



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 15, 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

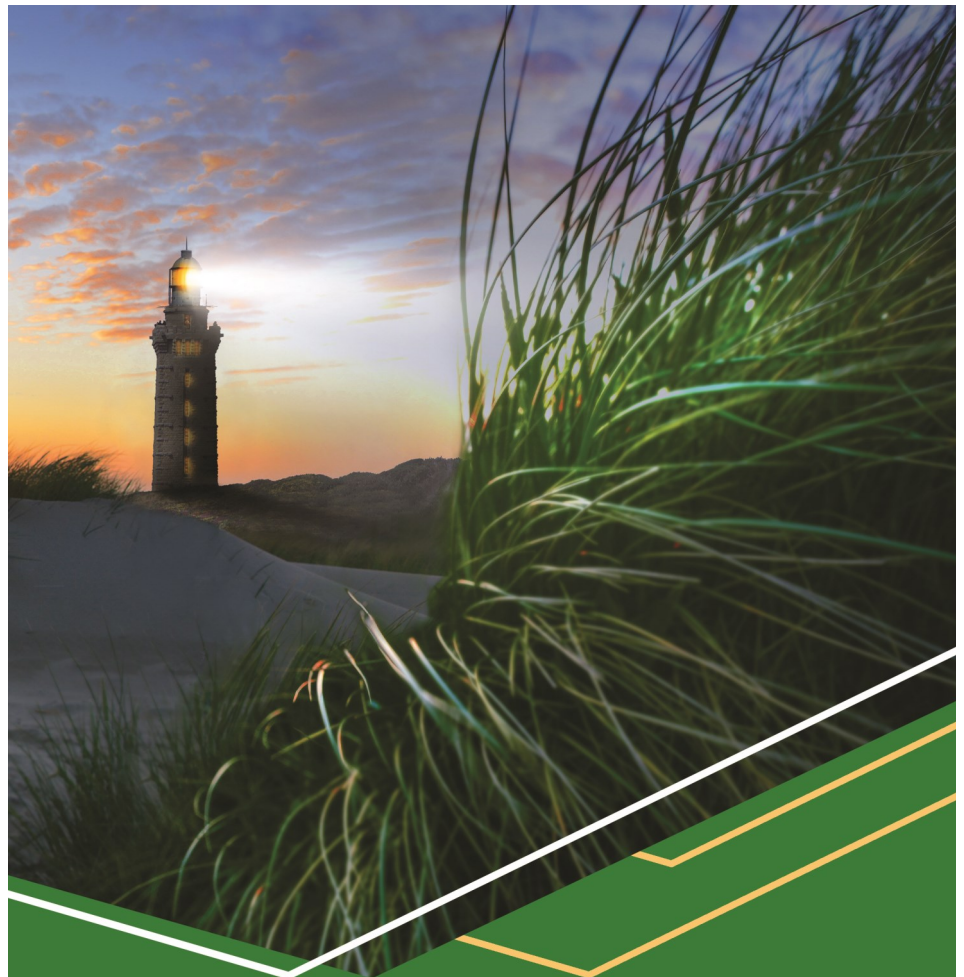
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass  
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

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



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35



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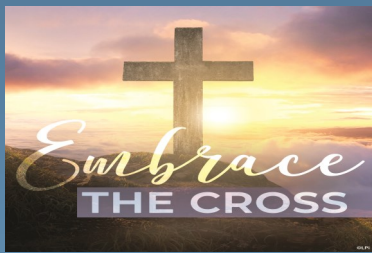
## Today's Readings

Isaiah 50:5-9a

Psalms:116

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35



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## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Take Up Your Cross

When I'm interviewing people for my job as a staff writer at an archdiocesan newspaper, I like to ask them this question: at the end of your life, when you meet God, what do you want to hear Him say?

I've gotten a lot of interesting answers.

"I called and you listened."

"What tee time would you like tomorrow?"

"What were you thinking?"

"Your service made things better."

It's a question I've thought a lot about, personally. What I want to hear God say when I finally see His face is this: "You can put it down now."

When Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" he is not just asking them to verbalize an answer. He is asking them to do something: pick up the cross. Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God, even if it kills you. It's not enough to stand by the sidelines, watching Christ ascend to Calvary, nodding your head in approval. Yes, I agree. Yes, I believe. Yes, Jesus, good job! You have to follow in every bloody footprint he leaves in the dust. Set your face like flint. And when you meet him at the top, you better not be empty-handed. He has a cross, he will expect you to have one, too.

