

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

Irish Messenger

*Jesus's New Commandment, John (13:34):
"Love One Another as I have Loved You"
"It's the law."*

January 10, 2020

Virtue of the Week

This week our virtue theme is AWARE—The strength to perceive and notice the circumstances that surround you. Being AWARE is necessary for success in life! We need to be AWARE in our classes, on this team, of what we are doing, what teammates are doing and what our teachers and coaches want us to be doing.

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for this day, this opportunity, this time together. Strengthen our wills and forge our wills to be more AWARE in our pursuit of You! We want to grow in strength and love; help us to be AWARE of You and Your love for us.

Important Upcoming Dates

Jan. 16:	Evening Adoration 4th Grade; 5:30-7:00pm
Jan. 20:	No School; Dr. Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 26-Feb. 1	Catholic Schools Week
Jan. 26:	Catholic Schools Mass 11:00 am
Jan. 27:	Parent/Grandparent Breakfast 8:00-11:00am; Gym
Jan. 30:	St. Patrick Talent Show 12:00-3:00pm
Feb. 1:	St. Patrick Parish and School Family Fun Night 5:00-8:00pm
Feb. 12:	Early Dismissal 2:00pm; Teacher In-Service; Aftercare provided
Feb. 17:	No School; Presidents' Day
Feb. 20:	Evening Adoration 3rd Grade; 5:30pm-7:30pm



**We are in need of an
Assistant Volleyball
Coach ASAP!**
**If you are interested,
please contact Mrs.
Shipman.**



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Right to Life Baby Food Drive



As a class project, the 7th grade is teaming up with the Tazewell County Right to Life to collect **baby food, juice, and formula** for families in need in our area. The food will be presented to Catholic Charities, Neighborhood House, Women's Pregnancy Center, and other charitable organizations that support families that chose life.

We would be very appreciative if your child could bring baby food, juice, and/or formula to school by **Thursday, January 16**. There will be a contest between classes, and the class who brings in the most food will receive a special treat.

We truly appreciate your prayers and support in our efforts to provide for the nutritional needs of infants and the mothers who chose life.

God bless,
Class of 2021, Mrs. Kapraun and Mrs. Smith

Just A Reminder:

Spiritwear and Uniform sweatshirts are not one in the same. The Uniform sweatshirt is the white, grey or green crewneck with the new logo. This is the only sweatshirt that can be worn in the classroom.

THE MISSION OF ST. PATRICK SCHOOL is to foster the spiritual growth and academic life of its students, faculty, and staff, and to teach children, with the cooperation of parents, a Catholic way of life.

A Tour of St. Patrick Church by the Kindergarten Class



The Stations of the Cross



The Choir loft



O come let us adore Him. . .



The Sacristy



The Sanctuary



The Nave

- Jan.11:** Upcoming Athletic Events
Girls Volleyball 6th Grade
Tournament @ Home
- Jan. 15:** Girls Volleyball vs. Hollis
@ Home 4:30pm
- Jan. 16:** Girls Volleyball @ Metamora
4:15pm
Boys Basketball @ Riverview
5:00pm
5th/6th Grade Boys Basketball vs.
Dee Mack @ Home
- Jan. 17/18:** 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament
@ Blessed Sacrament
Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Home



Casey's Cash for Classroom

We're excited to share that our school is participating in Cash for Classrooms, part of Casey's Rewards. This opens up Saint Patrick School to new funding opportunities to help improve learning environments for students. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you buy from Casey's and use their rewards program you can simply turn your points into a donation to our school.

Sign up for Casey's Rewards by creating an account through the Casey's app or online at Caseys.com. Start earning points on everyday purchases and turn those points into a donation to your school. It's that easy! See full terms and conditions at caseys.com



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“Meet the Teachers and Staff of St. Patrick’s School” is limited time article that will be featured in the Irish Messenger. The 6th grade ELA class interviewed all the teachers and staff and wrote interesting pieces about each one. Two members of the St. Patrick faculty and/or staff will be featured each week. Please take the time to get to know the wonderful people who work with our children each and every day and love doing so.

