



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 28, 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

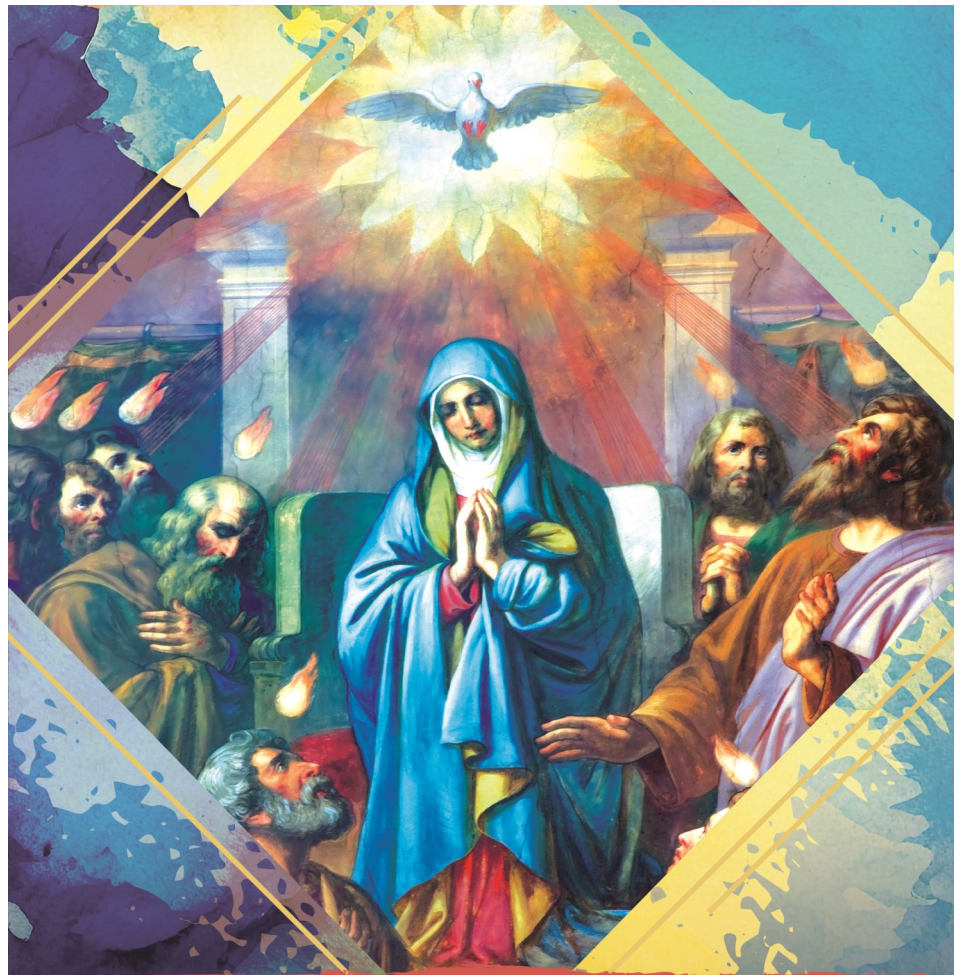
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass  
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.”  
- Jn 7:37b

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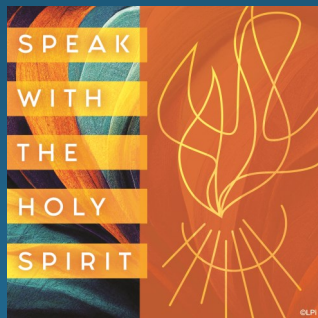
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# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

## Today's Readings

Acts 2:4  
Psalm:104  
2 Corinthians 12:13  
John 20:21-22



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## Pentecost Sunday

### The Flame Communicated

“Fire! Fire! They’re all gonna die! They’re all gonna burn up!”

I had absolutely no hope of restoring order as I read the story of Pentecost with my young children last year. As soon as they glimpsed the tongues of fire hovering over the foreheads of the apostles, they were lost to giggles and shrieks. I sighed, sipped my coffee, and wondered resentfully why the Holy Spirit couldn’t have chosen to be a dove on that particular day. Just a nice, peaceful dove.

I’ll say this, though: the fire left an impression. It usually does, doesn’t it? Fire consumes. It renews. It illuminates. It leaves you breathless with fear and awe. The memory and scent and impact of a flame lingers long after it is extinguished.

