



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 24, 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

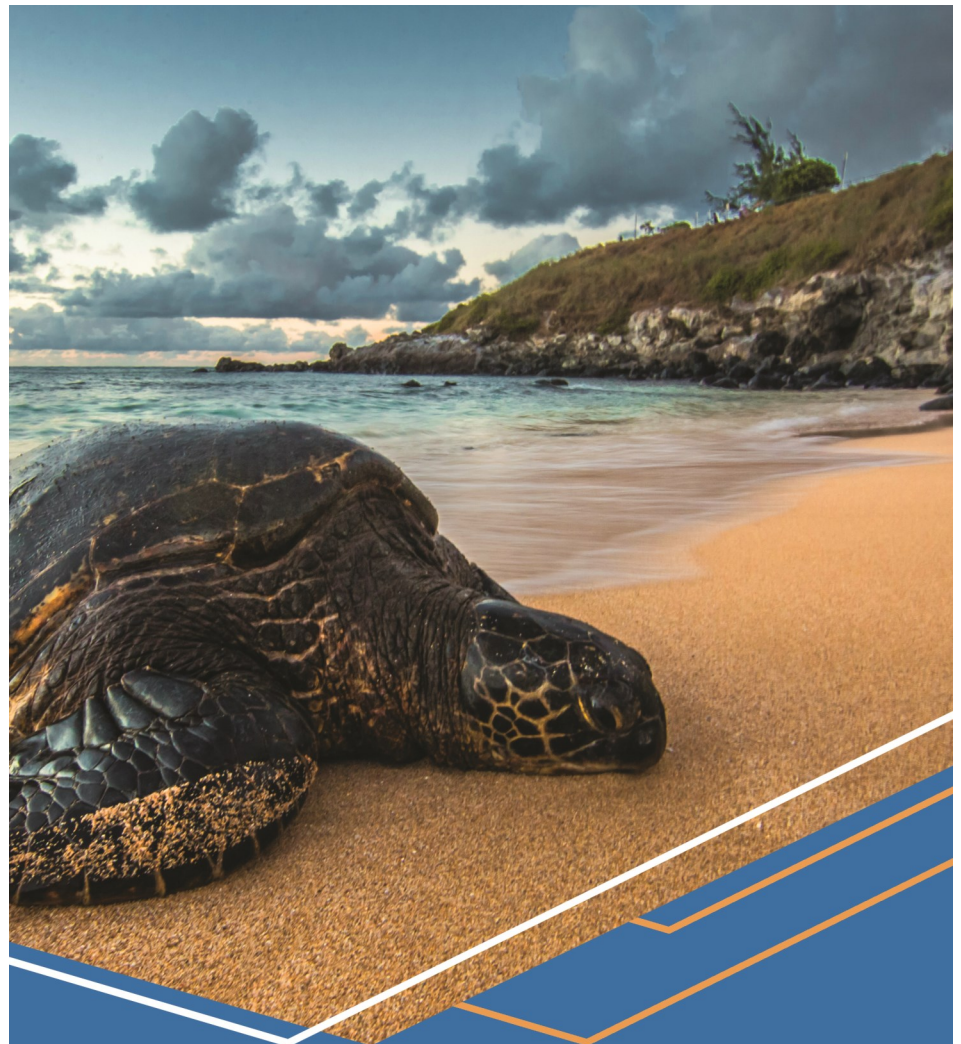
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first, and the first
will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm: 145

Philippians 1:20C-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a



The Lord
is near
to all those
who *call*
upon him.

PSALM 145

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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Invitation to the Vineyard

I have been working since I was 17, and in that time, I've encountered my fair share of bosses who don't like being, well, fair.

There was the retail gig that paid me less than the official minimum wage because I was a minor and scheduled me for long shifts because it meant cheaper labor. There was the restaurant manager who tried to convince me to leave seventh period early so I could waitress on a busy dinner shift (totally illegal, by the way). There was the unpaid internship with the editor who had no sense of work/life balance.

Our resumes are all full of these experiences — it's capitalism, after all. It conditions us to look out for ourselves, because we know no one else will. And it breeds an attitude of suspicion that often blooms into jealousy when we encounter the reckless mercy of God.

Most of us work hard for what we have in this life, and so we make the mistake of thinking we deserve the good things that come our way. That's all right and good when we're talking about a just wage. But sometimes we get our lines blurred and we begin to think we deserve, or have done something to earn, the salvation offered by Christ.

