



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
December 15, 2024



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Dec 17th

Advent Celebration

Wednesday, Dec 18th

Mass @ 8:15 - 1st Grade leads

Thursday, Dec 19th

Kindergarten Nativity - 8:30

Caroling to follow

Christmas Parties - 2:30

Dismiss for Christmas Break - 3:15

Friday, Dec 20th

NO SCHOOL

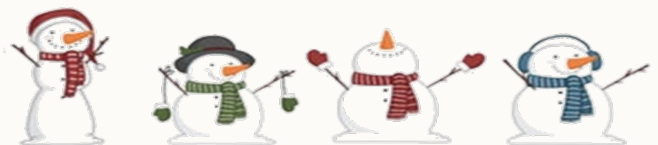


Service From the Heart

St. Agnes Student Council members assisted with the Salvation Army bell ringing project during the week of December 2-6. The students manned the bell ringing post at Walmart from 4:00-6:00 each evening. This service project allows the students to impact their community as 90% of the money raised during the campaign stays right here in the valley and is distributed by CAPWN. What a great way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!



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Classroom News.....

Baptized in Christ

2nd grade students, Anita and Iviana Garcia and their older sister Olivia, received the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, November 24th. What a great celebration! Anita and Ivi are preparing to receive the sacrament of 1st Holy Communion this spring. Congratulations ladies!



Celebrating St. Nicholas Day

December 6th marked a beloved celebration at St. Agnes School – St. Nicholas Day. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, is known for his generosity and gift giving especially to the poor. He always gave in secret, expecting no recognition for his good deeds. After leaving their shoe in the hallway, the students were excited to find a candy cane and gold coin left by a secret gift giver.



Christmas Around the World

Kindergarten students have enjoyed “traveling” around the world to learn about Christmas traditions in other countries. The students were excited to “visit” and learn more about Christmas in: Italy, Germany, Mexico, Sweden and France. They loved the German tradition of creating gingerbread houses and were thrilled to break open a pinata like the children of Mexico do. This is a favorite experience for the kindergarten students.



November 2024 100 CLUB WINNERS

\$200: Ben/Kelli Jenkins; **\$100:** Bryon/Mandi Adams, Todd/Stephanie Lewis, Anna Bingham; **\$65:** Ed/Ann Connelly; **\$50:** Lorna Caniglia, Larry/Chris Burbach, Jean Ahrens, Tom Carson, KJ Hafer, Rob Polk, Greg/Dawn Wolf

CONGRATULATIONS!



Hot Lunch Menu for December 16th, 2024 - December 20th, 2024

<u>Monday, Dec 16</u>	<u>Tuesday, Dec 17</u>	<u>Wednesday, Dec 18</u>	<u>Thursday, Dec 19</u>	<u>Friday, Dec 20</u>
Cheese Spaghetti Garlic Toast Celery/Cucumbers Pears	Chicken Nuggets Spinach Salad Corn Grapes	Beef Enchiladas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Applesauce	Ham Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK
Helpers: Andrea Margheim Kristin Schiff	Helpers: Andrea Margheim Kristin Schiff	Helpers: Mayra Lara Tiah Alvizar	Helpers: Rachelle Ramirez Danielle Guerrero	Helpers:

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



Fifth Grade Class By Lynsey Ayers

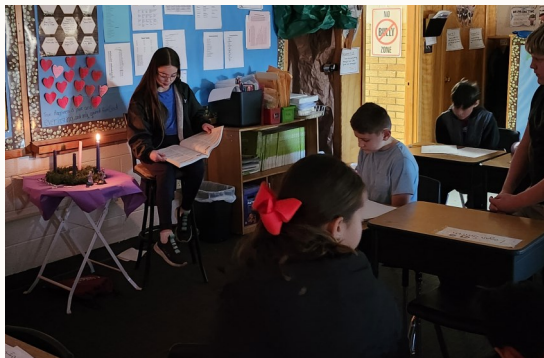


Hello everyone! Here we are at the end of December. The year has flown by so fast. It is so hard to believe that half of the school year is already gone. The fifth grade are finishing up chapters and units, closing many things off so that they will be ready to fully enjoy their break.

We are finishing up chapter 5 in math with both fifth and fourth grade. The fifth grade has been learning about different strategies to multiply multi-digit numbers where the fourth grade has been learning all about prime and composite numbers, factor groups, and pattern rules.

In fifth grade we are bringing a close to our sailing unit, and in science we have learned all about physical and chemical changes. We have also added an advent element to our devotions by including the Advent Wreath. The class has really enjoyed having our daily prayers and readings by its light.

I am so excited to see what the new year will bring for the fifth grade when we return from break!



Library Room News By Lana Payne



Christmas is getting nearer and we become more excited with each passing day! The students are having a wonderful time reading and listening to a wide variety of Christmas books. Our library has a wonderful selection of Christmas books! I love getting to read the students their favorite Christmas stories and introducing new ones to them!

Tomie DePaola is one of the most prolific authors and illustrators of Christian-themed books for children. His books are favorites for the Christmas season both for the themes and his distinctive artwork. The library has added several new Tomie DePaola books this season. And during library time we've joyfully shared several of his Christmas books.

Jan Brett is another of our favorite author/illustrators of Christmas books. Her illustrations are highly detailed scenes in a beautiful Scandinavian style of animals and people, including her signature hedgehog somewhere on the page (often hidden). The children have become quite good at finding the hidden critter and delight in sharing their discovery with the class!

While both DePaola and Brett write and illustrate their own original works, they've often illustrated the retellings of traditional stories which artfully maintain historical connections to our past and the stories of Christmas.

Bless you and your family this Christmas Season. Wishing you Joy, Peace, and Happiness in the New Year!



Music Room News By Cori Taedter



Our St. Agnes Singspirations members certainly had a special experience! The Best of the West Champions from Colorado Springs, CO - Vista Ridge Rhythm - were very impressed with Singspirations' performance, and reached out to them by sending personalized greeting card messages and T shirts for each of our members! The messages were uplifting, encouraging and heartfelt. What a blessing this experience has been for our kids! The Lord has had His hand in it from the beginning, and we have offered many thanks.

On Thursday evening, December 12th at 6:30 pm in the school gym, our very own St. Agnes students presented a most special musical celebration, "Know Christ, Know Christmas!" This fun holiday musical that centers around a Quiz Bowl team preparing for the upcoming Christmas Quiz Bowl competition. When they gather to go over some of the questions they'll be asked at the competition, they discover that while they do know some details about the Christmas season, they are confused about what is true, what is tradition, and what the most important thing is about Christmas. Throughout the musical, they come to learn that what really matters is believing in your heart that the Christmas story is true. Our children worked 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!

