



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 31, 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**

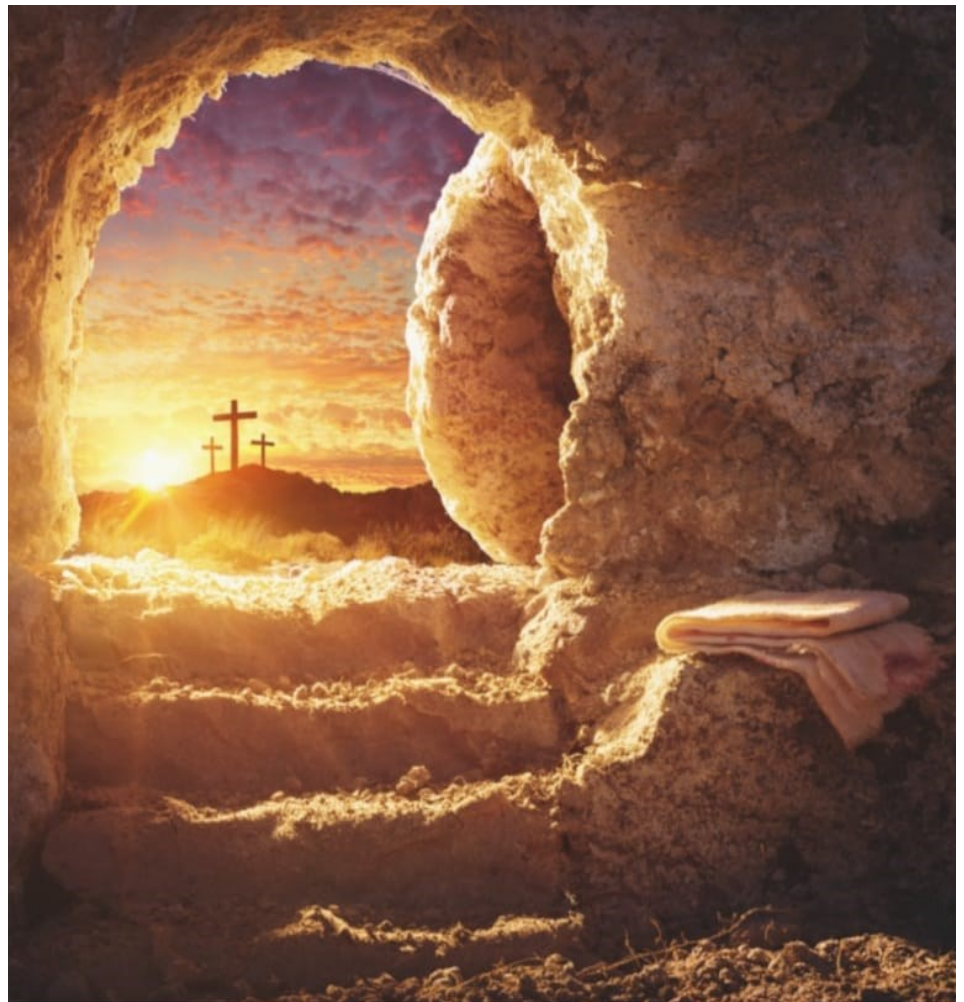
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass  
or by appointment (632-2541)

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office

**Parish Office Hours:**

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



## EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7



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# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

## Today's Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalm:118

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9



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## Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

### ***Jesus is not here, He is Risen!***

This Easter season, we invite you to ponder the Savior's atoning sacrifice and glorious Resurrection, which bless all of us. Through our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, we receive this message of hope: we will have "peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come."

As we look around the world today, we see so much of pain, suffering, and death. It seems that we are surrounded by death as we think about the thousands of people dying in the wars, millions dying of starvation and hunger, hundreds of refugees drowning in seas, and many more dying daily in the experience of ethnic, racial, and gender-based violence. We are becoming accustomed to violence and death as if these are normal experiences in life.