I am not the laborer who has borne the heat of long hours in the sun. I am the straggler, the lost one, the idler at the marketplace as the day draws to a close.

"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts." — Isaiah 55:9

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - by Colleen Jurkiewicz

This Week's Schedule

Monday, September 25, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Bill & Virginia Lissolo by
Michelle Lissolo
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Dick Lessert by Margie Rood
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

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

Thursday, September 28, 2023

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

Friday, September 29, 2023

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Shelly Encinia by Antonio & Rita
Tecson
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Pamela Kablin
Sunday, October 1, 2023
Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Joe Lissolo by Michelle Lissolo
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish

This Week's Readings



Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-2
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-5
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-3

Fr. Konka will be gone for a family visit to India on September 25th and will return on October 28th.

Fr. Neal Nollette and Fr. Deaver will be covering for Fr. Konka while he is in India. Please keep Fr. Konka in your prayers for safe travels.

Please save "Best Choice" bar codes!

The DCCW continues to collect bar codes from "Best Choice" products. The bar codes are turned in for cash and the money is given to help with ongoing clean drinking water projects in Haiti. Please save codes and put in an envelope marked "bar codes" and drop in donation boxes.
Thank you!



Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

September 17, 2023

Actual	\$4135.65
ATW	\$3970.00
Online Giving	\$1198.50
Gen. Church Support	\$1000.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$304.15

September 2023 Totals

Actual	\$14506.39
ATW	\$6465.00
Online Giving	\$3860.50
Gen. Church Support	\$6800.00
Budget	\$30000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1631.89

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

Thank you for your continued giving!

St. Agnes Altar Society Fall Dinner

Sunday, October 8th 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
St. Agnes School Gym

Tickets: Adults - \$10.00; Children 4-10 yrs. - \$5.00; 3 & under - free

Gather for food, fellowship, a 50/50 raffle, and a bake sale. All proceeds of this fundraiser go to enable the Altar Society to provide support for the church and its needs - the building and the people!

This event is not possible without your support! Check your mail for a list of all the help needed and for forms to pre-order your dinner and raffle tickets. Extra forms available at the information centers in the church. Online volunteer signup @

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AAAAD23A7FF2-fall1>

Menu: Turkey & noodles, mashed potatoes, sides and desserts.

Eucharistic Revival
Parish Year 2023-2024

SAVE THE DATES!

OCTOBER 22ND & 23RD

7:00 PM

St . Agnes Garden Room



Sunday, October 22nd
“A Pilgrimage Through the Order of the Mass”

Monday, October 23rd
“The Lectionary and the Roman Missal Together”

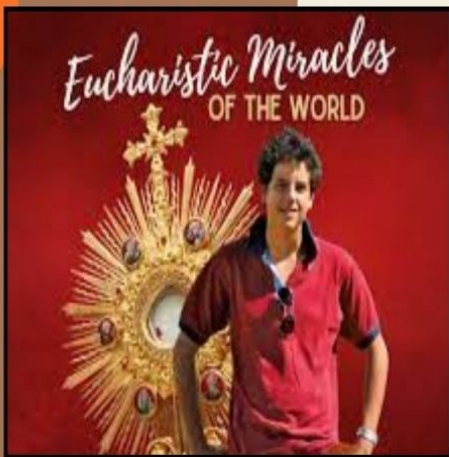
Fr. Joe Hannappel
Pastor of St. James Parish in Kearney

Eucharistic Miracles

Of The World

September 22nd - 27th

St. Agnes Garden Room



- The display features detailed panels highlighting some of the most powerful Eucharistic miracles of the world.
- Each panel tells the story of a Eucharistic miracle and is accompanied by photos and artwork. The panels were selected from 126 recognized accounts that date from as early as the third century.
- The display's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic adoration.

Eucharistic Revival
Parish Year 2023-2024

Sponsored by Spirit Catholic Radio



Knights of
Columbus

What: The Knights of Columbus are hosting an induction of new members.

When: September 24th, Sunday at 11:30 am (Lunch to Follow).

Where: St Agnes Church with Fr. Konka.

Who: If you are a Catholic man and over 18 years old, and never been asked to join, this is your chance to be a member of one of the biggest organizations in the world with over 2 million members.

