



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 3, 2024

**Rev. Rayappa Konka**  
Pastor

**Susan Flohr**  
Pastoral Minister

**Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday: 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am**  
**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri**  
**7:00 am**  
**Wed 8:15am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

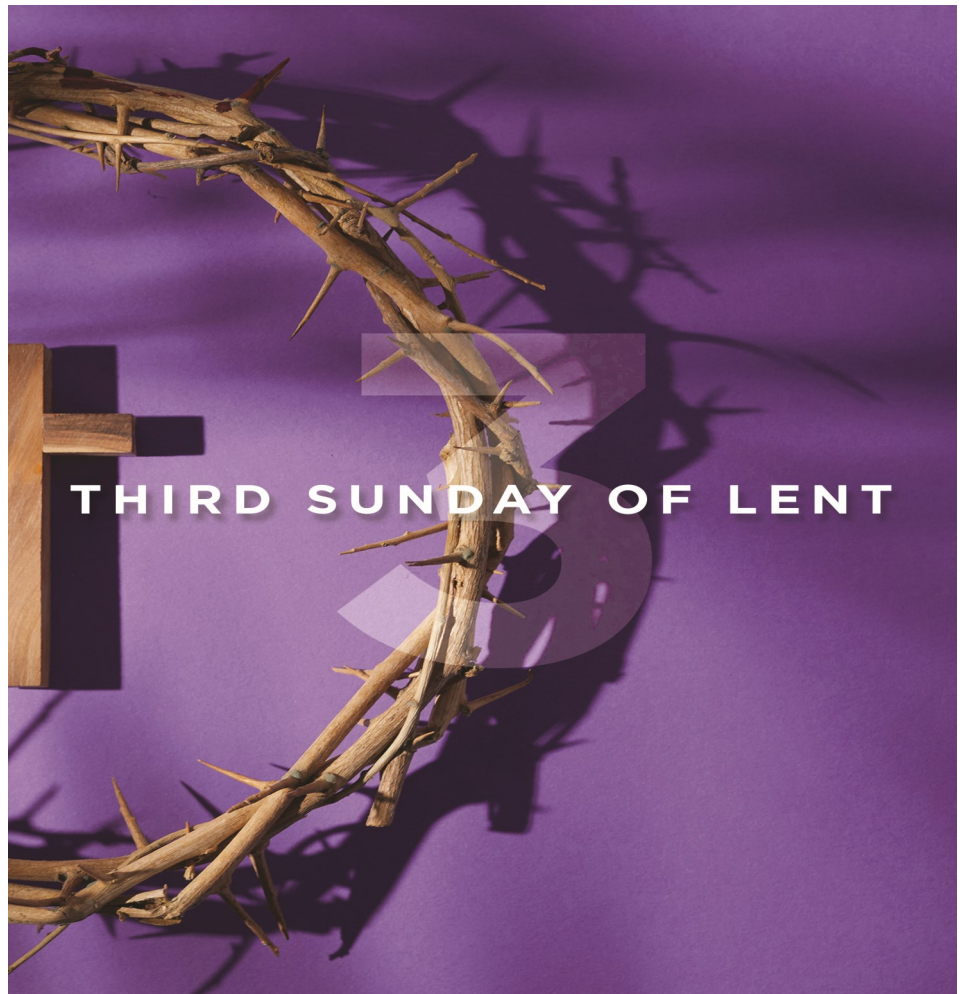
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass  
or by appointment (632-2541)

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office

**Parish Office Hours:**

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a



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# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

## Today's Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm:19

First Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25



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## The Third Sunday of Lent

### The Merciful Anger of Jesus

Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely coexist in a healthy way.

But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for diktat.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong.

Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

*"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." — 1 Corinthians 1:25*

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, March 4, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Henry Gieselman by Lucille Koenig

Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Ray Murdock by Pat & Julie Brown

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Jim Bogus by Margie Rood  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### **Thursday, March 7, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Delaynie Hort by Connie McDonnough

Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### **Friday, March 8, 2024**

Stations of the Cross - 5:15pm  
Evening Mass (5:30pm)  
Intention: Taylor Hort by Connie McDonnough

### **Saturday, March 9, 2024**

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: Chris Canseco by Antonio & Rita Tecson

### **Sunday, March 10, 2024**

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



## This Week's Readings

**LENT  
PREPARE  
THE WAY OF  
THE LORD**



Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 4  
3:3,4/Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4  
5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt  
18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-  
16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7,  
8-9/Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a,  
8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/  
Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19,  
20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps  
137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph  
2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

## Server Schedule

Mar 9 5pm Havynn Urdiales  
Coraline Hill  
Mar 10 8am Grant Celli  
Andrew Peck  
10:00am Camilla Linz  
Connelly Ascherl

## Lector Schedule

Mar 9 5pm Jean Ahrens  
Mar 10 8am Toni Warburton  
10:00am Michael Schaff

## Rosary Leader Schedule

Mar 9 5pm Diana Rohrick  
Mar 10 8am Addison Peck  
10:00am Jackie Seymour

## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### February 25, 2024

Actual	\$3888.51
Online Giving	\$2574.97
Gen. Church Support	\$3600.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$63.48

#### February 2024 Totals

Actual	\$17793.26
ATW	\$7665.00
Online Giving	\$6041.37
Gen. Church Support	\$10600.00
Budget	\$40000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$2099.63

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

Thank you for your continued  
giving!

## Parish Directory Update

We are still patiently waiting for our parish directory to be completed and printed. Our hope is that we will have our directories to all of our parishioners who participated in the month of March. Keep watching the bulletin for additional information.

We greatly thank you all for your understanding and patience during this process.

Spring  
Forward



## Don't Forget!!

Daylight Savings is Sunday, March 10th. We move our clocks ahead 1 hour! We wouldn't want you to miss mass!

## Women of St. Agnes Parish

Please Join us at the

## March Altar Society Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2024

6:30 PM

St Agnes Garden Room  
Please bring a dish to share

## 2024 Lent/Holy Week Schedule

### Daily Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs 7:00am  
 Wednesdays, 8:15am  
 Fridays, 5:30pm

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday, 5:15 pm

### Individual Reconciliation

March 26th & 27th 6pm-7pm  
 No reconciliation Sat., March 30th

### Soup Supper

Friday, March 15  
 following 5:30pm Mass in the  
 Garden Room

### Holy Week Schedule

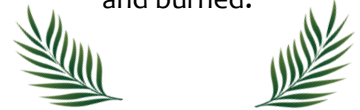
March 28, Holy Thursday, 7pm  
 Adoration to follow until Midnight  
 March 29, Stations of the Cross -  
 9am  
 Good Friday Service - Noon  
 March 30, Holy Saturday, 8:00pm  
 March 31, Easter Sunday,  
 8 & 10:00am

### Fish Fry

March 8 & 22  
 5-7pm at the School Gym

## Old Palms Disposal

Want to dispose of your old blessed palms? Bring them to the church at anytime before March 22nd. 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.



Dear St Agnes parishioners,

On behalf of the Saint Agnes Church Foundation, we would like to thank you for your generosity for the pew renovation project. We are so blessed to have church organizations and parishioners that value the importance of maintaining our parish worship space.

As you can see, all the work has been completed and we have purchased our new Gather hymnals. With deepest gratitude, we thank you.

God's Blessings Always,

Adam Vath,  
 Adam Hoelsing,  
 Peter Wylie,  
 Father Konka, and  
 Mary Skiles



Friday, March 15th  
 following the 5:30pm Mass  
 in the Garden Room.  
 Please bring a pot of soup or  
 a loaf of bread to share



### Lenten Fish Fry

will be on Friday,  
 March 8th, 2024

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

## Ladies Invited

Ladies of the Parish are invited to enjoy a day of enrichment on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at the DCCW Deanery Meeting at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Sidney.