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Meet Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Laylock - the cooks in the kitchen
By Megan Gibson – 6th Grade

Welcome to the cafeteria where Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Laylock run the kitchen.
Both ladies have been working at St. Pats for over 25 years!



Mrs. Shannon switches jobs in the cafeteria because she says, “I don't want to do the same job all the time.” Her favorite meal to cook is chicken fajitas. One thing that has changed the most for her is the kitchen rules that are created by the Health Department, though she knows they are important to follow. Her favorite part about working here is seeing all of the kids every day. When she gets to school in the morning, she works in before care to keep watch over the students who arrive early. When the bell rings she’s the smiling face that students see as they come in the door. She knows many of the students and greets them all as they walk in the building. Mrs. Shannon herself is a graduate of St. Patrick's school. In her free time she likes to play with her grandkids. She spends her time with her husband, children, six siblings, four grandkids, and her dog.

Mrs. Laylock is married, has 3 children, and has 2 grandkids. She also has 5 siblings that she spends time with. Mrs. Laylock graduated from St. Cascella when younger. Mrs. Laylock’s favorite meal to cook is chicken nuggets, “it may be hard to cook, but the kids love it.” One thing that has changed the most for Mrs. Laylock is the uniforms students wear. She likes the new crewneck sweatshirts. Her favorite part about working here is seeing all the kids at lunchtime. She wouldn't change anything about her job. She loves it! In her free time she likes to read books and spend time with her family. Don't forget to say hi to Mrs. Laylock while waiting for lunch.

Make sure and say hello to these fine ladies who feed the students of St. Pat’s.



Reservation Night 2020

As a reminder, reservations for a 2020-2021 Empower Illinois tax credit scholarship will open on Wednesday, **January 15, 2020**.



Like last year, the application process will include two steps: a reservation and an application.

Parents who applied for a 2019 scholarship should have received an email from Empower Illinois reminding them to use the same email as last year to log into their [EmpowerXChange portal](#) to complete the application.

This year, **the reservation will form will be available at 6:30pm**, to give families time to enter their information before **submission at 7pm**. More information about preparing for reservation night can be found on our website under, "[How Do I Apply](#)."

2020-2021 Application

The 2020-2021 scholarship application will be available on **Friday, January 17**. Families who have completed their reservation **by 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 16** will receive an email from Empower Illinois on Friday morning notifying them the application is live. If families complete their email after this date and time, they will receive their notification email the following week.

Application Previews and Guides

- **Preview of the reservation and application pages** in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- **Step-by-step application instructions** in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

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January 2020

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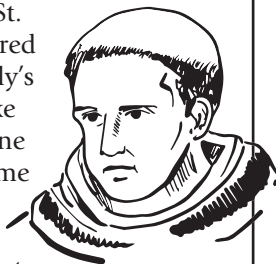
Doreen Shipman, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

St. Thomas Aquinas

Born in Italy, St. Thomas persevered against his family's attempts to make him a Benedictine monk and became a Dominican instead. He was a brilliant student, but his humble, quiet manner earned him the nickname "the dumb ox." His mentor, St. Albertus Magnus, rightly predicted he would be a famous scholar. Thomas later taught in several universities, wrote many treatises about the faith, and even advised popes and kings. He is the patron of students and schools.



Self-esteem

When children understand they are "fearfully and wonderfully" made by God with a purpose for their lives, their self-esteem is not derived from society. It comes from knowing how much God loves them.

"Even youths shall faint and be weary ... but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:30-31).



Raising faithful Catholic disciples

All parents want their children to be successful, hardworking, happy adults. The best way to ensure true happiness and lasting success, however, is to raise children to be disciples of Christ. And the best time to begin creating faithful disciples is now.

