



# Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**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



## FIRST SUNDAY OF

# Advent



**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

**“You also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”**

MATTHEW 24:44

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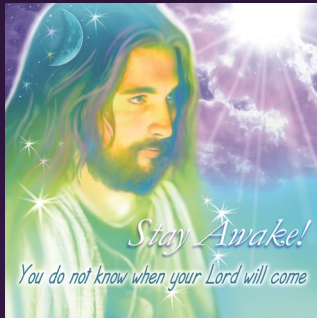
## Today's Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms: 122

Romans 13:11 - 14

Matthew 24:37-44



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## The First Sunday of Advent

### ON EDGE

There are numerous photographs of people who sleep on mountainside ledges, who carelessly dangle their feet into the space of geological chasms, and of course there's the iconic photograph of workers eating their lunch on a beam of the under-construction Chrysler building in New York. Some people seem attracted to these precarious, stomach-churning locations; many of us are not. More of us have had the experience of beginning a new stage in life, with the excitement and occasional stomach-churning newness of a moment that can put us a bit on edge. Advent — its first couple of Sundays in particular — has a similar role in the passage of time that we call the liturgical year. It's unlikely that the First Sunday of Advent makes many stomachs churn, but perhaps more would if we truly took it seriously that we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the reign of God at any moment.

When we encounter the daily news, it can seem as though Isaiah's prophecy of swords turned into plowshares is running in reverse, making despair seem wiser than hopefulness. This is where Advent as the brink of God's reign comes into play. Advent can be a time for each of us to de-weaponize, even in the smallest of ways, the world around us. Advent's days offer a chance to look for opportunities to make the world a bit more hopeful for others. As we head through Advent, the elevated focus we have when we are standing at those new moments, those new stages of life, can help us tune out the despair, so we might open our ears and hearts to Jesus. This way, we can turn our backs on gloom, and accept Isaiah's invitation to walk in the light of the Lord: Jesus Christ, the Word-made-Flesh!

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, November 28, 2022

Daily Mass (7:00am)  
Intention: †Rick Hilzer Family by Margie Rood  
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Tuesday, November 29, 2022

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

### Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Daily Mass (8:15am)  
Intention: †Jerry Dishong by St. Agnes Students & Staff  
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

### Thursday, December 1, 2022

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

### Friday, December 2, 2022

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

### Saturday, December 3, 2022

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)  
Intention: Ross Louch by Rod & Ellen Ramig

### Sunday, December 4, 2022

Weekend Mass (8:00am)  
Intention: †LaDonna Schmidt by The Peck Family  
Weekend Mass (10:00am)  
Intention: For Our Parish

## December Schedule

### Advent Communal Reconciliation Services

**December 11**

2:30pm

St. Agnes Church

6:00pm

Christ the King Church

### Individual Reconciliation

Tuesday, Dec 20 - 6pm-7pm

Wednesday, Dec 21 - 6pm-7pm

### Holiday Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve

4pm & 8pm

#### Christmas Day

8am & 10am

**New Year's Eve 5pm**

**New Year's Day 8am & 10am**

### Please save "Best Choice" bar codes !

The DCCW is still collecting bar codes from "Best Choice" products. The bar codes are turned in for cash and the money is given to help with ongoing clean drinking water projects in Haiti. Please save codes and put in an envelope marked "Bar Codes" and drop in donation boxes. Thank you !



### December 2022 Rosary Leaders

**Sat, Dec 3 5pm:** Daniel Warburton

**Sun, Dec 4 8:00am:** Addison Peck

**Sun, Dec 4 10:00am:** Kristin Schiff

**Sat, Dec 10 5pm:** Charissa Gould

**Sun, Dec 11 8am:**

Adam & Nicole Hoesing

**Sun, Dec 11 10:00am:** Angie Hilbert

**Sat, Dec 18 5pm:** Diana Rohrick

**Sun, Dec 19 8am:** JoAnn Nash

**Sun, Dec 19 10:00am:** Jackie Seymour

## Finance Corner

### Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

#### November 2022 Totals

Actual	\$9648.00
ATW	\$7455.00
Online Giving	\$1987.50
Budget	\$18000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1090.50

#### Sunday Collections Notice

Due to the bulletin transmission schedule with JS Paluch, our bulletin production company, the collection reports will be delayed for the next few weeks.

