



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



February 12, 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

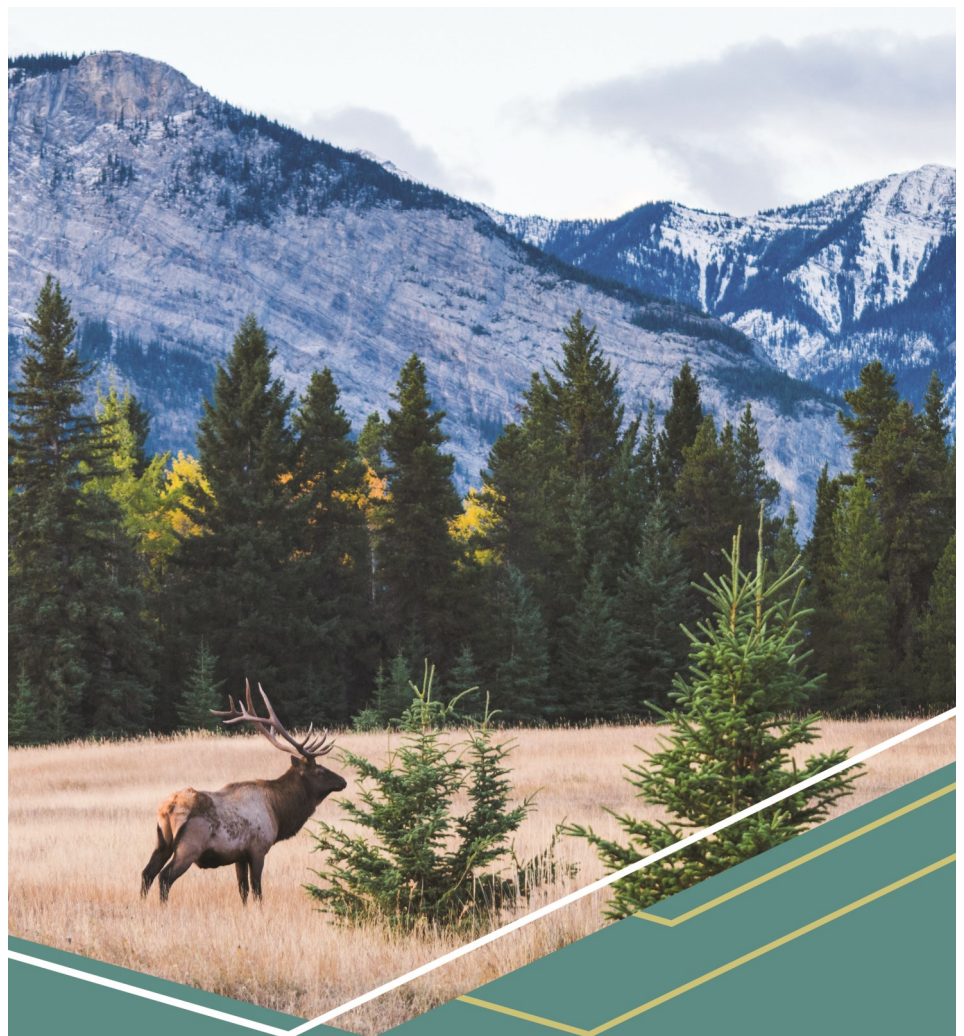
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.” - Mt 5:33



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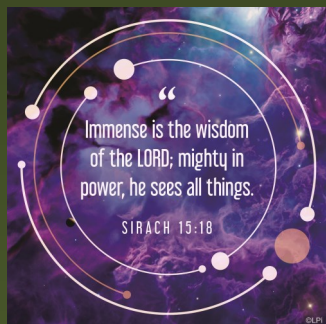
Today's Readings

Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm:119

I Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37



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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feelings and Shiny Things

A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items — a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary — are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass... well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest. They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse. These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is an acceptable way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt primarily with actions. Do this. Do not do this. All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness.

Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison.

"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away."
— Matthew 5:30

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 13, 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, February 14, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Rick Hilzer by Deb Hilzer &
Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

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

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Orland & †Barbara Monasmith
by Marjorie Kissack
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, February 17, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Wilma Kirchner by the Family of
Wilma
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Wlaschin by
Anotnio & Rita Tecson

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: Four Our Parish
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Wilma Kirchner by Doris Flohr

This Week's Readings



Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21


Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

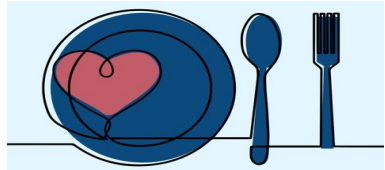
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



The Our Lady of Guadalupe Knights of Columbus will be hosting their all you can eat breakfast on Sunday, February 19th from 8:00am to noon at the Guadalupe Center. Adults are \$9.00 per person and children 12 and under are \$4.50. Everyone is invited to attend.

