Sock it to us!

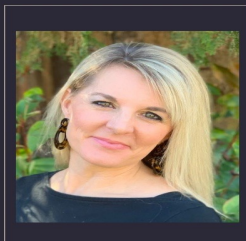
The Catholic Daughters organization is having a sock drive for those in need in our community. Socks of all sizes and colors are welcome! Please place new packages of socks or monetary donations in the box in the Gathering Space by Sunday December 3rd.

Call Beth Esselstein (631-9689) for more info.



Thanks in advance for your generosity to help keep folks warm!

**WOMEN AT WELL
ADVENT
ENCOUNTER**



VIRTUAL GUEST SPEAKER:
CLAIRE DWYER

"BEING OBEDIENT TO THE SEASON"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

EVENT AT 6:00 PM MT

ADORATION + CONFESSIONS 7:00 PM MT

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Abide IN: Advent Daily Prayer Journals available to purchase at the event

@womenatwell
www.womenatwell.org



VCNIN CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM

Since 1983 Valley Christian Neighbors in Need (VCNIN) has coordinated a Christmas Sharing Program every year for families in need in the Panhandle. This program provides food and gifts through an application process with Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (CAPWN) and in collaboration with Knights of Columbus Council 2681 "Toys for Tots" and First State Bank's "Gift of Love" programs.

Volunteer opportunities abound in order to make this program successful!

Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. James 2:18

November 2 – December 31: Coats 4 Kids @ Riverstone Bank, Scottsbluff & Gering. Collecting new or gently used coats to be given to CAPWN for distribution.

November 2 – December 8: Tree of Love @ Riverstone Bank, Scottsbluff & Gering. Stop by and pick out a name from the Tree of Love, purchase gifts, and return unopened to Riverstone Bank by December 8th.

Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m. : Canned good sorting @ St. Agnes School Gym. Canned goods from the area food drives will be sorted for use in the gift baskets and for local food pantries.

Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. : Truck of Love @ Riverstone Bank, Scottsbluff – Collecting new or gently used toys, new or gently used coats (any size), non-perishable food items, and cash donations.

December 12 – 14: Gift wrapping @ Knights of Columbus Hall, 1719 1st Ave., Scottsbluff. Open to the public, bring a pair of scissors and practice your wrapping skills. All the unwrapped gifts collected must be wrapped before delivery. Show up any time after 5 p.m. and stay as long as you can.

Saturday, December 16, 9 a.m. : Gift basket sorting @ St. Agnes School Gym.

Sunday, December 17, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. : Gift Basket Drive Thru @ St. Agnes School Gym. Volunteers needed to distribute food baskets, toys, and bikes to recipients of the Christmas Sharing Program.

Other opportunities for giving:

Small boxes for gift wrapping: Ever gift wrapped a stuffed animal in the shape of an elephant? How about a package of socks, a hooded sweatshirt, or a collection of lip glosses? Save your cardboard boxes and bring to the Knights of Columbus Hall (1719 1st Ave., Scottsbluff) Monday evenings during Bingo. Please make sure the boxes do not display any brand name and remove any address labels. Breaking down flat is appreciated for storage, but not required.

Christmas-themed gift wrap, tape, and scissors: Drop off at the Knights of Columbus Hall (1719 1st Ave., Scottsbluff) Monday evenings during Bingo. Donations help to defray the costs of purchasing.

Gifts for teenagers: The Tree of Love program does not accept names of children over the age of 15 and struggles to fulfill the requests of those over 12. Drop off at the Knights of Columbus Hall (1719 1st Ave., Scottsbluff) Monday evenings during Bingo.



Knights of Columbus

Reminder - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting - **November 30th, Thursday** from 7 pm to 7:45 pm. Socials at 7:45 pm to 8:15 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Knights of Columbus are having their **Monthly Breakfast Buffet on December 3rd, Sunday from 8 am to 12 pm.** \$5 for Kids and \$10 for Adults Free for Uniformed Police Officers. Free for Firefighters and Free for Freshmen Students!

Family of the Month for the Knights of Columbus is the **Hoelsing Family**. Adam is active in our council and Church activities, his wife Nichole helped with the Fall Dinner at Church. Their kids also helped at the Fall Dinner and continue to serve at Church mass as Altar Servers. And as a family, they led the Rosary prayer before the Church Mass.