**Next Sunday's 2nd collection** is for **Christmas Altar Flowers**

**Thank you for your continued giving!**

## December 2022 Ministers

### Greeters & Ushers

**Saturday, 5pm:**

**Greeters:** Larry & Chris Burbach- East

Jeffrey & Michelle Johnston- South

**Ushers:** Andrew Dendinger (Captain)  
Dale VonLintel

**Sunday, 8am:**

**Greeters:** Rosalinda Sabala- East  
Jason & Angie Blanco - South

**Ushers:** Corey Greckel (Captain)  
Michael Esselstein

**Sunday, 10:00am:**

**Greeters:** Jeff & Dawne Wolfe- East  
Jacque Neu- South

**Ushers:** Doug Pieper (Captain)  
Mark Overman

### LECTORS

**Saturday, Dec 3 & 10 5pm:** Kathleen Roehl

**Sunday, Dec 4 & 11 8am:** Bridget Peck

**Sunday, Dec 4 & 11 10:00am:** Chuck Schwartz

**Saturday, Dec 17 5pm:** Jean Ahrens

**Sunday, Dec 18 8am:** Margaret Rood

**Sunday, Dec 18 10:00am:** Michael Schaff

### SACRISTANS

**Saturday, 5pm:**

Shelley Thomas

**Sunday, 8am:**

David & JoAnn Nash

**Sunday, 10:00am:**

Not Filled

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, 5pm:**

Ciborium - Connie McDonnough

Patsy Juedes-Fulk & Jennifer Hiltgen

**Sunday, 8am:**

Ciborium - Twila McCarthy

Jerry & Jeanette Fitzgerald

**Sunday, 10:00am:**

Ciborium - Mark Loose

Terry Bailey & Judy Schwartz

### SERVERS

**Sat, Dec 3 5pm:** Giovanni Alvitara & Jonah Klaas

**Sun, Dec 4 8am:** Easton Becker & Andrew Peck

**Sun, Dec 4 10:00am:** Claire Ascherl & Connelly Ascherl

**Sat, Dec 10 5pm:** Caylie Garcia & Quinten Gould

**Sun, Dec 11 8am:** Tristan Hoesing & Thomas Esselstein

**Sun, Dec 11 10:00am:** Charlotte Lewis & Kayley Smith

**Sat, Dec 17 5pm:** Giuliana Suhr & Kensington Suhr

**Sun, Dec 18 8am:** Elena Blanco & Isaac Blanco

**Sun, Dec 18 10:00am:** Lillian Seymour & William Seymour

## This Week's Readings



Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



## In Remembrance of this year's deceased parishioners

Virginia G. Montanez— 11-12-21  
 Jacque L. Bender— 11-24-21  
 Frances D. Clarkson— 11-27-21  
 Katherine E. Nelson— 12-1-21  
 Julia R. Grover— 1-12-22  
 Sara Arnold— 1-19-22  
 Meredith C. Schaff Jr.— 2-22-22  
 Raymond S. Rezac— 2-26-22  
 Karen Koch— 3-25-22  
 Rev. Donald J. O'Brien — 6-4-22  
 Joseph Wlaschin — 7-7-22  
 Deborah Moore — 8-18-22  
 Rev. James D. O'Kane — 8-19-22  
 Dennis Parks — 8-27-22  
 Richard B. Hilzer — 10-22-22



## The Liturgy Corner

### Advent Meaning

Advent is a season of four Sundays, not four weeks. The real progression of the season is from focusing on the second coming of Christ to his first coming at the incarnation, and both of these comings in the context of how Christ comes to us in the here and now in sacrament.

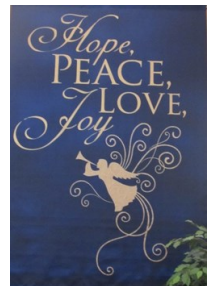
Advent is a time to celebrate the coming of Christ. The temptation is to focus on Christmas from the very beginning; the Lectionary actually prompts us to focus on the second coming of Christ at the end of time during the first two weeks of Advent; only with the Third Sunday of Advent do we liturgically truly turn to focusing on the birth of Christ. Therefore, Advent is a single season pointing to two comings of Christ - at the end of time and his human birth at the beginning of the Christian era.

