



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 6, 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

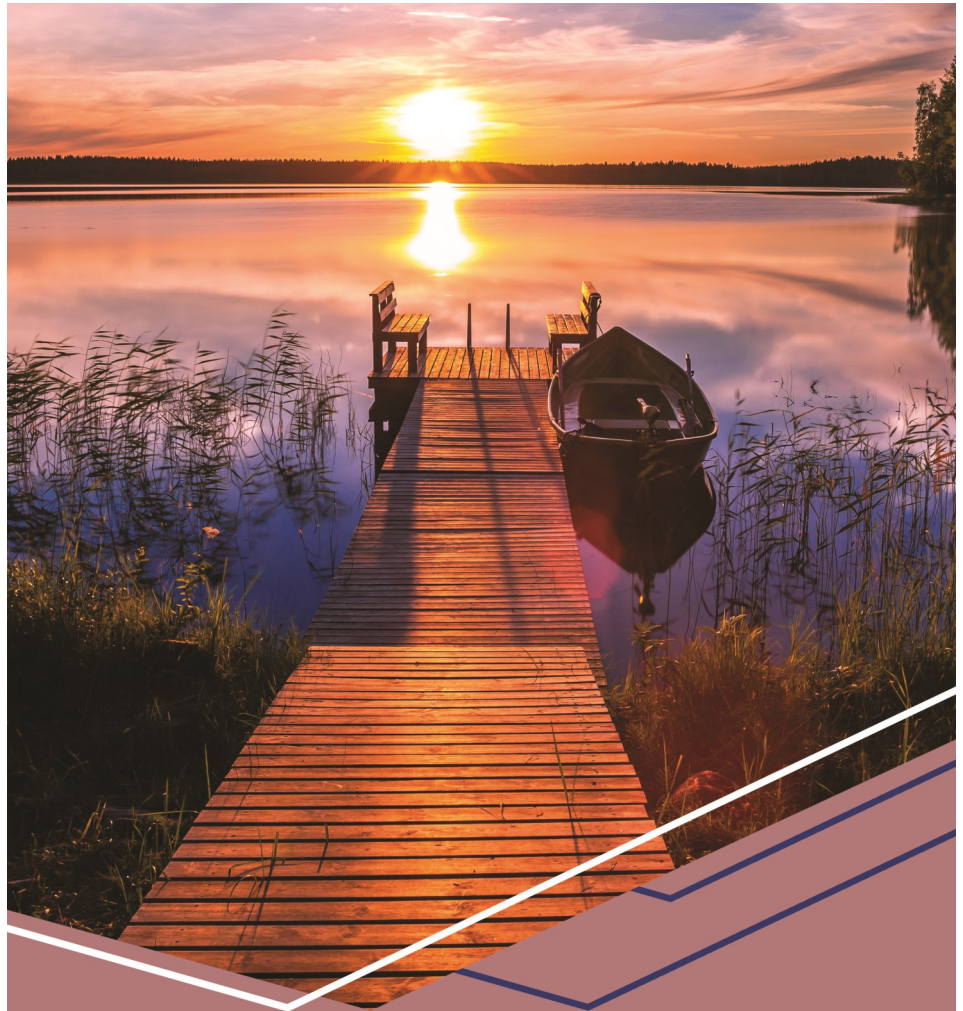
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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Saint Agnes
Catholic Church
Today's Readings

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms:128

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16



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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



Office of
the Bishop

CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF GRAND ISLAND

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Dear Priests, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Grand Island,

As Catholics, our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to exercise our moral responsibility on social and political issues. While involvement in politics can sometimes be perceived in a negative light, we know that Jesus has come to redeem every aspect of our lives, including our political order. He has called each of us to bear His light in the public square, and to strive for a just and good society.

As we approach this upcoming election cycle, we are called to inform our consciences on the candidates running for public office and understand the issues we will vote on, and to make good moral decisions. We do this rooted in our love of Jesus and the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Among the issues on the upcoming ballot, Nebraskans are facing an election of historic proportions on the issue of abortion. Two competing constitutional amendment initiatives have been approved for placement on the ballot, and our votes on these matters will mean the difference between life and death in our state.