Young at Heart

Parishioners 55ish and older are invited to the Young at Heart Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, February 21st 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.



Server Schedule

Feb 18 5pm Solarah Gould
Luis Acosta

Feb 19 8am Emily Esselstein
David Hafner

10:00am Charlotte Lewis
Kayley Smith

Lector Schedule

Feb 18 5pm Phillip Kelly

Feb 19 8am Jordan Colwell

10:00am Shelley Corr

Rosary Leader Schedule

Feb 18 5pm Charissa Gould

Feb 19 8am Jennifer Hiltgen

10:00am Angie Hilbert

OPEN POSITION

The St. Agnes Catholic School Foundation is seeking an executive director to lead the foundation's fund development, public relations, and administrative matters; notably, the director chairs the foundation's annual Premiere gala fundraiser. A bachelor's degree or equivalent in fundraising, grant writing, special events management, or marketing background is preferred. Excellent oral and written communication, organization and time management, and computer skills (Microsoft Office) are required. The successful candidate will be self-motivated and able to work independently. This position is part-time with flexible scheduling. Compensation is commensurate with qualifications. The full job description can be found here: https://www.st-agnes-school.com/foundation_director

Please submit cover letter and resume or inquiries to foundation president Bridget Peck at btroxel311@yahoo.com by February 15.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

February 2023 Totals

Actual	\$5086.75
ATW	\$2475.00
Online Giving	\$1125.50
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$312.75

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for Haiti/Uganda

Thank you for your continued giving!




Registration Information

St. Agnes School will be holding Pre-K and Kindergarten registration during the week of **February 13-16** from **7:30-11:00 a.m.** and **12:30-4:00 p.m.** Students must be 4 years old by August 1 to enroll in PK and 5 years old by August 1 to enroll in Kindergarten. A state embossed birth certificate and proof of current immunizations are required for enrollment. Scholarship assistance is available for those who qualify. Students who may be interested in other grades may also register at this time.

Openings are available at all grades.

Please contact Julie Brown, jbrown@st-agnes-school.com or 308-632-6918 ext. #3 with questions.

60TH ANNUAL St Agnes Penny Carnival

Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:30-3:30

Get your raffle tickets today!

PURCHASE THEM TODAY IN THE GATHERING SPACE FOLLOWING EACH MASS OR FROM ANY ST AGNES STUDENT!

- 1st Prize: \$1,000.00 Cash - Donated by Complete Care
 - 2nd Prize: PlayStation 5 - Donated by the Klaas Family
 - 3rd Prize: 1/2 Beef - Donated by Schiff of NE
 - 4th Prize: 1/2 Beef - Donated by Schiff of NE
 - 5th Prize: \$500 Gaylord Resorts Gift Card
Donated by Ryan and Jody Windhorst
 - 6th Prize: Blackstone 22" Flat Top Griddle
Donated by RNDC of Nebraska
 - 7th Prize: Family Portrait Package
Donated by SunnyFreckles Photography
- Donation: \$1.00 Per Ticket**

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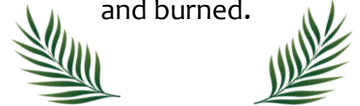
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Now accepting new and like new bingo prizes.
Drop off at the school or in the boxes in the Gathering Space!



Old Palms Disposal

Want to dispose of your old blessed palms? Bring them to the church at anytime before April 2nd. There will be containers in each of the gathering spaces in which to place them. They are blessed sacramentals and need to be disposed of properly. Once collected, they will be taken out and burned.



Ash Wednesday

Will be on Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Mass Times

7am, Noon, 7pm

Reflection

Reflection Time — Take the opportunity to come and reflect on the parish mission that was given by Fr. Torpey. If you missed the mission, come anyway! Beginning Monday, February 13th at 7:00pm in the Garden Room of the Church. All are invited!