When I am trying to explain theology to my kids, I have an awful habit of overcomplicating things. I’d had a whole speech prepared for them about what the Holy Spirit is, but it went out the window as soon as they saw the flames. And you know what? It’s probably for the best. They wouldn’t have remembered that speech. The flames, though? The flames they remembered. The flame communicated.

As a result of Pentecost, the apostles suddenly had the ability to give the truth to foreigners. Aliens. People who were heretofore beyond their reach, isolated by language. The flame communicated.

God’s sense of timing is impeccable, and His delivery is carefully crafted. And on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did not descend as a dove or pour forth as water.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit burned.

“Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.” —

Psalm 104

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, May 29, 2023**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Fr. Jim O’Kane by The Heumesser Family  
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Tuesday, May 30, 2023**

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

### **Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Scottie Schenbeck by The Merkel Family  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### **Thursday, June 1, 2023**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Pro-Populo  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### **Friday, June 2, 2023**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: Sr. Vera Meis  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

### **Saturday, June 3, 2023**

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: †Sr. Chris Meyer by Wayne & Kathie Smith

### **Sunday, June 4, 2023**

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: †Fr. Donald J. O’Brien & Family by The Diocese of Grand Island

## April 2023 Rosary Leader Schedule

**Saturday, June 3 5pm:** Carmen Trevino  
**Sunday, June 4 8am:** Toni Warburton  
**Sunday, June 4 10:00am:** Jackie Seymour  
**Sunday, June 11 8am:** JoAnn Nash  
**Sunday, June 11 10:00am:** Jackie Seymour  
**Saturday, June 17 5pm:** Carmen Trevino  
**Sunday, June 18 8:00am:** Daniel Warburton  
**Sunday, June 18 10:00am:** Angie Hilbert  
**Saturday, June 24 5pm:** Diana Rohrick  
**Sunday, June 25 8am:** Addison Peck  
**Sunday, June 25 10:00am:** Angie Hilbert

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please mark your calendars, on **Saturday, June 10th, there will be no 5:00pm mass.** There will be no Saturday evening mass on this date anywhere in the Diocese of Grand Island due to the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress that is taking place in North Platte on that day. The Bishop encourages everyone to attend this event.

## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### May 21, 2023

Actual	\$3140.26
Online Giving	\$1065.50
Budget	\$9000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$4794.24
Comm Camp.	\$389.00

#### May 2023 Totals

Actual	\$12146.62
ATW	\$7275.00
Online Giving	\$2950.50
Budget	\$27000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$4627.88

**Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for Seminary Collection**

Thank you for your continued giving!

## St. Agnes Summer Gardening

Volunteers needed this summer to help with gardening on the St. Agnes campus. Please meet June 5th at 9:00 am in the garden room for discussion of areas needing work. If you have questions, please contact Jeannette Fitzgerald at 641-0106. **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**



## June 2023 Ministers

### Greeters & Ushers

**Saturday, 5pm:**  
**Greeters:** Joyce Moeller - East (sub req.)  
 Chad & Kelli Larson - South  
**Ushers:** Chuck Elley (Captain) (sub req.)  
 Brian Fulk  
**Sunday, 8am:**  
**Greeters:** Joe & Mary Ostry - East  
 Matt Parsley - South  
**Ushers:** Candelaeio Soto Sr. (Captain)  
 Troy Herman  
**Sunday, 10am:**  
**Greeters:** Danni Koeteman - East  
 Lynda Montague - South  
**Ushers:** Jerry Arnold (Captain)  
 Melvin Elledge

### SERVERS

**Sat, June 3 5pm:** Caylie Garcia & Jonah Klaas  
**Sun, June 4 8am:** Mia Blanco & Elena Blanco  
**Sun, June 4 10am:** Ashanti Acosta & Natalie Zeiler  
**Sun, June 11 8am:** Grant Celli, Andrew & Addison Peck  
**Sun, June 11 10am:** Claire Ascherl & Connelly Ascherl  
**Sat, June 17 5pm:** Traxton Adams & Dalton Gass  
**Sun, June 18 8am:** Isaac Blanco & Henry Blanco  
**Sun, June 18 10am:** Jose Julian Franco & Noah Sierra  
**Sat, June 24 5pm:** Caylie Garcia & Andrew Peck  
**Sun, June 25 8am:** Kensington Suhr & Emily Esselstein  
**Sun, June 25 10am:** Charlotte Lewis & Natalie Zeiler