Hotdog Feed for St Agnes Students

Knights of Columbus in Action! Members provided hotdogs and buns for the St. Agnes students and staff. Students also raised their own funds to be able to shop toys, clothes and others gifts to other children in needs around our local community.

A very solemn Rosary led by our neighbor Council Gering at Christ the King Church - Chapel with our local members in Scottsbluff Council – St Agnes. We love it when two councils joined together for a greater cause.



Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Christ the King

Gospel: *Matthew 25:31-36*

On the Way to Mass:

Ask your children, “When was the last time you saw someone who was in need? Hungry? thirsty? A Stranger? Naked? Sick? Imprisoned/” What did you do to respond? What might you do next time?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Who are the “least among us” and why should we show them kindness?

Living the Word:

We are called to be intentional in our acts of kindness for the least among us. How can your family live the Corporal Works of Mercy this week? Select one work of mercy and discern how you will show God’s love and kindness this week.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

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Meet the Confirmation Candidates



Traxton Adams

I am Traxton Adams. I am an eighth grader at Bluffs Middle School. My parents are Bryon & Mandi Adams. I have two sisters, Jazlyn and Zaylie. I am a purple/white belt in karate, I enjoy art and gaming in my free time.

My goals for Confirmation: I really enjoy theology and the history of the Catholic Church. I hope to be able to use that knowledge to teach others. I would like to be an usher and a member of the Knights of Columbus someday.

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Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday
December 6th - 7:00 PM

For grades 3rd - 12th

Scripture Lessons:

Matthew 25:31-46, “You did it for me.”

In this Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the separation of the sheep and the goats. In Jesus’ time, sheep and goats were treated similarly and were herded together, to be separated later in the herding process. Jesus compares the separation of livestock to the separation of people—between those who really believed Christ and followed Him faithfully and those who didn’t.

The evidence of our faith in Christ will show in the way we act, specifically, the way we treat people in need. How do we respond to others’ suffering? Do we try to alleviate it, like the “sheep?” What ultimately prevented the “goats” from entering the Kingdom of God was not that they harmed anyone, but that they stood by indifferently and did nothing.

What can a parent do? Teach children to look out for the needs of their peers and to treat them with kindness, as if it were Jesus Himself who was lonely, hungry, without a jacket and so on. Jesus counts even the smallest kindness done to someone in need as done to Him, personally.

Partners in Faith - November 2023

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of November 26, 2023



Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!



Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

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Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

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



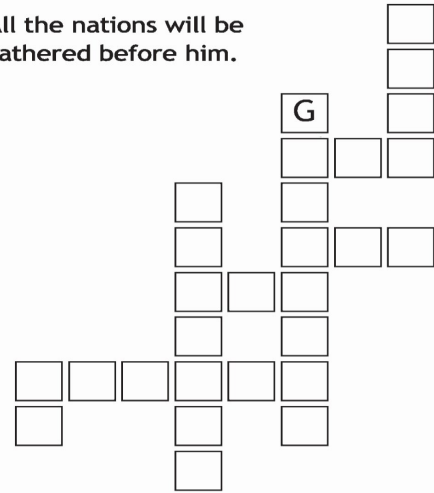
MISSION

I will look for God in every man, woman, and child I meet.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

All the nations will be gathered before him.



MISSION

Read Matthew chapter 25, verses 31 through 46 with your family. Decide how you will make a difference. Share as Jesus asks.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
November 26, 2023



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 28th

Advisory Co. Meeting

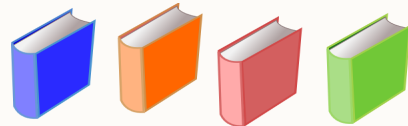
Wednesday, November 29th

Mass @ 8:15



Rotary Club Donates Dictionaries

St. Agnes 3rd grade students were the lucky recipients of their own personal dictionary courtesy of the Scottsbluff-Gering Rotary Club. This organization hosts this project every year for all 3rd graders in the community. We are grateful to be included in this wonderful program as a dictionary is an important tool for the students to learn to use. Thanks to Rotary members and parents, John Songco and Ryan Windhorst who made the delivery.



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Classroom News.....

Friendship Feasts

As part of Thanksgiving celebrations, the kindergarten and PK students of St. Agnes took part in a class friendship feast. Individual families provided items for the meal that included turkey and all the trimmings. The students enjoyed dining together in their classrooms as they gave thanks for their friends who are a big part of their lives once they start school. It was a great celebration of thanks.



