



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 22, 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**

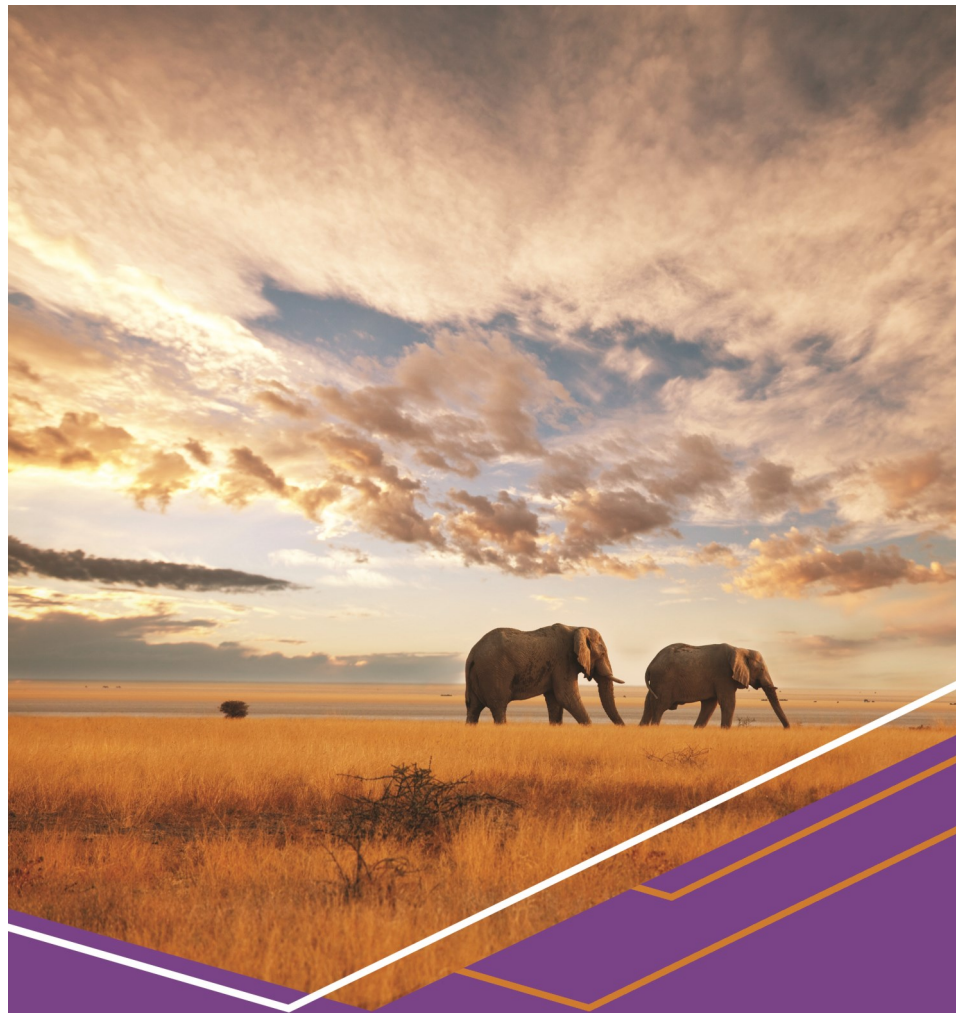
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass  
or by appointment (632-2541)

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office

**Parish Office Hours:**

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



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

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a



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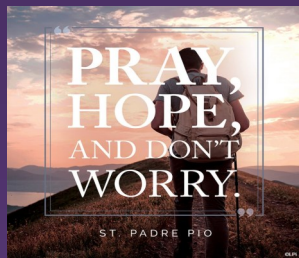
## Today's Readings

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Psalm:54

James 3:16-4:3

Mark 9:30-37



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## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Bearing Witness

I am fascinated by minor Gospel characters. These people — the rich young man, the adulterous woman, the teachers at the temple — share the stage with Jesus only briefly. They bear passing but powerful witness to crucial moments of his earthly ministry. They breathe the air he breathes. They hear the sound of his voice. Some of them feel the touch of his skin.

And then they go on with their lives and disappear into obscurity. They become just another one of us.

I think of the child who sat in Jesus' lap while he said those famous words: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

What did the boy think? Did he understand the words, or did he only know that they were gently spoken? Did he only think to himself how kind was the face of this man, and how consoling and warm his embrace?

I picture this child growing up. Perhaps he married and loved his wife and children. Perhaps he was happy, or perhaps he was not. Perhaps he became wealthy or was even wealthy to begin with. Perhaps he, like so many other children of that era, had only a very short life, and returned quickly to the arms that enveloped him that day in Capernaum.