I hope that I can do it. I hope that I am strong enough. I am not one of those great, hardy souls. I stumble terribly under the weight of my very small cross. I grumble as I shift it from shoulder to shoulder. But every time I have been almost at the point of giving up, almost ready to lay it down, there is something — Someone — who supports my drooping arm. The Lord God is my help.

If, at the end of everything, I hear the words, "You can put it down now," then I will know I have made it. I will know I have not failed: I took up the cross.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, September 16, 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, September 17, 2024**

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

### **Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Cecilia Bender by Scott &  
Sharon Bird  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)  
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

### **Thursday, September 19, 2024**

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Betty French by Connie  
McDonnough  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### **Friday, September 20, 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)

### **Saturday, September 21, 2024**

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: †Sally Paprocki by Connie  
McDonnough

### **Sunday, September 22, 2024**

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: Yvonne Hill by Margie Rood



**This Week's Readings**

Monday 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Server Schedule

Sept 21 5pm Aden Munoz  
Quinten Gould

Sept 22 8am Carson Windhorst  
Lucas Esselstein

10:00am David Hafner  
Connelly Ascherl

Lector Schedule

Sept 21 5pm Ashlee Wilson

Sept 22 8am Dan Marshall

10:00am Chuck Schwartz

Rosary Leader Schedule

Sept 21 5pm Carmen Trevino

Sept 22 8am JoAnn Nash

10:00am NOT FILLED

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

September 8, 2024

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Actual              | \$4037.07  |
| Online Giving       | \$864.50   |
| Gen. Church Support | \$5000.00  |
| Budget              | \$10000.00 |
| Surplus (Deficit)   | \$98.43    |

September 2024 Totals

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Actual              | \$10195.47 |
| ATW                 | \$3695.00  |
| Online Giving       | \$2380.00  |
| Gen. Church Support | \$5000.00  |
| Budget              | \$20000.00 |
| Surplus (Deficit)   | \$1270.47  |

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for **VCNIN**

Thank you for your continued giving!

Ladies Invited

Ladies of the Parish are invited to enjoy a day of fellowship on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at the DCCW Fall Deanery Meeting at

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 606 Church Street, Rushville, NE

9:00am - Registration & Rolls

9:30am to 10:30am - Brief Meeting

10:45am - Service Project

11:30am - Lunch

12:30pm - Father Dan Gilbert will celebrate Mass and install new officers.

Registration Fee is \$10.00, includes lunch.

For information or rides, contact Joyce Moeller at 308-641-4267 or Judy Schwartz at 308-530-4182



**IT'S CHILI SEASON!**

**ST. AGNES ALTAR SOCIETY FALL DINNER**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

**530-830PM**

**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**

Dear Advocates,

This last legislative session, Nebraska passed historic school choice legislation! It was a moment I will never forget. After decades of tireless advocacy and sustained prayers by countless school choice champions, the Nebraska Legislature—with the leadership of Senator Lou Ann Linehan—passed LB753, the Opportunity Scholarships Act. I was equally thrilled when Governor Jim Pillen signed the legislation into law after making LB753 a top priority of his first year in office.

LB753 is a life-changing win for families and children who need greater freedom in educational choice. Children deserve a K-12 experience that fits their needs, and LB753 provides this hope!

**As the Opportunity Scholarships Act goes into effect, we are excited to partner with and announce that [Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska \(OSN\)](#) has officially launched its website.**

OSN is a state-approved scholarship granting organization and a 501(c)(3) non-profit that will help parents across Nebraska to choose the best educational setting for their children through awarding non-public school tuition scholarships and providing access to school options. OSN has the support of Nebraska’s three Bishops and three diocesan superintendents.

**We need your help to spread the word about OSN.**

**If you are a PARENT looking for more educational opportunity for your child,** visit [www.NebraskaOpportunity.org](http://www.NebraskaOpportunity.org) to see if your child may qualify for an Opportunity Scholarship. Be sure to share information about OSN far and wide with family, friends, and parishioners. Experience in other states with school choice is clear: there are many families who want a non-public school education, but think it’s not within their financial means. OSN can help solve that problem!

**If you want to financially SUPPORT the work of OSN,** contact OSN by visiting [NebraskaOpportunity.org/giving](http://NebraskaOpportunity.org/giving). LB753 allows individuals, corporations, and estates and trusts to claim tax credits for contributions to scholarship granting organizations like OSN. These tax credits will become available on January 1, 2024, so you’ll want to [contact OSN](#) to save your place in line to help kids in need of education freedom.

**Thank you for spreading the word about OSN and supporting its life-transforming work of helping students in need of greater educational options!**

In Christ,

Tom Venzor  
Executive Director

**\*\*Please make sure to designate your contribution in the name of St. Agnes School\*\***

## 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.

Meetings will include information and discussion.

