



## Principal's Thoughts

This Saturday we will honor all men and women, living and deceased that have served in our military. Veterans Day is a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by not only these individuals but their families as well. Regardless of an individual's viewpoint on war, we cannot deny that Veterans have put their lives in danger, made sacrifices and have been separated from their loved ones. We pray especially for those who continue to suffer physically or emotionally as a result of their duty. As a community of faith, we can also reflect on the social teachings of the church and how these might relate to our Veterans: Dignity of the Worker, Call to Family, Community and Participation, the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable and Solidarity to bring peace and justice to the world. Here is a link to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website about these teachings: [The Catholic Social Teachings](#). There are many events planned in our community that you might want to attend in order to honor these individuals.

*God of peace,*

*We pray that you bless all those who have served their country through service in the armed forces.*

*Grant healing to those veterans who have been wounded, be it in body, mind or soul.*

*We pray especially for those young men and women who come home to lives of suffering and loneliness. Offer them the solace that only You can, and may we pray for them often, especially when they feel they cannot pray. Echoing John Paul II, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars, we ask for an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace.*

*Lord, have mercy. Bring peace to our hearts, the hearts of all veterans and to the regions in which they fought. Grant, we pray, the creative vision to see a world that, weary with fighting, affirms the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.*

*Prince of peace, hear our prayer,*

*Amen.*

<https://www.chausa.org/prayers/cha-prayer-library/prayer/a-prayer-for-veterans>

## 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.



**BREAKING NEWS**

• **Volunteer Hours Statement**

- All volunteer hours served AND turned into the coordinators as of November 6<sup>th</sup>, are reflected in the Statement that is being sent home today in your family envelope.
- We are halfway through the year so 50% of your hours should be near completion.
- Please review this Statement and if you have questions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinators: [pace-volunteer-hours@stagnesconcord.com](mailto:pace-volunteer-hours@stagnesconcord.com).
- If you have not turned in your hours, there are voucher slips in the office to complete for any hours served and a container to turn them in. Please come see Mrs. Kelley for assistance, so you can receive credit for these hours.

• **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

- The Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is now underway. We ask that all children bring \$1.00 with their donation to their classroom by Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. This money will be used to purchase a gift card so families can buy a turkey and other perishable items.
- A list of needed food items, assigned to families by last name, has been included in your envelope. You have the weekend to shop so try to take your child with you to be part of the process.
- Thank you in advance for participating in this community outreach opportunity.

• **CYO Mass**

- Calling all CYO basketball players to don their jerseys and join us at Mass this Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.
- Donuts will be served and the monthly pancake breakfast will be taking place!
- Volunteers are needed so check the flyer in your envelope for details.

• **Thanksgiving Lunch**

- Mr. Latteri is providing a Thanksgiving lunch to all the children next Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The lunch will consist of a turkey sandwich and chips from Parma Deli (Children with gluten allergies will receive turkey slices, cheese, lettuce and chips.)
- Once again we thank the Latteri's for their generosity and support. We wish them many Thanksgiving Blessings!

• **Mass of Remembrance**

- Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in the church to remember all those who have died this year. There will be a table available for you to place a framed photo of your loved one.



PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

- **Santa is Hungry!**
  - Our Annual Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Agnes.
  - A flyer with a QR code to purchase tickets can be found in your envelope.
  - This event sold out last year so don't delay!!!!
  - There will be a Christmas tree raffle in case you are interested and need to decorate your home.
- **Big Red Envelope**
  - Did you open the 2023 St. Agnes Holiday Shopping Guide?
  - Inside you will see multiple flyers informing you of gift giving opportunities for all your shopping needs.
  - Pick and choose or do them all, you decide! We thank the many vendors for supporting our wonderful school!
- **Don't Forget the Pies!**
  - Your preordered holiday pies will be delivered frozen to St. Agnes on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 3.2 – A life-long learner who is able to experience the fine arts.*




<https://www.freeimages.com/premium-clipart/veterans-day-5126962>

# Newsletter-11/8/23



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	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
11/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Veterans Day Prayer Service 1:30 (Formal)</li><li>• End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester</li></ul>
11/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Veterans Day Holiday-No School</li></ul>
11/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ (Mt. 25:1-13)</li></ul></li><li>• CYO Mass 9AM</li></ul>
11/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$2.00 Non-Uniform Dress OR Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday</li><li>• PACE Meeting 6:30PM 8<sup>th</sup> Gr.</li></ul>
11/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thanksgiving Lunch from Mr. Latteri</li></ul>
11/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coffee Social</li><li>• 10AM Stone Soup K&amp;1</li><li>• Jr. High CJSF Awards 1:30PM</li><li>• Thanksgiving Prayer Service 1:45PM</li><li>• Report Cards Go Home</li></ul>
11/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thanksgiving Vacation ALL Week</li></ul>
11/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Happy Thanksgiving</li></ul>
11/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Resumes</li></ul>