



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



November 5, 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

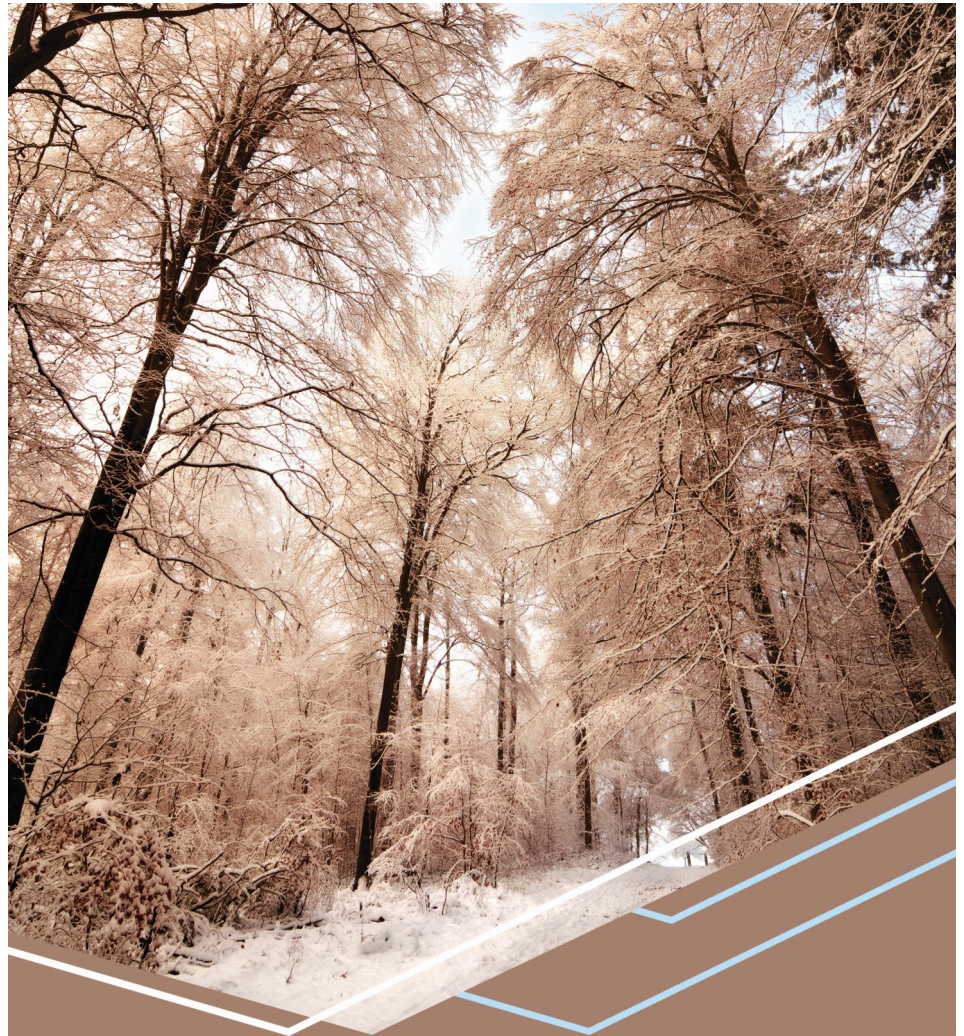
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.” - Mt 23:8-11



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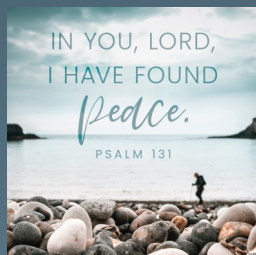
Today's Readings

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

Psalm: 131

First Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Matthew 23:1-12



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The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry

“Mommy, you haven’t been making any sacrifices.”

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the “sacrifice jar” we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

“If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode,” I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn’t appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) *hard work*.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out *meaning* to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it’s hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

“The greatest among you must be your servant.” — Matthew 23:11

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, November 6, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Kathleen Roehl by Margie Rood
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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

Thursday, November 9, 2023

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

Friday, November 10, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Theresa Rezac by Lucille Koenig
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)


Saturday, November 11, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: Pam Zakarain by Connie McDonnough

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Antonia Pinlac Aguas by The Songco Family
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish

