



Principal's Thoughts

Tomorrow, we begin a three-day time of prayer called the Triduum (tri-doo-oom). The first day called Holy Thursday, is filled with symbolism and tradition. The new sacramental oils, blessed by the Bishop and used throughout the year for the reception of sacraments, are presented to the congregation during Mass. We will also reflect upon the Last Supper where feet are washed just as Jesus did for his disciples and bread is broken. The Blessed Sacrament is then taken to a place adorned with flowers while parishioners pray throughout the night just as the disciples stayed with Jesus before he was crucified.

During Good Friday, the second day of the Triduum, we focus on Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death. Many churches re-enact the Stations of the Cross or reread the Passion. The church is bare to help us focus on our mourning and much of the day is spent in prayer.

Holy Saturday is the final day in which the joy of Christ's resurrection is highly anticipated. After sundown the Easter Vigil begins. We welcome the catechumens, those adults who have decided to join our Catholic community. The new fire is blessed and the Easter candle is lit, representing leaving the darkness of the tomb and entering the light of the risen Christ.

On Easter Sunday we rejoice in Christ's resurrection. This is the greatest feast day of the liturgical year. All movable feasts (changing dates from year to year) are calendared according to this date. Christ's resurrection promises us new life now and in the next. The Alleluia, which means "I believe" returns and all in attendance renew their baptismal vows. We are now renewed, reborn and refreshed in our recommitment to our faith.

On behalf of the entire staff, we wish you a very blessed Easter. May these past forty days of reflection, fasting and prayer resurrect your faith. As you gather with loved ones to celebrate this most joyous of days, may you take time to realize God's sacrifice of his only son so we might live. Rejoice in this season of Spring, a time of rebirth where our Easter traditions are celebrated.

If you travel during the Easter break please do so in safety. We look forward with great anticipation to your return as we gather for the remainder of the final trimester of this school year. Relax and get plenty of rest because we will be in a frenetic pace until June!



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St. Agnes School Mission Statement

St. Agnes School, in partnership with the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Oakland educate children in the Catholic faith and nurture their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.

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COVID-19 Updates

- **COVID Testing Before Returning**
 - Enclosed in your family envelope is a testing kit for each child in your family, compliments of our partners at Contra Costa County Health Services.
 - Each child will need to be tested before returning to school. Please send a picture of the results to your child's teacher or Mrs. Lucia on Sunday, April 24th.
- **Water Bottle Filling Stations Are Now Open!**



- **Father/Daughter Pictures Are Now Available!**
 - <https://link.shutterstock.com/xkCbWwM7ob>
 - A big thank you to Shannon Dorsey for capturing this moment!
- **Rice Bowls Money Due**
 - Thank you for participating in the Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services program! It is time now to collect the money and send it to CRS. Here are two options for you:
 - **OPTION 1:** Write a check, made out to St. Agnes School, for your CRS Rice Bowl gift. Please write "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line. We will then write one check to CRS.
 - **OPTION 2:** Turn your Rice Bowl into the Ministry Center or to us and we will take it to the Ministry Center for you.
- **Vacation Bible Camp is Back!**
 - St. Bonaventure will be hosting Vacation Bible Camp from June 13-17!
 - Registration is now open for campers and camp counselors (7th & 8th Grade Only!) Registration forms are in their church office or online: <https://stbonaventure.net/vacation-bible-camp>
 - Early bird pricing is in effect until May 15th!
 - A flyer with further details is on our website.

AUCTION NEWS!



- Please look for your **auction packet** going home tomorrow, with all the details for this very important event! We will be celebrating our incredible community and raising much needed funds for the school on Saturday May 21, 2022.
- Our Auction will be taking place this year at St. Agnes in the courtyard outside Cauchi Hall, which will be TRANSFORMED into a Greco style paradise.
- We hope you can join us. More information can be found here:
 - <https://event.auctria.com/646ac3e6-a65d-4834-a5f0-137a1d6759c5/>

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TIME SENSITIVE

- **Get Your Teams Together, It's Time To Play!**
 - We hope you will join in the fun, April 30th for our annual Bocce Tournament!
 - New and experienced players are welcome.
 - A flyer/registration form with all the details has posted on our website! **Deadline to join is April 22nd.**
- **Scrip Deadline Approaching**
 - April 29th is the last day to purchase scrip to count toward your 2021-2022 family commitment.
 - As described in the Family Handbook: "SCRIP is a mandatory program whereby each family is expected to purchase an amount of SCRIP in a year that generates at least \$300.00 in profit."
 - **Tomorrow is the last day to buy scrip before Easter vacation. No scrip sale on Friday.**

✦St. Agnes Parish News✦

- **St. Agnes Church Annual Blood Drive**
 - Good Friday, April 15, 2022 from 11:00am - 3:00pm (Cauchi Hall)
 - Vitalant, who will be conducting the Blood Drive, follows strict protocols to ensure the safety of donors, patients and staff, including checking temperatures, social distancing, requiring face masks along with other precautions.
 - To schedule your life-saving appointment:
 - Email Pat Cesnik at patcesnik@gmail.com or
 - Visit vitalant.org and click: Donate Now and Use SPONSOR CODE: Good Friday
- **Help Build the Children's Mass!**
 - We are looking for children to become actively involved in Mass!
 - A flyer with more details can be found in your family envelope today!
 - Questions? Please contact our Faith Formation Director, Jason Shelton: jason.stagnesparish@gmail.com or the Faith Formation Secretary, Donna Cassianos: donna.stagnesparish@gmail.com.

Pace Board News

- **Need Some Flower Power?**
 - PACE and Flower Power Fundraising are offering bulbs and plants for your garden.
 - A link has been provided on a flyer that can be found on our website.
 - Share the word with family members! Happy shopping!
- **SHHHHHHH!**
 - A special envelope for each of the children in your family has been sent home today, in preparation for Teacher Appreciation week.
 - Instructions are included in the envelope. Please don't forget to do this during vacation.

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Thank you, Mr. Latteri!

- The faculty room was filled with Easter goodies from Mr. Latteri and the children were delighted to “shop” in the Easter store! Blessings to this special friend of St. Agnes School!

Busy Weekend! Many Thanks!

- Joyous energy was felt during the games at the Mother Son Adventure and the smiles were seen in every direction! Thank you, Megan Chisholm for the great t-shirts and to Katrina Wilcockson and Martha Rosales for all your planning!
- Thank you to Maria Perez and Sandra Cano for creating such a magical night for our girls and their fathers. The Cauchi Hall patio was transformed and the singing and dancing was in full force! Mr. Karabel wowed the crowd with his DJ skills and we are grateful for his “yes” to step in and do this very important task!

In Gratitude

- Thank you to the Cardenas family for their generosity in donating all the yummy food for BOTH events this past weekend! Need a break from cooking during vacation? Please consider visiting the Cardenas family taquerias! Taqueria Los Gallos Express: Willow Pass Rd & Contra Costa Blvd.

Weekly Student Learning Expectation 4.2: An effective communicator who is able to communicate both verbally and in writing.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
4/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal• Triduum Begins-Holy Thursday Mass 7:00pm
4/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good Friday-8th Grade Stations of the Cross - 12:00
4/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holy Saturday!• Easter Vigil-7pm
4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Sunday Blessings!
4/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Vacation
4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Testing Results need to be sent!
4/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classes Resume
4/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday
4/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Board Meeting 6:30
4/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Party 9-1• Bocce!