

# MARCH

# NEWS

## ST. AGNES SCHOOL

March 1, 2018

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

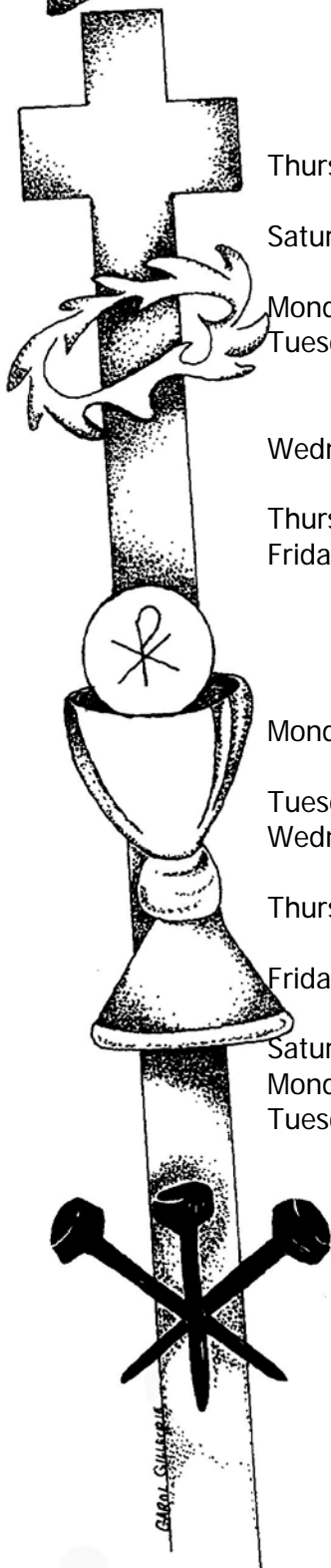
Wax Museum – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (2:00 – 2:50 pm in the gym)  
Annual Fund Meeting (6:30 pm)  
St. Agnes Parish/School Gala - President Abraham Lincoln Hotel  
from 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
Iowa Assessment Tests begin through Friday, March 9 (Gr. 2-8)  
STEM Club (3:15 – 4:00 pm)  
Scholastic Bowl Meet  
Parents' Club Meeting – 6:30 pm  
Robotics Club – (3:15 – 4:30 pm)  
Grant Writing Meeting – 6:30 pm  
All School Liturgy – 8:15 am  
Parents' Club March Madness Event begins at 5:30 pm

### LOOKING AHEAD

**1:30 Dismissal** (Faculty Meeting)  
School Board Meeting – 6:30 pm  
Scholastic Bowl Meet  
**11:30 am Dismissal** (Teacher In-Service)  
Ag in the Classroom (KA & KB)  
All School Liturgy – 8:15 am  
Enrollment Committee Meeting – 6:30 pm  
Spring Picture Day & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Picture Retakes  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (43 days)  
St. Patrick's Day  
Confirmation Practice – 6:30 pm  
Confirmation Retreat – Villa Maria (8:30 am – 2:30 pm)  
STEM Club (3:15 – 4:30)

School: 793-1370  
School Fax: 793-1238  
Athletic Director/Sue Mosher: 546-7094  
Late Day: 415-1304

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Agnes School Parents,

Our Parish and school GALA is here! I hope you are planning to join us for this special fundraiser that brings us together as a Parish and school this Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel downtown. The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 11:00 p.m. A special thank you to all of our school and Parish families who are a part of the GALA committee. Thank you to all who have purchased raffle tickets, to those who have donated items for baskets and the live auction and to those who will be joining us for this evening. I know you won't be disappointed in all that has been prepared for this event! Dinner, silent and live auction, raffles and entertainment with the dueling pianos. Fr. Bob, the Gala committee and I look forward to sharing the evening with you.