### LECTORS

**Saturday, June 3 5pm:** Jennifer Hiltgen  
**Sunday, June 4 8am:** Dan Marshall  
**Sunday, June 4 10am:** Mark Loose  
**Sunday, June 11 8am:** Dan Marshall  
**Sunday, June 11 10am:** Mark Loose  
**Saturday, June 17 5pm:** Odilia Murillo  
**Sunday, June 18 8am:** Bridget Peck  
**Sunday, June 18 10am:** Chuck Schwartz  
**Sunday, June 24, 5pm:** Odilia Murillo  
**Sunday, June 25 8am:** Bridget Peck (sub req.)  
**Sunday, June 25 10am:** Chuck Schwartz

### SACRISTANS

**Saturday, 5pm:**  
 Becky Murdock  
**Sunday, 8am:**  
 John Songco  
**Sunday, 10am:**  
 Shelley Thomas

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, 5pm:**  
 Ciborium - Diana Rohrick  
 Patsy Juedes-Fulk & Carmen Trevino  
**Sunday, 8am:**  
 Ciborium - Twila McCarthy  
 Mike Esselstein & Erika Hackett  
**Sunday, 10am:**  
 Ciborium - Terry Bailey  
 Shannon Sierra & Shelley Thomas

## This Week's Readings



**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-3  
**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31  
**Wednesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56  
**Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-5  
**Friday:** Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26  
**Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33  
**Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

**AN INVITATION**

FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
GRAND ISLAND DIOCESE AGE 15+

**Diocesan Eucharistic  
Congress**

**JUNE 10, 2023**

Ramada by Wyndham North Platte  
and Sandhills Convention Ctr  
North Platte, NE 69101

Details and Register at  
[gdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival](http://gdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival)



Final plans are being made. Don't miss out, join others for this exciting diocesan event. *Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, June 10, 2023, North Platte, NE. Information and registration can be found at [gdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival](http://gdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival)*



**Knights of  
Columbus**

Knights of Columbus members, we need your help for the Adoration after the **8 am mass on June 11th**. Assistance is needed to hold the Canopy and participate in the procession around the block to support the Blessed Sacrament. Please plan on attending this mass if you are in town that weekend. Please wear your **Tuxedo or Dark Suit - with the Social Baldric**. Thank you for your cooperation.



The Knights of Columbus is having their monthly Breakfast Buffet on June 4th, Sunday from 8 am to 12 pm. \$10 for Adults and \$5 for kids. **This is the last one for the summer and we will resume on October 1st.**

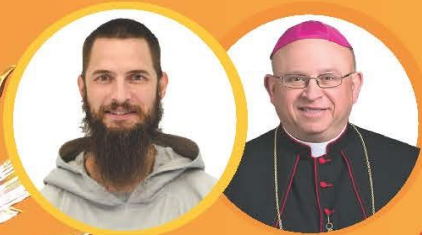
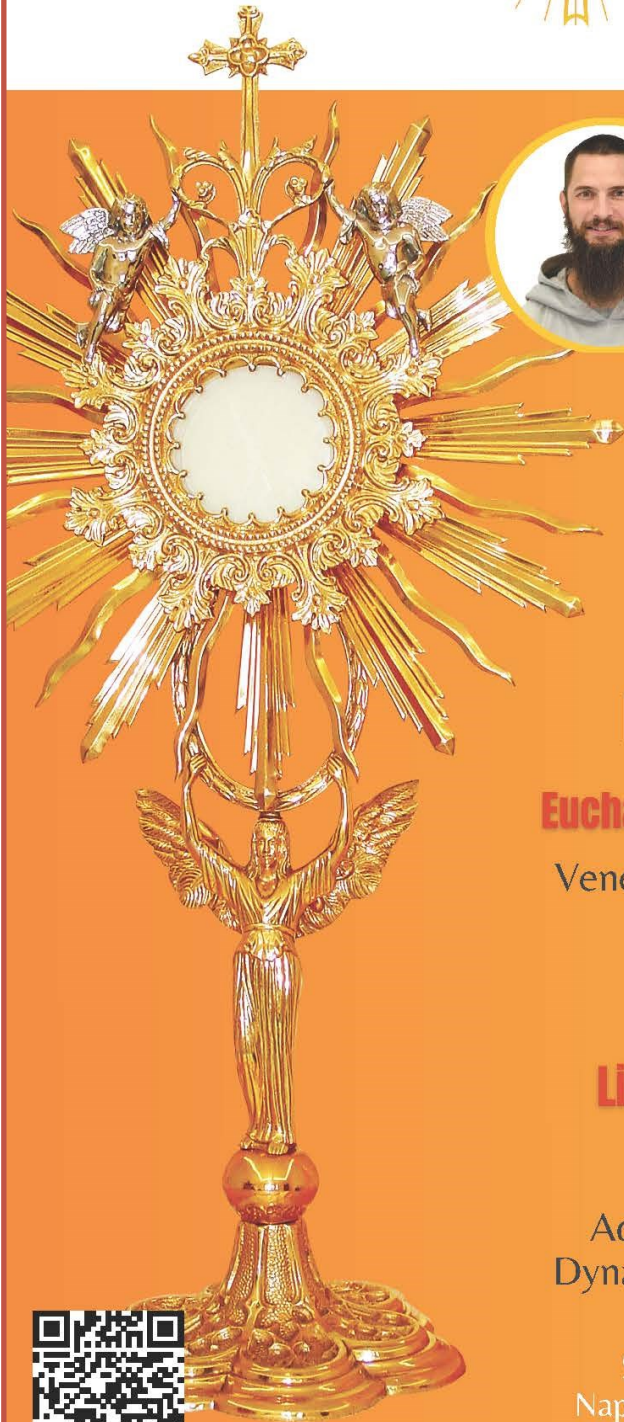
Thank you for your continuous support of the Knights of Columbus projects.