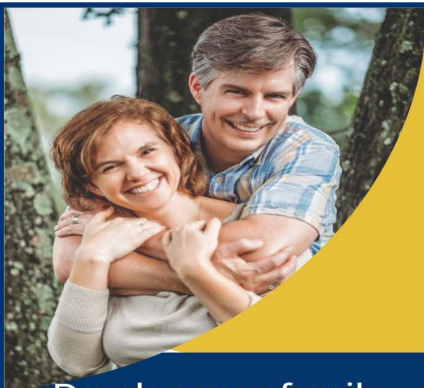
SAVE THE DATE

The First Lenten

Fish Fry

will be on Friday, February 24th, 2023

Deep Fried Pollock, Cole Slaw,
French Fries, Cheese Pizza,
Dessert, Beverages
St. Agnes School Gym
5:00pm - 7:00pm



MESSY FAMILY University

Marriage Retreat Hosted by St. Agnes Catholic Church Scottsbluff, NE

Develop your family culture, strengthen your marriage, and transform your parenting.

Mike and Alicia Hernon are on a mission to empower families to embrace their sacred calling as parents and spouses, strengthen marriages and families, and provide parenting and marriage resources.

Mike and Alicia Hernon, are international speakers and hosts of the *Messy Family Podcast* you won't want to miss it!

Details

- March 10 & 11
 - Friday 7 pm - 9pm
 - Saturday 8am - 5pm
- St. Agnes Garden Room
- Scottsbluff, NE
- \$50 per couple
- Meals Provided
- Workbook Provided
- Personal Guidance from Mike and Alicia
- Free Childcare Provided Saturday



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

At the Last Supper, celebrating the Passover, Jesus makes explicit that his impending death, freely embraced out of love, is sacrificial: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:27-28). In the words and gestures of the Last Supper, Jesus makes it clear that out of love for us he is freely offering his life for the forgiveness of our sins. In doing so, he is both the priest offering a sacrifice and the victim being offered. As priest, Jesus is offering a sacrifice to God the Father, an offering prefigured by the offering of bread and wine by Melchizedek, Priest of God Most High (Gen 14: 18; see Ps 110:4; Heb 5-7 *passim*). Anticipating his Passion in the institution of the Eucharist, Christ has indicated the forms under which his self-offering would be sacramentally present to us until the end of time. (USCCB The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church #13) eucharisticrevival.org

Revival is in the Air. Join us June 10, 2023, for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. Information and registration can be found at gidiocese.org/eucharistic-revival

Our Annual "Casino Night" fundraising event was a success!

The Knights of Columbus local Scottsbluff Council #2681 had collected and gave away \$13,000.00 worth of prizes including gift certificates, hotel certificates, seat recliner, jewelry and a grand prize of water craft - Jet ski.

Thank you to our community who have participated on the event, thank you to all our volunteers and especially to our yearly sponsors!!!

You made this annual event very successful! We love our local community support!

100% proceeds goes back to our community with St Agnes Catholic School, St. Agnes Catholic Church, Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy and Camp Scott.



Religious Education Program

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Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday for
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Gospel: Matthew 5:21-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

On the Way to Mass:

Can you name the Ten Commandments? Why did God give us these commandments?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Jesus tells us to let our “yes mean yes” and our “no mean no.” Do you ever say yes to something but do not follow through? Why do you think following through is important to God?

Living the Word:

This week come up with some commandments for your family. Try and think of what will call the members of your family to a deeper love of God, one another, and themselves. Write or print them to be beautifully displayed in your home for your family to see regularly.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2022-2023*

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Four holy habits to teach children During Lent



The season of Lent is a call to change our ways and repent. It's also a chance to help our youngsters grow in holiness. In turn, we will find ourselves becoming more virtuous as we “train a child in the way he should go” (Proverbs 22:6).

Patience: Children often have trouble waiting, but impatience can make us sad or mad, and lead us to stop trusting in God. Teach patience by calmly waiting your turn, don't complain when enduring difficulty, and encourage children to pray **while waiting.**

Kindness: Flowing out of the virtue of charity, it is best learned by feeling it so it can be reproduced. Make kindness a signature virtue your family shares.

Honesty: Deception in any form is sinful. Children may lie to get out of trouble, to get something they want, to avoid upsetting others. When they admit to wrong doing, extend mercy. If you uncover a lie, require an apology and impose steps to repair damage done.

Obedience: Our fallen nature means that disobedience is more natural to us than submitting to authority, but obedience recognizes rightful authority. This virtue encourages us to submit to God's will – a critical life skill. We can model obedience when we seek God's will in prayer and Scripture, pray for His guidance, and model those habits for our children.