9:00am - Registration & Rolls  
 9:30am - 10:30am - Brief meeting  
 10:45am - Speaker will be Liam Pelster of Sidney, a young man who went with his high school youth group to World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal.  
 11:30am - Lunch - followed by the Stations of the Cross before we conclude  
 Registration fee is \$10.00 (includes lunch)

For more information or rides, contact Joyce at 308-641-4267 or  
 Judy at 308-530-4852





### Meet the OCIA (RCIA) Elect

My name is Chase Engel. My wife Liz Engel and I were married at St. Peters Church in Kansas City in 2011. My son Owen Engel has attended St. Agnes K-4, daughter Ella Engel Pre-K thru K, and daughter Evie will start Pre-k in the fall. Liz and I are excited to have all three of our children at the same school next year. I have been employed as a registered nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Regional West for the past 13 years and Liz is currently employed by the Women’s Center as a Certified Nurse Midwife. Aside working at the hospital over the last 10 years Liz and I started a lab/greenhouse business that utilizes plant tissue culture and hydroponic techniques to provide foundation potato seed for local commercial seed potato growers. We are blessed to call St. Agnes Parish home and have been overwhelmed with the generosity of this community.

Goals of Confirmation:

My goal of confirmation is to be able to join my family in full worship at St. Agnes Parish. We have raised our children with a Catholic base and I am excited to be able to fully contribute in this once confirmed.



## Knights of Columbus

Congratulations to our new **Knights of Columbus** members -

Anthony Gurrola,  
Zach Suhr and  
Kendall Palu.



The next **Fish Fry** will be on **March 8th** in the St. Agnes School Gym. Service will begin at 5:00pm and we will end at 7:00pm

The Knights of Columbus are having their **Monthly Breakfast Buffet** on **March 3rd, Sunday** from 8 am to 12 pm. \$5 for Kids and \$10 for Adults



Join Us for our annual Legion of Mary Acies, consecrating ourselves once again to the Blessed Virgin, Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Christ the King Church, 18th and N St., Gering, Ne.

## February 2024 100 CLUB WINNERS

**\$200:** Phillip Kelly; **\$100:** Dan/ Toni Warburton, Waye/Kathy Smith, Jeff/Cindy Scheinost; **\$50:** Zach/Holly Suhr, Dave/ Kerri Schaff, Mark Overman, Patrick Brown, Mike/Robin Hayhurst, Lorna Caniglia, Gary Kelley, Michelle Johnston; **\$40:** Megan Hafner

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



## Religious Education Program

Email—[dre@st-agnes-church.com](mailto:dre@st-agnes-church.com)

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Third Sunday in Lent  
*Gospel: John 2:13-22*

### **On the Way to Mass:**

Our church is a sacred, holy place. It is a place where God dwells in a most particular way. He is present in the gathered assembly, when the Word is proclaimed, and when the Bread is broken. How can we help make this environment even more holy today?

### **On the Way Home From Mass:**

Today, we heard how Jesus got angry in the temple. He later told the people, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." We know that anything that has been broken, Jesus can restore. What in your life would you like Jesus to heal or restore?

### **Living the Word:**

Over the next few days, talk together about one act that might bring Jesus' healing love to the family, to the neighborhood, to the world. Make a list of ideas and choose one that has meaning for the whole family.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families  
2023-2024*

### **Find Us On**



### **Parish Website**

[www.st-agnes-church.com](http://www.st-agnes-church.com)

### **myParish App**

*In the App Store on your phone or tablet*

### **Facebook**

## Meet the Confirmation Candidates



### **Camilla Linz**

My name is Camilla Linz. I attend Bluffs Middle School. I participate in school sports, such as volleyball and soccer. I also participate in softball in the summer. I am the oldest sibling in the house, but I also have older siblings in California and Wisconsin named Alkied and Bettsy. In my free time I like to listen to music or spend time with family and friends. I also do participate in a Mexican culture dance called, Los Guadelolupanos. When I grow up and go to college I want to be in sports medicine.

Goals after Confirmation; I plan to continuing my faith by regularly attending Church and helping the church and school with any activities or events.

### **Fridays during Lent**

5:15 pm - Stations of the Cross  
5:30 pm - Daily Mass Attend the

Fish Fry - 3/8, 3/22 (gym)

Soup Supper - 3/1, 3/15  
(Garden Room)

## Family Lent Calendar

### **Sunday - March 3rd**

After Mass, go over the homily with children. Discuss practical ways to "clean the temple" of your hearts.

### **Monday - March 4th**

Stop by the parish office and ask if there are any upcoming events you can volunteer to help with.

### **Tuesday - March 5th**

Encourage children to give up a favorite toy or game - just for today, just for God.

