



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 13, 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

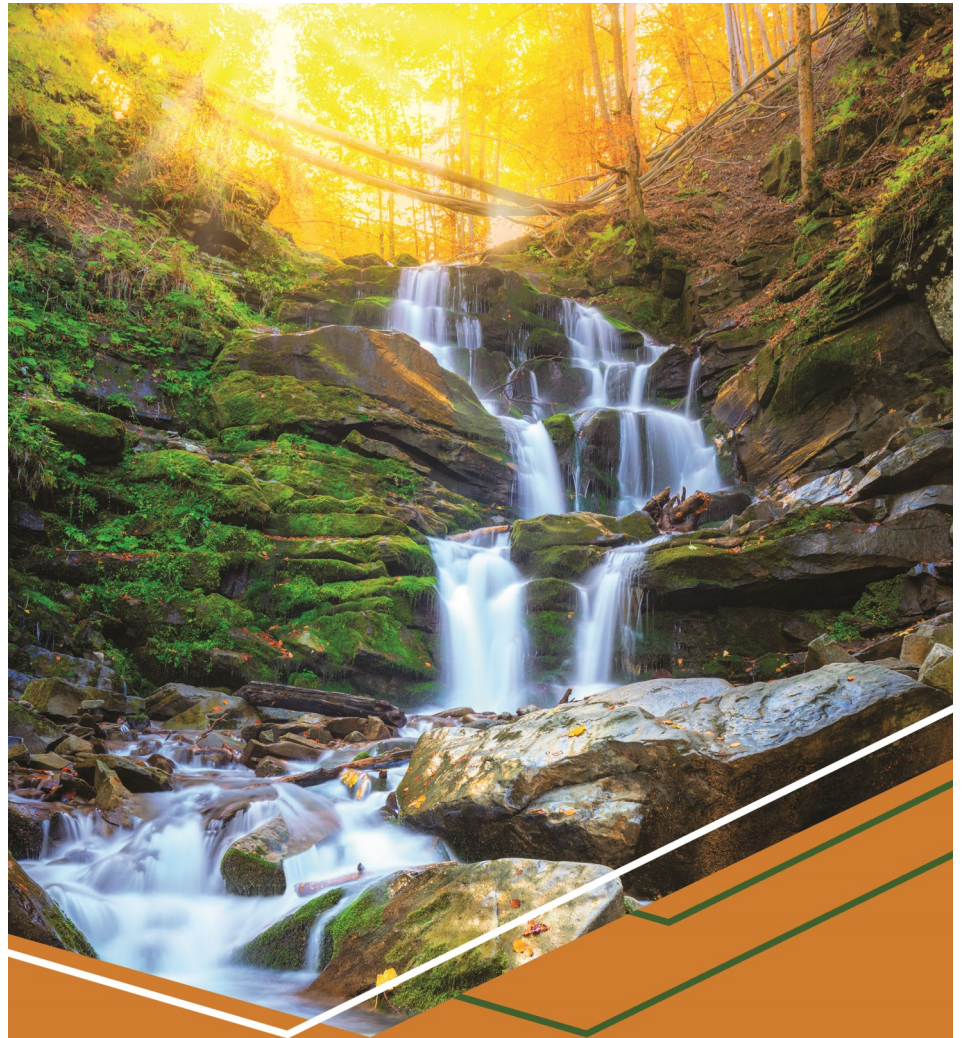
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

- Mk 10:26-27



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Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Today's Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm:90

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30



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The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

2024/25 Diocesan Appeal - Blessed & Grateful: Together on Mission

As the team here at the Diocese considered themes for this year's Diocesan Appeal, the words "Together" and "Mission" came up often in prayer and discussion. These words seem fitting as we are in the mission phase of the National Eucharistic Revival.

This historic revival was celebrated this past summer with a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage across the United States that included four Eucharistic procession routes, traveling in the shape of a cross. In our Diocese, events were held along the St Junipero Serra route in Kimball, Sidney, Ogallala, North Platte, Lexington, and Grand Island. Christ Himself, present in the most Holy Eucharist, spent eight days in our Diocese during this pilgrimage. It felt as if Christ was calling those of us in Central and Western Nebraska to more. He is calling you and I higher!

As we developed the materials for the Diocesan Appeal this year the idea of "Together on Mission" led us to create posters with people from across our Diocese of different ages and backgrounds participating in the mission of the Church. I would like to draw your attention to one photo in particular, the baby in the lower right-hand corner of the poster.

