



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 19, 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

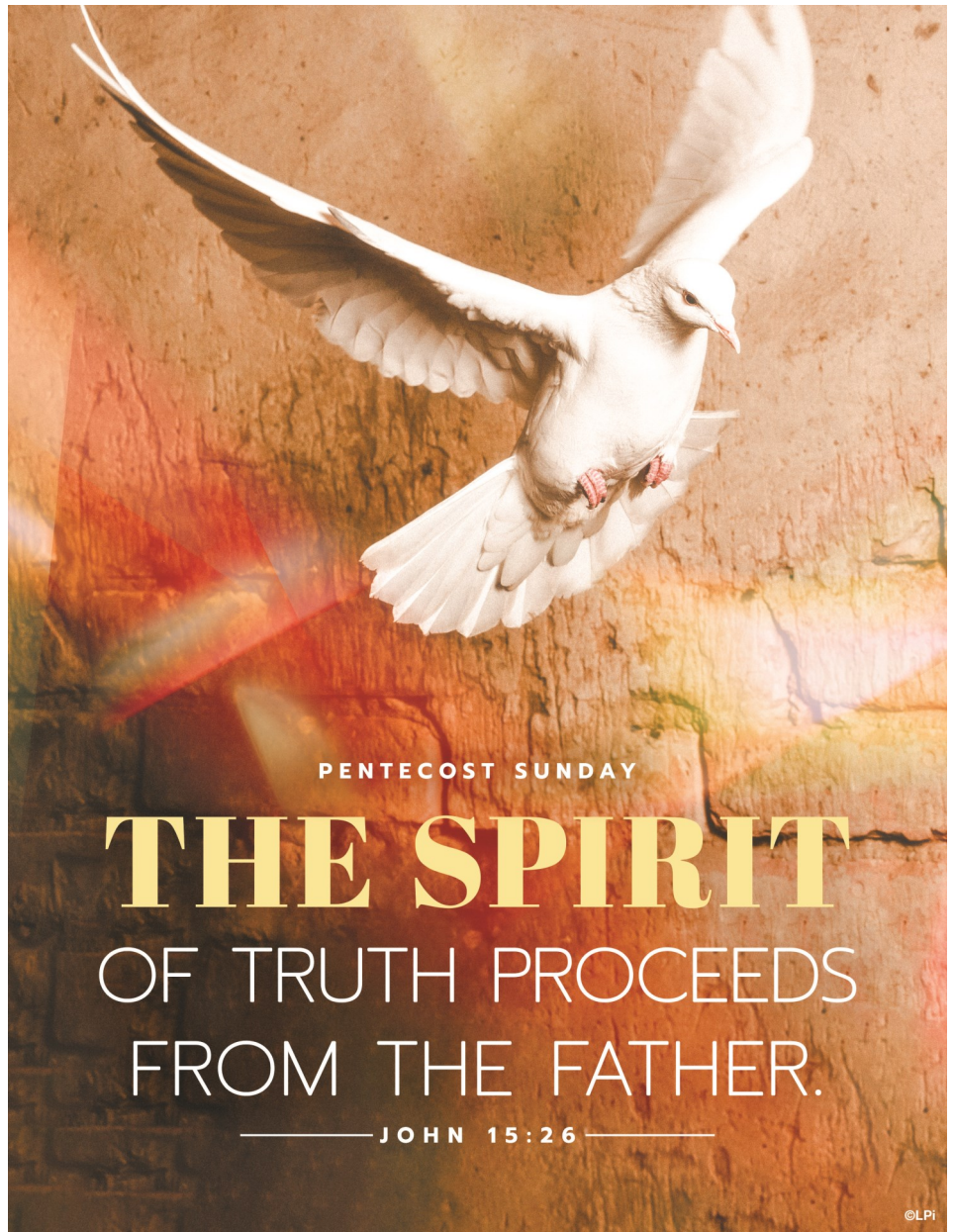
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE SPIRIT
OF TRUTH PROCEEDS
FROM THE FATHER.

JOHN 15:26

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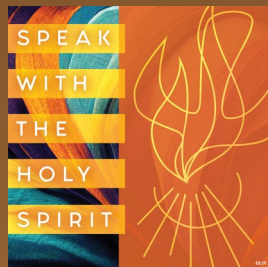
Today's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm:104

First Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23



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Pentecost Sunday

Spirit to Spirit

Talk to any couple who are devoted to one another. Ask them when they realized they were in love — call-me-in-a-crisis love, face-the-day-to-day-with-me love — and the answer will probably not be “When I realized he was only dating me to win a bet with his boss.”