Parents, please be aware that our local police, due to the all of the school violences, are visiting our schools more frequently and walking through the building to check on security. We have had a visit from three different policemen and women in the last week. You will also, at times, see a police car sitting on our grounds at your arrival to school as the neighborhood police woman told us she will often be there, unless called to some other destination. At the next faculty meeting we will be discussing how we will handle unannounced fire alarms in our building. I will also be asking Mrs. LaFata, in her guidance classes, as well as all teachers in their Religion classes to speak about safety and security in our school. I will do so over the PA in the announcements. It would be good to monitor what children are watching on TV or seeing on the internet, as some of our students come with some very graphic descriptions of what they see.

The preparation for our State and Diocesan evaluation continues. We are entering the last few weeks before their visit on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to all who continue to assist with this preparation. On Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have a spring cleanup day to help prepare the building and grounds for this day. Please look at your calendars and plan to join us, especially if you are in need of service hours. Recently, Matt Von Behren and Les Pope installed one of the new drinking fountains on the second floor. Thank you, Matt and Les. Chuck Pell updated the building floor plan for us. Thanks, Chuck. Tom Swoik and Jaime Linderman are coming next Tuesday to finish some grouting that needs to be done in another area. We are grateful! Many hands together! Thank you so much!

Tomorrow, Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are beginning phase II of the Parent phase of the Annual Fund. Sixty-seven families out of 199 have given to the Annual Fund. We are grateful to the sixty-seven families who have already given. A Giving Tree will begin to grow on one of the school walls to say thank you to those families. We hope that other families can join this wall. We really need more support from our school families as this number is always reported on our grant forms. Those giving assistance to schools expect the parents to be behind the school. So, again we launch this phase II for parents. Please help our giving tree grow. Individuals will be calling parents of class members to ask for your support. Classes will be rewarded for parent participation as the flier attached to today's newsletter indicates. Thank you for your consideration, parents.

Congratulations to Joey Ruzic, who won 1st place in the Wrestling Regionals and will be going to on to the sectional competition this Saturday with another winner, Jonah Del Rosario, a Christ the King student. We are grateful to their coach, Doug Ludolph, for his training of our students. Good luck to both boys.

Our seventh grade Volleyball team played this past Tuesday in the Regional game. Although the girls lost by 2 points, they are to be commended for their season as are their coaches, Julie Johnson and Denise Vogt. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Regional game will be held this Saturday in Mason City beginning at 10:00 a.m. Good luck to our girls and their coach, Rita Gill.

This Sunday is the SHG Mostaccoili Dinner. Our eighth graders will be displaying their special art projects that have been their class focus this year. Be sure to stop at their booth to see their wonderful work. Our thanks to their art teacher, Ms. Magowan.

The School Board meeting for this month has been moved to Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Board members are asked to please make this change on your calendar.

Our local fire department joined us this past Tuesday for a school Tornado drill. The Fire department has an "Adopt a School" program that offers more protection and educational opportunities to our children. Safety drills continue to be conducted throughout the school year that include: fire drills, earthquake drills, tornado drills and security drills.

Spring pictures will be taken on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. These pictures are automatically taken of all children but the purchase of these packets is optional. Spring Picture day is a dress down day for students. School rules apply for dress... no low cut tops, tight jeans, short skirts or shorts. Students will be required to call for other clothing if the clothing does not follow the school policies. Class group pictures will be taken on this day, also, as well as any graduation retakes.

Planning for the new school year, 2018-2019 begins while we continue to celebrate the current school year. Re-Registration papers that were sent home yesterday are due Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please return the family registration form and the tuition preference form with a registration fee of \$75 per child. If you are not planning to return to St. Agnes for the next school year, please let us know since class size determines the number of materials needed for a new school year.

Tuition Assistance applications can be completed on-line beginning mid-March. Last year our school awarded tuition assistance to 50 families totaling around \$50,000.00. There is a \$40 fee paid to FACTS to complete the application for tuition assistance. FACTS Tuition Management will make recommendations to Fr. Bob and me about family need. Fr. Bob and I (along with the new principal) will have access to this information. The amount of tuition we are able to grant depends on the number of families requesting this help and the funds available. This fund grows through our Parish Tuition Assistance envelopes, memorial gifts honoring family members, direct donations to tuition assistance and a gift that comes to us twice a year from a Foundation in Arizona because the school was remembered in a past parishioner's will. The past two years we have also received a grant from the Community Foundation and last year from the Dominican Sisters Ministry Grant that has been applied to tuition assistance. Please consider remembering a loved one through a donation to this Scholarship Fund.