Connect. Discipleship is a relationship. It begins with responding to Jesus' call to know and love him. When our children connect with Jesus personally, they learn how valuable they are to God. Their identities are complete in him.

Listen. Scripture is God's direct message to us. It tells us who God is, what he thinks, and his will for us – all we need to know to be best friends. Regularly reading the Bible with children helps us to know God better

and better.

Serve. St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion must look out into the world." Disciples of Christ know that we must put others' needs before our own – the poor, the lonely, the most vulnerable.

Encounter.

Sacraments are opportunities to directly encounter Christ. Ensuring that children receive their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation), attend Mass weekly, Confession frequently, marry in the Catholic Church, are all ways they connect directly with Jesus – soul to Creator.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Catholics are called to show their love for God by their love of neighbor. "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) #2447*). Our Lord considers

Why do Catholics practice Works of Mercy?



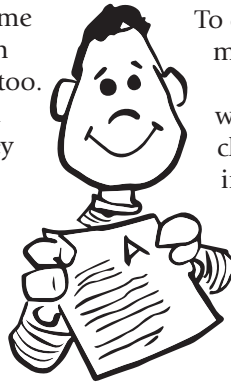
any kindness done for love a personal favor. Once, when asked the reason for her charitable work, Mother Teresa answered, "You did it to me" (Matthew 25:40), quoting Christ. In caring for others, we communicate God's love for them.

Making parent - and child-friendly resolutions

Making New Year's resolutions helps us to become better people each year. Consider helping children choose appropriate resolutions for the New Year, too.

Share kindness. Encourage children to perform one random act of kindness each week. When they look for ways to be kind, kindness becomes a mindset.

Develop better habits. Taking small steps to improve will help new positive habits last. If you want to eat healthier, try, "I'm going to drink milk and water today instead of soda or juice."



To cut down on screen time, consider reading for 30 minutes instead of watching TV or playing on devices.

Achieve milestones. Children love setting goals as a way of measuring progress and growth. Encourage children to pick an age-appropriate goal – getting an A in the hardest subject at school, learning to tie shoes, master swimming underwater – and focus on steps to achieve it.

Encourage prayer. Try choosing one prayer to say together as a family each day. Let children add a favorite prayer to their personal prayer time.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23, Follow the Leader

Almost every child has played some version of "Follow the Leader." In the game, players follow a "leader" wherever he goes and do whatever he does. We stomp through puddles, climb over fences and swing from trees, all to stay in the game.

We follow leaders in real life, too: at school, in sports, and at church. Our parents are also our leaders until we leave home. Some leaders have more authority over us than others. In cases where we can choose our leaders, it's important to choose the one who will



lead us safely in the right direction.

Jesus chose twelve men to be his closest followers and he became their leader. They went where he told them and did what he asked. They followed his example. Those who stayed with him to the end became great saints.

What can a parent do? Explain to children that Jesus is our true leader, meaning that we follow him before anyone else. If we stay close to him, he will lead us safely to Heaven. The prize is always worth it.

Parent TALK

My family had stopped listening to me. The more I talked to (at) them, the more obvious it was that they were tuning me out. I tried talking louder and repeating myself but the problem only got worse. Finally, I heard how I was talking to them. I was so



stressed by our busy pace that I barked constantly. "Hurry up, we are late!" "Stop talking with your mouth full." "Clean up that nasty bedroom." "What? You forgot your homework?!" For every kind remark I made, I snarled five negative ones.

That very moment, I changed my tune. I called a family meeting and apologized. Then I gave each child just five tasks on which to focus. I let the rest go. The change in the atmosphere of our home was immediately noticeable. I continue to monitor the way I communicate and everyone pays more attention to what I say.

Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 2 – St. Basil the Great (379). St. Basil founded the first monastery in Turkey. He fought passionately against the Arianism threatening the Church and worked to protect the faith and religious freedom. He is best known for his skill as an orator and for being tireless in his pastoral care.

