



St. Agnes School celebrates 100 years

The Centennial Celebration on March 23, 2023 began in church with a concelebrated Mass by Archbishop Jerome Listecki; our administrator Father Joy Thachil, SAC; St. Agnes School alum Father Matt Ferch; and Deacon Ray Waitrovich. School children, teachers and more than 100 parishioners were in attendance. Parents, alumni and several School Sisters of Notre Dame took part in the celebration, including former St. Agnes teacher Sister Margaret Mary Dohms and former principal Sister Caroline Jakubowski.

All headed over to Kemp Hall after Mass for cake, cookies, cupcakes, and beverages. Students' art work for the centennial event decorated the walls and tables. The K-3 through third grade students sang four songs on stage under the direction of teacher Jackie Schulz: "Good Morning, Lord," "Peace is Like a River," "I am the Church," and "God is so Good."

At the end of the celebration, Principal Rachel Kolbeck presented a video produced by parishioner Mark Mauer. The video featured chats with alums Father Matt, Anarosa Braun and Patty Kaiser; Principal Rachel Kolbeck and Vice Principal Amy Retzer; staff members Corey Bett, Mary Langford, and Karen Papador; Father Joy; and students, Caleb, Daniela, Ceci, Mouachan, Summer, Lena and Max. They shared their experienced at or memories of St. Agnes School.

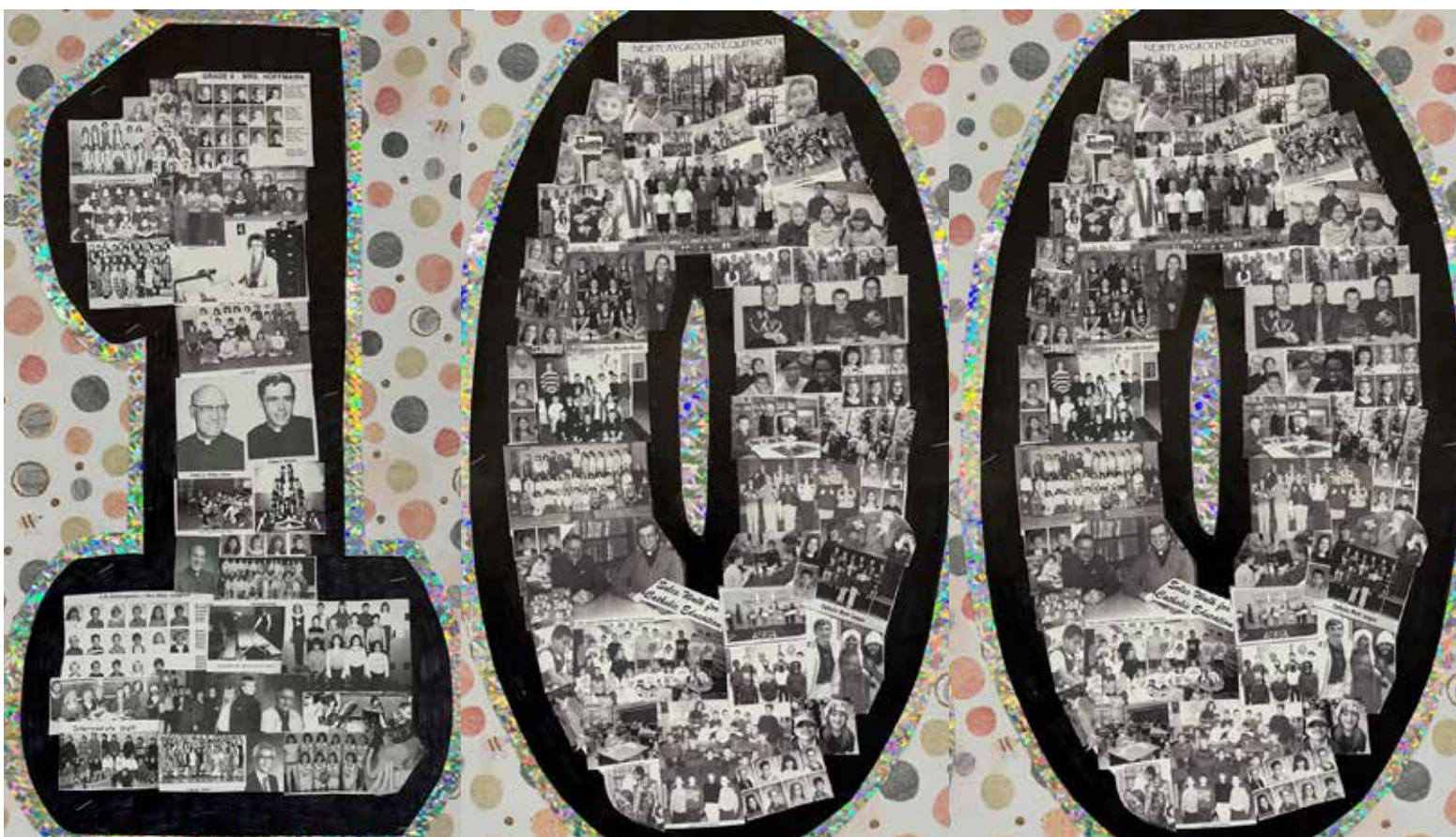
Afterwords, student ambassadors provided tours of the school.



Archbishop Listecki talked about the importance of education and St. Agnes School centennial in his homily at the 8:15 a.m. Mass on March 23, 2023.



View from the choir loft during Mass



A collage of photos of students, teachers, priests who were part of St. Agnes fill a large banner in Kemp Hall for the celebration.



K-4 students lined up on stage to wait the the rest of the early grade classes to file in for their performance.



K-3 through 3rd students performed four of the songs that they've learned for their Wednesday morning prayer services.



Father Joy Thachil, Archbishop Jerome Listecki, Principal Rachel Kolbeck



Marilyn Schultz '58, Dick Wros '62 (Marilyn's brother and former teacher at St. Agnes), Mary Sal Pohl and Madison Ruege '17 view the displays about the history of St. Agnes School.



Former St. Agnes principal, Sister Caroline Jakubowsky (right) with alums Patty Kaiser '78, and Karen Knurr '75 and their mother, Gerry Gross.