



Principal's Thoughts

Prayer is a wonderful way to be fully engaged in the Advent season whether you decide to commit time each day to pray or you want to strengthen the way you pray. In Fr. Matt's homily this weekend he shared four components of prayer using the acronym A.C.T.S. To start a prayer we should begin with Adoration (A) to show God our full appreciation for him. We then follow with Contrition (C) acknowledging that we are sinful and not perfect. The third part is Thanksgiving (T) and is especially important whereby we recognize all God has given us. Finally, we end prayer with Supplication (S) by asking for the needs of others or ourselves. In using this format to pray it might look something like this:

Loving and gracious God you are the source of all goodness.
Forgive us for the times we do not recognize your presence in our lives.
We are grateful for your blessings, especially for the gift of children.
We pray for the children of St. Agnes School,
May they feel your presence during this Advent Season.
We ask this in your name. Amen



• Scrip News

- Scrip will NOT be sold on Dec. 20-21. Deadline for large, special orders is December 13th.
- Special orders must be picked up on Tuesday December 18th.
- Regular sales will resume on January 3rd.

• Welcoming Time!

- Kinder applications for the 2019-2020 are now available on our website.
- PLEASE invite families with children turning 5 by September 1st to consider joining our school community.
- You will receive 1 month's free tuition for each family you recommend and who are accepted!

• Kinder Information Night

- Please spread the word that we will be holding a Kinder Information Night for all prospective parents on January 8th at 7:00.
- We will share about all the wonderful learning opportunities in kindergarten as well as information about our fabulous community!

• Foot Warmers

- St. Agnes Girl Scout Troops 30580 & 32782 will be collecting socks for the Homeless December 10th-15th. Look for the Sock Boxes on the porch to place your donation!
- Please consider purchasing socks to keep those in need warm during these winter months.

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Breaking News cont.~

- **Book Fair News!**

- Need an easy Christmas Gift? A flyer to purchase Scholastic Fair Gift Certificates is in your envelope.
- Fill out the coupons, return it with your payment to the school office by December 18th and certificates will be sent home in the family envelope by December 19th! Happy shopping!

- **Come Celebrate!**

- We are looking for students (1st-8th) to participate in the St. Agnes Baby Jesus Mass on December 24th at 4:00.
- 1st graders have the privilege to be the angels that welcome a special guest to Mass!
- Rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 22nd at 10:00.
- Flyers have been included in your envelope to sign-up. This is a wonderful tradition; hope you can attend!



TIME SENSITIVE

- **Six Flags Read for Success Program**

- During vacation don't forget about the Six Hour Reading Club offered by Six Flags Theme Parks.
- Given our AR program, this is an easy way for your child to earn a free ticket to Six Flags!
- Deadline is February 22! Forms can be found on our website.

- **Looking for a way to celebrate Advent?**

- Join Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women, at their Prayer Breakfast on Dec. 8-9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza in Concord.
- Father Matthew Spencer, host of "St. Joseph's Workshop" on Immaculate Heart Media/Relevant Radio, will celebrate Mass and share testimony.
- Tickets are \$33/\$40 after Dec. 1; the event is open to men and women.
- For more information: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-a-d/ca-walnut-creek/>



~Please Pray~

We can all use prayers and support from one another, therefore each week we will pray for one of our families that they will feel God's grace and our love. This week we ask God's blessings on the Vaccaro Family (Michael 8th.) Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Student Learning Expectation

3.4 An academically prepared student who is able to: work to his/her ability.

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Upcoming Events

Sponsored by: Your PACE Board

- **DINE OUT!**
 - Our next Dine Out will be Wednesday, December 5th at Mary's Pizza Shack. Dine in or take out! We made \$225 at Jacks last month – thanks for your support and let's keep it up!
- **Reindeer Lane (aka Santa's Shop) – December 5-7th**
 - PACE will be hosting a Santa Shop where your little St. Agnes kiddos can go shopping for their families on their own – it's a great way for them to get into the spirit of giving!!
 - The store will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Dec. 5-7.
 - A flyer with more details has been included in your envelope.
- **Stocking Stuffers Return!**
 - PACE is sponsoring a weeklong non-uniform event from January 7-11.
 - An order form has been included in your family envelope today to purchase this stocking stuffer for Santa!
 - All orders due by Friday, December 14th.

Preschool News!

- Activities for the week of December 5th:
 - Sounds: sh
 - Faith Talk for the week: I have a family & Advent (peace)
 - Geography: Europe
 - Science: Fish
 - Homework: Practice the song for the Christmas Concert.
 - We are making advent wreaths and applesauce/cinnamon ornaments



- Kudos to our chair Holly Joaquin, cooks Tim McGallian and Sal Evola, and all the parent and student volunteers for a joyous Breakfast with Santa! The church hall was transformed, the food was fabulous and the children's activities were very creative. A special thank you as well to Santa who took the time from his busy Christmas schedule to spend time with us! Thanks for creating such special memories!
- PeaceBuilder Moments:
 - Raeh (K): Picking up a student's lunch when it fell.
 - Eilah & Leia (1): Including kinders in jumpropping and holding the rope for them.
 - Theo (2): Apologizing after hitting a classmate with a ball.
 - The entire 3rd grade: Including EVERYONE in a game. No one was left out!

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- Jace (4): Complimenting a person on the other team.
- Ben (5): Showing teamwork during a basketball game.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
12/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reindeer Lane Preview Day • 12:00 Dismissal – Faculty WCEA Articulation • Dine Out @ Mary's Pizza Shack
12/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reindeer Lane Shopping
12/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reindeer Land Shopping • Mass 1:30 (Formal)
12/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Sunday of Advent
12/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Shirt Tuesday • PACE Meeting 6:30-8th Gr. Classroom
12/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15 Mass (8th Formal Only)
12/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Party 9-1
12/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Concert 1:30 & 7:00
12/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 Dismissal
12/21-1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Vacation
1/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Resumes
1/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15 Mass (7th Formal Only)
1/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Party 9-1



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The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son. (John 1:14)