Oscar Erives, a member of our team here at the Diocese, was taking pictures at the Cathedral in Grand Island during Ash Wednesday services. Little did he know that this precious photo would culminate in a miraculous story that unfolded during Lent.

Baby Elle was born in October 2023. Doctors immediately discovered she had two holes near her precious little heart; a moderate sized one and a smaller hole near her aorta, in an area where the holes don't often close. Baby Elle's parents were told if the holes indeed did not close, heart surgery would be necessary, likely around age two. As you can imagine, requests for prayers soon circulated. Prayer warriors went to work.

On Holy Thursday, Baby Elle's cardiologist performed an EKG and echocardiogram and discovered that both holes had somehow closed, and she was perfectly healthy! The doctor said it was a rare occurrence and a remarkable turnaround in such a short period of time. Baby Elle's parents and grandparents called it their Easter miracle.

That photo represents so much about our faith. It represents hope. It represents the future of our Church. It speaks to the power of prayer. We hope it inspires you as much as it has inspired us.

Prayer is powerful. Passing our faith on to the next generation is a necessity. Being together on a mission is how it is accomplished.

I invite you to join us *Together on Mission* by prayerfully considering a gift to this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Greg Fisher
Director of Operations
Diocese of Grand Island

This Week's Schedule

Monday, October 14, 2024

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

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Buford & Benny Williams
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: Nancy VanHorn (health) by The Windhorst Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Clay Hort by Connie McDonnough
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, October 18, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Reathy Montague by Lynda Montague
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: For Our Parish

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: Paul Pieper by The Songco Family
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: Yvonne Hill by Lynda Montague

This Week's Readings



Monday Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—
5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a
and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44,
45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and
6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-
11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-
5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-
19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-
16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-
45

Server Schedule

Oct 19 5pm Havynn Urdiales
Easton Hill

Oct 20 8am John V. Songco
Emily Esselstein

10:00am Holly Polk
Nina Polk

Lector Schedule

Oct 19 5pm Kathleen Roehl

Oct 20 8am David Nash

10:00am Mark Loose

Rosary Leader Schedule

Oct 19 5pm Carmen Trevino

Oct 20 8am Toni Warburton

10:00am Jackie Seymour

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

October 2024 Totals

Actual	\$6079.75
ATW	\$3695.00
Online Giving	\$975.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$750.25

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for
World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your continued giving!

World Mission Sunday

2024

Next Sunday, October 20th is World Mission Sunday. This is a unique opportunity for us to support the Church's mission work in over 1,150 territories worldwide. Our prayers and contributions help build churches, train clergy, and provide essential services to those in need. Please consider how you can participate and give generously next week.

IT'S CHILI SEASON!

ST. AGNES ALTAR SOCIETY FALL DINNER

PLEASE JOIN US!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

5:30-8:30PM

ST. AGNES SCHOOL GYM

UNLIMITED CHILI AND ALL YOUR FAVORITE TOPPINGS!

CINNAMON ROLLS OF COURSE. HOTDOGS. YOUR KIDS WILL BE HAPPY TOO! COFFEE, TEA, LEMONADE, BEER

\$10.00 PER PERSON
\$50 PER FAMILY OF 5 OR MORE
\$5 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

BAKE SALE AND 50 / 50 RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR ONLY



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
ST. AGNES SCHOOL GYM

30 OCTOBER





Mark your calendars!

Daily Mass times will be permanently changing from 7:00 am to 8:15 am beginning Monday, November 4th. This change is being made due to St. Agnes student parents wanting to be able to attend weekday mass. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office to visit with Fr. Konkra.

The Journey of Grief

Sundays
October 13,20,27 &
November 10,17,24

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
St Agnes Church
2314 Third Avenue
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

(Come in the South Door—Proceed to Garden Level)

Everyone is Welcome

Contact:
Ellen Ramig at 308-631-0811
Stephanie Upp at 308-631-0645

Discussion will be based on Doug Manning’s Video Series—“The Journey of Grief”. His presentation about the grief journey is captured in a personal way with practical advice. Sit with others who are grieving as he discusses the elements of the grief experience, the important aspects of a healthy approach to grieving and what grief companions can do to be a helpful part of the journey.

SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

For He Is Gentle & Humble of Heart

**Creighton University
Retreat Center
November 7-10, 2024**



“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:29)

Our time will be spent seeking the grace to recognize, savor and yoke ourselves to the gentle and nurturing love of God. Lori will present reflections and offer a variety of ways to sink into a deeper conversation with God through Ignatian Contemplation, nature, poetry, and other forms of prayer. This 3-day silent retreat offers abundant time for enjoying the rhythms of quiet reflection and prayer, wandering in nature, journaling, and other creative expressions.

There will also be opportunities to celebrate the Eucharist, meet with a spiritual director and participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meals as well as the rest of the days will be in *prayerful silence*.



Lori Stevens, holds a MA in Christian Spirituality & is a Certified Spiritual Director. She is a lifelong learner and retreat leader, who delights in accompanying others on their journey to God. Lori is actively involved with the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City teaching Ignatian Spirituality, guiding individuals through the Spiritual Exercises and offering group retreats.

The retreat cost is based on single occupancy and includes meals—\$425

Check-in Thursday between 4:00 –5:00 p.m.

The retreat concludes Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is requested at registration. Register by scanning the code or on-line at <https://www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats>



Creighton University Retreat Center
16493 Conrail Ave | Griswold, IA 51535 | 712.778.2466 | curc@creighton.edu



Knights of Columbus

What a great turn out for our first **Monthly Breakfast Buffet** of the fall season. The project brings our community together with good food and great fellowship.

Thank you for your continuous support of our local Knights of Columbus projects.



PIC-COLLAGE

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 2024 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 25, 2024 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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 10:17-22

On the Way to Mass:

Imagine you were able to have a conversation with Jesus today. What would you ask him?

On the Way Home From Mass:

What stopped the young man from following Jesus? How did that make him feel?

Living the Word:

As a family, give to those in need this week. Consider shopping for groceries for a food pantry or making donations to a clothing closet. Teach your children how to give up items in good condition that they would want to play with or wear.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2024-2025*

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St. Agnes Catholic Church

Live the Little Way of St. Thérèse this month

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (October 1) discovered that even the smallest acts, when done with



great love, bring joy to God and help us grow in holiness — even something as simple as picking up a thread from the ground. This month, consider encouraging children to “pick up” any of these small, loving threads together.

Rise and shine. When your alarm goes off, rise up immediately with purpose and offer your day to God.

Honor His name. Whenever you hear the name of God or Jesus, bow your head in respect. Let it be a simple reminder of His presence in your life.

Be a thoughtful listener. Resist the urge to interrupt when someone’s speaking, and show you’re fully engaged by making eye contact. Your attentiveness can be a quiet act of love.

Commit to what you do. St. Josemaría Escrivá said it best, “Do what you ought, and put yourself into what you are doing.” Whether it’s a big task or a small one, give it your full attention and effort.

Spread kindness daily. Start small, like offering someone else the best piece of a treat before taking one for yourself.

Embrace gratitude. Thank God each day for what you have, even when life feels difficult. Gratitude, even in hard times, is a courageous and beautiful act of love.

Partners in Faith - October 2024



The Hallow App - Just in time to celebrate the month of the Rosary, October, Hallow will be available to all RE and School families. Now you can pray the Rosary this month using the Hallow App in your car or at home! And this is just the beginning of what is offered on the Hallow App.



Our Religious Education Program and School has partnered with

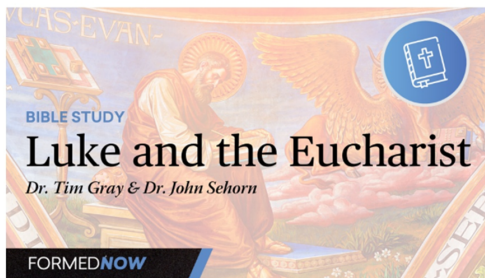
Hallow this year as a way to intentionally bring God into the lives of our students and teachers - not only in the classroom, but all the time! Please look for an email inviting your family to sign-up for the App, free!

Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app with over 5,000 sessions to choose from. The content inside the app ranges from daily meditations, traditional prayers, Bible stories for sleep, kids and family prayers, mental health meditations, music, and so much more.



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of October 13, 2024



Luke and the Eucharist

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they dive into the joy of the Eucharist as found in the Gospel of St. Luke the Evangelist.