Note: *The Season of Lents begins on Feb. 22nd*

Partners in Faith - February 2023

Higher Ground Middle School *Extreme Faith for Middle School*

July 9-13, 2023

Higher Ground - *Extreme Faith* Middle School Retreat is a Catholic youth program for those who have completed sixth, seventh, or eighth grade in the spring of 2022. At Higher Ground - *Extreme Faith*, participants gather in an informal atmosphere to have a lot of fun. The group is encouraged to experience the joy of playing, praying, and working together as a community of faith. *Extreme Faith* is held at Camp Maranatha near Maxwell, NE. The dates are currently pending. For more information go to the Youth Ministry tab on the following website: www.gdiocese.org

Higher Ground Retreats

High School - 10th-12th grades

Week 1: May 27 - June 1, 2023

Week 2: June 3-8, 2023

Higher Ground is a five-day Catholic youth program for those who will be juniors or seniors in high school. This program is sponsored by the Diocese of Grand Island's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, with Fr. Josh Brown as the Diocesan Spiritual Director. The purpose of Higher Ground is to create an environment where Christian community may be experienced. The activities provide an enjoyable opportunity for the young people to develop a better sense of self, to build positive relationships with others and to grow closer to God.

Higher Ground is held at Fort Robinson State Park near Crawford, NE. The week begins on Sunday at 7:00 PM, and ends at 10:00 AM the following Friday.

For more information go to the Youth Ministry tab on the following website: www.gdiocese.org

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 12, 2023



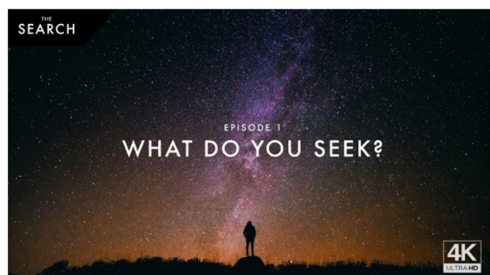
Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.



How to Study the Bible

Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this upcoming Lent? There's no better place to start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!



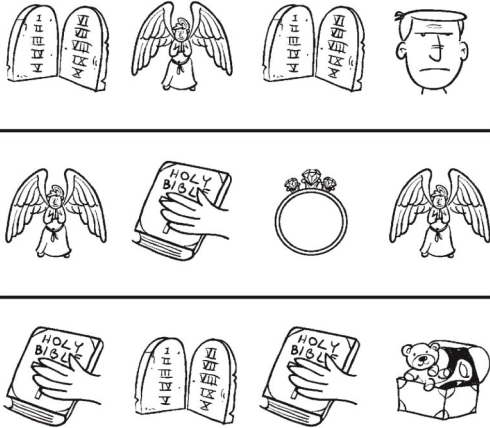
What Do You Seek? The Search Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

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

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will keep every promise that I make. I will not make flimsy excuses.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

OBEY
BETTER
MURDER

ANGRY
FAITHFUL
THOUGHTS

PROMISE
KEEP
SWEAR

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MISSION

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
February 12, 2023



Upcoming Events

Tuesday February 14th

Valentine Parties - 2:30

Wednesday February 15th

Mass @ 8:15

Friday February 17th

NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

Monday February 20th

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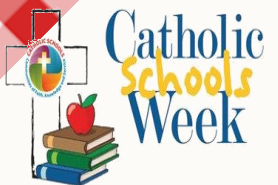
Support for Seminarians

St. Agnes held a change war during Catholic Schools Week to support the seminarian fund. A total of \$705 was raised for this important group. 4th grade brought in \$155.49 and won the movie/popcorn party. 1st grade was a close 2nd with a total of \$154.68.



Family Picnic Returns

Excitement filled the gym on Thursday, February 2nd as students, parents and family members picked the best spot to enjoy an indoor picnic lunch. This beloved Catholic Schools Week event has not occurred for the past 3 years due to Covid, so students and parents were thrilled to be back together again for this fun event. The students love hosting their families as a thank you for their love and support and providing them with a wonderful Catholic education.



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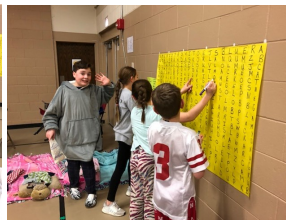
Vocation Friday

Friday, February 3rd marked our 4th Vocation Friday event. What a great way to close out our Catholic Schools week celebration! Religious Life was the focus of the afternoon. Students enjoyed learning more about what sisters, nuns, monks and brothers do to serve God and others. They enjoyed a fun bucket activity in the game station, made a book about religious orders in the art station, danced to *On a Mission* in the music station and learned about the Liturgy of the Hours and took part in Adoration in the prayer station. It was another great afternoon of learning and fun.



Literacy Night

After a 3 year hiatus, Literacy Night returned to St. Agnes courtesy of the reading incentive committee. Students enjoyed donning their comfy clothes and bringing their families to play games, read, create STEM and bead projects and simply enjoy spending time with friends. A highlight of the night were the guest readers, former teachers: Mrs. (Elise) Gurrola and Miss (Amanda Brill) Cozad. The students were thrilled to see their old teachers. Thanks to the reading committee for planning this fun night.