The **Knights of Columbus** are in the process of ordering Shirts for members. If you want a shirt ordered, please contact **Mike Esselstein @ 631-9711**. The council will shoulder half of the cost of the Shirt. Thank you for your cooperation.



**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**ENCOUNTER**  
 “Here I am. I stand at the door and knock.”



Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt  
 and keynote speaker,  
 Fr. Malachy Napier, CFR

Grand Island  
 St. Mary Cathedral

*June 21*

**DEEPEN YOUR FAITH IN THE REAL  
 PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST**

**Eucharistic Events in Cathedral Square | 5-10 p.m.**

Veneration of Relics • Video of Blessed Carlo Acutis  
 Vatican International Exhibition Eucharistic  
 Miracles of the World • Representatives from  
 local Apostolates/Ministries

**Liturgical Program in Church | 6:45-9 p.m.**

Opening remarks by Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt  
 Eucharistic Speaker Fr. Malachy Napier, CFR  
 Adoration • Sacred Music • Eucharistic Procession  
 Dynamic Teaching • Confession (available 7-9 p.m.)



[spiritcatholicradio.com/encounter](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/encounter)

Spanish translation by Fr. Malachy  
 Napier, CFR, during talk. Registration  
 not needed for this free event.  
 Refreshments will be available.



## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Solemnity of Pentecost  
**Gospel:** *John 20:19-23*

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

Listen for the words Jesus says in today's gospel: "Peace be with you." Where else in the Mass do we hear these words? Why do we say them?

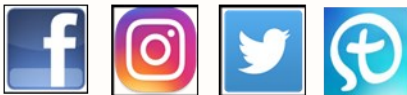
### **On the Way Home From Mass:**

What do you think the disciples felt before Jesus came and stood in their midst? After he breathed on them, how do you think they felt?

### **Living the Word:**

The Holy spirit is waiting to be invited into everything you do. As a family, make it a habit to invite him into your every activity by saying, "Come, Holy Spirit. You are welcome here." Invite him before driving, before school activities, or before a difficult conversation. He is waiting to be let in.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families  
2022-2023*



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### **Scripture Lessons:**

#### **John 20:19-23, God's transforming mercy**

In this Gospel reading, the Apostles spent their first Easter Sunday fearfully hiding in a locked room. They were terrified the Romans would find them and execute them for being Jesus' students. Instead, Jesus appeared to them in glory and spoke words of peace. He showed them His wounds as "the living proof" of His Resurrection. He was alive!



That night, Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance, "*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained,*" (John 20:23). He knew we would need to hear the words of forgiveness. Having authority to forgive sins in His name, the Apostles and their successors could continue Jesus' work after he returned to Heaven.

#### **What can parents do?**

Jesus appeared to His Apostles in their darkest moments and gave them strength, peace, and grace to move forward. Tell children God doesn't wait for us to mess up, but instead prefers to keep us close. Teach them that when they fall into sin, don't waste time "hiding" from Jesus. Instead, seek Him out in Confession and celebrate His forgiveness.