The video topics are:

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. The video topics are:

- The Journey of Grief
- The Definition of Grief
- The Dimensions of Grief
- The Needs of Grief
- The Ceremonies of Grief
- The Normal Reactions of Grief
- The Significance of Grief



**GIVE KIDS HOPE.  
TAKE THE CREDIT!**

What if you had a say in how your tax liability helps Nebraskans? You do, through the Opportunity Scholarships Act!

Nebraska taxpayers can now claim a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for contributions made to Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska.



**DON'T MISS OUT  
ON THIS 1:1 STATE  
INCOME TAX CREDIT!**

# GUADALUPE CENTER ANNUAL DINNER



**WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023**

**WHERE: THE GUADALUPE CENTER**

**TIME: 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**TICKETS: \$10.00 PER PLATE**



*Dine in or Carry out*

1200 EAST 9TH STREET  
SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

# MARRIAGE NIGHT WITH MISSIONARIES

## MATT AND MINDY DALTON

### SUNDAY SEPT 22

#### 5-7PM

### GARDEN ROOM

### ST. AGNES CHURCH

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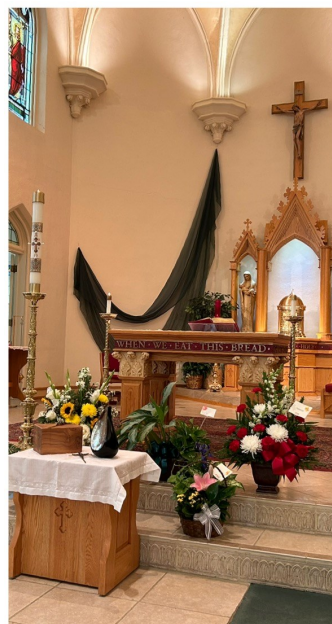


# Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus had an exemplification service of new members at the All Souls Catholic Church in Bridgeport, Nebraska with the Spiritual Leadership of Fr. Tim Stoner and our own Bob Wolf - State Deputy of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus.



Our local Knights of Columbus had the opportunity to attend the Solemn Rosary on Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> and the Solemn Mass on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> officiated by Fr. Konka and Fr. Deaver. Knights members demonstrate their fraternity in exemplary measure when they pray for the soul of a departed Knight and console the members of his family by handing out a cross and offering a mass at our birthplace Church of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut to Buford and Benny Williams.



## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Gospel:** *Mark 78:27-35*

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

What do you think is the hardest part of following Jesus?

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

Jesus told his followers that he would suffer greatly and even be killed and raised from the dead. What did Peter think about this? Why do you think this upset him?

### **Living the Word:**

During one of your dinners together this week, take turns sharing a challenge or difficulty you're each facing at work, school, or within your own family. What encouragement can you offer each other?

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families  
2024-2025*

### **Find Us On**



### **Parish Website**

[www.st-agnes-church.com](http://www.st-agnes-church.com)

### **myParish App**

*In the App Store on your phone or tablet*

### **Facebook**

*St. Agnes Catholic Church*



### **Finding time for quality time**

As fall schedules get busy, staying connected as a family can be challenging. Still, there can be simple and practical ways to make the most of the time you have together:

### **Connect with each child daily:**

If time is tight, find moments during car rides, meal preparation, cleaning up after dinner, or at bedtime. Express appreciation for chores done, ask about anything interesting or funny that happened during the day, offer a compliment, or give a gentle pat on the back. Children need to know they're loved beyond expectations.

**Schedule regular family nights:** Aim for fun and low-stress activities like board games, after-dinner walks, or family sing-alongs. Try to set aside work and worries during this time. Don't feel pressured to make everything "perfect." Just enjoy being together.

**Set up an "I need to talk" box:** Create a box in which children can leave notes about subjects they don't feel comfortable sharing at the dinner table. Check the box regularly and take the time to listen and solve problems together.

*Partners in Faith - September 2024*

**You can register** your child(ren) on-line today for the RE sessions by scanning the QR Code below.



***What does the ministry of Altar Servers consist of?*** Simply put, our altar servers assist the priest at Mass. They take part in carry the cross or candles in procession, hold the book for the presider's prayers, assist with setting and removing things to and from the altar table, and serve as role models for participation in the mass.

### **Who can be an Altar Server?**

Here at St. Agnes, altar servers consist of boys and girls from our parish who are grades 4th - 12th and have been trained.