This Week's Readings



Welcome

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Server Schedule

Nov 11 5pm Giovanni Alvizar
Solarah Gould

Nov 12 8am David Hafner
Isabella Songco

10:00am Holly Polk
Nina Polk

Lector Schedule

Nov 11 5pm Jean Ahrens

Nov 12 8am Nicole Hoelsing
Michael Schaff

10:00am

Rosary Leader Schedule

Nov 11 5pm Jennifer Hiltgen

Nov 12 8am JoAnn Nash

10:00am NOT FILLED



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

October 29, 2023

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| Actual | \$2781.39 |
| Online Giving | \$814.00 |
| Gen. Church Support | \$2200.00 |
| Budget | \$10000.00 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$4204.61 |

October 2023 Totals

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Actual | \$22439.87 |
| ATW | \$6465.00 |
| Online Giving | \$11081.54 |
| Gen. Church Support | \$7200.00 |
| Budget | \$50000.00 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$2813.59 |

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!



YOU ARE INVITED

St. Agnes

CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION


2023 PREMIER

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 17 5:30PM

2023

ORDERTICKETS@STAGNESONLINE.MAESTROWEB.COM



Thanks to everyone who donated to the DCCW Box of Joy project. We appreciated all the useful and fun items to fill the shoe boxes; the donated religious items; the money for shipping and the special hand written notes of encouragement. The Deanery Council of Catholic Women filled over 25 boxes to be sent to children in need. Many thanks for all of your help!



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their breakfast buffet on Sunday, November 5th from 8:00am to noon. This is an all you eat buffet. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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



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St. Agnes Catholic Church

CHRISTMAS PARISH CHOIR

BEGINS NOVEMBER 19TH
@ 5PM
AT ST. AGNES CHURCH

*REHEARSALS ARE FOR THE
8PM MASS ON DECEMBER 24TH*

*PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS
TO JES.MIKOLOYCK@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE
INFORMATION!*



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is having their **Monthly Breakfast Buffet** on **November 5th from 8 am to 12 pm**. \$5 for Kids and \$10 for Adults Free for Uniformed Police Officers. Free for Firefighters. Free for Freshmen Students

Knights of Columbus are having a Toys Workshop to organize, sort, and clean toys for our annual Toys for Tots Christmas toy drive on **Sunday November 5th at 1:00** at the Knights Hall after our breakfast. Anyone and everyone is welcome.

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!



National Vocation Awareness Week

November 5-11, 2023



National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 5-11, 2023, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations through prayer and education, and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13, 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. Please also consider doing your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood or consecrated life.

ONE VOCATION LEADS TO ANOTHER

"Let us not forget that Christian marriage is a vocation to holiness in the full sense of the word, and that the example of holy parents is the first condition favorable for the flowering of priestly and religious vocations." - **Pope Benedict XVI**

YOUR UNIQUE MISSION

Why does it matter that people discover their God-given vocations?

Because the Church relies on the unique contribution of every soul. As St John Henry Newman famously reflected, "God has created me to do some special service; God has committed some work to me *which has not been committed to another*. I HAVE A MISSION.

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Thirty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Gospel: *Matthew 23:1-12*

On the Way to Mass:

Jesus invites us to love as he loves, and to serve as he serves. What are some ways we can care for or help others?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Who is God calling us to serve today? How is God's love going to be shared with others through our family today? When we serve others with a humble heart, we give all glory and honor to God!

Living the Word:

The saints are men, women, and children who have chosen to be servants of God. When we read about their lives, we see examples of how to be holy and how to serve others. Choose a saint (any saint, or perhaps the patron saint of your parish, if applicable) and read about his or her life. Discuss how that saint chose to serve God, and what lessons your family can take from their example.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*



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www.st-agnes-church.com

myParish App

In the App Store on your phone or

Giving thanks leads to generous hearts

"What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?" (Psalm 116:12) We can never



repay God for His gifts to us but we can show gratitude by sharing them with others in ways that glorify Him.

During the Thanksgiving season, try these suggestions to make your holiday more meaningful:

Offer prayers of gratitude.

Jesus was deeply moved when one of the ten lepers He healed came back to thank Him (Luke 17:15-19). Give thanks as a family every day this season by each offering gratitude for specific blessings received throughout the year.

Go to Mass. The word "eucharist" is from the Greek for "thanksgiving" or "gratitude." "The Eucharist" refers to the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament, the ultimate form of Thanksgiving. When we actively take part in the Mass — praying with others, offering our own prayers, reverently receiving the Blessed Sacrament, joining in the singing — we offer heartfelt Thanksgiving to God.