Initiative 439 is a proposal that would insert a right to late-pregnancy abortion in our state constitution. I am urging all Nebraskans, especially Catholics, to vote AGAINST Initiative 439. The proposal uses vague and abstract terms that would expand elective abortions well into the second and third trimester. It also risks eliminating fifty years of widely supported and common-sense health and safety laws intended to protect women and babies from unsafe and coercive abortion practices. Initiative 439 creates a culture of abortion that is simply un-Nebraskan.

In contrast, Initiative 434 was launched by medical professionals to provide some baseline protections in the state constitution for unborn babies beginning in the second and third trimester. While imperfect in its protection for all babies, this proposal provides an important step forward in safeguarding Nebraska laws enacted to ensure the health and safety of women and babies. I am asking Catholics to vote FOR Initiative 434, especially as a defense against the morally problematic Initiative 439.

As early voting begins in the coming weeks, please take some time to learn more about why Initiative 439 would be bad for Nebraska. You can do so by visiting www.voteAGAINST439.com. I also call Catholics to take courageous action. Defeating Initiative 439 will take more than a Bishop's letter; it will take each and every one of us talking to family, friends, fellow parishioners and Nebraskans and urging them to also vote AGAINST Initiative 439.

As with all things, we rely on God's help and ask for the Blessed Mother's intercession for the protection of Nebraska's women and babies.

I am sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. +Joseph G. Hanefeldt
Bishop of Grand Island

This Week's Schedule

Monday, October 7, 2024

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

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Daily Mass (8:00am)
Intention: †Benny & †Buford Williams by
Connie Kirchner
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: Seven Sisters Apostolate by The
Seven Sisters
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Gilbert Ramirez
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, October 11, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †John Burns by The Songco
Family
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

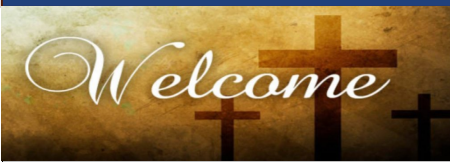
Saturday, October 12, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Buford & †Benny Williams by
Gene & Mari Schwarzkopf

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: Paul Pieper by The Songco
Family
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish

This Week's Readings



Monday Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Server Schedule

Oct 12 5pm Regan Schiff
 Coraline Hill
 Oct 13 8am Carson Windhorst
 Yvonne Kreiling
 10:00am Charlotte Lewis
 Connelly Ascherl

Lector Schedule

Oct 12 5pm Carmen Trevino
 Oct 13 8am Toni Warburton
 10:00am Chuck Schwartz

Rosary Leader Schedule

Oct 12 5pm Diana Rohrick
 Oct 13 8am JoAnn Nash
 10:00am NOT FILLED

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

September 30, 2024

Actual	\$4368.87
Online Giving	\$1345.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$4285.63

September 2024 Totals

Actual	\$22567.77
ATW	\$7715.00
Online Giving	\$5846.50
Gen. Church Support	\$10000.00
Budget	\$50000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$3870.73

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

Thank you for your continued giving!

The Journey of Grief

Sundays

October 6,13,20,27 & 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

The Journey of Grief is a six session program designed to aid the healing process of grief.



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



Knights of Columbus



We had a great turn out for our annual **St. Agnes Parish Picnic**. Everyone enjoyed good company and good food blessed by Fr. Konka. The children enjoyed several games as well and the smiles on the kids were priceless. It was a perfect sunny day for the event. Thank you everyone to all that attended the event. Special thanks to the Seymour family for bringing their BBQ Grills and cooking (with the Gould's). Also, to the Wylie and Lessert family for preparing the meat and supplies. And to Joseph Pieper for leading the games for the Children.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET THIS SUNDAY

Knights of Columbus Council #2681 will be hosting their monthly breakfast buffet on Sunday, October 6th from 8:00 am till noon. This is an all-you-eat buffet. Adults are \$10.00 per person and children are \$5.00 each. Carry-out is available.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Agnes Monday Evening Discussion Group

This year's discussion group began on Monday, September 9th. We meet at 7:00pm every Monday evening in the Garden Room and we will continue to meet into the Spring of 2025.



The group is using the DVD series on "The Holy Land Revealed." This course covers the ancient history of the geographic area that includes modern Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian territories. The time span begins with the First Temple period (ca. 960 B.C.) and goes through the Second Temple period, the time of Jesus.

In mid-November to mid-December, the group will read and discuss a book by Amy Ekeh entitled "Advent: Season of Divine Encounter."

Beginning in January, the group will study "The Gospel According to Luke" as the Sunday readings for the 2025 Liturgical Year will focus on the Gospel of Luke.