In this time of Lent, we are reminded of the brutal and sacrificial suffering death of Jesus Christ. Some of the disciples and many of his followers, including family and friends, thought it would all end there – with a dead Jesus. When they went to the tomb on that resurrection day that's precisely what they were expecting. They forgot about the promise of Jesus that, on the third day, he will rise again. So, you can imagine the profoundly deep question of the angels, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" The question is not intended to say that Jesus is not among the dead; it is an affirmation that Christ is risen, and death is conquered.

The empty tomb is a sign of LIFE during suffering and death. The message is clear that with the resurrection of Jesus death is conquered. While we face the anguish of senseless and unnecessary deaths in the world today, we are reminded that the suffering servant who died on our behalf not only suffers with us but also brings life to all who believe. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25).

The empty tomb is a sign of HOPE. The gift of eternal life is not a spiritualization and romanticization of death but a promise and hope that the Risen Lord will bring justice and righteousness. Hope is an eschatological gift that tells us that, despite our present struggles and sufferings, we are not alone; the Risen Christ is with us restoring hope and joy. Yet, hope is not a passive acceptance of death but the inspiration to honor, respect, and appreciate life, God's gift to us. Hope calls us to resist and oppose unjust systems and authorities that are life-denying and life-depriving because the God of life stands for justice and peace in the world.

The empty tomb is a sign of LOVE. It tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. The Apostle Paul makes this clear when he says this in Romans 8:38-39: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers. Nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Indeed, we are surrounded by death in this world today. In this situation let us be reminded of the Easter message: "Jesus is not here but has risen." In every situation of suffering and death today let us be reminded that the Risen Lord brings us life, hope, and love. Wish you all a blessed Easter, May the risen Lord bless you and your families, and His peace be with you all.

*Fr. Rayappa Konka*

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, April 1, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Albert & †MaryLou Weitzel by Linda Thoms  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

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

### **Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Jim Bogus by The Troy & Carol Herman Family  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### **Thursday, April 4, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Seven Sisters Apostolate by Seven Sisters  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Friday, April 5, 2024**

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

### **Saturday, April 6, 2024**

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: †Doris Flohr by Gene & Mari Schwarzkopf

### **Sunday, April 7, 2024**

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: †Ralph Parker by Jerry & Jeannette Fitzgerald

## This Week's Readings

**HE IS RISEN**  
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and \ 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-4
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

## April 2024 Rosary Leader Schedule

**Saturday, April 6 5pm:** Diana Rohrick  
**Sunday, April 7 8am:** JoAnn Nash  
**Sunday, April 7 10am:** Jackie Seymour

**Saturday, April 13 5pm:** Daniel Warburton  
**Sunday, April 14 8am:** Adam & Nichole Hoelsing (sub req.)  
**Sunday, April 14 10am:** Angie Hilbert

**Saturday, April 20 5pm:** Carmen Trevino  
**Sunday, April 21 8am:** JoAnn Nash  
**Sunday, April 21 10am:** NOT FILLED

**Saturday, April 27 5pm:** Ashlee Wilson  
**Sunday, April 28 8am:** Daniel Warburton  
**Sunday, April 28 10am:** Jackie Seymour



## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### March 24, 2024


Actual	\$3808.15
Online Giving	\$500.50
Gen. Church Support	\$5700.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$8.65

#### March 2024 Totals

Actual	\$18713.89
ATW	\$7665.00
Online Giving	\$6397.54
Gen. Church Support	\$10600.00
Budget	\$40000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$3376.43

**There is no 2nd collection for next week.**

**Thank you for your continued giving!**



## April 2024 Ministers

### Greeters & Ushers

**Saturday, 5pm:**  
**Greeters:** Chuck Edwards - East  
 Odillia Murillo - South  
**Ushers:** Chuck Elley (Captain)  
 Steve Olsen