A flier in today's newsletter explains a school-wide fun event – "Bounce Over" to be held at Sky Zone on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> since there is no school on Friday. The form and money are due to the office by Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. This is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser so please make the check payable to St. Agnes 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Faith Reflection: "A Lenten regimen of silence, fasting and reading is not meant to dampen life. On the contrary, they are all meant to focus the soul. They sharpen consciousness and give us the opportunity to examine the real hungers, the internal noise, the dulled sense of meaning that sap a life of energy and purpose."**

**-Joan Chittister, OSB**

Prayerfully,  
Sr. Joan

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**Dr. James LaFata**

for their generous support through their participation in our  
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*Parents please support our sponsors who give to our school.*

### **ABSENTEES**

Each parent/guardian is required to notify the school office by 8:30 a.m. if a child will be absent that day. Homework requests may be made at this time. Parents can always leave a message on the school answering machine if the secretary cannot be reached. The answering machine is checked regularly.

A call 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 of the consecutive absence and the reason.

### **GRADE K**

We continue the study of vowel O and the ocean. We enjoyed making divers and ocean animals. We will try octopus stew next week. Yum! Mrs. Winkelman, from the U of I Ag Department, visited us and taught us about wheat. Will March come in like a lion or a lamb? Parent reader: KB - Mrs. Eck

### **GRADE 2**

Congratulations to the following second graders who completed levels in Rocket Math and XtraMath. XtraMath Subtraction: Jay Rolf (1.5 Seconds)  
XtraMath Division: Simran John (3 Seconds)

### **LATE DAY**

Late Day bills went home with the youngest child in the family on Wednesday of this week. Payment is due upon receipt of bill. **Send Late Day payments in a separate envelope marked Late Day Admin - Payment.**



**Thank you to all the families who have sold raffle tickets. A final listing of those who have earned a dress down day will be provided in next week's newsletter!**

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Save the date for St. Agnes 2018 Vacation Bible School - "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus". Vacation Bible School will from July 9-13, 9-11:30am. It is open to children ages 4 years old-5th grade, regardless of parish or religious affiliation. Cost is \$20 per child. Registration will begin March 1. Please contact Jen Graves with questions or if you are interested in volunteering. [\(312\) 513-3459](tel:3125133459) or [mathjen@gmail.com](mailto:mathjen@gmail.com)



# St. Agnes Giving Tree Grows With Your Support

## Annual Fund

### What is the Annual Fund?

It is the school's yearly fundraiser.

This year, we're raising funds for:

- New Science Program for Grades 6, 7, & 8
- 10 New Computers
- Computer-Based Quaver Music Program
- Tuition Assistance

### What is the Giving Tree?

A tree that grows with each donation to the Annual Fund.

- When families return the pledge envelope, students write their family name on a heart.
- Your family's heart is placed on the Giving Tree, located in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway.

**Contest Dates: March 2 - 23, 2018**

**First Prize:** The first classroom to return pledge envelopes from all classroom families will earn a pizza party in their classroom.

**Second Prize:** Additional classrooms who reach 100% participation will have a rootbeer float party in their classrooms.

**"We can do small things with great love."**

Mother Teresa





# BOUNCE ON OVER

Thursday, March 22      7:30 PM – 9:30 PM  
(No School Friday)      \$20 per Jumper

- Sky Zone will be closed to the public.
- Jump with your St. Agnes School friends. Mom and Dad can join in, too!
- Space is limited. Form and money due in the school office by Friday, March 16. Please make your check payable to St. Agnes 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- Go to [skyzone.com](http://skyzone.com) to complete the online waiver; \$2 for Sky Zone socks if you don't already have a pair.
- Up to 50% of the proceeds benefit St. Agnes School.
- Enjoy dinner before at **Chick-Fil-A**. A portion of the proceeds benefit St. Agnes School.