The first part of Advent, then, would include notions of expectations of judgment (in this context penance during Advent is appropriate) and resurrection, celebrations of Christ's victory and reign, and being prepared for the many comings of Christ into our lives. The second part of Advent focuses on the mystery of the incarnation proper, but the **emphasis is more on our Savior's coming** than on the birth of a baby many centuries ago.

Advent is not the penitential season that Lent is; it is characterized by joyful expectations. You may notice that the liturgical enhancements are moderately festive. Since Advent begins with anticipation of Christ's second coming, our thoughts might be drawn to the messianic banquet that we will enjoy when we share in Christ's glory after our natural death.

The altar stands in our midst as a symbol of Christ, but it is also the table to which we come to be nourished on Christ's Body and Blood. The altar, then, is also a symbol of our sharing already in the messianic banquet.

While the liturgical enhancements may include an Advent wreath, we should be mindful that it serves as a beloved devotion and is just that – a devotion. *The ministry of Liturgical Environment – Joyce Ann Zimmerman*



## Do you need gifts for the holiday?

Scrip Star Cards are available for purchase after church this weekend, and running every weekend thru December. Scrip

Star Cards are simply gift cards. There are over 700 stores that offer rebate money to St Agnes Catholic School when you buy their card.

Go to

<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>  
to login and begin shopping!

Questions? Email:

[starcards@st-agnes-school.com](mailto:starcards@st-agnes-school.com)

Eucharistic Adoration-  
First Friday, will be on  
December 3rd  
following the 7 am  
Mass. Please take  
time and pray for our  
priests, our Church,  
and our country. All  
are invited to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



## Sock it to us!



The Catholic Daughters organization is having a sock drive for those in need in our community. Socks of all sizes and colors are welcome! Please place new packages of socks or monetary donations in the box in the Gathering Space by Sunday December 8th.

Call Beth Esselstein (631-9689) for more info.

Thanks in advance for your generosity to help keep folks warm!

Please join us for the

# Altar Society

## CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

St Agnes Garden Room  
December 1, 6:30pm

Please bring a wrapped rosary and a dozen of your favorite Christmas Goodies, as we will be having a Rosary and Goodie exchange.

Hope to see you there!

# LIVING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

## VCNIN CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM

Since 1983 Valley Christian Neighbors in Need (VCNIN) has coordinated a Christmas Sharing Program every year for families in need in the Panhandle. This program provides food and gifts through an application process with Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (CAPWN) and in collaboration with Knights of Columbus Council 2681 "Toys for Tots" and First State Bank's "Gift of Love" programs. Volunteer opportunities abound in order to make this program successful!

*If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone may say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. James 2:15-18*

**November 3 – December 31:** Coats 4 Kids @ Riverstone Bank, Scottsbluff & Gering. Collecting new or gently used coats to be given to CAPWN for distribution.

**November 3 – December 7:** Tree of Love @ Riverstone Bank, Scottsbluff & Gering. Stop by and pick out a name from the Tree of Love, purchase gifts, and return unopened to Riverstone Bank by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday, December 10, 9 a.m. :** Canned good sorting @ St. Agnes School Gym. Canned goods from the food drives will be sorted for use in the gift baskets and for local food pantries.

**Saturday, December 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. :** Truck of Love @ Riverstone Bank, Scottsbluff – Collecting new or gently used toys, new or gently used coats (any size), non-perishable food items, and cash donations. St. Agnes School Student Council will be volunteering at the event.

**Saturday, December 10, 2:30 p.m.:** Riverstone Bank's Jingle Jog @ YMCA. 5K run/walk. Donation of a new, unwrapped toy at the time of registration takes \$5 off the registration fee.

**December 13 – 15:** Gift wrapping @ Knights of Columbus Hall, 1719 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Scottsbluff. Open to the public, bring a pair of scissors and practice your wrapping skills. All the unwrapped gifts collected must be wrapped before delivery. Show up any time after 5 p.m. and stay as long as you can.