**Sunday, 8am:**  
**Greeters:** Danni Koeteman - East  
 Dick & Susan Lessert (sub req.) - South  
**Ushers:** Mike Hackett (Captain)  
 Troy Herman

**Sunday, 10am:**  
**Greeters:** Mike Merrigan - East  
 Mark & Robin Loose - South  
**Ushers:** Candelaieo Soto Sr. (Captain)  
 Gale McGrew

### LECTORS

**Saturday, Apr 6 & 13 5pm:** Steve Viessman  
**Sunday, Apr 7 & 14 8am:** David Nash  
**Sunday, Apr 7 & 14 10am:** Chris Burbach

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**Sunday, Apr 7 & 14 8am:** David Nash  
**Sunday, Apr 7 & 14 10am:** Chris Burbach

**Saturday, Apr 20 5pm:** Mary Robinson  
**Sunday, Apr 21 8am:** Jordan Colwell  
**Sunday, Apr 21 10am:** Chuck Schwartz

**Saturday, Apr 27 5pm:** St. Agnes School Students  
**Sunday, Apr 28 8am:** Jordan Colwell  
**Sunday, Apr 28 10am:** Chuck Schwartz

### SACRISTANS

**Saturday, 5pm:**  
 Shelley Thomas

**Sunday, 8am:**  
 John Songco

**Sunday, 10am:**  
 Chuck Schwartz

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, 5pm:**  
 Ciborium - Jennifer Hiltgen  
 Linda Elley & Susan Flohr

**Sunday, 8am:**  
 Ciborium - Michael Esselstein  
 David Skiles & Michael Calvert

**Sunday, 10am:**  
 Ciborium - Alex Ascherl  
 Scott Schiff & Casey Seymour

### SERVERS

**Sat, Apr 6 5pm:** Kensington Suhr & NOT FILLED  
**Sun, Apr 7 8am:** Reagan Schiff & Andrew Peck  
**Sun, Apr 7 10am:** Alyck Rodriguez & Logan Zulkoski

**Sat, Apr 13 5pm:** Aden Munoz & Jonah Klaas  
**Sun, Apr 14 8am:** John V. Songco, Easton Becker & Addison Peck  
**Sun, Apr 14 10am:** Havynn Urdiales & Kellan Zulkoski

**Sat, Apr 20 5pm:** Asher Wilson & Morgan Celli  
**Sun, Apr 21 8am:** John V. Songco & Easton Becker  
**Sun, Apr 21 10am:** Ruby Schiff & Connelly Ascherl

**Sat, Apr 27 5pm:** Asher Wilson & Easton Hill  
**Sun, Apr 28 8am:** Lucas Esselstein & NOT FILLED  
**Sun, Apr 28 10am:** William Seymour & Lillian Seymour

## March 2024

### 100 CLUB WINNERS

**\$200:** Susan Flohr; **\$100:** Jim/ Nancy Kerr, Mike/Von Merrigan, Lynda Montague; **\$50:** John/ Claire Songco, Gene/Mari Schwarzkopf, Scott/Kristin Schiff, Gayle Rojas, Larry Gion, Ron Bordeaux, Maggie Skiles, Brian/Angie Hilbert, Scott/ Debbie VanNoy

## CONGRATULATIONS!



### Parish Council

On behalf of Saint Agnes Catholic Church faith community, we express gratitude for the parishioners who answered the call to be candidates.

#### St. Agnes Parish Council Members

**Pastor** - Fr. Konka    **Chair** - Mike Esselstein    **Trustees** - John Marshall & David Schaff

**Members:** Stacy Celli, Tiann Colwell, Jerry Fitzgerald, Terry Fox, Nick Marez, Dave Nash, Casey Seymour, Brooke Talkington, and Shelley Thomas.

**Representatives:** Julie Brown - School, Terri Calvert - Parish, Ethan Gion - Young Adult, and Mary Skiles - Church Foundation.