St. Agnes School  
RELEASE/REQUEST FORM – STANDARD ACTIVITY



Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Form & Money Due: March 16, 2018, payable to St. Agnes 8<sup>th</sup> grade

- Sky Zone requires you to complete an on-line waiver if you don't already have one on file. Go to skyzone.com.

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Jumpers: \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Paid (Jumpers x \$20): \_\_\_\_\_

We understand that all rules of conduct and standards of behavior, as deemed by the Organization, will apply to this event, and we have discussed these with our child. We further understand that we must assume all responsibility and liability for our child while traveling to, from, and during the event. With this knowledge, we freely assume this responsibility and liability.

We further understand that the Organization is not responsible for any damages or accidents that may result from our child's actions or the actions of others. To the greatest extent possible, we release the Organization and the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, and all those acting on their behalf, from all liability for damages to or caused by our child as a result of this event, and we agree to indemnify them for any such damages.

**Emergency Contact/Medical Information:** (Please Print)

Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**We hereby also give our consent for our child to receive emergency medical care during this event. We hereby also give our consent for photographs of our child to be taken and released.**

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# St. Agnes SCRIP Order Form

Revised Oct. 3, 2017

## Order Information

Order Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Agnes Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Pick up at Church  Send home with Student

(Delivery)  Put in staff Mailbox  Pick up at School Office

## General Information:

Orders placed on **MONDAY BY NOON** will generally be filled and delivered on Friday. Questions? Contact Amanda Field (502-6235) or Christine Kanoski (622-8199) or by email. Email: stagnesscrip@gmail.com.

## Shop with SCRIP

We have our popular gift cards in stock, so stop by the office if you need some. Tell your friends, family – they can shop through SCRIP also!

## TOTALS:

Total # SCRIP Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Delivered: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Payment Option: (Payable to St. Agnes Parents Club/Scrip Account)

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Order

1. Check your order for accuracy. Inaccurate orders will be returned unprocessed.
2. Do NOT enclose cash. Check or money order only. Make payments to "St. Agnes Parents Club-Scrip"

Retailer	\$	Credit	Qty	Cost	Retailer	\$	Credit	Qty	Cost
Ace Hardware	\$25	4%			Choice Hotels	\$50	3%		
Aerie	\$25	10%				\$100	3%		
Amazon.com	\$25	2.5%			Chuck E. Cheese	\$10	8%		
AMC Theaters	\$25	8%			Claire's	\$10	9%		
American Girl	\$25	9%			Cold Stone Creamery	\$10	8%		
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25	10%			Container Store	\$25	9%		
Applebee's	\$25	8%			County Market	\$25	5%		
American Express	\$100	1.50%				\$100	5%		
Arbys	\$10	8%			Cracker Barrel	\$10	8%		
Babies-R-Us (Toys-R-Us)	\$20	1.5%			Crate and Barrel	\$25	8%		
Barnes & Noble Bookstores	\$10	8%			Crazy 8	\$25	13%		
	\$25	8%			CVS Pharmacy	\$25	6%		
Bass Pro Shop	\$25	9%				\$100	6%		
Bath & Body Works	\$10	13%			Dairy Queen	\$10	3%		
	\$25	13%			Dave & Buster's	\$25	13%		
Bed Bath & Beyond	\$25	7%			Dennis Uniforms	\$20	5%		
Bella Milano	\$25	10%			Denny's	\$10	7%		
Bergners	\$25	9%			Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25	8%		
Best Buy	\$25	4%			Dillard's	\$25	9%		
	\$100	4%			Discover	\$50	1.25%		
Bob Evans	\$10	10%				\$100	1.25%		
BP Gas	\$50	1%			Disney Gift Card	\$25	3%		
	\$100	1%				\$100	3%		
	\$250	1%			Dress Barn	\$25	8%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25	9%			Domino's Pizza	\$10	8%		
Build-A-Bear	\$25	8%			Dunkin Donuts	\$10	3%		
Burger King	\$10	4%			Express / Express for Men	\$25	10%		
Burlington Coat Factory	\$25	8%			Family Video	\$10	12%		
Cabela's	\$25	11%			Fannie May Candies	\$10	25%		
California Pizza Kitchen	\$10	4%			Finish Line	\$25	10%		
Carter's/Oshkosh	\$25	10%			Footlocker Stores	\$25	9%		
Champs Sports Store (Footlocker)	\$25	9%			GameStop	\$25	3%		
Cheesecake Factory	\$25	5%			GNC	\$25	8%		
Children's Place	\$25	12%			Gordon Food Service (GFS)	\$25	4%		
Chili's	\$25	11%			Great Clips	\$25	8%		
Chipotle Mexican Grill	\$10	10%							