### **Helping children encounter the Holy Spirit**



At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, who would remain with us to comfort, guide, and teach us (John 14:16, 26). Encourage children to:

**Accept His gifts:** **Knowledge** to know right from wrong, **fortitude** to stand up and be strong, **understanding** to follow God's way, **piety** to worship and pray, **counsel** to enlighten and guide, **wisdom** to feel God's presence, **fear of the Lord** to always be awed by the mighty wonders of our God.

**Listen for His voice:** Even when "*the still small voice*" (1 Kings 19:12) reveals our wrongdoing, the Holy Spirit gently urges us back to the right path. Teach children to rely on Him for inspiration and guidance.

**Asking Him to reveal God's love:** God pours out His love to us through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5) and makes us His beloved children (Romans 8:15-16). When we accept this gift, we're empowered to extend it to others. Every day, pray together for your children to receive His love and grace.



# TOTUS TUUS

Registration opens  
**April 1st**

**Happening here**  
July 16th - 20th (6th-12th)  
July 17th - 21st (1st-5th)



[www.gidiocese.org/totus-tuus](http://www.gidiocese.org/totus-tuus)

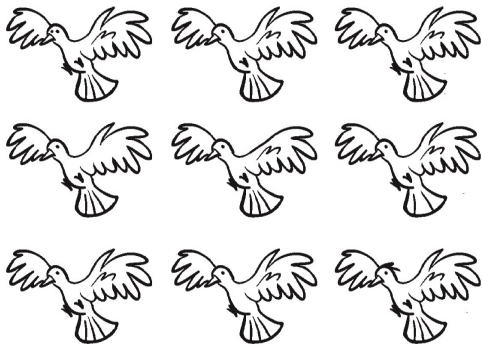
This year Totus Tuus will be held collaborating with Christ the King, Gering. The day program, elementary, will be held at CTK and the middle/high school program will be held at St. Agnes.

**There are a limited number of spots, so register today!**

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Circle the two identical doves!

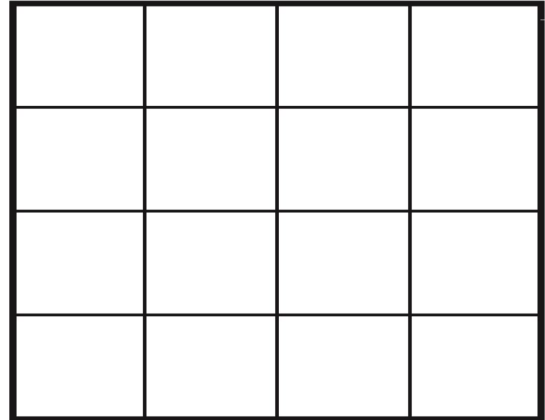
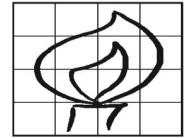


## MISSION

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you forgive others.

## PUZZLE

Enlarge the picture square by square.



## MISSION

When I hurt others, I will say, "I'm sorry. Will you forgive me?"



# School Annual Report



## Connecting Students and Families through Faith 2022 - 2023

### Mission

St. Agnes Catholic School is committed to providing the students an opportunity for academic excellence in the Catholic tradition through a partnership with parents and the parish community. As a Catholic faith-centered community, we commit to helping students develop their potential as conscious and responsible leaders, empowering them to live the Gospel values of love, peace, respect and service in their everyday lives.

### Facility Updates

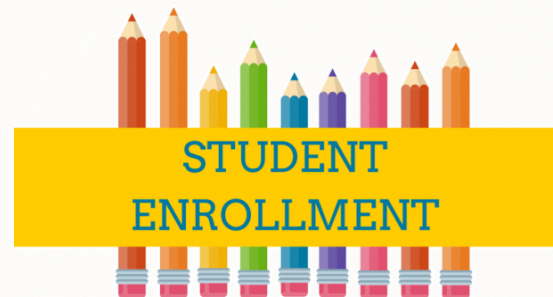
- The gym and school roofs were replaced summer 2022
- Security upgrades continue to be made to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Additional cameras were added to the exterior of the building, Improvements were made to the front and back door security entrances boxes. A paging system that includes speakers throughout the building was installed for drill and communication purposes.
- The main floor boy's bathroom received upgrades.
- The kitchen garbage disposal was replaced.
- Gym upgrades will be made during the summer of 2023. The upgrades made are meant to improve school program and event experiences. 100 new folding chairs and new chair racks have been purchased. The stage curtains and sound system will be replaced this summer. ('23)

\*\*\* The gym upgrades have been made possible courtesy of the paddle auction held at the November Premiere Event. Other generous donors and funds provided from COVID grant monies have allowed for the other major upgrades. We are blessed to have amazing supporters of St. Agnes School. Thanks to all of them.