Hotdog Feed

The annual hotdog feed was hosted by St. Agnes 4th & 5th grade students on Wednesday, November 15th. All students and staff were invited to a meal of hotdogs, baked beans, chips, jell-o, pickles, and a cookie for only \$2. A total of \$720 was raised and will be used to purchase gifts for 8 children whose names were drawn from the Riverstone Bank Tree of Love. Thanks to all our families who helped by donating food items and to all who donated to this great cause. It will certainly brighten Christmas for these children.



Premiere Event

The annual Premiere event was held on Friday, November 17th at the Gering Civic Center. Patrons enjoyed a lovely evening centered around the theme: Noche Bella. Silent and live auction items were bid on and a paddle auction supporting the school scholarship fund took place. Event totals will be available at a later date.

Congratulations to Mandi Adams who was recognized as the Friend of St. Agnes and to Maggie Skiles who received the Outstanding Alumni award.

Thanks to all our benefactors who attended and/or donated to this event and to our families, the foundation and the Premiere committee who worked together to bring the night to fruition. You are all so deeply appreciated.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Hot Lunch Menu for November 27th, 2023 - December 1st, 2023

<u>Monday, Nov 27</u>	<u>Tuesday, Nov 28</u>	<u>Wednesday, Nov 29</u>	<u>Thursday, Nov 30</u>	<u>Friday, Dec 1</u>
Chicken Nuggets Au Gratin Potatoes Corn Peaches	Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Green Salad Spinach Pears	Cheese Quesadilla Salsa Tater Circles Peas Apples	Hamburger on a bun French Fries Corn Grapes	Hot Dogs Baked Beans Fresh Chips Apple Sauce
Helpers: Jordan McBride Kelcie McBride	Helpers: Kristin Gauthier Katy Marshall	Helpers: Katy Marshall Beth Merrigan	Helpers: Veronica Ramirez Tiah Alvizar	Helpers: Holli Vath HELP NEEDED

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



Pre-K Class By Nicole Boness



November has been a busy month! Pre-K celebrated 50's day with kindergarten. We had root beer floats, learned some dances with Mrs. Brown, and they dressed up in 50's outfits. We had vocation Friday. They really enjoy being with the older kids and getting to participate in all the fun activities. Pre-K got to experience their first hot dog feed and their first Thanksgiving Feast. Each student brought in something to contribute to our feast. We got to eat in our classroom and enjoyed watching a movie. They got to disguise turkeys, make cornucopias, and make their Thanksgiving mats. We also went around the room and the kids shared one thing they were thankful for.

Pre-K has also been enjoying Ms. Kelley and Mr. Polk time. Kelley comes in on Tuesday afternoons and does some social/emotional learning with the kids. She will read books and do different activities with them that have to do with feelings, talking to others, and being kind. Mr. Polk brings in different books to read to them and does hands-on learning activities with them as well.

In the weeks to come, we will continue to write our letters and numbers. They have almost mastered their capital letters, so we will be moving onto lowercase very soon. They are also working very hard on learning the songs for their Christmas program. I know they are very excited to perform in front of everyone.



Third Grade Class By Meghan Calvert



Thanksgiving break has arrived! 3rd grade has been pushing through this second quarter and working hard on all the new concepts we are still learning. This month we have been working on our multiplication facts. It has been fun watching them learn new strategies to help them learn and understand multiplication. We are masters at 0,1,2,5, and 10 right now!

This month in science, we have been learning about weather and climate. We have done some fun science labs including building a house that withstands the strong winds and flooding that comes with a hurricane and how the sun affects the earth and the seasons. We are finishing this unit up and will be researching the solar system next.

This month we also focused on All Souls' Day. Each child brought in a picture of a loved one or animal that has passed and we hung them on our wall. We have been talking about how we must pray and remember those that have passed for them to leave purgatory and enter Heaven.

We have also been talking about the gifts and talents that God has given each of us. This month, Leo Ascherl shared his talent of crocheting. He used our Lady Bug technology to project onto the board how he started his loop, and chain. We all enjoyed learning how to crochet!

3rd grade would also like to send a big thank you to the Rotary Club for the student dictionaries that they donated to each 3rd grade student.

Advent is quickly approaching and I can't wait to see what December brings for 3rd grade.