We don't know. But we know he was there: he saw Christ, he felt him, he heard him. We sigh to think of it. *How lucky. If only we could, too. Then it would be easier. Then we could be holy.*

But we are all this child in Capernaum. We are all the woman at the well. We are all the centurion at the cross. Every time we kneel before the Host and hear the words "This is my Body," we occupy the same earthly time and space as the Messiah, and he fixes upon us the same gaze he fixed upon them.

We all bear witness.

We receive him, and then we go back to our lives, our ordinary lives.

Do we carry him with us? Do we dare?

*"I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness." — Psalm 54:6*

*Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, September 23, 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 24, 2024

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

### Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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

### Thursday, September 26, 2024

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

### Friday, September 27, 2024

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

### Saturday, September 28, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: †Benny & †Bu Williams by Vince  
& Vicki Bjorling

### Sunday, September 29, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: †Donald Overman by The  
Overman Family

## This Week's Readings



Monday Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## Server Schedule

Sept 28 5pm Asher Wilson  
 Easton Hill  
 Sept 29 8am St. Agnes School  
 Students  
 10:00am William Seymour  
 Lillian Seymour

## Lector Schedule

Sept 28 5pm Ashlee Wilson  
 Sept 29 8am St. Agnes Students  
 10:00am Chuck Schwartz

## Rosary Leader Schedule

Sept 28 5pm Diana Rohrick  
 Sept 29 8am Addison Peck  
 10:00am Jackie Seymour

## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### September 15, 2024

Actual	\$3591.49
ATW	\$4020.00
Online Giving	\$1145.50
Gen. Church Support	\$5000.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$3756.99

#### September 2024 Totals

Actual	\$10195.47
ATW	\$7715.00
Online Giving	\$3525.50
Gen. Church Support	\$10000.00
Budget	\$30000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1435.97

There is no 2nd collection for next week.

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**

**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**

MARRIAGE NIGHT WITH  
MISSIONARIES  
MATT AND MINDY DALTON  
SUNDAY SEPT 22  
5-7PM  
GARDEN ROOM  
ST AGNES CHURCH  
MARRIAGEMISSIONARIES.ORG

**GUADALUPE CENTER ANNUAL DINNER**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**  
**WHERE: THE GUADALUPE CENTER**  
**TIME: 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**  
**TICKETS: \$15.00 PER PLATE**

*Dine in or Carry out*  
1200 EAST 9TH STREET  
SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

## Knights of Columbus

A friendly reminder: The Knights of Columbus meeting is on **Thursday, September 26th from 7 pm to 7:45 pm**. Socials to follow afterwards from 7:45 pm onwards. Thank you

Our local Knights of Columbus had the opportunity to attend the Solemn Mass on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> officiated by Fr. Deaver, Fr. Harr and Fr McDonald at Christ the King Church. 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 for Lucien Kicken.

In Loving Remembrance  
PIC-COLLAGES

**Rest In Peace**  
Lucien Kicken & Dean Fast, former parishioners of St. Agnes .

Thank you for helping when our parish has funeral dinners. We appreciate when we call the ladies of the parish to donate salads and cake while the funeral committee prepares the rest of the meal. After the funeral, we leave the empty dishes from the donated food in the church kitchen to be picked up by the donors the next time they come to church. We are blessed to have a long list of parishioners to call for this food. Thanks again for all the wonderful donations and don't forget to pick up your containers!

## 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](mailto:dre@st-agnes-church.com)

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

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

Who do you think will be the most important person in heaven?

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

What were Jesus' friends arguing about, and how did he correct them?

### **Living the Word:**

Starting when you get home from Mass, look for ways to lift up your family members and be "the servant of all." How many ways can you do this without getting "caught"?

*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*

### **Heaven is for children**

Jesus said, "Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). Children are confident, simple, honest, ready to forgive, and humble — a good description of the heart of a disciple. By nurturing and reinforcing these virtues, we can guide children toward Heaven:

#### **Confidence in God's goodness:**

Children know when they're loved. When we spend time with God in prayer, Mass, and receive the Sacraments frequently, we become more aware of how He loves us.

**Simplicity:** Gratitude for what we have and focusing on the moment are central to this virtue. Celebrate the good moments of each day with your children and thank God for them. This practice will help them experience joy and peace more often.

**Honesty:** Jesus tells us, "Let what you say simply be 'Yes' or 'No'" (Matthew 5:37). Say what you mean and mean what you say. If children say they'll do something, ensure they follow through.

**Readiness to forgive:** As children, friends can fight in the morning and be friends that afternoon. Scripture encourages us to forgive quickly: "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Ephesians 4:26).