If you know what movie that references, you and 12-year-old me would have been great friends.

Like any other self-respecting American tween of the early 2000s, I used to watch a lot of romantic comedies. I forget how old I was when I realized that romantic comedies are actually ... really boring. Not because they're about love — true love is *fascinating*. I could watch real-life people talk about who they love for *hours*.

Because when we say we love someone — truly love them — what we mean is we love their spirit. We love what they are. We love the qualities that escape description, the attributes we have to talk around or reduce to cliché in order to define. We cannot love a body alone. We cannot love a name or a reputation. We cannot love a story that we've built around a relationship.

To be in love with someone you need to know their spirit. Intimately. And that knowledge cannot help but change everything about you. It changes your goals, your understanding of the world. It changes the amount of courage you have to face the life ahead of you. It changes your ability to be who God wants you to be.

The disciples lived and ate and walked with Jesus for three whole years before they really knew his spirit. They didn't know it on Good Friday when they scattered and hid and wept. They didn't know it on Easter Sunday, when they couldn't believe what they saw. They thought they loved him, but when push came to shove their love failed.

But by the end of their lives, the disciples knew the kind of love that sustained them even in the face of martyrdom.

What was it that changed? It was the Spirit. They finally knew the Spirit.

“No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.” — 1 Corinthians 12:3

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 20, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Barbara Monasmith by Marjorie Kissack
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

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

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention:
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †John and Sanda Weitzel Family by Linda Thoms
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Friday, May 24, 2024

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

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Karen Koch by Susan Flohr

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention:
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: †Ray Murdock by Joe & Mary Ostry

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 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Safe Environment



Providing a safe and secure environment is the goal of the St. Agnes Safe Environment Program. We have updated a couple of areas in our church for your safety.

A new security system has been installed on the **north door** of the church. This door will be open Monday – Saturday from 6:30 am – 7:00 pm and on Sundays from 6:30 am – Noon. **If you have a church key card, please turn it into the parish office.** If you need to be in the church when the north door is locked, please see Theresa in the office for access.

First Aid Kits – a **Stop the Bleed** kit has been placed in the AED cabinet located outside the door near the balcony stairs. A **First Aid** kit has been placed in the north cupboard in the Gathering Space and one is in the drawer just inside the kitchen in the Garden Room.

Ushers – we need more ushers for the weekend liturgies. If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact Kathleen Roehl at ministers@st-agnes-church.com to get signed up. Usher training will be taking place soon, watch the bulletin for details.

Server Schedule

May 25 5pm Aden Munoz
Giuliana Suhr

May 26 8am John V. Songco
Isabella Songco
10:00am Charlotte Lewis
Claire Ascherl

Lector Schedule

May 25 5pm Diana Rohrick

May 26 8am David Nash
10:00am Mark Loose

Rosary Leader Schedule

May 25 5pm Ellen Ramig

May 26 8am Claire Songco
10:00am Angie Hilbert

Young at Heart

There will NOT be a Young at Heart Luncheon on Tuesday May 21st. Until further notice, these meetings are postponed during the summer months. Please continue to watch the bulletin for updates on when these luncheons will resume. Thank you for your understanding.



JOB OPENING

St. Agnes School is seeking a custodian/maintenance person for year-round employment. Must be self-motivated with a positive attitude. Duties include but are not limited to: daily cleaning, maintaining a sanitary and safe environment for staff and students, grounds work during all seasons, maintenance and repair work. Interested parties are encouraged to apply. Applications may be obtained at the school office during school hours: 7:30-3:15 or on the school website: www.st-agnes-school.com. Questions may be directed to school administrator, Julie Brown at: 632-6918 ext. #3 or jbrown@st-agnes-school.com.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

May 12, 2024

Actual	\$5764.56
ATW	\$3970.00
Online Giving	\$1667.50
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1402.06

May 2024 Totals

Actual	\$10710.52
ATW	\$7665.00
Online Giving	\$2288.00
Gen. Church Support	\$5000.00
Budget	\$20000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$5663.52

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

Thank you for your continued giving!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Please Join Us

EVERY 3RD WEEKEND following each Mass

STARTING MAY 18TH

COOKIE/DONUT SOCIAL

ST. AGNES GARDEN ROOM

Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Liturgy Corner

Mass Intentions According to an old tradition, Catholics may offer a contribution to a priest and request an intention for a particular Mass (Code of Canon Law, 945–946). This custom invites the faithful into a deeper celebration of the Eucharist by uniting their sacrifice with that of Christ. It also helps compensate the Church's minister for his work. Because of this latter reason, the contribution is called a "stipend." In affluent countries, the stipend is inadequate, and the priest receives a salary. In poor countries, priests cannot support themselves without the Mass stipend.