**Saturday, December 17, 9 a.m. :** Gift basket sorting @ St. Agnes School Gym.

**Sunday, December 18, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. :** Gift Basket Drive Thru @ St. Agnes School Gym. Volunteers needed to distribute food baskets, toys, and bikes to recipients of the Christmas Sharing Program.

### Other opportunities for giving:

**Small boxes for gift wrapping:** Ever gift wrapped a stuffed animal in the shape of an elephant? How about a package of socks, a hooded sweatshirt, or a collection of lip glosses? Save your cardboard boxes and bring to the Knights of Columbus Hall (1719 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Scottsbluff) Monday evenings during Bingo. Please make sure the boxes do not display any brand name and remove any address labels. Breaking down flat is appreciated for storage, but not required.

**Christmas-themed gift wrap, tape, and scissors:** Drop off at the Knights of Columbus Hall (1719 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Scottsbluff) Monday evenings during Bingo. Donations help to defray the costs of purchasing.

**Gifts for teenagers:** The Tree of Love program does not accept names of children over the age of 15 and struggles to fulfill the requests of those over 12. Drop off at the Knights of Columbus Hall (1719 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Scottsbluff) Monday evenings during Bingo.

**For any questions, contact Toni Warburton (308) 641-2781 or Kristin Schiff (308) 637-2606**

## Religious Education Program

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

Religious Education Office—308-635-1362

Celebrating Sunday for  
First Sunday of Advent  
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



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

What can we do to prepare ourselves for Jesus to come again, even though we do not know when that will be?

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

What did you notice in the church environment today?

### ***Living the Word:***

This week, set up a special Advent place in your home using a purple cloth, candles, and a wreath. For the next four weeks, try to gather as a family daily to focus on preparing your hearts for Jesus. "O come, O come Emmanuel" is a great Advent song to sing together.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic  
Families 2022-2023*

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**myParish App**

*In the App Store on your phone  
or tablet*

### **Family Advent Calendar**

#### ***Sunday, November 27th***

Buy or make an Advent wreath. Have the youngest light the first violet candle for Hope.

#### ***Monday, November 28th***

Choose a gift to prepare throughout Advent to give Jesus on His birthday: myrrh (sacrifice), frankincense (holiness), gold (treasure).

#### ***Tuesday, November 29th***

Make Christmas cards for troops overseas. Use these ideas: <http://tinyurl.com/2pwx9vme>.

#### ***Wednesday, November 30th***

*St. Andrew the Apostle*  
St. Andrew answered the Lord's call. Pray for priests and more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

#### ***Thursday, December 1st***

Practice singing all the verses to "O come, O come, Emmanuel."

#### ***Friday, December 2nd***

*First Friday Devotion*  
Visit Jesus in the tabernacle in church (find the lighted tabernacle candle). Thank Him for His blessings.

#### ***Saturday, December 3rd***

Bake and decorate cookies Advent-style, holiday-style, or free-style. Enjoy them together.



*Partners in Faith - November 2022*

### **Meet the Confirmation Candidates**



#### **Kennedi Larson**

My name is Kennedi Larson and I am in the 8th grade at Bluffs Middle School. My parents are Chad and Kelli Larson and I have two sisters, Kaia and Kate. I play volleyball, soccer, and I am involved in W.E.B. Crew. After receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation I would like to develop a stronger faith and become closer to God. I would also like to participate in other Church activities.

### **Happy New Year!**

Each year the Church begins a new liturgical year on the Sunday closest to the feast of the Apostle Andrew (November 30). This year the first Sunday of Advent is November 27. We begin Year A in the liturgical cycle. Celebrate by lighting the first candle in your Advent wreath.