**Altar Server Training** will be held on **Wednesday, September 25th at 6pm in the church.** Pizza will be served following the training in the St. Agnes Garden Room. Following dinner they will be dismissed to the formation sessions.

**Note: This training is for new and ongoing servers.**

**Religious Education**

**Catechists**

**Kindergarten**

Elizabeth Kreiling

**Second Grade**

Lisa Gass

**Third Grade**

Beth Esselstein

Mike Esselstein

**Fourth Grade**

Jamie Weingart

**Fifth Grade**

Ann Anderson

**Sixth Grade**

Alex Ascherl

John Songco

**Seventh Grade**

Travis Gould

Scott Schiff

Casey Seymour

**Confirmation (8th Grade)**

Michael Calvert

Ellen Ramig

**Ignite Youth Group**

Jeff Gion

**RE Office**

Marvin Anderson

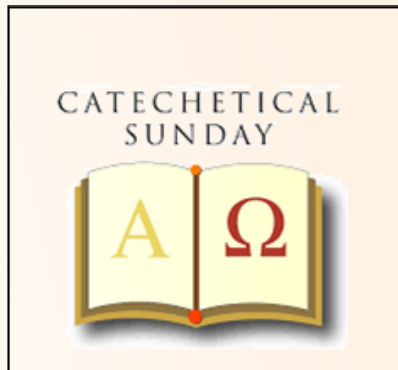
**Director of Religious Education**

Terri Calvert

**Adult Faith Formation**

Fr. Konka

Kathleen Roehl



**Catechetical Sunday** This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2024 and will focus on the theme **“Lord, when did we see you hungry”** Matthew 25:37

Those who the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



On this page you will find a list of catechists who will be serving St. Agnes Catholic Church and School.

Please keep these catechists in your prayers as a new formation year begins.

**St. Agnes School**

**Teachers**

**Pre-K**

Nicole Boness

**Kindergarten**

Teri Ramriez

**First Grade**

Sharon Brid

**Second Grade**

Lori Svitak

**Third Grade**

Meghan Calvert

**Fourth Grade**

Kristie Becker

**Fifth Grade**

Lynsey Ayers

**Music**

Cori Taedter

**Library**

Lana Payne

**Para Educator**

Rachael Ascherl

**Interventionalist**

Rob Polk

**Social Worker**

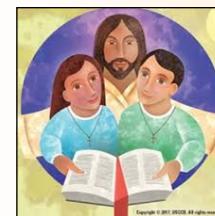
Kelly Beeber

**After-Three Director**

Melissa Dudley

**Administrator**

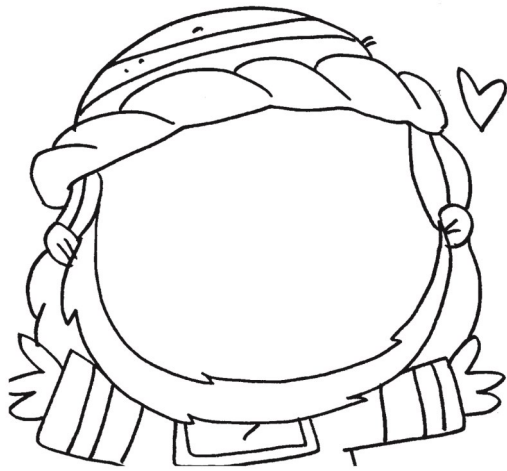
Julie Brown



# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Draw the disciple's face!

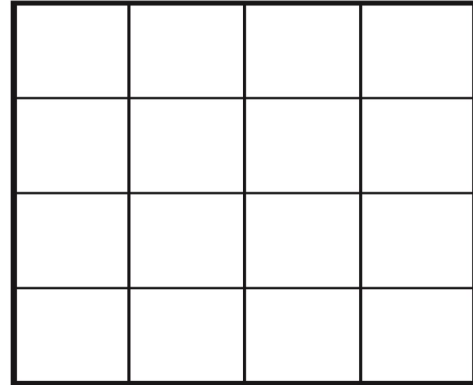
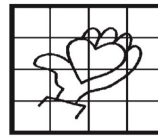


## MISSION

When my parents ask me to help, I will jump to it right away.

## PUZZLE

Enlarge the picture square by square.



## MISSION

With your family, talk about what you would enjoy if you were a king or queen. Tell how Jesus was different from other kings.





