# St. Agnes School Newsletter 

## November 2, 2023

Saturday, November 4 Sunday, November 5

Monday, November 6 Tuesday, November 7 Thursday, November 9

Friday, November 10

Saturday, November 11
Sunday, November 12
Monday, November 13
Tuesday, November 14
Thursday, November 16

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Parish Mass (4:30pm)
Daylight Savings Time Ends - turn clocks back 1 hour
Parish Masses (9:00am \& 11:00am)
Parish Chili Supper (12:00pm-6:30pm)
1:30 Dismissal (Faculty Meeting-Office closed)
School Board Meeting (6:30pm)
$5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Service Day at St. Agnes (12:45-2:15pm)
November Birthdays Dress Down Day
School Mass for Kdg-8 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ (8:15am)
Veterans Day Event
11:30 Dismissal (Teacher In-Service)

LOOKING AHEAD
Veterans Day
Parish Mass (4:30pm)
Parish Masses (9:00am \& 11:00am)
Fall Picture Retakes
Student Council Meeting (Noon)
Parents' Club Meeting ( $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ )
Committee Meeting Night (6:30pm)
School Mass for Kdg-8 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ (8:15am)

School: 793-1370; School Fax: 793-1238
Athletic Director/Jess Guzman 217-546-7094
or iguzman@stagnescatholicschool.org
Late Day: 415-1304


## Message from the Principal

Dear St. Agnes School Parents,
Happy November to you all! This month has certainly come upon us quickly!! A small reminder to you as the weather becomes colder outside, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the chilly temperatures. Coats, hats and gloves are going to be a "must have" as we take the students outside as much as we possibly can. If students are dressed appropriately for the weather, they will enjoy their time outside.

Many, many thanks to all of our wonderful room parents who planned and executed some fantastic Halloween parties for our students this past Tuesday!! Everyone enjoyed all of the games, crafts and treats that were provided. It takes many hours and a lot of work to plan a classroom party and we are so appreciative of everything our room parents did to make Halloween an enjoyable holiday.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conference sign-up is well underway on the "My Conference Time" scheduling system. Time slots are available for those of you who have not scheduled a time yet. Please schedule an appointment by Friday, November 17. Conferences will take place on Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, November 21 from 2:00-7:30 p.m. To schedule your preferred date and time for a parent-teacher conference, please go to:
https://www.myconferencetime.com/stagnesaces. Click on the folder named "2023 ParentTeacher Conferences (K-8)" and click on the name of your child's homeroom teacher. (Remember: conferences are held in homerooms.)

## Uniform Shorts Policy

November is here and that means that there is a change in what can be worn. Our handbook states that students may wear uniform shorts until October 31, which has come and gone. Long pants must be worn to school now. Shorts may make an appearance again at the beginning of the 4th Quarter, which is Monday, March 18 :).

## Parish Chili Supper

This Sunday, November 5, St. Agnes Parish will be holding the annual fall Chili Supper. You may come and enjoy delicious "all you can eat" chili or vegetable soup between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $\$ 13.00$ for adults and $\$ 6.00$ for children and may be purchased at the door. Volunteers are still needed for this event. If you would like to participate you may sign up to work a shift at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4FA5AF2FAAFB6-stagnes43\#l All help would be greatly appreciated!!

## Fall Picture Retakes

On Monday, November 13, Interstate Picture Studios will be at St. Agnes School for any student who was absent on our originally scheduled picture day or for any student wishing to have their picture retaken. Group photos of each class, team or activity will also be taken that day.

## Christmas Wreath Auction

Our Pre-K thru 8 classes have been very busy making festive Christmas wreaths on which you may bid in our second annual "Christmas Wreath Auction". All class wreaths will be on display in the gym hallway. You may bid on them during the Parish Chili Supper on Sunday, over the course of the next week and a half any time that you are in the building, and during
Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, November 21. Bidding will close at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21. All proceeds raised from this will go toward updating our lighting on the stage.