For a while, the custom sustained the belief that a Mass could hold a primary intention and that the priest could control the blessings of a Mass in a specific way. Recent statements from Rome have not reinforced that thinking, however. Rather, the priest accepts the offerings for Mass "according to particular intentions." God directs the fruits of the Mass, which are infinite and universal, according to the devotion of the faithful.

In the past, the priest could accept only one intention per Mass. Now he may accept several intentions for the same Mass once or twice a week if the donors are aware and agree (Congregation for the Clergy, *Mos iugiter*, 1991). Because the custom promotes the active participation of the faithful, the Mass intention makes more sense if the donor is actually present for the Mass.

Most parishes keep a record of Mass intentions in the office or sacristy and they are commonly published in the bulletin and announced at the Masses. When doing so, it is more accurate to say, "We remember this person in a special way at this Mass," than to say in a restrictive sense, "This Mass is offered for this person." The Mass is offered for all.

If you would like to request a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office at 308-632-2541. Mass Intention forms are available at the Information Centers of the church and online at www.st-agnes.church.com.

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Spiritual Concert

By Ron Noecker

Sunday, June 2, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.



In this concert, Ron will share his musical journey of faith through the various iterations of his life which now include Central America and world travel to help those in need. Joined by musical members of his family and friends, he will feature music from his most recent recording, *In Memorium* (released 1 November 2023), as well as some pieces from other recordings throughout the year.

Ron Noecker lives in Antigua, Guatemala, and now returns to his origins in Nebraska and a place always near and dear to his heart, St. Benedict Center. Jackson Berkey of Mannheim Steamroller always told Ron, "Whenever you do a recording, it marks a moment in time." Those moments for Ron have always included his faith that God is with us through every twist and turn of our lives.

A Free Will Offering will be taken to support Corazon de Enfermeria (Nursing Heart), a health initiative founded by Ron in Guatemala.

St. Benedict Center, 1126 Road I, PO Box 528, Schuyler, NE 68661-0528

Pre-registration not necessary. For more information please call 402-352-8819, ext. 360, go online to www.StBenedictCenter.com or email Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com

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O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Eucharistic Pilgrimage Across the Diocese

Stop 1 Sidney NE

Eucharistic Adoration

- June 12 - 6:00 PM MT, St. Joseph Church, Kimball

Mass

- June 13 - 10:00 AM MT, St. Patrick Church, Sidney

Eucharistic Procession

- June 13 - following Mass St. Patrick Church, Sidney

Stop 3 North Platte NE

Eucharistic Adoration

- June 14 - 6:30 PM CT, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, North Platte

Mass

- June 15 - 8:00 AM CT, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, North Platte

Community Service

- June 15 - 10:00 AM CT, Catholic Cemetery North Platte

Mass

- June 16 - 11:00 AM CT, McDaid Elementary School, North Platte

Eucharistic Procession

- June 16 - following Mass, McDaid Elementary School, North Platte

Stop 4 Lexington NE

Eucharistic Adoration

- June 16 - 7:30 PM CT, St. Ann Church, Lexington

Mass

- June 17 - 8:00 AM CT, St. Ann Church, Lexington

Eucharistic Procession

- June 17 - following Mass St. Ann Church, Lexington

NOTE: These services will be bilingual.