How: Please call John @615-9429

The Knights of Columbus is hosting their monthly **Breakfast Buffet on October 1st** (First Sunday of the month) from **8 am to 12 pm. \$10 for Adults and \$5 for kids.**

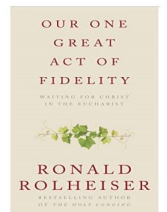
- Free for Freshmen College Students (To welcome College Kids)
- Free for Uniformed Police Officers
- Free for Firefighters

Just a friendly reminder for our Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, September 28th, Thursday. 7 pm to 7:45 pm Meeting, Socials at 7:45 pm to 8:30 pm. Thank you for your cooperation. (The meeting is always the last Thursday of the month).

“Our One Great Act of Fidelity - waiting for Christ in the Eucharist” – an investigation into the ways people secure their faith and belief, and discover true intimacy with God and one another. This is the name of the book we will be using this fall for the Monday evening discussion group. The book was written by Ronald Rolheiser, well known Catholic priest, theologian, columnist, and author. The cost of the book is about \$14.00 and can be found on Amazon and other sites. You just need a book and the commitment to meetings at 7:00pm on Monday evenings this fall. **We will begin on Monday, September 25th in the Garden Room.**

Take a look at the book on the internet. We think it will be a great source of faith for this year and our ongoing focus on the Eucharist and the importance it plays in the life of each of us.

All are welcome.



ST. AGNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



Please use this form to select your nominations for these two prestigious awards. These awards will be presented at the 2023 St. Agnes Premiere Dinner and Auction at the Civic Center in Gering, Nebraska.

Distinguished Alumni Award

This prestigious award is bestowed to a former St. Agnes student in recognition of outstanding achievement through his or her contributions to the arts, business, education, government, humanities, science and philanthropies. The recipient must be an individual who, in deed or action, has brought honor to themselves, to St. Agnes School and to their community.

Nomination Criteria:

◇ Must have attended St. Agnes School ◇ Must be at least 25 years old ◇ Nominee may be deceased

Nominee's Name: _____ Age: _____
 St. Agnes Student: YES _____ NO _____ Attendance Dates: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Qualifications/Achievements: (Please use additional paper.)

Friend of St. Agnes Award

This service award is given in honor and recognition of an individual that has provided extraordinary service through volunteerism and support to St. Agnes School. The recipient can be alumni, faculty, support staff, clergy, parents, parishioners or community members.

Nomination Criteria: ◇ Must be at least 25 years old ◇ Nominee may be deceased

Nominee's Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dedication & Service to St. Agnes: (Please use additional paper.)

Nominator's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

****Return form by October 1, 2023** to:**

St. Agnes School Foundation * PO Box 2214 * Scottsbluff, NE 69363-2214

Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Gospel: *Matthew 20:8-15*

On the Way to Mass:

Have you ever felt jealous of someone for having more than you do? Why?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Why do you think the owner of the vineyard gave the workers who arrived late in the day the same pay as those who arrived early in the day? What does this tell us about God's generosity?

Living the Word:

Today's Gospel reminds us that we are to imitate God's own generosity with others. Sadly, we know that in our world, not everyone has everything they need to flourish. Discuss with your family how some people do not have enough food or a place to live, or do not have adequate wages to provide for their family's needs. Decide on one small action that your family can do toward eradicating those injustices.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*



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Four healthy habits for a new school year

As people of faith, we know that our lasting happiness is found in a relationship with God. Help children develop these four soul-healthy habits in the new school year as a key to finding lifelong joy and lasting fulfillment in God-filled lives:



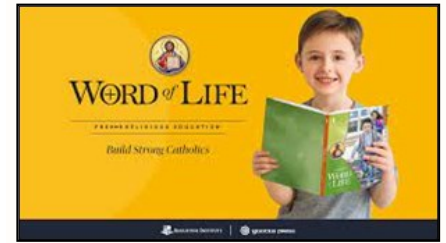
Prudence is a virtue that helps us consider decisions from a practical and Catholic viewpoint — choosing friendships, activities, and entertainment that flow from our Catholic values.

Justice encourages us to give others what they're owed. Attending Sunday Mass is just because we owe God our worship. Others deserve respect because all are made in God's image. Treat everyone with respect, honor, and charity, and children will follow your example.

Fortitude strengthens us to follow Christ faithfully. Model fortitude for your children by offering many saints as role models, helping children spot how God works in your lives, praying aloud together in good times and bad, consulting Scripture prior to acting.

Temperance properly prioritizes our desires. Good food, fashionable clothes, the latest technology are all blessings, but can't be a focus. As an antidote, reserve a day each week for penance — Fridays, from tradition — to help increase appreciation for those blessings. Spend extra time in family prayer, set limits for screens, abstain from meat or favorite foods. We deny ourselves small pleasures so we can appreciate the greatest Gift.