**Humility:** An excellent measure of humility is how we handle mistakes. Children aren't upset when they make mistakes and aren't afraid of looking foolish. They may try to improve but won't waste time feeling bad about themselves.



**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.

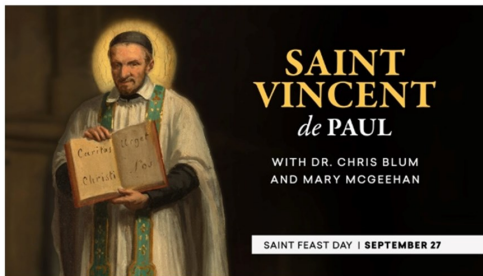
**Altar Server Training** will be held on **Wednesday, September 25th at 6pm in the church.**

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.**

# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of September 22, 2024



### St. Vincent de Paul | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Christopher Blum and Mary McGeehan as they share about the life of St. Vincent de Paul on this episode of Catholic Saints.



### Padre Pio | Lukas Storyteller

As the talent contest approaches and our friends prepare their special dance, Paul gets hurt and has to leave the contest. When Lukas takes him to the doctor, Paul learns from the example of Padre Pio about the importance of having a clean soul and offering his sufferings to God.



### First Martyrs of the Church of Rome | Catholic Saints

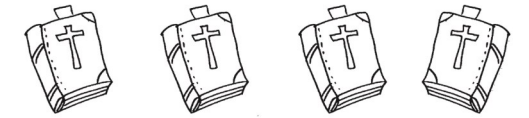
Join Dr. John Sehorn and Mary McGeehan to discuss the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Killed under Emperor Nero in AD 64, the First Martyrs offer us a powerful witness of fidelity to Christ.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

# Kids' Corner

## PUZZLE

Circle the pictures that are facing the same way.  
Then color in all the pictures.



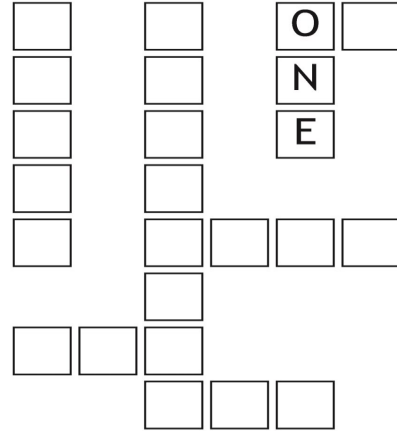
## MISSION

Every day I will ask my parents, "Do you need any help?"

## PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Which one of them was the greatest?



## MISSION

Ask your family members how you can help each of them this week. When you help them with a cheerful heart, God smiles.





*Connecting Students and Families through Faith*  
*September 22, 2024*



## *Upcoming Events*

**Monday, September 23rd**

*MAP testing begins*

**Tuesday, September 24th**

*3rd Grade Kids Fitness Fieldtrip*

**Wednesday, September 25th**

*Mass @ 8:15*

**Friday, September 27th**

*Discipleship Friday (Wear your t-shirt)*



### **2024-2025 Student Council**

St. Agnes School is proud to welcome 35 students to the 2024-2025 student council. These students have committed to being leaders within their school. They will be responsible for daily announcements, weekly trash pick-up and assistance at assemblies and with school service projects. They will take their servant hearts and hands out into the parish and community as well, striving to be difference makers in the world. We are proud of these students who have made this commitment.



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## Leading Mass

St. Agnes students proudly lead Wednesday morning Mass twice per month. Every grade has the opportunity to be the worship leaders and students are assigned to the ministries of: readers, cantors and servers. Our students are proud and excited to have this honor and responsibility. They will also be leading weekend Masses once each quarter. Our first Mass will be the 10:00 a.m. Mass on September 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Kindergarten Boot Camp

Dressed in their camouflage, the kindergarten students proudly took part in a boot camp celebration recognizing their achievement of learning to appropriately use all their school tools: pencil, marker, glue, play dough and dry erase markers. Upon mastering the skill, the student earned a dog tag. All tags were earned, so they held a group celebration. These students are now ready for the next big learning tasks of kindergarten.



## Psychological 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

As one of the final requirements of our school safety plan, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Beeber took part in the Psychological 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training hosted by the Nebraska Department of Education on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Harms Center. This professional development was a train the trainer session aimed at teaching school personnel how to meet the immediate needs, reduce stress and foster coping skills of students, staff and school partners in the wake of disasters. We three will now be tasked with training our other staff members in these strategies.