Pick a cause

Prayer isn't the only thing we can do to make the world better; it's the best thing we can do. Try this: Choose an event from the news that brings concern to your family. Then find a saint devoted to that cause. For example, St. Vincent Ferrer – the patron of reconciliation – ask him to intervene to end the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

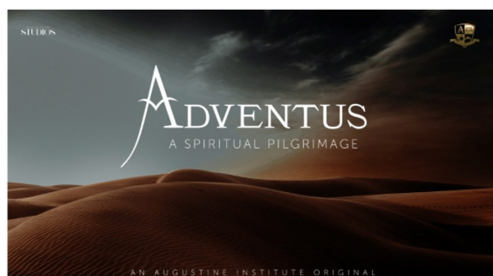
*"Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is fitting among holy ones, no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk, which is out of place, but instead, thanksgiving" (Ephesians 5:3-4).*

*Partners in Faith - November 2022*



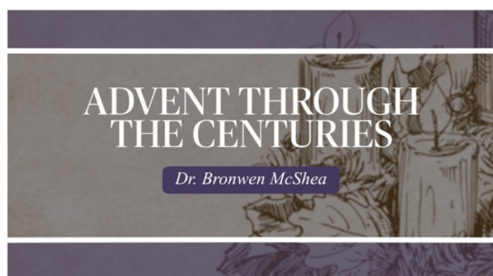
# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

## Week of November 27, 2022



### Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



### Advent through the Centuries

Dr. Bronwen McShea, an Associate Professor at the Augustine Institute, shares an exciting and thorough presentation on the celebration of Advent throughout the centuries.



### Making Advent Great for Kids

Advent is a time where we seek to grow in intimacy and relationship with the Lord. But this does not have to only be for adults! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker as they discuss different ways you can make Advent great for your kids.

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

# Kids' Corner

Jesus told us to "be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come" (Matthew 24:44).  
Draw hands on the clocks to show  
the time written below each one.



## First Sunday of Advent

Paul told the Romans to do two things.  
To find out what he said, look at the number  
under the blank spaces in the words below.  
Use the code in which each number range represents a vowel to  
find which vowel to write in the blank.  
To check your answer, read Romans 13:12 in your Bible.  
Then draw an arrow from each saying to the shape  
that explains what it means.

**a**= 40-49      **i**= 10-19      **u**= 30-39  
**e**= 20-29      **o**= 50-59

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Jesus





*Connecting Students and Families through Faith*  
*November 27, 2022*



***Upcoming Events***

**Wednesday, November 30th**

Mass @ 8:15 - 2nd Grade Leads

Reconciliation - Grades 3-5

**Thursday, December 1st**

Advent Celebration Kick Off

**\*\*Reminder:**

**Christmas Program**  
**DECEMBER 6th, 6:30 PM\*\***



**Diocesan Superintendent**  
**& NDE Visit**

St. Agnes students enjoyed a visit from Diocesan superintendent, Jordan Engle, on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Engle missed his early fall visit due to a scheduling conflict so he paid a visit to the school during the audit by the Nebraska Department of Education. The auditors from NDE gave our school several complementary ratings and were very impressed by the amazing facilities, programs, staffing and learning that are happening at St. Agnes School.



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**Ph: 308-632-6918**



## Hotdog Feed

Fourth and fifth grade students hosted the annual hotdog feed on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. These students prepared a lunch of hotdogs, beans, chips, jello, pickles and cookies to serve to students and staff, who paid \$2 for the lunch. A total of \$1400 was raised by the lunch and extra donations. These funds will be used to purchase gifts for 10 children whose names were drawn from the Riverstone Bank's Tree of Love. What a wonderful way to begin the advent season by opening our

hearts and sharing with others.



## An Advent Journey

St. Agnes students will be participating in an Advent Journey during the course of the next few weeks. Each year we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord by preparing and taking part in special celebrations. This year's celebrations are centered on Feast days and the holy day, Immaculate Conception. A short play/skit will be part of each celebration. Parents are welcome to attend any or all celebrations.

Opening – Thursday, Dec. 1

St. Nicholas – Tuesday, Dec 6 – 4<sup>th</sup>

Immaculate Conception – Thurs, Dec 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Mon., Dec 12 – 5<sup>th</sup>

Los Posados – Tues, Dec 13 – 3<sup>rd</sup>

St. Lucy – Thurs. Dec 15 – 1<sup>st</sup>

Nativity – Friday, Dec. 16 – K



St. Agnes Students will present the Christmas program *Star Search* on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the school gym. Attire for this program is festive or Christmas related. The **back doors** will open at **6:10** for seating and students will be allowed into their classrooms at 6:15. Refreshments will be served by the Home & School group following the program.