Stop 2 Ogallala NE

Community Potluck

- June 13 - 6:00 PM MT, St. Luke Church, Ogallala

Eucharistic Adoration

- June 13 - 7:30 PM MT, St. Luke Church, Ogallala

Mass

- June 14 - 8:00 AM MT, St. Luke Church, Ogallala

Eucharistic Procession

- June 14 - following Mass, St. Luke Church, Ogallala

Stop 5 Grand Island NE

Community Potluck

- June 18 - 5:30 PM CT, St. Mary Cathedral Square Grand Island

Eucharistic Adoration

- June 18 - 7:30 PM CT, St. Mary Cathedral, Grand Island

Mass

- June 19 - 8:00 AM CT, St. Mary Cathedral, Grand Island

Eucharistic Procession

- June 19 - following Mass, St. Mary Cathedral, Grand Island



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**



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Religious Education Program

Email—dre@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday
Pentecost Sunday

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16: 12-15

On the Way to Mass:

Today at Mass we will see red decorating the altar and worn by the priest. Red is the color of the Holy Spirit. It is also the color of great love. What does the Holy Spirit say to do with love?

On the Way Home From Mass:

Do you know of anyone who wo is filled with the Holy Spirit? How do you know they are full of the Holy Spirit?

Living the Word:

To help the family focus on the Holy Spirit, make a prayer card with the words “Come, Holy Spirit.” Write a family litany to the Holy Spirit. Each line of the prayer could focus on how the family might recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world, or how we (or the world) need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Pray your litany and after each line, say, “Come, Holy Spirit.”

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

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Parish Website

www.st-agnes-church.com

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In the App Store on your phone or tablet

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St. Agnes Catholic Church

Honor our Blessed Mother this month



In the month during which we honor our mothers, we give special honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus gave her to us as our Mother and we honor her for her love and care. Here's how we can show it:

Offer flowers: Flowers are a traditional way to show devotion. Place a flower crown on a statue of Mary in your home, plant a garden in her name, or place bouquets by her image. Praying the Rosary is also a way of giving flowers, with each prayer like a rose for Mary.

Give thanks: We owe Mary our gratitude for agreeing to be God's mother, and ours, too. It is hard to comprehend the depth of the sacrifice involved in her “yes” to God.

Follow Mother's instructions: Mary's requests are simple yet profound. Her directive, “*Do whatever [Jesus] tells you,*” found in John 2:5, is her clearest instruction. By following Jesus, Mary tells us we will find happiness.

Acts of service and imitation: Another way to show devotion to Mary is to emulate her virtues by following her example. Mary is venerated for her humility, obedience, purity, and love. By striving to live out these virtues in our own lives and by serving others with compassion and love, we honor her legacy and demonstrate our devotion to our Mother.

Partners in Faith - May 2024

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics crown Mary in May?

The practice of crowning images of Mary during May began in the eighteenth century. Origins of the practice drew inspiration from Scripture, particularly Revelation 12:1, which describes the crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. By crowning a statue of Mary with flowers, and commemorating her royal role, Catholics express gratitude for her unwavering faith and her “yes” to God, fostering a personal and communal renewal of devotion.

Thoughtful Moments:

St. Athanasius of Alexandria

Born a Christian in Egypt, St. Athanasius became a priest and a great defender of the Catholic faith. He served as secretary to Bishop Alexander of Alexandria, and later succeeded him as bishop. Because of the terrible persecutions, he was exiled several times during his life and was (falsely) accused of murder by his enemies. By popular demand, Emperor Valens permitted St. Athanasius to return to his diocese. He spent the rest of his life working to defend Christ's divinity.

Our spiritual GPS

Children understand the importance of having guides. When we want to travel somewhere, a map or GPS can show us how to get there. The Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes are like our spiritual GPS. If we follow them, we will get where Jesus wants us to go.

“Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me” (Matthew 18:4-5).

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**Registration
opens: April 1, 2024**

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



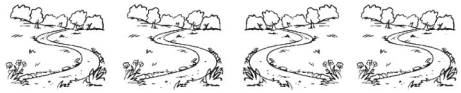
Register
here



Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way.
Then color in all the pictures.



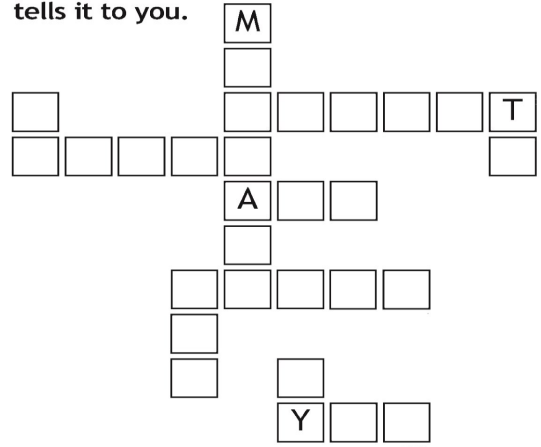
MISSION

I will ask the Holy Spirit to give me love, peace, forgiveness, and joy.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

The Spirit takes my message and tells it to you.