### **Wednesday - March 6th**

Tonight, have everyone think of someone they don't get along with and share three good things about them.

### **Thursday - March 7th**

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together for souls in need. See details here. [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org).

### **Friday - March 8th**

Attend the Stations of the Cross service at 5:15pm - then attend the Mass that follows.



Attend the Soup Supper as a family in the Garden Room following Mass.

### **Saturday - March 9th**

Show Jesus you're trustworthy and work on a project you've been putting off.

*Partners in Faith - February 2023*



# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of March 03, 2024



### Liturgical Living | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



### The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



### Death, Where is Your Sting? Sarah Kirchner's Story | Fearless | Episode 4

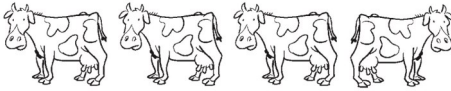
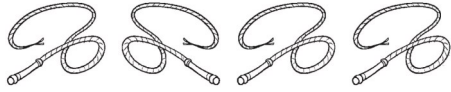
Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death eventually. Listen as Chris shares the powerful story of Sarah Kirchner and her courageous battle against pediatric bone cancer. Who can bring us victory in the face of such significant trials? Find out in this lesson.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Find circle the picture that is facing the wrong way. Then color in the pictures:



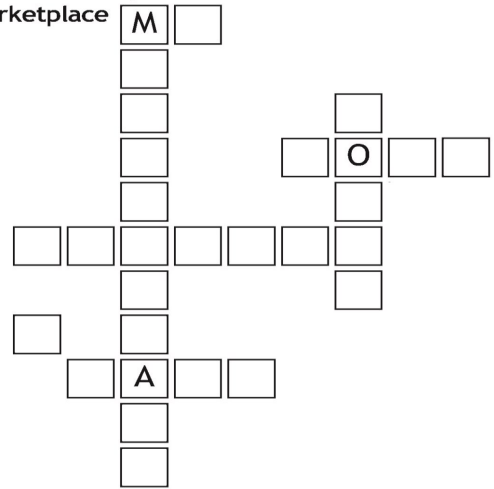
## MISSION

I will honor God by praying, singing, and listening to his word in church.

## PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Don't make my Father's house a marketplace



## MISSION

Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.





Connecting Students and Families through Faith  
March 3, 2024

# MARCH

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 6th

Mass @ 8:15

Thursday, March 7th

End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, March 8th

No School - Teacher Work Day

Fish Fry - 5:00 - 7:00



TODAY! MARCH 3rd

11:30 - 3:30

ST. AGNES SCHOOL GYM

### Cornhole Fun

The annual Cornhole Tournament kicked off Thursday, February 22. Students in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade chose partners and are now playing through their individual classroom tournament to see who will land atop the leadership board. The students love this yearly activity and look forward to it with great excitement. Thanks to Mike and Terri Calvert who generously lend us multiple cornhole boards for the event.



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# Classroom News.....

## Discipleship Friday

February 23<sup>rd</sup> marked the 4<sup>th</sup> Discipleship Friday for the year with the theme being holiness and stewardship. The students were reminded of their call to holiness and how they reflect that. As well, they were reminded as stewards, they are called to look after and take care of the world. This includes loving one another, caring for all of God's creations and giving thanks for all the gifts that come from God.

They enjoyed singing of their thanks in the music station, and took part in lots of fun relays in the activity station. They were reminded of the importance of working as a team and showing sportsmanship and support to others. They also created pictures of how they would be stewards and a wall of hands, dedicated to doing the work of God. It was a great afternoon of fun and faith building.



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## Read Across America

Read Across America begins on the birthday of the beloved author, Dr. Seuss. The entire month of March is dedicated to reading.

Schools and organizations plan events to promote reading, especially among children. St. Agnes students will be taking part in this special celebration with extra activities like guest readers, buddy reading, DEAR time reading for the entire school and creating an art gallery of pictures from our favorite books. During the month, the students will be encouraged to read, celebrate Dr. Seuss and enjoy the joy of books.



