

St. Patrick School
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January 11, 2019

Irish Messenger

"Change: Think, Change, and Grow"
"Believe the incredible and you can do the impossible."
-Archbishop Sheen

Important Upcoming Dates

Jan. 17– 4th Grade Evening Adoration 5:30-7 pm

Jan. 21– No School Martin Luther King Day

St. Patrick School Funding Plan Information 7-8pm

Jan 27– Feb. 2– Catholic Schools Week

Jan 29–Pre K/Kindergarten Information Night 6:00pm

Save the Date

Feb. 13– Early Dismissal 2:00pm

Feb. 18– No School Presidents Day

Feb. 21–3rd Grade Evening Adoration 5:30-7pm

Feb. 23–Confirmation Retreat

Mar. 3– Confirmation

Mar. 4– No School Faculty In-Service

Mar. 13–Early Dismissal 2:00pm

March 16– POT O' GOLD

March 21–2nd Grade Evening Adoration 5:30pm-7pm

Mar. 23– Mar. 31– Spring Break

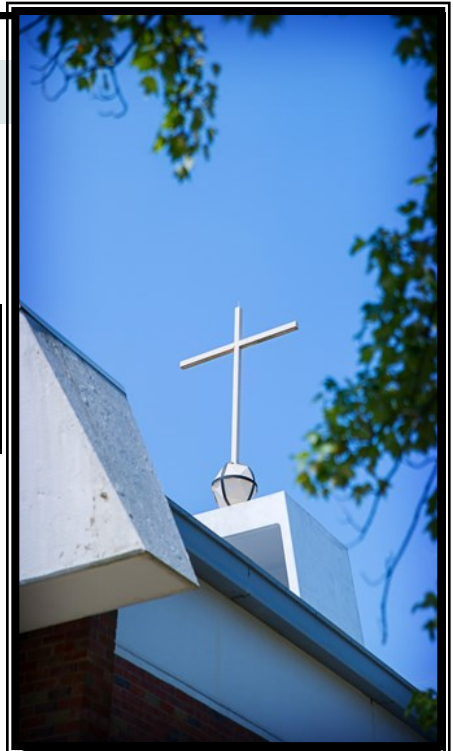
April 10–Early Dismissal 2:00pm

April 18– Early Dismissal 2:00 pm (Easter Break)

April 19– 22– Easter Break

May 8–Early Dismissal 2:00pm

May 10– - No School; State Track Meet



UPCOMING SPORTS

JAN 11 & 12–8TH GRADE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
TOURNEY @ BLESSED
SACRAMENT TBA

JAN 11 & 12–GIRLS VOL-
LEYBALL HOME TOURNA-
MENT TBA

JAN 14–BOYS BASKET-
BALL 7/8 , 5/6 VS ST.
JUDE @ HOME 5:00PM

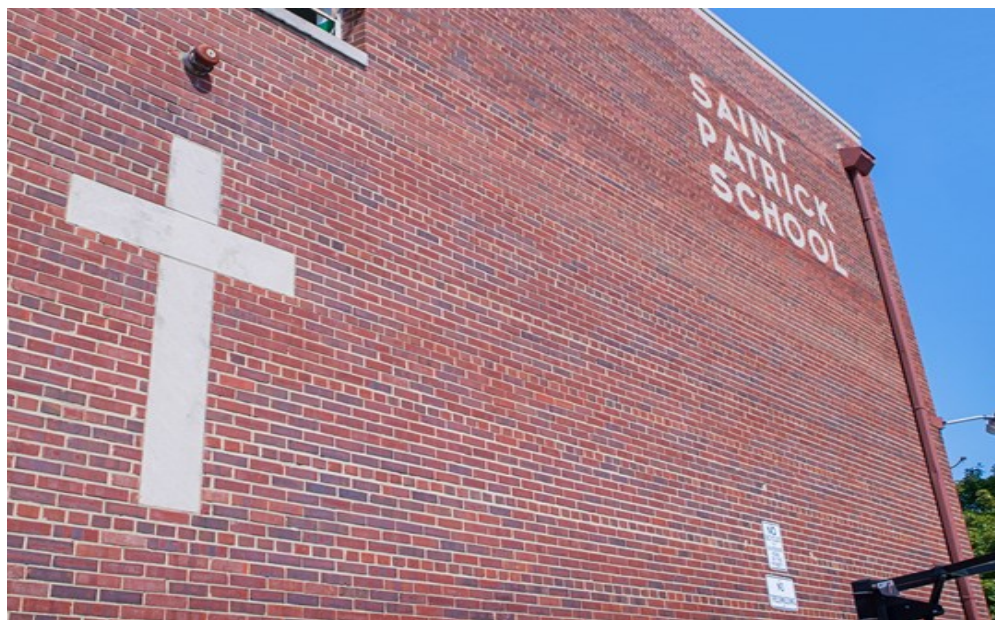
JAN 15–BOYS BASKET-
BALL 7/8 VS ST. JOSEPH
@ HOME 5:30PM