The only cost is for any books that an individual might want to purchase. Each session lasts approximately for one and half hours. The discussion group is eager for more people to join. All are welcome! Questions -- contact Kathleen Roehl 632-7407

SAVE THE DATE

2024 ST AGNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION PREMIERE



Friday, November 22, 2024

Gering Civic Center
Details to follow

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St Agnes Altar Society is preparing for our Fall Dinner Chili Feed on October 12th. This is our only fundraiser and with the money raised we help with the needs of our church building and community. In recent years, we have helped fund the church pew reupholstery and replaced the carpet in the Garden Room. We would appreciate your help in either volunteering your time or food items needed to make our chili feed and bake sale a success!

To sign up please scan the QR code below



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: *Mark 10:2-9, 13-16*

On the Way to Mass:

Do you think grownups and children pray in the same way? What are some differences? How do you like to pray?

On the Way Home From Mass:

I wonder how it felt to be one of the children Jesus embraced and blessed. What would you have said to him?

Living the Word:

As often as you can (maybe at dinner or before bed), let your children lead the family in prayer. If this isn't your regular practice, it might take a few times to break through any hesitancy or shyness. Early on, you could model a simple prayer like "Dear Jesus, I loved the sunshine today." Encourage them gently and treat their prayers as reverently as you would an adult's.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2024-2025*

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Parish Website
www.st-agnes-church.com

myParish App
In the App Store on your phone or tablet

Facebook
St. Agnes Catholic Church

Parent Talk:

Sunday Mass is non-negotiable. After Tessa turned ten years old, getting her to attend Mass on Sundays became a challenge. She loves Communion but said the rest of the Mass is boring and resists going. We frequently wrestled to get there on time. However, weekly Mass is non-negotiable in our household. So, how could I help her love it as much as I do?



I thought we would try different Masses. We usually go to the 9:00am Sunday

Mass because the priest is very kind and delivers inspiring homilies. However, at the 5:30pm Saturday vigil Mass, children are involved in the readings and act as ushers. Tessa found that appealing.

Now, we take turns choosing the Mass we attend. When it's Tessa's turn, she always picks the children's Mass because she enjoys lecturing, ushering and handing out bulletins afterward. The joy and grace she receives from participating in Mass, rather than resisting it, are invaluable.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics say "Amen" at the end of prayers?

In Hebrew, the word "amen" shares the same root as the word "believe," and expresses trustworthiness and faithfulness.

Jesus sometimes said the word "Amen," twice in a row to emphasize the trustworthiness of His teaching. For example, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). When we say "amen," we express our faith that God will hear our prayers.



Partners in Faith - September 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 06, 2024



Paint By Heart | Benjamin Cello | Episode 5

Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the heart! The beauty of painting takes center stage as Giovanni Angelico or "Mr. Gelly" teaches Benjamin Cello and his friends how to "paint by heart".



The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.



I Am Who I Am | Lectio: God | Episode 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the capital and lowercase letters. Then color the pictures.

 Hh | Ee Hh Rr

 Bb | Ll Ii Bb

 Jj | Uu Jj Ee

MISSION

If I am angry, I will walk away, pray, and go back to make peace.

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

Jesus	husband	divorce
Moses	wife	papers
law	married	joined

Jssue	<u>J</u> <u>e</u> <u>s</u> <u>u</u> <u>s</u>
marrdie	— — — — —
dvrccioe	— — — — —
Mssoe	— — — — —
hsbndua	— — — — —
jndoie	— — — — —
wfie	— — — — —
lwa	— — — — —
pprsae	— — — — —

MISSION

Pray for kids you know who have been hurt because their parents are not living with each other. Ask God to heal their broken hearts.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
October 6, 2024



Upcoming Events

Monday, October 7th

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 8th

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 9th

Mass @ 8:15

5th Grade WET fieldtrip

Friday, October 11th

Lion's Club Vision & Hearing Screenings

September 2024 100 CLUB WINNERS

\$200: Scott/Sharon Bird; **\$100:** Jordan/Tiann Colwell, Brooke Tran, Sandy Butcher; **\$65:** Steven/Tia Alvizar; **\$50:** Barbara Calvert, Mark/Marsha Neiferdt, Steve Larson, Steven Klass/Tara Longoria, Troy/Carol Herman, Diane Anderson, Peter Wylie

Receiving Baptism

First grader, Mehlani Garcia, and her younger brother Bobby received the sacrament of Baptism following the Children's Mass on Sunday, September 29th. Congratulations to Mehlani and her family. May you be filled with God's grace.