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Gymboree	\$25	13%			Papa Murphy's	\$10	8%		
Hallmark	\$25	4%			PetSmart	\$25	4%		
Hardees	\$10	5%			Pier One Imports	\$25	9%		
Home Depot	\$25	4%			Pizza Hut	\$10	8%		
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	\$25	5%			Red Lobster	\$25	8%		
J.Crew	\$25	13%			Red Robin	\$25	8%		
Jiffy Lube	\$30	8%			Regis Salons	\$25	8%		
JC Penney	\$25	5%			Ross Dress for Less	\$25	8%		
	\$100	5%			Sam's/Walmart	\$25	2.5%		
Jo Ann Fabrics	\$25	6%		\$100		2.5%			
Joe's Pizza	\$10	10%		\$250		2.5%			
Journeys	\$25	10%			Sears	\$25	4%		
K Mart	\$25	4%			\$100	4%			
	\$50	4%			Sephora	\$25	5%		
Kohls	\$25	4%			Shell Gas	\$25	2.5%		
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Krispy Kreme	\$10	8%		\$100		2.5%			
Land's End	\$25	16%			Shoe Carnival	\$25	5%		
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LL Bean	\$25	15%			Shutter Fly	\$25	9%		
Longhorn Steakhouse (Darden)	\$25	8%			Smashburger	\$10	10%		
Lowe's Home Improvement	\$25	4%			Staples	\$25	5%		
	\$100	4%			Starbucks	\$10	7%		
Luers	\$20	5%			\$25	7%			
Macy's	\$25	10%			Steak N Shake	\$10	8%		
	\$100	10%			Subway	\$10	6%		
Marathon	\$25	3%			\$50	6%			
	\$100	3%			T.J. Maxx	\$25	7%		
Marathon Jumbo Card	\$250	4%			\$100	7%			
Maurices	\$20	7%			Taco Bell	\$10	3%		
Meijer	\$25	3%			Talbots	\$25	13%		
	\$100	3%			Tanger Outlets	\$25	8%		
Menards Home Centers	\$25	3%			Target	\$25	2.5%		
	\$100	3%			\$100	2.5%			
Michaels	\$25	4%			Texas Roadhouse	\$25	8%		
Mobil (Exxon)	\$50	1%			TGI Friday's	\$25	9%		
Mobil (Exxon Jumbo Card)	\$250	1%			Toys-R-Us	\$20	3%		
Noodle's & Company	\$10	8%			Ulta	\$25	4%		
O'Charleys	\$25	13%			Visa	\$50	1.25%		
Office Depot	\$25	4%				\$100	1.25%		
Old Navy (Gap,Banana Republic,Piperlime)	\$25	14%				\$250	1.25%		
Olive Garden (Darden)	\$25	8%			Walgreens	\$25	5%		
Oriental Trading Company	\$25	9%			\$100	5%			
Outback Steakhouse	\$25	8%			Wendy's	\$10	4%		
Overstock.com	\$25	8%			Zappos.com	\$25	8%		
Panda Express	\$25	8%							
Panera	\$10	8%							
	\$25	8%							
Papa John's	\$10	8%							

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