Send it out. Another tradition of Thanksgiving involves sending notes of appreciation and thanks to friends and loved ones, especially for kindness received throughout the year. Kind words are always a powerful and a much-needed gift.

Share the blessings. If you know of people without holiday plans, offer them a place at your table. Adding to your family circle sets a powerful example of generosity.

Partners in Faith - November 2023



First Communion Parents Meeting
Nov. 15th - 7pm
St. Agnes Garden Room

Feasts and Celebrations

November 1 – All Saints Day. On All Saints Day, we honor those who lived with extraordinary virtue and are now in Heaven in God's presence.

November 2 – All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven.

November 11 – St. Martin of Tours (397). The patron of soldiers, St. Martin was forced to join the army, but left to become a priest. He founded a monastery near Poitiers, France, and later became bishop of Tours.

November 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria (c.310). St. Catherine converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. She rebuked Emperor Maxentius for persecuting the Christians. While in prison, 200 people came to visit her and were convinced to convert.

November 30 – St. Andrew (1st Century). The son of a Galilean fisherman, brother of Simon Peter, and Apostle.

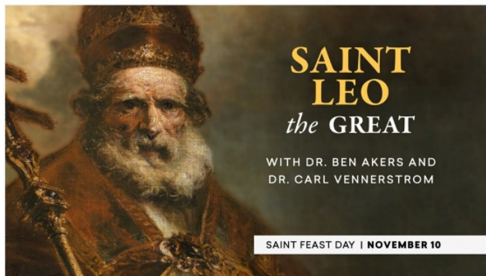
After the Resurrection, he conducted missions in Turkey, Greece, and Macedonia. He was martyred on a X-shaped cross.



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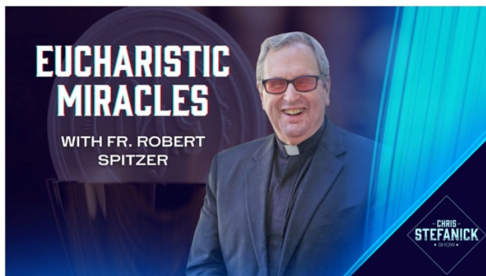
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of November 05, 2023



St. Leo the Great | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss St. Leo the Great, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon.



The INCREDIBLE Eucharistic Miracles w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show

Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! And I brought Fr. Robert Spitzer back to tell us about the incredible science behind them.



The Church Needs More Saints w/ Jason Evert | SEEK23

Using the example of Pope St. John Paul II, Jason Evert discusses the importance of interior life in the mission of evangelization to which all Christians are called.

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

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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| teachers | honor | Father |
| law | important | greatest |
| obey | brothers | servant |

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MISSION

Look up the words "humble" and "proud" in the dictionary. When you remember that everything you have is a gift from God, it is easier to be humble.

PUZZLE

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

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MISSION

I will practice what I preach. I will do as I say I should.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
November 5, 2023



Upcoming Events

Monday, November 6th

Premiere Video shooting -
wear St. Agnes apparel

Wednesday, November 8th

Mass @ 8:15

Friday, November 10th

Discipleship Friday
wear your shirt!



October Virtuous Students



Leo Ascherl (3rd Gr.) and Rheanne Owens (5th Gr.) were recognized as the October Virtuous students of the month at the ceremony held on Wednesday, November 1st. Grand Knight John Songco presented each with a certificate and rosary.

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Classroom News.....

Leader in Me Students of the Month

Begin with the end in mind was the October habit of the month.

Students who grasp this habit plan ahead and set goals for themselves. They think about their choices and what consequences might come from that choice. Students recognized include: Juna Downey - PK, Hank Nira - K, Henry Preston - 1st, Andrew Becker - 2nd, Catalina Varela - 3rd, Mason Warburton - 4th, Claire Ascherl - 5th.



Halloween Festivities

Characters of all sorts paraded around the block as the kick-off to class Halloween celebrations held on Tuesday, Oct 31st. The students enjoyed showcasing their creativity to family and friends who came to watch the parade. Following the parade, each class enjoyed a party in their classroom set with games, treats and fun. Thanks to the parents who provided, snacks, drinks, games and supervision for the festivities. Your support is always appreciated.