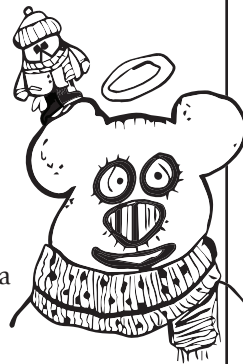
Jan. 3 – Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Today, we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. "...At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10).

Jan. 5 – Epiphany of the Lord.

Epiphany is Greek for "manifestation." When they honored the infant Jesus, the three wise men bore witness to the fulfillment of God's promise of a savior.

Jan. 21 – St. Agnes (c.304). At a young age, St. Agnes consecrated herself to God.

Reportedly she was turned in for being a Christian by a suitor whom she refused to marry. She maintained her faith and was executed as a result.



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5th Grade Gift Bearers & Greeters Wanted!

If you will be able to attend one of our Masses during the weekend of January 11th & 12th and want to help out, **please** sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAE2EA2FD0-5thgrade>
You may also email JTall700@gmail.com with your preferred sign-up if you don't want to use the SignUp Genius.

Greeters will be opening doors, greeting parishioners, and/or handing out bulletins as they enter church.

Please arrive 20 minutes before the start of Mass. Check in with an usher located in the back of church. If enough greeters have signed up, some will go to the side entrances while others remain at the main entrance. At least two people should open doors and greet parishioners while another two can ask to hand out bulletins at the main entrance. (Since it will be cold, please open the doors **ONLY** as needed!) At least one person is needed for each role at the side entrances. You may take your seat in the church when the cantor welcomes the congregation.


Gift Bearers have the honor of representing the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. The unleavened Bread and Wine that you carry will be consecrated to become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please check in with the ushers at least 10 minutes before Mass starts. After the Prayers of the Faithful (petitions), head to the back of the church by the gift table. An usher will help you with the gifts. You will proceed down the main aisle with the gifts after the collection (when the priest/deacon and altar servers are in place at the front of the altar).

When you arrive at the altar, present the gifts one at a time to the Priest/Deacon. **Stay with the group until everyone has given their gift. Then, as a group, bow reverently when the priest or deacon bows, and return to your seats.**

Date	Time	Available Slots (# of volunteers needed)
1/11/2020 (Sat.)	4:30pm	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
1/12/2020 (Sun.)	8:30am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
1/12/2020 (Sun.)	11:00am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)

Thank you for volunteering!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FEBRUARY 1,
FROM 5:00 TO 7:30 PM AS WE CELEBRATE THE END
OF CATHOLIC'S SCHOOLS WEEK WITH OUR FAMILY FUN
NIGHT. THE NIGHT WILL INCLUDE A DJ, GAMES,
UNIQUE TWIST BALLOONS, AND A SPAGHETTI
DINNRR. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW TO
CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE AND YOUR FOOD ORDER
AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY JANUARY
24TH LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THIS FUN
PARISH EVENT.

ST. PATRICK SPAGHETTI DINNER

Name _____

Dine-in _____ Carry-out _____

(Beverages and 3 and under free meals not available for carry out)

Please make checks payable to St. Patrick School.

All Dinners include spaghetti, meat sauce, roll, salad, and beverage

Dinner Price # ordered Total

Family maximum \$40.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Adult/Student \$9.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Senior Citizen (65 +) \$7.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Child (4 -12) \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Child (3 and under) free X _____ free

Total due = \$ _____

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Visits from:

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Scholastic Book Fair

Storytime Readers:

Brooke Evans, Joy English
WCHS Cross Country
Mr. Cox and Mr. Hoelscher
Central Schools
Ali Dixon
Washington District Library

Fun Activities:

Jedi Training for kids
Star Wars Game Demos by
Zeek's Comics and Games
Puppet Booth
Star Wars Crafts
Padawan Storytime
WCHS Science Club Demos
WCHS Robotics Team
Central Intermediate School
First Lego League Demos
Jedi Academy for Teens and
Adults



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