## Locally Harvested Honey Fundraiser

A St. Agnes Parent, Dave Cox, is generously sharing his honey harvest with sales benefiting the St. Agnes Parents' Club and its activities throughout the year! If you wish to purchase some of the most delicious honey that you've ever tasted (I can attest to how wonderful it is!!!) it will be on sale for $\$ 12.00$ per bottle at the Parish Chili Supper this Sunday, November 5. Next week we will be sending home order forms for those that wish to purchase it through the school office.

And so we continue to breeze through these autumn days. Enjoy what remains of the beauty of the fall colors.

That's all for now. Until next week . . . . .
Blessings to you all,
Mrs. Cunningham



#### Abstract

ABSENTEES Each parent/guardian is required to notify the school office if a child will be absent that day. Homework requests may be made at this time for absences. Parents should call the school office prior to 8:30a.m. and may leave a message on the school answering machine if the secretary cannot be reached. An email may also be sent to Pam Kink, School Secretary (pkink@stagnescatholicschool.org). A call or email should be made each day the student is absent, unless it is known that the child will miss several consecutive days. If such is the case, the school can be informed with the first phone call/email of the consecutive absence and the reason.

\section*{LATE ARRIVALS \& EARLY DISMISSALS}

Each parent/guardian is required to notify the school office if a child will be arriving late or leaving early for an appointment. A written note in advance of the appointment is to be sent to the school office through the teacher for the release of a student from school for doctor, dental or other appointments. Emails may be sent to the teacher and to Mrs. Pam Kink (pkink@stagnescatholicschool.org) as well. If your child will be arriving late please indicate if he/she is a hot or cold lunch when contacting the school. A parent must personally pick up the child at the school office. A student must check in at the school office upon returning from an appointment to get an admit slip to return to class.


## KINDERGARTEN NEWS - Mrs. Steinkruger

We survived Halloween on Tuesday! Students were so excited to dress in their costumes. We had an awesome time at our Halloween class party as well. Thank you to our room parents for making it so fun!

In phonics this week we worked on ABC Bootcamp Word Families (-it, -ip, -in, and -ig). In religion we learned to appreciate that God gives us friends. Also, God wants friends to care for one another. Our sight words this week are white, she, and was. In science, we are finishing up our unit on pumpkins. In reading our theme was pumpkins. We read "Pumpkin Town" by Katie McKy. We talked about key details, inferring, retelling, and how to identify the problem and solution. In math we used ordinal numbers to the fifth and the tenth to describe positions of an object. Finally, we reviewed how to write numbers 0-10. We enjoyed learning all about our star student this week, Charlotte Miller.

## Congratulations to the following students for passing some of their Rainbow Sight Words!!!

Orange Sight Words
Jack Richardson

Yellow Sight Words<br>Ava Kennedy

Purple Sight Words<br>Addison Tomaw

## SECOND GRADE - Ms. Keane

Congratulations to Zachary Stephenson who finished the bronze level in Mathletics and to Easton Gerding, Elyse Jones, Aaron Smith, and Addison Steinkruger who finished the silver leve!!

## EIGHTH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Purchase a St. Agnes School "Come Soar with Us" t-shirt! The t-shirt was designed by $8^{\text {th }}$ Grade Student, Jillian Albanese. The shirt includes the 2023-2024 school theme, "Come Soar with Us". The t-shirt will be a beautiful sky blue and navy, and white. The shirt can be worn on Spirit Day Wednesdays. Order for is attached to this newsletter. Order form and payment are due by November $15^{\text {th }}$. Please support the $8^{\text {th }}$ graders and purchase a t-shirt!

## ATHLETICS - Mr. Guzman

We are currently signing up all who are interested in SCAA Volleyball and Boys Basketball, IESA Wrestling, Chess, and Scholastic Bowl. If your child has any interest in any of these programs, please contact Mr. Guzman. iguzman@stagnescatholicschool.org

Wrestling will be starting in 2 weeks, we will have a sign-up sheet at the front desk. If your student is interested in wrestling, please come into the office to sign up your child. Thank You.