#### **What is Parish Council?**

The Parish Council is a consultative body that assists the pastor in planning for the needs of our faith community. Its purpose is to form community as a sign and witness of unity for the larger Parish community; to provide recommendations for Parish priorities, directions and policies through pastoral planning; and to promote communication and understanding among Parish organizations and between the Parish, the Diocese, and the universal Church.

#### **Where can Parish Council information be found?**

Look for a new Parish Council tab on the parish website, [www.st-agnes-church.com](http://www.st-agnes-church.com) You will find the Parish Council minutes from the monthly meetings and other information on this page. If you have questions or concerns for the Parish Council you are able to submit them from this page as well.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on April 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the St. Agnes Garden Room.

*Women of the Parish*

Please Join Us

for the

*April Altar Society*

*Meeting & Social*

Thursday, April 4th 6:30 PM  
St. Agnes Garden Room  
*Please bring a dish to share*

### Remembering Loved Ones with Easter Altar Flowers

Jess, Trina, Charlotte, Joe & Martha Medina by M/M Daniel Guzman; Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Arneson, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Calvert by M/M Michael Calvert; Karen Koch by John Koch; Bill & Rex Carr by Lucille Carr; Ellen Gion, Mary & Michael Gion, Jeff Gion Family, Greg Gion Family, Lewis & Pauline Triplett by Larry Gion; Gene & Mary Guenin, D.L. Guenin & Gene Schmid by M/M Greg Schmid; Beatrice Grandy, William R. Grandy, Joshua I. Bullock, Joe Loomis & Nancy Skinner by Kathyann Bullock; Marcia Prell, Larry & Wanda Hiltgen, Francis Voet, Bob & Gloria Hiltgen by M/M Jason Hiltgen; Montague Family & Taschacher Family by Lynda Montague; Robert J. Reilly, Lois Reilly, Gary Reilly, Dan Reilly & Shana Darnell by M/M Jacob Krieg; Regino Rosario, Juana M. Rosario & Augustine Rosario by M/M Rosa Rosario; Steve McDonnough by M/M Connie McDonnough; Ricard Hawes, Gayle & Bonnie Johnson by M/M Robert Johnson; Ed Moore, Mary Nance, Tom Wlaschin, Theo & Millie Tran, Bates



Babies by M/M Patrick Brown; Ray Murdock by Daniel Cushing; Colleen Mathewson, Billye & Ben Castinado by M/M Daniel Warburton; Richardis & Bernard Wlaschin, Jose & Guadalupe Tecson by M/M Antonio Tecson; Rodney Brooks, Lawrence Foxhoven & Jenna Wolfe by M/M Jeff Wolfe; Frank & Lela Urdiales, Pete & Elaisa Brown, Jim & Betty Ladd, Shirley Robinson by M/M Martin Urdiales; Carol Burbach & Catherine Hoeft by M/M Larry Burbach; Charlie Fitzke by M/M Adam Hoelsing; Ben & Billye Castinado, Tom Braddock, Vivian Nelson & Patricia Bowen by Lyle Downs; Henry & Helen Koester, Don-John & Linda Koester, Jerome Koester, Robert Koester, Mary Anne & Joe Boeman, Matt, Dorothy, Kathy & Marsha by M/M Charles Koester; Kathy Liewer, Sharon Herman by M/M Troy Herman; Clarence Rood Jr., Frank & Louise Marquez, Richard Saucedo, Coby Saucedo, Clarence & Doris Rood by Margaret Rood



# Knights of Columbus

What a record-breaking night for our last **Fish fry** of the Year!

Thank you to our volunteers and St Agnes Catholic School students who helped with the "Saint Fryers" Project.

Special thanks to our sponsors Domino's Pizza, Arthur's Pizza, and Papa Murphy's Pizza - for providing the Cheese Pizzas and to High Plains Beverages and Flyover Brewing Company for providing the refreshments.