JAN 15–GIRLS VOLLEY-
BALL + 6TH GRADE @
HOLLIS 4:30PM

JAN 16– BOYS BASKET-
BALL 7/8 VS LOWPOINT
WASHBURN @ HOME
5:30PM

JAN 17–BOYS BASKET-
BALL 5/6 VS BLESSED
SACRAMENT @ HOME
5:30PM

**"Reverence, Respect, Responsibility.....Excellence in
Academics and Faith Formation"**



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents,

Thank you for all the Christmas gifts, cards, and good wishes. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Mrs. Shipman

St. Patrick School Funding Plan Information Session

The Parish Finance Council invites you to a School Funding Plan information session on **Monday, January 21st, from 7-8pm** in the Sister Mary Ann Gymnasium. The Finance Council has been diligently evaluating the current tuition plan that was implemented 9 years ago. This session will communicate their research, findings, and conclusions related to school funding and plans moving forward to sustain and grow our Catholic school. Tuition rates for the 2019-2020 school year will be shared. School families are encouraged to attend, but all parishioners are welcome.



Save the Date: Please plan on attending the Catholic Schools Mass on Sunday, January 27th at 11:00 am.



Good Luck to Kari Kapps, our Choir Director, on her semester Student Teaching Music in the El Paso schools. Thank you for all you did for our Choir program!



VIRTUE OF WEEK

Virtue of the week: is that of being **NOBLE**—The strength to be a person of your word. That when you say yes, or no, or that you will do something...you mean it and you do it. People can count on your word without worry.

PRAYER

Lord, You were the perfect example of being **NOBLE** as You were always a Man of Your word. Help us to be **NOBLE** to one another in our classes, in our family, and on our teams. May we be more and more like You each day.

REFLECTIONS

“IN SPITE OF ALL OUR DEFECTS, GOD IS IN LOVE WITH US AND KEEPS USING US TO LIGHT THE LIGHT OF LOVE AND COMPASSION IN THE WORLD.”

“IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SAY, ‘I LOVE.’ WE MUST PUT THAT LOVE INTO A LIVING ACTION.”

“BE FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS, FOR IN THEM LIES OUR STRENGTH.”

MOTHER TERESA, *THIRSTING FOR GOD*

“YOUR HEAD WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING THAT SOCIETY HAS CONDITIONED YOU TO THINK, BUT GOD TOUCHES YOUR HEART. WHEN YOU LISTEN TO YOUR HEART, YOU’LL HEAR GOD’S VOICE.”

“WE MUST ASK OURSELVES HOW GOD IS CALLING US TO LOVE AND SERVE HIM AND HIS PEOPLE.”

RICHARD J. HAUSER, SJ, *THE LAST HOMILY*

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O come, let us adore Him!



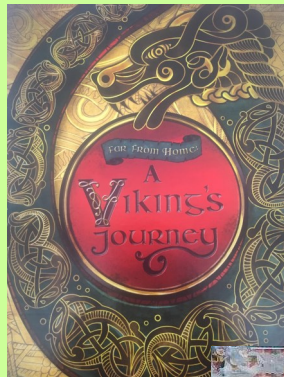
Pictured: Jacob Davis, Mrs. Dickinson's Kindergarten class

Fun Events at St. Patrick School

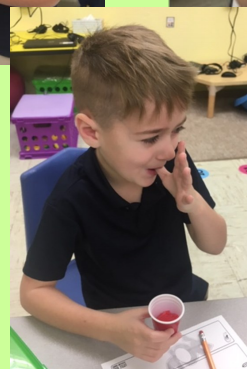
Nathan Hopper, our Seminarian
visiting with Mrs. Harris's 5th
Grade.



Mrs. Schlack's 3rd Grade is learning
about Viking journeys this week!
We are rowing across the ocean in
our longship with Leif Erikson!