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Celebrating Priesthood Sunday

St. Agnes students led the 10:00 Mass on September 29th. Children from various grades handled all the ministries including: lectors, cantors, altar servers, greeters, ushers and choir members.

Father Konka was honored for Priesthood Sunday and the congregation was invited to help him celebrated 35 years in the priesthood at a doughnut reception following Mass.



A Visit From Diocesan Superintendent

Diocesan superintendent, Jordan Engle, visited St. Agnes on Friday, September 26th. He came bearing a donation for our scholarship fund. A generous trust fund through the diocese, continues to provide each of our diocesan Catholic Schools with funds for Catholic students. The \$15875 we received is helping 6 students with scholarship. We are extremely grateful for this support.

Discipleship Friday

The first Discipleship Friday was held on Friday, September 27th. Dressed in our new, colorful t-shirts, the students excitedly gathered to learn this years theme – The Marvelous Mystery – The Mass comes alive. Some well known detectives led 5 stations where students learned about the day's virtue – patience and about how what happens in the Mass is a Mystery. The students enjoyed a fun afternoon of music, prayer, snack, activity and art before closing with a fun skit and dance party. We look forward to learning more about the Mass as we experience our monthly Discipleship Fridays.



Hot Lunch Menu for October 7th, 2024 - October 11th, 2024

<u>Monday, Oct 7</u>	<u>Tuesday, Oct 8</u>	<u>Wednesday, Oct 9</u>	<u>Thursday, Oct 10</u>	<u>Friday, Oct 11</u>
<p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Peaches</p>	<p>Cheese Baked Spaghetti Spinach Salad Garlic Toast Apples</p>	<p>Mac & Cheese Broccoli Carrots Oranges</p>
<p>Helpers:</p>	<p>Helpers:</p>	<p>Helpers: Kristen Bauer Cassie Meza</p>	<p>Helpers: Toni Warburton Tiah Alvizar</p>	<p>Helpers: Robin Dendinger Susan Young</p>

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



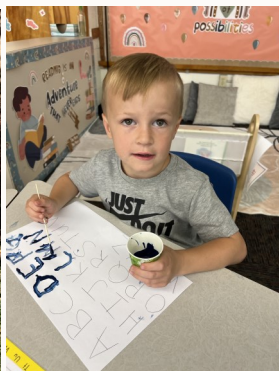
Pre-K Class By Nicole Boness



Pre-K just finished their apple unit. They enjoyed, trying different apples, applesauce, apple jelly, and apple juice. They learned different parts of an apple, how they grow, and got make their own apple to hang out in the hallway.

Next, we will be starting our fall Unit. We will be going on a couple of nature walks to gather leaves and look at different trees. They will then make their own collage of the items they gather to signify the different aspects of fall. We will be learning about different types of trees, talking about the weather changing and about the different colors of leaves.

Pre-K will continue to work on cutting, drawing people and writing their names. I can't believe we are almost done with our 1st quarter of school. It is going by so fast. These kids have learned so much and have continued to grow socially with one another. In the upcoming weeks we will be learning about pumpkins, going to the pumpkin patch in Bayard, and making some fun Halloween crafts in class.



Second Grade Class By Lori Svitak



September has come and gone! We are supposed to be in the season of autumn but it still feels like summer!

We have been busy in all subjects. In math, we are finishing Unit 3. During this unit we learned about arrays, skip counting, even and odd numbers, patterns and solving simple story problems. Our next unit, we will talk about part-part whole and two ways to solve addition and subtraction problems.

We enjoyed celebrating and learning about Johnny Appleseed. Outside our room is a wall full of apple math projects. We did apple graphing with red, green, and yellow apples. We tasted the three kinds and graphed our favorite in our class. The green apple was the winner. We also had a tasting party with many kinds of apple products. Some of those were apple butter, cider, pie, suckers, and apple cereal to name a few.

In art, we tried our hand at simple weaving. Mrs. Ascherl helped us make the beautiful owls located in the hallway.

Mr. Polk is helping our class learn how to use the IXL programs on the chrome books. The students look forward to him coming to our room.

Happy Birthday to Graham Jenkins.