MISSION

Before you sit down to read a Bible story, ask God to send his Spirit to help you. When you listen carefully to God's word, the Spirit can send you a special message from Jesus!



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
May 19, 2024



Upcoming Events

August 15th

Back To school BBQ

August 19th

1st Day of School for Students

May Crowning

Led by 2nd grade students, Rachel Hafner and Beckham Wilson, the St. Agnes student body was privileged to take part in the May Crowning held at the Children's Mass on Wednesday, May 1st. During the month of May, we honor Mary, our heavenly mother by placing a crown upon her head and laying flowers at her feet. The children were also encouraged to pray the rosary daily during the month of May as a way to honor Mary.



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Celebrating Our Students

St. Agnes School hosted 3 graduations during the last week of school. PK graduated on Friday, May 10th, followed by kindergarten on Monday, May 13th and 5th grade on May 15th. We are proud of these students and wish them the very best on the next step of their education journey.



PK: Barrett Ascherl*, Emersyn Bauer, Reid Colwell*, Harper Dendinger*, Juna Downey*, Penelope Gauthier*, Sean George*, Aubriella Gurrero*, Avin Gurrola*, James Hoelsing*, Emory Holloway*, Ada Jenkins, Hadley Koncaba*, Collette Kosman*, Mateo McBride*, Sawyer Moser*, Rachel Schiff*, Ellery Young*

*indicates moving on to kindergarten



Kindergarten: Olivienne Alvizar, Coyle Ascherl, Mustafa Awadallah, Bryn Calvert, Olivia Deidrich, Ella Engel, Gionni Galvan, Weston Gould, Selena Lara, Pippin Merrigan, Hank Nira, Duke Suhr, Oliver Vath, Finn Winters



5th Grade: Giovanni Alvizar, Claire Ascherl, Easton Becker, Ivy Kae Becker, Tristan Hoelsing (Chadron), Sloane Margheim, Luna Merrigan, Eliana Merrigan, Mila Miller, Aden Munoz, Rheanne Owens (Gering), Isabella Songco, Kensington Suhr, Harper Verbeck

*All students moving on to BMS other than those indicated

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

Presidential Academic Excellence Scholastic Gold Awards



Presidential Academic Achievement Awards



5th Grade Graduation and Final Awards

St. Agnes School honored their 5th grade with prayer service, graduation ceremony and reception held on May 15th at the Church. Fourteen students received their diplomas and were recognized for their academic success and other achievements. Special Awards include:

April Wylie Reisberg Outstanding 5th Grader:

Claire Ascherl

Virtuous Students of the Year:

Tristan Hoelsing, Rheanne Owens, Kensington Suhr

Presidential Academic Excellence Award & Scholastic Gold:

Giovanni Alvizar, Claire Ascherl, Easton Becker, Sloane Margheim, Eliana Merrigan, Luna Merrigan, Mila Miller, Rheanne Owens, Isabella Songco, Harper Verbeck

Scholastic Silver Award:

Ivy Kae Becker, Tristan Hoelsing, Aden Munoz, Kensington Suhr

Presidential Academic Achievement Award:

Ivy Kae Becker, Aden Munoz, Kensington Suhr

Top Scholar:

Rheanne Owens

Classroom Citizenship Awards:

PK- Ellery Young & James Hoelsing K – Olivienne Alvizar & Hank Nira 1st Gr – Anita Garcia & Henry Preston 2nd Gr – Rose Schiff & Omar Robles 3rd Gr – Erin Warburton & Leo Ascherl 4th Gr – Ruby Schiff & John Songco 5th Gr – Claire Ascherl & Tristan Hoelsing

Special Reading Award:

Claire Ascherl, Easton Becker, Sloane Margheim, Mila Miller, Kensington Suhr, Harper Verbeck

American Citizenship Award:

Mila Miller & Easton Becker



Virtuous Students of the Year Award



Top Scholar Award



April Wylie Reisberg Award



American Citizenship Award



Special Reading Award



Classroom Citizenship Awards



Scholastic Silver Award