## Hot Lunch Menu for March 4th, 2024 - March 8th, 2023

<u>Monday, March 4</u>	<u>Tuesday, March 5</u>	<u>Wednesday, March 6</u>	<u>Thursday, March 7</u>	<u>Friday, March 8</u>
Tater Tot Casserole Lettuce Salad Pears Dinner Roll	Sloppy Joe Baked Beans Chips Peaches	Chicken Tender Mashed Potatoes Corn Grapes	Spaghetti bake Steamed Broccoli Garlic Bread Apricots	<b>NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORK DAY</b>
<b>Helpers:</b> Kelly Beeber HELP NEEDED	<b>Helpers:</b> Bethany Nira Kristin Gunthier	<b>Helpers:</b> Ashlee Wilson Kelly Beeber	<b>Helpers:</b> Anthony Gurrola Elise Gurrola	<b>Helpers:</b>



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

## First Grade Class By Sharon Bird

Wow!!! The month of February was filled with many wonderful learning experiences. Would the groundhog see his shadow? We learned about Punxsutawney Phil and made our predictions. He didn't see his shadow. Spring is near.

The 100<sup>th</sup> day celebration was filled with many activities. Students worked through learning stations such as creating with 100 cups, doing 100 exercises throughout the day, reading 100 words, making 100 with pattern blocks, etc. The students enjoyed the activities.

The first grade students learned about Chinese New Year. This is the Year of the Dragon. Each child received his/her own chop sticks and then practiced eating with them.

We celebrated Valentine's Day with a party. We played Valentine's Day bingo and enjoyed reading the cards.

In religion, we discussed Ash Wednesday and Lent. The students wrote his/her Lenten promise.

A King Cake was shared by the students on Mardi Gras morning. The student who was lucky to get the baby in his piece of cake was Henry Preston. June Hoising and Henry Preston were selected by the class as the first grade Queen and King. The students decorated masks, had a whistle, and wore a lei for the parade. This was so much fun.

Thank you for your kindness and support.



## Library Room News By Lana Payne



The month of March is here and it will soon be spring! The library has many areas of focus this month. March is National Women's History Month, declared by Congress in 1987 in perpetuity. During March the library will feature important women in our history: women of faith and courage, women of the arts, of humanities, of science, of sports, defenders of our country both in arms and service, educators, caretakers, and MOTHERS!

We ended February with Read Across America. The students were involved with a unique reading activity each day. Mrs. Brown started the week as our guest reader. March also brings birthdays of Dr. Seuss (March 2) and *Dog Man* author Dav Pilkey (March 4). Other events in March include Pi Day (March 14 or 3.14), St. Patrick's Day (March 17), the first day of spring (March 20), World Poetry Day (March 21), Tolkien Reading Day (March 25), and get out your crayons, paper, and coloring books for National Crayon Day (March 31), and this year, Good Friday (March 29) and Easter Sunday (March 31).

Students continue working hard on their Reading Incentive goals and projects. Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child's love of reading!

### USED BOOK SALE

The Used Book Sale will be taking place in the Learning Center on March 11-14. Students will have the opportunity to shop the sale on their library days. All books will be ten cents each. What a bargain! The book sale will also be open after school until 4:00 and open during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please come and browse the sale and take home some treasures.

**FYI: It's never too late to donate your used and unwanted books to the library for the Used Book Sale!**



## Music Room News By Cori Taedter



Here they are, Ladies and Gentlemen: the world's BEST Boomwacker players! And they just happen to be St. Agnes 3<sup>rd</sup> graders! 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is learning treble staff note names, and what better way to begin than with our beautiful new Boomwacker sets! We are eternally grateful to those who lovingly provided these for our music classroom; we are getting LOTS of great use out of them.

In addition to working hard on accurately keeping the steady beat, PK is experimenting with sound and silence in both rhythmic and melodic passages, and are 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 via fun play-alongs, and successfully finding sums and differences in music math problems.

We have finally been able to add pitch study to our list of objectives this quarter; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be coloring the lines and spaces of the staff, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is learning treble note names. 4<sup>th</sup> grade is beginning an instruments of the orchestra unit before learning the art of recorder playing, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade is reviewing treble note names, learning to identify intervals both on the staff and via ear training, understanding scales and chords – and applying that knowledge to the strings and frets of a ukulele! When ALL of those music adventures are coupled with the beginning of our spring program preparation, we end up with one very exciting 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in the music room!