Connecting Students and Families through Faith  
September 15, 2024



Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, September 18th**

Mass @8:15 - 4th Grade leads

**Friday, September 20th**

Mid-quarter reports go home  
Grades 3-5

**\*Reminder\* - MAP testing begins Sept. 23. Please do not schedule appointments during this week so students are present for testing.**



**Helping Our Neighbors in Need**

St. Agnes School hosted a food drive to benefit the food pantry at our neighboring church, Christ the King. After discussing how Jesus challenged his disciples to feed the hungry, help the needy and to love and serve others, the students were reminded that we are called to do the same. Students were encouraged to bring at least one item on the list of needs for the pantry. What a great way to start our year – answering God’s call to love and serve others! We are committed to being difference makers in the world!



**St. Agnes Catholic School  
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Ph: 308-632-6918**



## Training Altar Servers



Fourth and fifth grade students went through altar server training with Father Konka on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. These students will perform this ministry at school and weekend masses. They take this responsibility seriously and are proud to serve their Church and Lord in this capacity.



## Learning About Apples

As fall sets in, the pre-K students have enjoyed studying about apples. They have discussed where apples grow, made apple patterns, looked for the letter A hiding within an apple picture and of course tried lots of wonderful apple treats including: apple juice, applesauce, apple jelly and red, yellow and green apples. All agreed that apples are a wonderful food!



St. Agnes School will be hosting a flu/covid vaccine clinic on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 in the school library. Families are welcome to take advantage of the convenience of receiving vaccinations without an appointment or long wait.

Claire Songco, parent, and Barbara Calvert, alumni, who are pharmacists at Safeway will be available to provide both flu and covid vaccines to both students and adults.

Use this link to sign up: <https://www.safeway.com/vaccinations/home>

## Hot Lunch Menu for September 16th, 2024 - September 20th, 2024

### Monday, Sept 16

Meatloaf  
Mashed Potato & gravy  
Green Beans  
Pears

**Helpers:**  
Kyle Lacy  
HELP NEEDED

### Tuesday, Sept 17

Ham & Turkey Wrap  
Baby Carrots w/ranch  
Peaches  
Green Salsa Chips

**Helpers:**  
Kyle Lacy  
Andrea Tritt

### Wednesday, Sept 18

Breaded Chicken Sandwich  
Sliced Cucumbers & peppers  
Grapes  
Baked Beans

**Helpers:**  
Kyle Lacy  
Kelly Beeber

### Thursday, Sept 19

French Toast Sticks  
Sausage Patty  
Potato Patty  
Banana

**Helpers:**  
Kyle Lacy  
Kelly Beeber

### Friday, Sept 20

Chicken Stir Fry  
Spinach Salad  
Tomato Slices  
Watermelon

**Helpers:**  
Kyle Lacy  
Kelly Beeber

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



## Kindergarten Class By Teri Ramirez



Our first couple of weeks in kindergarten have been a success! The students have done a great job at adjusting to our daily routine. We have been working on getting to know the rules, learning about our new friends, and all the people who work in the building.

We also have some special days in kindergarten where we get to do some extra fun stuff in the classroom.

On Thursdays, we will have Mad Science Thursday, where the students get to become little scientists and perform science experiments. Our first experiment will be an apple drop. I know they will love being scientists!

Fridays are also a blast! We have Foodie Friday, and this is a favorite in kindergarten. Our food experiments usually center around whatever our theme is for the week. This week we are going to talk about apples, so we are making homemade apple sauce.

Teaching kindergarten is very rewarding for me, and I love every minute of it! The students make me smile, and every day brings something new and exciting. I am very grateful to have this opportunity to teach here at St. Agnes, and I am looking forward to a wonderful school year with my new kindergartners!



## 3rd Grade Class By Meghan Calvert



Wow, the first four weeks of school have flown by! We have had a fun four weeks here in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We have been going over our classroom procedures and diving right into our studies. It can be quite an adjustment coming up to the top floor, so we are focusing hard on having a growth mindset. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is working on using the words "I may not be able to do that yet, but I will" instead of I can't do that.

In social studies, we have been talking about how things have changed over the years. Things from our community, businesses and technology. Each student took home an interview sheet and had to interview someone born on or before 1985. The students had fun learning about dial up internet, a time before cell phones and typewriters. I even brought some "artifacts" from my house such as a VHS. The students found this fascinating. For stem this month we have been working on force and motion. We created paper airplane and marshmallow launchers. We then discussed what caused them to travel farther distances. We love hands-on science!

3<sup>rd</sup> grade also had the traveling crucifix last week. It was a wonderful way to start our days by praying for our vocations and students. We have been creating different artworks this month, our favorite being the art we created based on the Miracle of the Sun. It was fun to create what we felt the sun would have looked like to the people that were there and to learn more about this miracle.

I am excited for what the rest of this year holds for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!