Mrs. Dickinson's Kindergarten
exploring their 5 senses with
Pop Rocks!



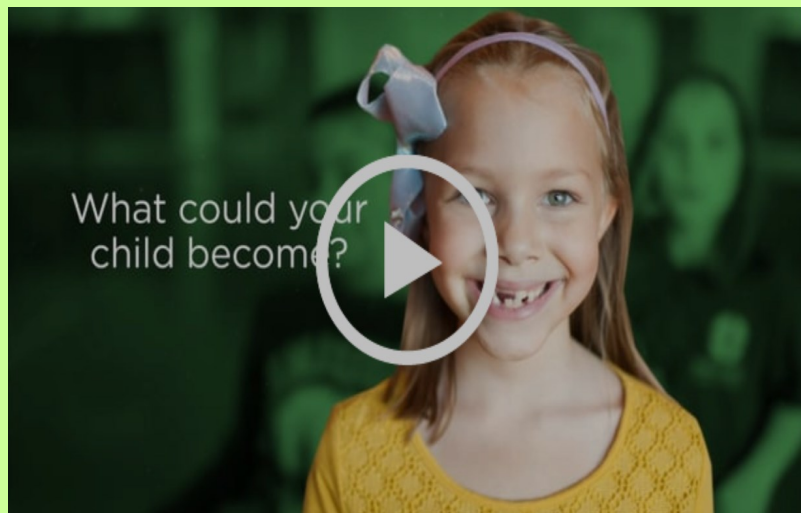
Empower Illinois Tuition Assistance

Reservation Opens Tuesday, January 15 at 7 p.m.

It is almost time for families to begin the application process for the 2019-2020 school year. Visit our [website](#) for helpful resources to assist families with the application process, including step-by-step application instructions.

The application is best supported by the most recent version of [Google Chrome](#).

Our How to Apply video will help parents navigate the application process.



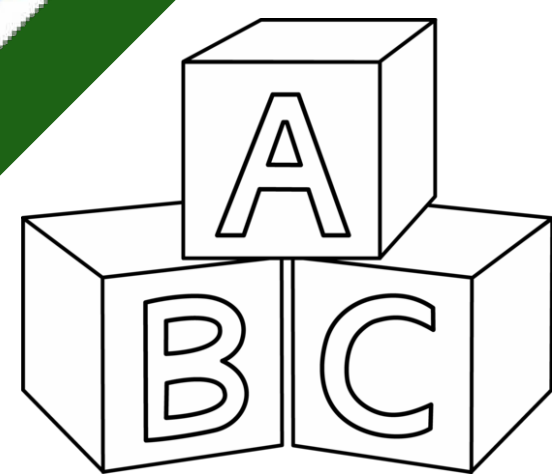
[Click here for a preview of what the application will look like.](#)

Don't Forget Reservations Open on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00pm!

Pre-K & Kindergarten Info Night

Tuesday,
January 29th
6:00-7:30pm

St. Patrick
School Gym



Parents/Guardians,
please join us to learn
more about the benefits of
a St. Patrick School education!

Meet our Pre-Kindergarten and
Kindergarten faculty/staff. Talk with
experienced parents and other potential
St. Patrick School families. Learn about our
online registration process.

Visit the classrooms, gather information regarding
our curriculum, and ask us all of your questions! Unable
to attend the open house? Please call or stop by our
school office to find out more!

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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Doreen Shipman, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

St. Francis de Sales

Born to a wealthy family in Savoy, near Switzerland, St. Francis became the Bishop of Geneva and worked to revive Catholicism in Chablais, Switzerland.

Controversial for his day, he taught that all Christians in whatever station in life could grow in holiness. He was known for his simple but profound sermons, and kindly spiritual wisdom. His famous work, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, is still a popular read today as it was when he wrote it.

The Name

In January 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). So honored is his name that its first three letters in Greek - IHS - were written over Christian homes.

"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).



Help your family have a Happy New Year

Making your family better, stronger, more harmonious may not require a overhaul, but rather a few strategic tweaks. Try these tips to ensure that 2019 is a happier and healthier New Year for you and your family.

Eat healthier. Medical journals report that nine million children in the United States are obese or overweight. This year, try to avoid serving junk or overly processed foods and sit down together to family meals with average-sized portions of fresh, healthy foods.

Stay calm. Words can heal or hurt. Promise each other that you will avoid yelling and use only kind words.