## Hot Lunch Menu for November 28th, 2022 - December 2nd, 2022

### Monday, Nov 28

Chicken Nuggets  
French Fries  
Corn  
Peaches

#### Helpers:

Jordan McBride  
Kelcie McBride

### Tuesday, Nov 29

Pancakes  
Sausage Patti  
Potato Triangles  
Spinach  
Orange Wedges

#### Helpers:

Jessica Acosta  
Andrew Preston

### Wednesday, Nov 30

Soft Shell Taco  
Salsa, Cheese  
Lettuce & Tomatoes  
Tater Circles  
Apples

#### Helpers:

Tish Kosman  
Kika

### Thursday, Dec 1

Tater Tot Casserole  
Corn  
Roll & Margarine  
Grapes

#### Helpers:

Jordan McBride  
Kelcie McBride

### Friday, Dec 2

Pulled Pork Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Fresh Chips  
Pears

#### Helpers:

Heather Weitzel  
HELP NEEDED



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



## Third Grade Class By Meghan Calvert



Thanksgiving break has arrived! 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has been pushing through this second quarter and working hard on all the new concepts we are still learning. This month we have been working on our multiplication tables. It has been fun watching them learn new strategies to help them learn and understand multiplication. We played a game where each student got their own white board and wrote down a multiplication problem on it. The students then spread out around the room and one student tried to solve each multiplication problem as quickly as possible. The kids had a blast doing this and we will be doing it more in the future.

This month we also focused on All Souls' Day. Each child brought in a picture of a loved one or animal that has passed and we hung them on our wall.

We have been praying the Prayer for the Dead every morning for those we have lost. The artist we focused on this month was Vincent Van Gogh. The kids got to recreate their own Starry Night portrait and learn his small stroke technique. They all made beautiful masterpieces!



## Library Room News By Lana Payne



Thanksgiving is just over the hill, I can see Mom, Dad, Grandparents, and cousins all planning a great feast and fun-filled day with friends and family! Wishing you a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

December and the Christmas season are now coming into view! The school is already busy making plans for Advent, the Christmas Program, and the blessed day of Christ's birth. This is also an exciting time in the library! We are very fortunate to have a wonderful collection of books for the Christmas season. The students look forward to displays of books about the Christmas Story, Baby Jesus, and the Bright Star, but also: Santa Claus, reindeer, the North Pole (whether by sleigh or Polar Express), elves, gingerbread people, dancing Nutcracker soldiers fending off large prancing mice, beautiful lighted or snow-covered trees, and of course the Grinch whose "heart grew three sizes that day!" Hope you'll enjoy reading these Christmas treasures with your children!

**Book Fair Update:** We don't yet have the final figures for the Scholastic profit share, but I can tell you that sales totaled \$3,059.38. Thank you all for shopping at the Book Fair! We appreciate your overwhelming and continued support.



## Music Room News By Cori Taedter



What a busy, exciting time we have been having in our music room! I am SO proud to share that our St. Agnes show choir group, Singspirations, earned a top "Gold" award during their participation in the Old West Choir Fest at Scottsbluff High School on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>! Not only is this an extremely rare event for an elementary show choir, but they also broke with tradition and were invited to perform at the Best of the Fest concert that evening! I don't think I've ever seen such excited faces, nor have I witnessed an elementary performance with such heart and passion – the Lord was truly working through us during the entire experience. These kids were blessed due to their hard work and message that they were there to share – I am so very proud of them.

We also hope that you plan to join us on Tuesday evening, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the school gym, as our very own St. Agnes students will be presenting a most special musical celebration, "Star Search!" We have absolutely fallen in love with this fun, warm and memorable Christmas musical celebration which, based on Philippians 2:3-7, reminds us that it's not about being the biggest and brightest, but about "being humble, and being kind, if you really wanna be a star!" Our children have been working diligently to do their best in sharing this wonderful message, and have put their musical expertise to good use with bells, drums and a collection of dancing and singing that will be sure to help you celebrate the birth of our King - Merry Christmas!