Persecution and Defense | The Early Christians | Episode 3

Christians are attacked by the imperial authorities, by the public opinion through slander, and by pagan intellectuals. How did they react? Not with violence, but by conquering minds and hearts. This was achieved mainly by the shining figures of the Apostolic Fathers, building stones of the Christian tradition. Special focus on the danger of Gnosticism, and the Apocryphal writings. Who were the Apologist Fathers? How was their dialogue with the pagan culture?



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

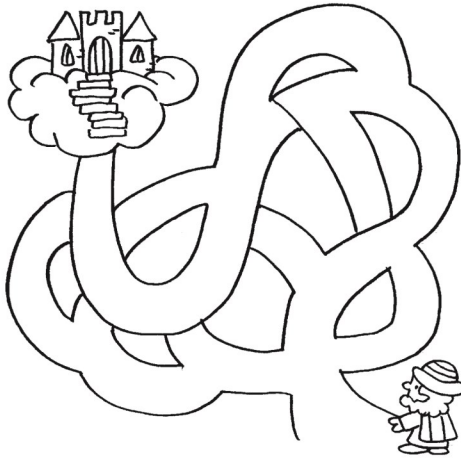
Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

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

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Help the disciple find the kingdom.

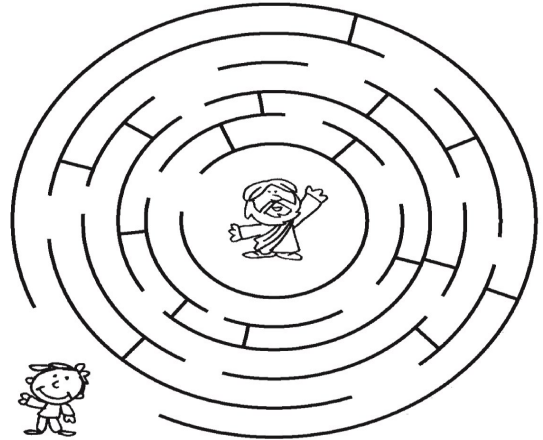


MISSION

With difficult jobs, I will say, "I can do this with God's help."

PUZZLE

Help this child find Jesus.



MISSION

Make a list of things that are special to you. If God asked you to give away your favorite toy or game to someone who's poor, could you do it? Be honest with God, and ask him to help you love him more than anything.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
October 13, 2024



Upcoming Events

Monday, October 15th

Flu Shot Clinic - 3:15 in Library

Wednesday, October 16th

Mass @ 8:15

4th Grade Tools & Technology Fieldtrip

12:15

Thursday, October 17th

End of 1st Quarter

Friday, October 18th

NO SCHOOL



September Virtuous Students

The first Virtuous students of the month were honored at an assembly held on Thursday Oct. 3rd in the school gym. 5th grader, Isaac Ramirez and 4th grader Catalina Varela were chosen by staff members as the September Virtuous students of the month. Grand Knight, John Songco, was on hand to present the awards to these two deserving students.



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Leader In Me Students of the Month

Be proactive was the September Leader in Me habit. Students who have mastered this habit, understand that they are in charge of themselves and don't blame others when things go wrong.

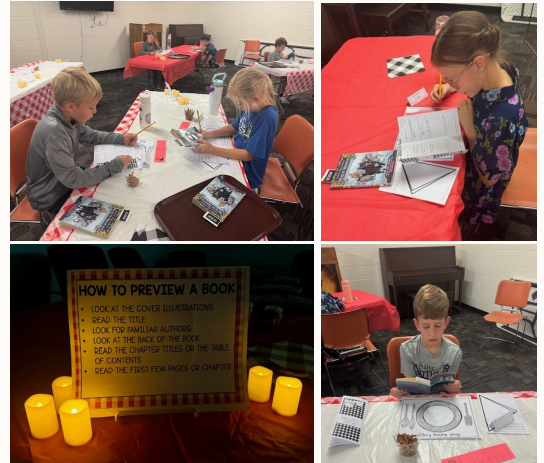
They have a can do attitude and work to do the right thing at all times.

Students recognized are:
 Corinn Covalt (PK),
 Reid Colwell (K),
 Bryn Calvert (1st),
 Riley Windhorst (2nd),
 Natalia Alvizar (3rd),
 Lewis Merrigan (4th), and
 Logan Smith (5th).
 Congratulations to these students.