Partners in Faith - September 2023



St. Agnes Religious Education

is raising the bar in Catholic formation. The *Word of Life* curriculum published by Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press will be implemented this Fall.

A New Vision for Catechesis

An authentic catechetical renewal requires new catechetical models that help children, teachers, parents, and families discover their authentic Catholic identity to reinvigorate fruitful participation in the Church's life and mission. The Church needs new catechetical resources to not only provide faithful teaching, we must be able to explain why the faith is relevant in our modern culture.

An Integrated Approach to

Catechesis An engaging and relevant kerygmatic catechesis young learners enjoy through a blended learning model of textbook, online learning interactions, and engaging video enhancements.

State-of-the-art digital components allow young learners and parents to interact with dynamic faith formation materials in the classroom and at home.

An authentic and comprehensive program for children and parents, providing a complete family faith formation with *Word of Life* materials and the expansive digital library of the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press.

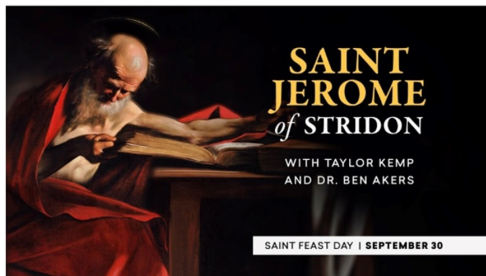
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 24, 2023



Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?



St. Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."



Who Are the Archangels?

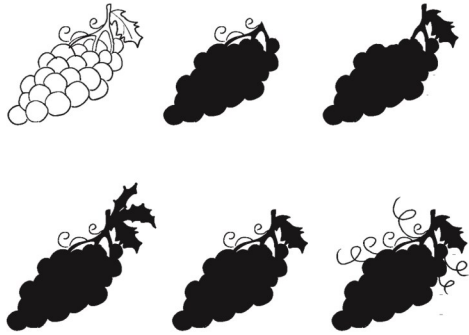
Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

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

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Find the right shadow.

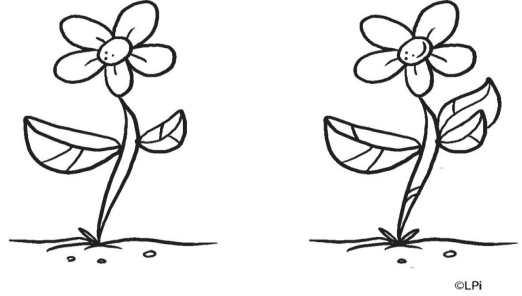


MISSION

I will do chores and give the money that I earn to the poor.

PUZZLE

Find 8 differences.



MISSION

Say a special prayer for each person in your family.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
September 24, 2023



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 26th

Kids Fitness Day - Gr. 3

MAP testing ends

Advisory Co. Meeting - 7:00pm in Learning Center

Wednesday, September 27th

Mass @ 8:15

Planting a Tree With NRD

With the help and guidance of the NRD, 1st grade students enjoyed planning a new tree just outside the PK classroom. The students played an active role in the planting including digging the hole, loosening the roots, planting, watering and mulching the tree and finally staking the tree. What a wonderful learning opportunity for these kids! The NRD did an outstanding job of teaching while letting the kids help. We can't wait to watch our new Japanese Lilac tree develop.



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Classroom News.....

Our Stairway to Heaven

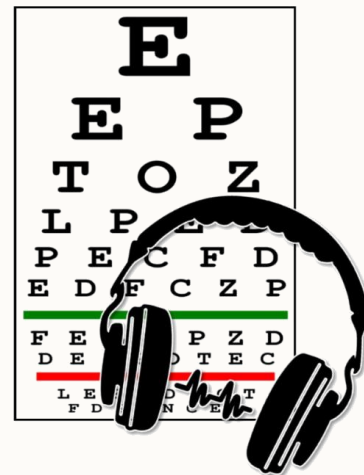
The students returned to school on Monday September 11th to find a wonderful creation had appeared on the stairway to the upstairs. Mrs. Brown calls it – our stairway to Heaven. The words remind us of who and what we are as disciples of the Lord and students at St. Agnes School. A big thank you to Mary Skiles who brought this creation to life.



Vision / Hearing Screenings

St. Agnes PK-5th students had their vision and hearing tested by the Lion's Club mobile unit on Monday, September 18th. Results of the screenings went home with the students.