A quick shoutout to the Otto Family for winning the 50/50 raffle again and donating it back to the St Agnes Catholic School.

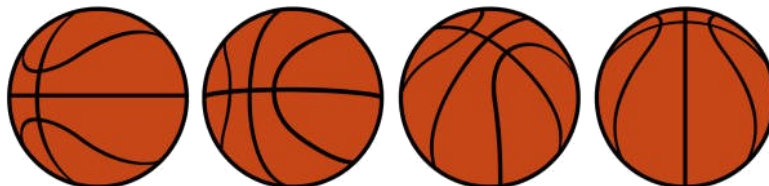
The best part that we love is that the **Knights of Columbus** members started with a solemn prayer before serving food.

Thank you for your continuous support of the St. Agnes Catholic Church, St Agnes Catholic School, and Knights of Columbus projects.



## Free Throw Championship - District and Conference Finals

Several children participated in the **Knights of Columbus** Free Throw Championship for the District and Conference Finals in Sidney, Nebraska. They have represented our great city of Scottsbluff. Most of these children are either St. Agnes School Students or Alumni. Thank you to the parents for driving your children all the way down to Sidney. And thank you for your continuous support of our local Knights of Columbus projects.



## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Easter Sunday  
**Gospel:** *Mark 16:1-7*

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

In today's Gospel, the women at the tomb were utterly amazed. When was the last time you were truly amazed by something?

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

The women at the tomb were changed by the events of that first Easter morning. How do the events of that day make a difference in my life today?

### ***Living the Word:***

Jesus rose from the dead two thousand years ago. Think about all the people in your life whose lives have been transformed by the risen Christ. Make a timeline and list all the people in your family, going back as many generations as possible. Widen your list to include people in your neighborhood, or people in your Church (including the saints) who were transformed by Jesus' resurrection. God has a plan for all of creation to enjoy fullness of life with him. Leave some space on the front of your timeline to write about how you are working with God to bring about his plan.

*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*

### **Meet the Confirmation Candidates**



#### **Lexi Rodriguez**

My name is Lexi Rodriguez and I am in the 8th grade at BMS. I do volleyball, basketball, and soccer. I am also in CLOWNS, which is a club that is against drug use, and we went to the elementary schools, including St. Agnes, and we taught them how to be aware of drugs and the consequences of using them. I'm also an ambassador for our school. I have two brothers, 2 dogs, and my mom, Stacy works for the school, and my dad, Fernando is in the military.

#### **Confirmation Goal:**

I would like to complete Confirmation, and help spread to people younger or older that the Church is an amazing thing and that its one of the best things to give your life to Christ.



#### **Elliette Verbeck**

My name is Elliette Verbeck. I live with my mom, dad, and my one sister. I go to Scottsbluff Middle School. I play soccer, golf, volleyball, and run. I have 3 cats and 2 dogs. I also have chickens and ducks.

#### **Confirmation Goal:**

I plan on getting confirmed and then maintaining a consistent about of time going to church every Sunday.

### **Invoke Don Bosco's special charism**

As an educator and father-figure, St. John "Don" Bosco had a special charism. He could touch the hearts and minds of rebellious youths and inspire them to follow Christ. Follow his advice for forming young hearts and minds for Christ:



**"See that the laws of discipline ... are made known."** Children of all ages benefit from understanding clear expectations and the consequences for deviation. He knew that children thrive on routine and well-defined boundaries. And, Don Bosco believed that placing youths in safe surroundings with good influences removes the likelihood of their committing sin. That encourages responsible independence.

**"Always gentle and prudent."** It was his experience that "gentle but firm" or "quiet but stern" were more effective in discipline than anger or violence. The educator must strive to make himself loved by his pupils, if he wishes to obtain their respect and obedience.

**"Never ... correct in public."** To Don Bosco, punishments were a last resort and done in private when it is more likely to have the child's full attention. Never humiliate a youngster.