4th grade Book Tasting

4th grade students gathered in Mrs. Becker's "restaurant" to experience their first "book tasting" of the year. They were presented with 5 novels to review and rate after taking just a short glimpse at each. The students then ranked their top 3 choices. This will guide Mrs. Becker as she places them in their first book club of the year.



Blessing of the Pets

St. Agnes students celebrated the Feast of St. Francis on Friday, October 4th with the annual Blessing of the Pets ceremony. This beloved celebration invites families to bring their furred, feathered and scaly pets to receive a special blessing from Father Konka.

Animals of all varieties received a blessing and special medal.



A Visit to the Pumpkin Patch

Pre-K and kindergarten students enjoyed a visit to the BE Farm Pumpkin patch on the beautiful fall afternoon of October 2nd. The students were able to pick a pumpkin and enjoyed playing in the Farm Yard where they enjoyed playing a variety of games and activities. Thanks to the parents who provided transportation for this event. The students had a wonderful time!



Hot Lunch Menu for October 14th, 2024 - October 18th, 2024

Monday, Oct 14

Sloppy Joe
 Baked Beans
 Sun Chips
 Peaches

Helpers:
 Katy Marshall
 Felicia Gorden

Tuesday, Oct 15

Super Nachos
 Spanish Rice
 Black Beans
 Mandarin Oranges

Helpers:
 Kristin Gauthier
 Gauthier Family

Wednesday, Oct 16

Cheese Baked Spaghetti
 Spinach Salad
 Garlic Toast
 Apples

Helpers:
 Mayra Lara
 Jackie Dutkiewicz

Thursday, Oct 17

Chicken Nuggets
 French Fries
 Corn
 Pears

Helpers:
 Jody Windhorst
 Ashlee Wilson

Friday, Oct 18

NO SCHOOL

Helpers:

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



Kindergarten Class By Teri Ramirez



Let Autumn Begin!

We made it through August and September with flying colors! Now, we are on our way to October fun! Bring on the pumpkins, cooler weather, and beautiful colors of the season!

In kindergarten, a way that I like to get to know my students is to have a Wise Owl of the Week. One student is picked each week to share about themselves and their family. They get to bring in various items they collect, books they love, and their favorite snack to share with the class.

All our days are exciting, but we have a few days that are spectacular! We will have bat day coming up, and this is one of my favorites. Students will learn about nocturnal animals and get to experience the habitat of bats when the room is transformed into a bat cave. We will also celebrate the 50th day of school with a 50's party.

We also had our first field trip to the BE Farms Pumpkin Patch, and the kids had a blast! They went through the corn maze, jumped on the trampoline pad, did pumpkin bowling, the duck race, and bike track. Then they all got to pick a pumpkin to take home.

I am really enjoying this time of the year because I feel like this is when we are really getting into our groove. Routines are going, small groups have started, and learning is in progress! I can't wait to see how each child will grow. Teaching kindergarten is truly my happy place!



Third Grade Class By Meghan Calvert



October is flying by and so is the first quarter of school! Third grade is rocking their transition to the top floor of the school. It has been so fun to see them learn and grasp new concepts as well as grow in their confidence. They have been using their growth mindset tools to overcome any challenge that comes up in class.

This month we have been working on positive affirmations and being kind to ourselves. Each student picked 10 positive affirmations to write on a list. We use these affirmations to help build us up when we have any self-doubt in our abilities. It is another growth mindset tool that they can continue to use as they get older.

This month we got to lead school Mass and we had our first field trip as 3rd graders, 3rd Grade Wellness Day, formerly known as Kids Fitness Day. This is a very fun and active field trip. The students rotate through different stations and learn how to take care of their health. This year's stations included blender bikes, move it and groove it, anti-bullying, healthy portions, kickball and bootcamp with Trooper Flick, just to name a few.

The students have been learning about Hispanic Heritage month and did an art unit about Frida Kahlo. The students created their own self-portraits with nature backgrounds and other elements they loved just as Frida did in her art. As well, we will be creating our collaborative wings in the coming week.

This next month we will be learning about the first Millennial Saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis. Blessed Carlo stated "the Eucharist is the highway to Heaven," which I believe is a beautiful motto for the students to live by. We will be digging deeper into his life and how he believed anyone could be a saint. Blessed Carlo has been approved for canonization and should be proclaimed a saint in 2025.