Hot Lunch Menu for February 13th, 2023 - February 17th, 2023

Monday, Feb 13

Super Nachos
Taco Meat, Black Beans
Cheese Sauce & Salsa
Potato Circles
Peaches

Helpers:
Ruba Sarsour
Maina Kader

Tuesday, Feb 14

Sloppy Joes
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Salad
Fruit Cocktail

Helpers:
Ruba Sarsour
Maina Kader

Wednesday, Feb 15

Hamburger on a Bun
Baked Beans
Green Beans
Pears

Helpers:
Jessica A
Juyoung Adams

Thursday, Feb 16

Tacos w/cheese, lettuce
Salsa
Steamed Broccoli
Tater Circles
Apples

Helpers:
Ruba Sarsour
Maina Kader

Friday, Feb 17

**NO SCHOOL
WINTER BREAK**

Helpers:

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

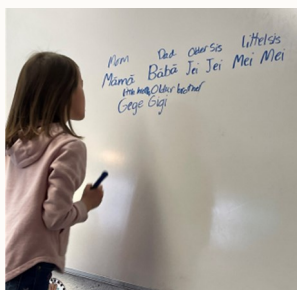
Third Grade Class By Meghan Calvert

We are half way done with our third quarter of school and 3rd grade is just soaking up all the knowledge. This quarter we have been focusing hard on multiplication and learning our multiplication using different strategies. The kids have really enjoyed using their interactive math journals and strategies to solve multiplication problems. We have learned the strategies of skip counting, arrays, number bonds, repeat addition and equal groups.

During Lunar New Year, Audrey He taught us about the different animals that each year is represented by. She also taught us about different tones that are involved when speaking Chinese. Audrey took the time to teach us some common words that she knows how to say and spell. It was a wonderful presentation that she put on for her fellow classmates. We also had another classmate share a special surprise with us this month. Owen Engel went to the Kansas City AFC playoff game and brought us all back a bag of confetti from the Chiefs stadium.

During all this cold weather, we decided to perform a science experiment with bubbles outside when it was -16 degrees. We wanted to see if the bubbles would freeze right away. We first tried to blow them onto the sidewalk and snow but they would pop. We then blew the bubbles and watched them move slowly into the air and freeze. When they would pop, it would leave a frozen film behind.

We ask for continued prayers for our classmate Asher Wilson after his recent surgery.



Library Room News By Lana Payne



Happy Valentine's Day! It's February already and the library has many great books featured for this month. We started off with Groundhog Day and the prediction from our furry friend, Punxsutawney Phil, that we are to have six more weeks of winter!!! We also learned that February 2 is known as Candlemas Day. Soon it will be Valentine's Day when we'll share many books about loving and caring for one another. Presidents' Day on Feb. 20th we'll read books about our most famous presidents, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln along with other books about many of the other 46 United States Presidents.



February is also Black History Month, which follows the library's feature of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and contributions. Throughout February, the library will be featuring its many books around Black History. During the month all students are being encouraged to check out a book pertaining to black history.

Congratulations to those St. Agnes students who successfully completed their Reading Incentive goals for the first semester! In celebration, we had a Literacy Night Party for students and parents. Thank you to everyone who came, enjoyed the evening, and celebrated the joy of reading! And, a very special

"THANK YOU" to all parents for your continued support and encouragement of your children's reading success.



Music Room News By Cori Taedter



Let me see the moves you make! PK certainly has them – especially when they're freezing like a statue! In addition to working hard on accurately keeping the steady beat, PK is experimenting with creative movement and enjoying every minute of it! We have been working hard to wrap up our



rhythm study in all grades this quarter by keeping the beat and improvising steady beat movements, clapping and counting rhythmic patterns, successfully finding sums and differences in music math problems, building measures according to time signatures, and even coloring by music symbols (instead of coloring by number). As you can see in the picture, 4th graders are carefully collaborating in order to correctly identify and color an intricate collection of musical note and rest values – I am SO proud of their accomplishments!

We have finally been able to add pitch study to our list of objectives this quarter. Second grade will be coloring the lines and spaces of the staff, and 3rd grade is learning treble note names. Fourth grade is beginning an instruments of the orchestra unit before learning the art of recorder playing, and next month will have a picture and a report on 5th grade's brand new endeavor this year! When ALL of those music adventures are coupled with the beginning of our spring program preparation, we end up with one very exciting 3rd quarter in the music room!