**"A humble prayer to God is much more useful..."** Don Bosco encouraged drawing on God's grace. The Holy Spirit speaks to our children's hearts in ways we can't. Inviting God into our challenges might turn what could have been a fall-out into a breakthrough.

Partners in Faith - March 2024



# TOTUS TUUS

2024



**Registration  
opens: April 1, 2024**

**Get ready to join us.  
St. Agnes and Christ the King  
June 9-14, 2024**



Register  
here



### PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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| SPICES  | STONE  | JESUS  |
| MORNING | ROLLED | RAISED |
| TOMB    | WOMEN  | BODY   |

A B O L M A C R U N E  
M S P I C E S O N S B  
E T E D U D T E R J O  
R J P I S R O L L E D  
Y E O J M B N G S I Y  
N S C W O M E N D S R  
T U A S R D O M I T A  
I S N E N A S U W O S  
O Y R A I S E D Y M Y  
A N L W N P M U M B E  
M S E U G I O T I S A

### MISSION

Tell three of your friends that Jesus is alive. Invite them to come to Mass with you.

### PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

The Scriptures  
said Jesus  
would rise  
to life.

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### MISSION

Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at <https://www.aroundmyfamilytable.com/resurrection-cookies/>





Connecting Students and Families through Faith  
March 31, 2024



Upcoming Events

Monday, April 1st

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 2nd

Advisory Council Meeting - 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 3rd

Mass @ 8:15

SHS Musical Production - Matilda

Grades 3-5 attend

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Honoring Academic Achievement

Twenty-six 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were invited to attend the academic achievement breakfast held on Thursday, March 14. Students achieving Scholastic Gold or Silver status in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter were recognized for these achievements. Congratulations to:

**Scholastic Gold:** Kaden Blaylock, Zoe Calvert, Owen Engel, Matilda Kosman, Holly Polk, Courtni Schaff, Calliopi Schaff, Ruby Schiff, John Songco, Wyatt Visage, Mason Warburton, Asher Wilson, Carson Windhorst, Gio Alvizar, Claire Ascherl, Easton Becker, Tristan Hoelsing, Luna Merrigan, Mila Miller, Rheanne Owens, Isabella Songco, Kensington Suhr

**Scholastic Silver:** Sarah Kader, Malia Linz, Asher Wilson, Eliana Merrigan, Harper Verbeck



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THE  
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WORK



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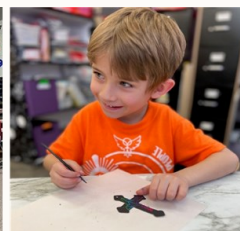
## Jump Rope for Heart

St. Agnes PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking part in a Jump Rope for Heart Event on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. A kick-off event that included a visit and message from Miss Old West Balloon Fest, Addison Peck, was held to inspire students to get off their screens and move their bodies no less than 60 minutes every day. They were encouraged to register for our event and create an online account where they can take part in Finn's challenge, which includes learning hands only CPR. Students who complete the challenge will be registered to win 2025 Super Bowl tickets. A number of other incentives may be earned if students choose to raise funds to help raise awareness of heart disease. Our goal is to learn the importance of living a healthy lifestyle starting now!



## Discipleship Friday

Eucharistic miracles was the theme for the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Discipleship Friday. The afternoon opened with a discussion on faith and what it truly means to have faith. The students were reminded of some of the greatest miracles performed by Jesus and then discussed Eucharistic Miracles, the real presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine. The students had the privilege of viewing some of the Eucharistic miracles documented by the Blessed Carlos Acutis in the display which was hosted by the Knights of Columbus this past fall. They enjoyed creating a monstrance in the art station, singing and dancing to "My God is So Big" in the music station and playing a game called Sink the Ship, which takes a great deal of teamwork and faith in your crew to be successful. It was another great afternoon of fun and faith-building.