Monitor input. Children absorb what they see and hear. Restrict what

your child watches on TV or plays on screens.

Keep moving. Go on family walks, bike rides, or go roller blading together. Find fun ways to get family exercise and spend more time together.

Read together more. Reading together at any age can increase attention span and provide time for closeness. Combine two great activities and read together from the Bible.

Seek the Sacraments. Our souls need Sacraments the way our bodies need nourishment. Through the Sacraments Jesus instituted, the Holy Spirit dispenses a share of divine life with each encounter. Resolve to receive Confession regularly as a family and let nothing come between you and the Eucharist on Sunday.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics need to share their faith?

Catholicism is about having a relationship with Jesus Christ, who shows God's love to us. God became man, died and rose from the dead, and re-opened Heaven for us. At Mass, he strengthens us with his Body

and Blood in the Eucharist. Our faith tells us that the perfect, infinite love we seek has a face and a name. Like the Woman at the Well, once we encounter Christ, we can't keep him to ourselves. We have to share him.



Celebrate your Catholic family

Strong Catholic families strengthen our neighborhoods, communities and the entire Church. "Christian marriage and family build up the Church" (Pope John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, #15). Celebrate yours.

Catholic parents are instruments of God's love. Children learn about God's love from their parents and we help to shape their relationship with God. There are few jobs that are as important.

Catholic families breed respect. Our children know they are valued because we care about their behavior and hold them accountable as followers of Christ.



Catholic parents provide structure and boundaries and enforce family rules. We help our youngsters develop good manners and respectful behavior.

Catholic families practice modesty. Catholics are called to control passions and avoid public and private sin.

Christian parents have to make tough choices about how children dress and act, so we encourage children to behave in a manner befitting a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Catholic parents model self-sacrifice. We set aside our personal desires for the good of our family, our parish, and our community.

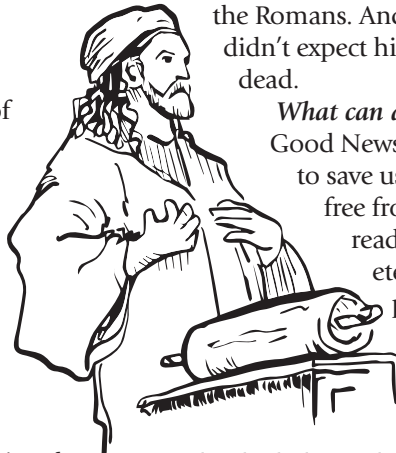
Scripture LESSON

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Jesus proclaims the Good News

In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. Jesus began by reading the prophecy of Isaiah about the coming of the Messiah, who would come to "bring glad tidings to the poor." Then, to the surprise of his listeners, he said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He announced he was the long-awaited Messiah.

They must have been shocked. They were expecting the Messiah to be a worldly king who would overthrow the Romans. They didn't expect the Messiah to come from

humble Nazareth and be killed by the Romans. And they definitely didn't expect him to rise from the dead.



What can a parent do? The Good News is that God came to save us, heal us, and set us free from sin. He wants us ready for love and eternal life. There are people who need to hear the Good News of God's saving love.

Teach children that by helping those in need, praying for them, and doing what's right even when it's hard, they are sharing the Good News.

Parent TALK

When I was in college, I enjoyed serving at a soup kitchen. I felt that was what Jesus meant when he said, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one

of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). So when we moved to a new town, I was glad to



serve at the parish soup kitchen.

We arrived with our casserole and warm bread and joined in serving. The guests were welcomed and shown to seats, while the rest of us rushed to put hot plates in front of them. Instead of the silence I expected, there was lively conversation and laughter. I found my ten-year old sitting at a table chatting. One man said, "Coming to a soup kitchen can be tough but you folks make us feel like we are in your living room." Guess we got it right.

Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1821). Wife, then widow, then Catholic convert, St. Elizabeth was rejected by her wealthy Episcopal family and friends. To support herself and her children, she opened a Catholic school for girls near Baltimore. Eventually, she founded the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1809, who ran schools and orphanages, marking the beginning of the U.S. parochial school system.

Jan. 25 – Conversion of St. Paul. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read about

how Saul persecuted the Christians until Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he said (Acts 9:5). After that, Saul became Paul and traveled around the known world, preaching the faith.

Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st century). Timothy was a convert of Paul's and later became his trusted friend joining him in apostolic work. Titus was also a friend of Paul's who served the early Church as a peacemaker and as administrator to a community on Crete.