Guessing Jar Winners:

As part of this year's book fair, the students had the opportunity to participate in the guessing jar activity that included 11 jars all Saint-themed. Each jar contained a treat associated with a given Saint. Students with the most accurate guess received the contents of the jar. Winners include: St. Andrew fish: Leo Ascherl, St. Gertrude's holy souls cheese puffs: Margot Merrigan, St. George's red hot tamales: Jose Cabrera, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's letter cookies: Easton Becker, St. Thomas Aquanis' smarties: Rheanne Owens, St. Patrick's snakes: Weston Gould, Sts. Martha & Mary's M&M's: Jaycee Smith, St. Isodore's candy corn: Lewis Merrigan, St. Francis of Assisi's animal crackers: Wyatt Visage, Holy Trinity - 3 Musketeers: Owen Engel, St. Lucy's eyeball gum: Emersyn Bauer, Rose Schiff, Bryn Calvert & Asher Wilson.



Book Fair Results

The annual Scholastic Book Fair was held during the week on Oct 23-26. A total of \$3,036.83 worth of books was sold. The proceeds benefit the library who uses the funds to purchase more new materials for student use. Thanks to all for their support of this event.

Hot Lunch Menu for November 6th, 2023 - November 10th, 2023

| <u>Monday, Nov 6</u> | <u>Tuesday, Nov 7</u> | <u>Wednesday, Nov 8</u> | <u>Thursday, Nov 9</u> | <u>Friday, Nov 10</u> |
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| Cheese Quesadilla Tater Tots Corn Pears | Chicken Pattie on a bun French Fries Steamed Broccoli Apricots | Spaghetti w/meat sauce Fresh Green Salad w/ DL Green Beans Pineapple | Meat Loaf Au Gratin potatoes Mixed Vegetables Peaches | Pancakes w/syrup Denver Scrambled Eggs Spinach Potato Triangle 1/2 Banana |
| Helpers: Jordan Diedrich Amanda Diedrich | Helpers: Jordan Diedrich Amanda Diedrich | Helpers: Kelly Schultz Kika | Helpers: Adam Hoelsing Aurora Linz | Helpers: Robin Dendinger Kerry Munoz |

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

First Grade Class By Sharon Bird

Bats! Bats! Bats! The students enjoyed this topic. We learned so much. Research boards were made and put on display in the hall.

We said "Good-bye and Good luck" to one of our classmates, Brynn Maas. Cards wishing her the BEST in her new school were made. We plan on being pen pals with her.

The Gering clowns came to our classroom during Red Ribbon Week. The clowns shared information and played games with the students. The students enjoyed the visitors.

The first grade students will lead the mass on November 15



Library Room News By Lana Payne



The weather has turned windy, snowy, and very cold sooner than we would have liked! It's November! Time to start thinking about turkeys, pilgrims, the Mayflower, and Thanksgiving celebrations with family and friends.

The library will be featuring books on Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Native Americans, fall harvest, autumn scarecrows, owls, and new books from the Book Fair. **We'll have a Feast of Delicious Books!**

The students have been working hard on their Reading Incentive goals. They have finished the months of September and October and are now making their reading choices for November. Each student gets a travel stamp in their Passport as they complete each month's goal.

Book Fair Update: Thanks to all who participated in this year's Book Fair! Our gross sales (excluding sales tax) are \$3036.83! The winners from the Book Fair drawing were Hadley Koncaba (Pre-K) and Sloane Margheim (5th grade). They each picked a book of their choice from Book Fair selections. Thank you for supporting the Book Fair! The profit earned goes toward buying books and other library items for our school library.



Music Room News By Cori Taedter



St. Agnes Singspirations members have certainly been letting His light shine, and are excited to share that light at the Old West Choir Fest the morning of Saturday, November 4th. These kids have been diligently learning music and choreography for 3 show choir numbers this year, and are MORE than excited to present them – I am so proud of their faith, commitment and teamwork!

We have accomplished much in all grade levels over the past few weeks as well; Pre-K students have been working on songs that include memory and sequencing, and have just begun exploration and identification of low and high sounds. Traveling to all of the "Lands of Musical Instruments" is certainly exhausting, but our Kindergarten students have been doing it with pizzazz and a smile! We have almost completed our tour of the various categories of classroom instruments, and difficulty with steady beat is a thing of the past! 1st and 2nd grades have mastered identification and performance of quarter note, eighth note, quarter rest and half note rhythms – they certainly enjoy our seasonal play-along songs! 3rd-5th grades are demonstrating their rhythmic knowledge through written work, digital rhythm games, and bucket drumming. We have also all been enjoying preparing the musical offering for our Discipleship Fridays, student-led Masses and the music portion of the Premiere Video – we are so very blessed!