## LUNCH RECESS MONITORS NEEDED

We are in need of additional recess monitors for the $3^{\text {rd }}$ shift (12:30-1:00) on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you can volunteer, please contact Mrs. Karen White
at kwhite@stagnescatholicschool.org. This is another opportunity to earn Family Service hours. Volunteers must have completed the Safe Environment Training and completed the required background check.

## LATE DAY

Late Day invoices were emailed to parents on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Payment is due upon receipt of bill. Send Late Day payments in a separate envelope marked Late Day Admin - Payment. Any special notes for Late Day other than payments are to be sent in a separate envelope marked Late Day. To pay Late Day Invoices online, please follow the directions on the website. Here is the link: https://bit.Iy/LateDayPayments. You may contact Karen White at kwhite@stagnescatholicschool.org with any questions.

## MISSIONS - Mrs. Caveny

In Luke 6:30 Jesus told his followers to give to everyone who asks. In Luke 14:13 Jesus said to give to those who can't repay and to freely give what we have freely.

Your child/children were given a "mite box" last week from the MCA: Missionary Childhood Association to begin collecting for the year any coins or dollars "they " want to contribute to the missions throughout the year. If by chance their box gets full before we collect them, please turn in that amount in an envelope into the office (Mrs. Caveny) and then your child/children can continue collecting till May. Thank you for your dedication to the missions and the heartfelt giving to those less fortunate. May God bless you for your generosity.

## ACTIVITIES AT ST. AGNES - Mrs. Wellman

## Catholic Charities Food Drive Challenge

Thank you to all those that donated to this challenge. We have not found out the final results yet. When there is a need, St. Agnes families ALWAYS answer - thank you!
$8^{\text {n }}$ Grade donated the most food items this year. They will enjoy a dress down day tomorrow.

## Veterans Day

Veterans, please plan on joining us at Mass at 8:15am on Friday, November 10. Immediately following Mass, there will be a program with coffee and donuts in the school gym. See the attached flyer.
Students may dress out of uniform (Red, White, Blue, and Purple) on November for 10n for $\$ 1.00$ or more. All proceeds will benefit the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

If you ordered a Purple Heart T-shirt, shirts will be delivered the week of November 6 " ${ }^{\text {. }}$

## Wreath Auction

Each class has designed a Christmas themed wreath. Wreaths will be available to view and bid on starting this Sunday at the Holy Name Society's Chili Supper. Bidding for these adorable wreaths will end on November 21 at 7:00p.m. (Parent-Teacher Conferences).

## Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarships - Empower Illinois

Thank you to all those that have signed the petition and has place a sign in their yard. The petition and yard signs are still available in the school lobby.

November Veto Session will be November 7-9 and is our next chance to have HB4194 passed.

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

## It's easy! Here's how it works:

- Download the app https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app
- Choose our school: St. Agnes School. Our School ID is 175191
- Buy Box Tops products. With thousands of participating products, there are lots of chances to earn!
- Scan your receipt with the Box Tops app within 14 days of purchase and automatically earn for St. Agnes School with every Box Tops product you buy.
- If you shop online, you can earn with your digital or email receipt, too.
- Remember, you can earn a bonus for our school by referring
 your friends, family and other parents at St. Agnes School to sign up for Box Tops. You'll both earn a bonus when they scan their first receipt with the Box Tops app. Our goal is to earn \$500 through Box Tops this year. Every Box Tops product counts towards our goal. Let's make a difference together. We can do this!


## DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION - Mrs. Becker

## GRADES 3-6 FORMATION

Upcoming events to strengthen Gifts of the Spirit and earn a Saint Badge. Schedule is attached to this newsletter.

## EMMAUS TEENS

Check out the flier attached for upcoming events!.
FAMILY FORMATION
Family Brunch - Sunday, November 19 th 10:00am.