## Hot Lunch Menu for April 1st, 2024 - April 5th, 2024

<u>Monday, April 1</u>	<u>Tuesday, April 2</u>	<u>Wednesday, April 3</u>	<u>Thursday, April 4</u>	<u>Friday, March April 5</u>
<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p>Hamburger Fries Peaches Cookie</p>	<p>Mac &amp; Cheese Broccoli Pears Vanilla Pudding</p>	<p>Hard Shell Taco Black Beans Rice Apricots</p>	<p>Quesadilla Diced Tomato Carrots Apple Sauce</p>
<p><b>Helpers:</b></p>	<p><b>Helpers:</b> Katie Moser Andrea Margheim</p>	<p><b>Helpers:</b> Charissa Gould Rob Polk</p>	<p><b>Helpers:</b> Mandi Adams HELP NEEDED</p>	<p><b>Helpers:</b> Robyn Dendinger HELP NEEDED</p>

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



## First Grade Class By Sharon Bird



We are in the fourth quarter now. It is hard to believe this class will soon be enjoying summer vacation and then second grade. The students made leprechaun traps at school. They decided between working alone or with another classmate. Plans were made and then the work began. There was laughter, discussions, problem solving, and kind words shared. Traps were strategically placed. Unfortunately, we did not catch the leprechaun but the students were detectives and found the traps that were moved, footprints, and glitter. The leprechaun left us wind-up dinosaurs, a letter, and some coins. The students were so excited! Each student had the opportunity to use the coins to purchase items from me.

As part of our religion class, the students have been discussing the Stations of the Cross. During religion, we are also discussing forgiveness.

The used book fair was held during conference week. There were so many wonderful books. It took a long time to spend our money. The Easter Bunny visited our classroom on Monday evening and left money for each child to shop. Mrs. Payne helped each student find the book (s) he/she wanted.

Please continue to read with your child each evening.

Thank you, parents, for all your kindness and support this year.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!



## Library Room News By Lana Payne



Thank you for your participation and support in this year's Used Book Sale! Over a thousand items were purchased, each one for only ten cents! Thank you for your generous donations of used books, games, puzzles, etc. Students look forward to this event each year and your generous donations of used books make it possible. We are always happy to receive these items for future Used Book Sales. Used items may be donated anytime throughout the year. This year we also had a drawing for a giant container of cheese balls. Each student attending the sale got to put their name in the jar for The cheese ball drawing. The winner of the cheese balls was Ryker Dendinger.

April is School Library Month and National Poetry Month. The second week in April is National Library Week. April is filled with library related events and activities. Some of the events include Drop Everything and Read Day (April 10), World Book Night (April 23), National Tell a Story Day (April 27), and my favorite, National Talk Like Shakespeare Day (April 23).

Students continue working hard on reaching Reading Incentive goals and completing reading projects. April is the final month of Reading Incentive and we're looking forward to celebrating students' reading successes for this school year with an end of the year activity in May.



## Music Room News By Cori Taedter



We have certainly been the busiest of bees this quarter, and the St. Agnes music room is buzzing with excitement! We have been rehearsing

and making preparations for our spring music program, "Light it Up!" which will be presented on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym.

During this musical journey, our bright group of students arrive for Bible class, but a couple of things are missing... their teacher and LIGHT! With a note and a few wrapped boxes in a dark room, the students begin a unique lesson to discover just how significant light is and has always been, with each box representing a new object and a new Bible verse about light—starting from the very beginning of creation and continuing into Christ passing on the task of spreading His light to the world. Each song brings a new outlook on the ways Christ diminished the darkness when He gave us life through Him and initiates ways for us to illuminate His love to others. Studying and learning this music has certainly brought pure joy into our music room, and we are looking forward to sharing that joy in a few weeks.

As you can see from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade smiles, a highlight in our classroom is the experience of learning various instruments, and these students are having a great time learning scales, chords, and putting their knowledge into practice – we are so very blessed!