## MAP Testing Schedule - Fall 2024

Date	8:30 Session	10:00 Session
Mon. Sept 23	2nd Gr. - Math 5th Gr. - Math	3rd Gr. - Math
Tues. Sept 24	2nd Gr. - Reading 4th Gr. - Math	5th Gr. - Lang.
Wed. Sept 25	-----	1st. Gr. - Math
Thurs. Sept 26	1st Gr. - Reading 3rd Gr. - Lang.	4th Gr. - Lang.
Fri. Sept 27	4th. Gr. - Reading	-----
Mon. Sept 29	3rd Gr. - Reading	5th. Gr. - Reading

\*\*Lang. = Language

## Hot Lunch Menu for September 23rd, 2024 - September 27th, 2024

<u>Monday, Sept 23</u>	<u>Tuesday, Sept 24</u>	<u>Wednesday, Sept 25</u>	<u>Thursday, Sept 26</u>	<u>Friday, Sept 27</u>
Cabbage Burger Green Beans Orange Slices Jello	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Apple Crackers	Chicken Enchilada Refried Beans Southwest Corn Pears	Egg Salad Sandwich Garden Salsa Chips Peaches Celery w/peanut butter	Pepperoni Calzone Lettuce/Spinach Salad Grapes Rice Krispie Treat
<b>Helpers:</b> Kristen Bauer Cassie Meza	<b>Helpers:</b> Leanne Wahl Beth Merrigan	<b>Helpers:</b> Myra Lara Tiah Alvizar	<b>Helpers:</b> Rachelle Ramirez Danielle Guerrero	<b>Helpers:</b> Elise Gurrola Anthony Gurrola

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



## Fifth Grade Class By Lynsey Ayers



Hello Everyone! I hope you all have been having a great beginning to your school year. It feels as though the weeks have already been flying by quickly.

This year we are testing out departmentalizing for math and Language Arts. All math is being taught by Miss Ayers and Language Arts by Mrs. Becker. The students have done an amazing job of adapting to transitioning between the two rooms. I am proud of both groups. 5th grade students are beginning to learn about decimals while 4th grade is exploring new ways to add and subtract large numbers.

In science, we have been practicing their knowledge of properties by participating in labs and observing various objects to describe them to others.

On Fridays, our class is enjoying a new trend - traveling devotions. The devotions leader gets to pick anywhere they would like to have devotions that day. It has been interesting to have devotions outside on the playground, and appreciate everything around us while we listen to God's Word. I am really excited to see what else will be coming in the months to come!



## Library Room News By Lana Payne



The books in the library have missed us over the summer and are busy welcoming us all back to school! We've spent these first weeks getting reacquainted with the library: the rules about the handling and care of the books, appropriate behavior while in the library, and the proper care of library books that students checkout from the library.

During the month of September the library is featuring books on: the beginning of the school year, libraries, kindness, sharing, love, friendship, Johnny Appleseed, September 11, 2001, and many new books. Last week a first grade student brought a book and what looked like a blanket with them to library and asked, "Would you read this to our class?" I looked at the book, one I had not seen before, and immediately realized that that "blanket" wasn't a blanket at all, but a quilt made for her by her Nana, Terri Calvert! The book is a charming new book titled **The Little Ghost Who Was A Quilt**. In case you haven't figured out who the student was, it was Bryn Calvert, Mrs. Calvert's granddaughter. I'm always happy to read a new book and Bryn's request was irresistible! She sat beside me as I read the book to her class with the quilt neatly folded on her lap and a wry smile that indicated she knew something the rest of us didn't. You'll have to read the book to find out what we learned about the little ghost. HINT: this picture might help! You'll never believe who's the ghost under that quilt!

Students are also checking out books for the new Reading Incentive program. This year's theme is **Reading is Cool!** We want your children to read and enjoy lots of **COOL** books, old favorites and exciting new ones.

**FYI:** This year's Scholastic Book Fair will be held on October 21-24. We hope everyone will come check out the Book Fair!



## Music Room News By Cori Taedter



Instruments, instruments, INSTRUMENTS!! We LOVE learning about them in our music classroom; but, most of all, we love playing them! We are blessed with a nice supply of rhythm instruments in our classroom, so we are learning about their origins, what makes them unique, and exactly how they are classified. Pictured are members of the kindergarten class who just returned from a trip to "Drumming Land." I am proud to report that a wonderful time was had by all! What great steady beat keepers they are!

All grades will be spending the next few weeks working diligently on rhythmic notation, rhythm patterns, and creating and performing original rhythmic compositions. Grades PreK-2 are concentrating on activities to strengthen steady beat, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be beginning a drumming unit which will lead to playing from notation, 4<sup>th</sup> grade is has been working on rhythm review and will be learning and performing various time signatures, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are dazzling me with what they remember from last year - individual rhythmic compositions will be next! I am so happy to say that our school is full of students who love to make music, which makes our music classroom a wonderful place to be!