# Chili Supper Tickets Available in the Church Gathering Space Look for your Family Envelope! 



Volunteers
Needed!!
Sunday
November 5

Many volunteers are needed to make this a success. Please consider giving some of your time and talent for this event. This is a great opportunity for older students who need service hours. Sign up using this QR Code or link: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/9040A4FA5AF2FAAFB6-stagnes43\#I


Baked Goods Needed
Chili Supper Bake Sale November 5

Love to Bake? We need you! Donation items can be dropped off in the Parish Center after Mass Saturday November 4 or in the School Cafeteria after Masses the day of the Chili Supper. Sign-up using this QR Code or link: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/9040A4FA5AF2FAAFB6-bakesale\#/


This is a great way to earn service hours!

## Upcoming: African Mass



## The 2023-2024 St. Agnes School Come Soar with Us T-Shirt $8^{\text {th }}$ Grade Fundraiser - Orders due November $15^{\text {th }}$



The t-shirt above was designed by $8^{\text {th }}$ Grade Student, Jillian Albanese. The shirt includes the 2023 - 2024 school theme, "Come Soar with Us". The t-shirt will be a beautiful sky blue and navy., and white. The shirt can be worn on Spirit Day Wednesdays.
Please support the $8^{\text {th }}$ graders and purchase a t-shirt!!!

| Long Sleeve (LS) or Short Sleeve (SS) | Youth (Y) or <br> Adult (A) | Size: $S, M, L, X L, 2 X L, 3 X L$ | Family Name: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Grade: <br> Contact INFO: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Please include payment with the |
|  |  |  | order. Checks should be written to St. Agnes $8^{\text {th }}$ Grade. Turn in all |
|  |  |  | orders to the school office. |

# VETERANS = DAY = 

St. Agnes Catholic School
Cordially invites all Veterans to our Veterans Day Celebration Friday, November 10, 2023

## Please join all the students and staff as we celebrate Mass at 8:15am

Immediately following Mass, donuts, coffee, and juice will be available for all Veterans in the school gym. Students will be available to sit and talk to Veterans while enjoying a celebration!

> 251 N. Amos Ave. Springfield, IS

## St Agnes Emmaus Teens



Saturday
November

@ Dominican Sisters
Jubilee Farm
6760 Old Jacksonville Rd

Fun Games Hot Dogs
S'Mores Hot Chocolate Prayer Time

## 6-8рги

Brïng camp chairs and flashlight dress for weather wear closed toe shoes

## For more information:

RSVP HERE:


# HEAR THE STORIES OF SR BETH AND FR JOE AND HOW THEY GOT TO BE PRIEST AND SISTER! 



St. Agnes 3-6 grade
Ministry

Service Samplers:
Ronald Mc Donald House Oct. 29 \& Mar. 10
Martin DePorres Ctr Nov. II \& Feb. 24
Dominican Mother House Jan. 14 \& April 14