### Enrollment

<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>22-23</b>	<b>21-22</b>	<b>20-21</b>
Pre-K	20	17	15
Kindergarten	13	22	13
1st Grade	21	15	18
2nd Grade	13	19	14
3rd Grade	17	14	18
4th Grade	15	19	12
5th Grade	17	11	20



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## Demographics Report

Student Demographics								Staff Information			
Grade	Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Indian	Administrator	Teachers	Associates/Paras	Other Staff
PK	11	9	14	6							
K	8	5	7	5	1						
1	10	11	15	4	1	1		1	9	4	2
2	8	5	11	2							
3	8	9	12	2	1	2					
4	4	11	8	4		2	1				
5	8	9	10	6	1						



## Academics

### MAP Testing Scores - Spring 2023

Grade	Math	Norm	Reading	Norm	Language Usage	Norm
1st Grade	179.6	176.40	173	171.40	–	–
2nd Grade	194.3	189.42	188.4	185.27	–	–
3rd Grade	204.2	201.08	202	197.12	203.3	198.32
4th Grade	211.7	210.51	212.9	204.83	210.9	205
5th Grade	220.5	218.75	217.7	210.98	217.9	210.19

MAP® Growth™ measures student performance with a RIT scale. Like centimeters on a ruler, it measures in equal intervals, regardless of a student's grade or performance—and it remains stable over time. This gives an accurate measure of student performance, regardless of whether they're performing on, above, or below grade level. The RIT score is the overall score for a subject based on a Rasch unit (RIT) scale that indicates how a child performed in a subject.

## Curriculum Upgrades

The Language Arts curriculum was replaced and began use in fall of 2021 (*Wonders*).  
 A new math curriculum, *Reveal*, has been adopted and will begin use in fall 2023.  
 A new religion curriculum, *Blest Are We*, has been adopted and will begin use in fall 2023.

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

## Service Projects

St. Agnes School prides itself on God's call to serve others. We strive to complete a number of service projects throughout the year that impact our school, parish and greater community.

## Whole School Projects

- Our yearly penny push raised \$200 and will be given to the Golden Halo Foundation.
- A change war held during Catholic Schools Week raised \$700 for the seminarian support fund.
- Our annual hotdog feed raised \$1400. Gifts for 10 children and \$400 in gift cards were provided to the Gift of Love project.
- Various classes provided entertainment for the Young @ Heart parish group.
- Students led weekend Mass on 2 occasions and will continue to do so quarterly.
- We held 2 food drives benefiting VCNIN Christmas food baskets and Guadalupe's food pantry.

## Student Council Projects

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades have the opportunity to participate in student council where we strive to learn leadership skills and the importance of service to others. A multitude of service projects were completed this year.

- Assisted at Fall dinner
- Weekly trash pick-up of school and parish grounds
- Hosted priesthood Sunday
- Assisted monthly at the soup kitchen
- Assisted with the can sorting for VCNIN food baskets
- Assisted with Knights of Columbus toy wrapping
- Assisted with Salvation Army bell ringing project
- Created cards for nursing home residents



## Learning & Growing

Our school prides itself on providing fun and educational experiences for all our students. A number of extra activities occur to enhance the learning of our students.

- Special Services (Speech/Special Education) provided by SBPS for qualifying students.
- Development of leadership skills using the principles of the Steven Covey program, *Leader In Me*
- Fieldtrips at all grade levels
- Music opportunities that include: band and orchestra at 5<sup>th</sup> grade, the playing of instruments in all grades including: basic rhythm instruments (K-2), percussion instruments (3<sup>rd</sup>) recorders (4<sup>th</sup>), and ukeleles (5<sup>th</sup>).  
Singspirations Show Choir – open to any 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, 2 all school music programs per year.

**\*\*\* This group received the first gold rating for an elementary group at the Old West Choir Fest and were invited to perform in the Best of the Fest nightly showcase.\*\*\***

- Faith Formation includes: Weekly Mass, Vocation Fridays, formal religion instruction, character building programs (Golden Rule & Virtuous Student)
- Family Gatherings include: Mardi Gras Celebration, Literacy Night, Back to School BBQ
- Kickball Tournament
- Holiday Classroom Parties