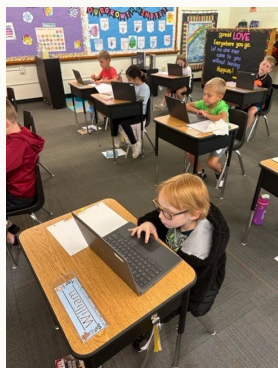
If problems were detected, it is noted on the screening sheet with a RED stamp indicating further testing is needed. Please watch for these screening results and act if further testing is suggested. Past history indicates that these tests are quite accurate.



MAP Testing

1st-5th grade students have had their best thinking caps on as they completed the fall session of MAP testing. These tests provide our teachers with a snapshot of where each student appears to be performing at this point in the school year. It provides information on what areas may need further attention during the course of the school year.

These test results will be provided to parents during P/T conferences in October.



Dot Day

First grade students enjoyed celebrating DOT day on Friday, September 15. They enjoyed learning a song about Dots, but the favored activity was the challenge to use a box of DOTS candy and any number of toothpicks to create the tallest tower possible. Lots of great planning, thinking, changing course and final projects occurred. It was fun watching and listening to their reasoning, encouragement of each other, perseverance and sheer enjoyment. Mrs. Brown was given the privilege to participate and thoroughly enjoyed the activity.



Hot Lunch Menu for September 25th, 2023 - September 29th, 2023

Monday, Sept 25

Hamburger on a bun
Condiments
French Fries
Corn
Peaches

Helpers:

Keleigh Hafner
J & S Hafner

Tuesday, Sept 26

Chicken Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes w/gravy
Steamed Carrots
Grapes

Helpers:

Sheree Verbeck
Aurora Linz

Wednesday, Sept 27

Corn Dog
Baked Beans
Steamed Broccoli
Apples

Helpers:

Andrew Preston
Sarah Preston

Thursday, Sept 28

Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Fresh Chips
Pears

Helpers:

Kika
Andrea Margheim

Friday, Sept 29

Chicken Noodles
Mashed Potatoes w/gravy
Green Salad w/ranch
1/2 Banana

Helpers:

Adam Vath
Hollie Vath

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



Second Grade Class By Lori Svitak



The past five weeks have flown by! The students have adjusted quite well to second grade. We start our day after announcements and prayers with a morning meeting. We talk about calendar events, weather, and review telling time. Our math time starts after that with a review of math concepts using our math bulletin board. Some of the concepts taught during this time are solving word problems, fact families, greater than and less than, arrays, missing addends, money, time, shapes, and decomposing numbers. In our math book, we are learning about place-value to 100.

In science, we are studying plants and animals. One of the topics included in the unit is the life cycles of both. We have made some take-home crafts representing these life cycles.

In reading, we are learning how to take vocabulary tests. This is a new skill that they have not had before. They study eight words and then have to be able to match the correct word to the definition. They are doing great! The stories that we are reading for this unit revolve around families, friendship, and working together. These are perfect topics to cover at the beginning of the year.

One of our STEM activities this month was to see if students could get a gummy lifesaver on a gummy worm using paper clips instead of their fingers. With the help of a friend, they were able to accomplish this task. It was fun to see the ideas and brainstorming going on.

Happy September birthday to Rose Schiff and Natalia Alvariz.



Fifth Grade Class By Lynsey Ayers



The school year is off to a great start and 5th graders are already hard at work and looking forward to all the amazing things that are set to happen in their final year at St. Agnes School.

5th grade brings about lots of responsibilities beyond just our academics. Everyone in the class has trained as a lunchroom helper and is assigned to duty once a week. The majority have also trained to be altar servers and will serve in this role at both school and weekend Masses. Most of the class has taken on the opportunity to participate in band or orchestra and several will be sharing their talents with the Singspirations group and their hearts and hands with the student council. Being the oldest in the school means being ready to set a good example, and this group of students is up to the challenge.

Our classroom studies are keeping us busy. We are enjoying a group novel, *Holes*, and created a diorama of one of the settings. In math, we are working hard to master volume. While in science, we are learning about matter and its different properties. We did a cool science investigation using different properties to identify unknown substances. A highlight in social studies was watching an informative documentary on 9-11. We are excited about our new religion series and the upcoming Discipleship Fridays where we will learn more about the Eucharist.

We are off and running in 5th grade and are ready to let our lights shine bright to make a difference in our school and in the world!