Badge Club Days Wednesday 3;15-4;45PM January 17 St. Agnes April 24 St. Kateri


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RESTAURANT

| RESTAURANTS |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Applebee's | E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Arby's | R | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Bella Milano |  | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| Bob Evans | R, E | \$10 | 10\% |  |  |
| Burger King | R*, E | \$10 | 4\% |  |  |
| Chili's | E | \$25 | 11\% |  |  |
| Chipotle | E | \$10 | 10\% |  |  |
| Cold Stone Creamery | E | \$10 | 11\% |  |  |
| D\&J Café |  | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| Dairy Queen (DQ) |  | \$10 | 3\% |  |  |
| Darden's (Olive Garden / Longhorn, + more) | R, E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Domino's | R, E | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Dunkin' Donuts | E | \$10 | 3\% |  |  |
| Engrained Brewery |  | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| Freddy's Frozen Custard |  | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Golden Corral |  | \$25 | 9\% |  |  |
| Happy Dining (Buffalo W. Wings, Red Lobster, Cracker Barrel, + more) | R, E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Hardee's |  | \$10 | 5\% |  |  |
| IHOP | E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Krispy Kreme | R, E | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Little Caesar's |  | \$20 | 8\% |  |  |
| Long John Silver's |  | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Luca Pizza |  | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| McAlister's Deli | E | \$25 | 6\% |  |  |
| Noodles \& Co |  | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Outback Steakhouse | E | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| Panda Express | E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Panera Bread | R, E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Papa John's | R*, E | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Papa Murphy's |  | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Pizza Hut | E | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Pizza Ranch | E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Qdoba |  | \$25 | 7\% |  |  |
| Red Robin | E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Sonic | R | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Starbuck's | R, E | \$25 | 4.5\% |  |  |
| Steak n' Shake | E | \$10 | 8\% |  |  |
| Subway |  | \$10 | 4.5\% |  |  |
| Taco Bell | R | \$10 | 5\% |  |  |
| Texas Roadhouse | E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| HEALTH |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
| CVS | R, E | \$25 | 6\% |  |  |
| Walgreens** |  | \$25 | 5\% | temp. | available |

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| GROCERY |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| County Market |  | \$25 | 5\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| GFS | R, E | \$25 | 4\% |  |  |
| GAS |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
| Casey's |  | \$25 | 3\% |  |  |
| Circle K |  | \$25 | 1.5\% |  |  |
| Meijer | R* | \$25 | 3\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Shell | R | \$25 | 1.5\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Wal-mart <br> Sam's Club | R, E | \$25 | 2.5\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$50 |  |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
|  |  | \$250 |  |  |  |
| MAJOR RETAILERS |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
| JCPenny | R, E | \$25 | 5\% |  |  |
| Kohl's | E | \$25 | 4\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Macy's | E | \$25 | 10\% |  |  |
| Meijer | R* | \$25 | 3\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Target | R, E | \$25 | 2.5\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Wal-mart <br> Sam's Club | R, E | \$25 | 2.5\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$50 |  |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
|  |  | \$250 |  |  |  |
| ONLINE SHOPPING |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
| Amazon | E | \$25 | 1.7\% |  |  |
| Apple / iTunes | E | \$15 | 5\% |  |  |
| Groupon | E | \$25 | 7\% |  |  |
| InstaCart | E | \$25 | 4\% |  |  |
| Overstock | E | \$25 | 8\% |  |  |
| Shutterfly | E | \$25 | 9\% |  |  |
| Wayfair | E | \$100 | 6\% |  |  |


| HOME IMPROVEMENT |  | \$\$ | REBATE | QTY | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ace Hardware | E | \$25 | 4\% |  |  |
| Home Depot | R, E | \$25 | 4\% |  |  |
| Lowe's | R, E | \$25 | 4\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |
| Menards |  | \$25 | 3\% |  |  |
|  |  | \$100 |  |  |  |


$R^{*}=$ overnight reload $\quad R=$ reload $\quad E=e G i f t$ cards also available $\quad \Delta=$ additional denominations listed online to chose from Go to raiseright.com to see a full list of options or to order online.
To order online, you must register using our enrollment code. Current code is AE31B8114985

## Before turning in your order:

Check your order for accuracy. Inaccurate orders will be returned unprocessed. PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS.

ORDER INFORMATION
ORDER DATE: $\qquad$
$\qquad$ / Purchaser Name (if different)
Family Name:
Best Contact Name \& Phone Number:
DELIVER TO: Pick up in Church Office: $\qquad$

## Send Home with Student Listed Below

(Orders sent home with student on Fridays*)

General Information: All pre-orders for physical delivery must be received whether by paper form or online by 9:00am on Mondays. Questions? Contact Tami Dillon in the Church Office. Phone: 217-793-1330 or Email: stagnesscrip@gmail.com

## St. Agnes Student Name, Grade, Teacher:

Make Checks Payable to: St. Agnes Scrip
Total SCRIP Cards Purchased:
Total Amount Due: \$ $\qquad$
(Cards will not be filled until payment has been received)