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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 12th & 13th 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)
1/12/2019 (Sat.)	4:30pm	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
1/13/2019 (Sun.)	8:30am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
1/13/2019 (Sun.)	11:00am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)

Thank you for volunteering!

8th/PreK Grade Gift Bearers & Greeters Wanted!

8th GRADERS: If you will be able to attend one of our Masses during the weekend of January 19th/20th and want to help out, **please** sign up! **PRE-K** students don't need to sign up but are welcome to join the 8th graders that have signed up for either role. **Please** sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAE2EA2FD0-8thgradepek>
You may also email JTall700@gmail.com with your sign-up if you don't want to use the SignUp Genius.

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Date	Time	Available Slots (# of 8th grade volunteers needed)
1/19/2019 (Sat.)	4:30pm	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
1/20/2019 (Sun.)	8:30am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
1/20/2019 (Sun.)	11:00am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)

Thank you for volunteering!

ST PATRICK IRISH CHEERLEADING CLINIC

Do you want to be a cheerleader when you're in 8th grade?

COME JOIN OUR CHEERLEADERS AT A CHEERLEADING CLINIC!

✓ two hour clinic ✓ perform at a game ✓ t shirt

Clinic: Sunday, January 13, 2019
5- 7 p.m at School Gym

Performance: Wednesday, January 16, 2019
approximately 6 p.m. in Gym
*game instructions will be given at clinic.

*** Please note the change of performing date!***

Cost is \$15 per child
and is open to all students
ages PreK-3 through 6th grade!

Please return the bottom portion and payment to the school office
by Friday, January 11! (checks to St. Pats Athletic Committee)

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parents Name: _____

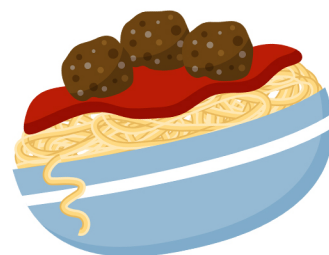
Phone: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____



FAMILY FUN NIGHT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, January 25 5-8 p.m.
Sister Mary Ann Gym



As a kickoff to Catholic Schools Week, bring the entire family out for an Italian meal, DJ for dancing, and more fun! Dine in or carry out!

SPAGHETTI DINNER ORDER FORM- PRE-ORDER BY TUESDAY, JAN 22 FOR DISCOUNT

NAME _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

- I AM ATTENDING AND PRE-ORDERING DINNER _____
- I AM PRE-ORDERING AND CARRYING OUT DINNER _____

TICKETS WILL NOT BE ISSUED; YOUR ORDER WILL BE ON FILE IN THE GYM. *Thank you for your support!*

All meals include spaghetti, meat sauce, bread, salad, and beverage.

DINNER	PRE-ORDER	# ORDERED	TOTAL	PRICE AT DOOR
Family maximum	\$35.00	X _____		\$40.00
Adult/student	\$8.00	X _____		\$9.00
Senior Citizens (65+)	\$6.00	X _____		\$7.00
Child (4-12)	\$5.00	X _____		\$6.00
Child (3 and under)	free	X _____		free
A la Carte Items				
2 pieces of bread	\$1.00	X _____		\$1.00
Extra Salad	\$1.00	X _____		\$1.00
		GRAND TOTAL: _____		

- **To Pre-Order and Save- Please clip and return to school with payment by Tuesday, Jan. 22, ATTN: Spaghetti Dinner. Checks to St. Patrick School.**

A donation bake sale will be available in the gym as well!

How to earn
**75% Illinois
Tax Credit**



LEARN MORE on Jan. 16, 2019

Donation Information



Attend this presentation to learn about a 75% tax credit for individuals and businesses that contribute to a qualified scholarship program that benefits students at non-public schools in this area.

Wed., Jan. 16, 2019

6PM-7PM




Peoria Notre Dame

High School




Livingston Auditorium

St. Patrick Schedule of Events for Catholic Schools Week 2019





January 25 – Friday - Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off

-  Spaghetti Dinner and Family Fun Night will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
-  Jr. High Dance (7th and 8th Grades) will be held 8:00-10:00 p.m.
-  Cards of appreciation will be created for pastor, parochial vicar, and sisters




January 27 – Sunday - Celebrating Our Parish

-  St. Patrick School Mass is will be held at 11:00 a.m.
-  St. Patrick School students will participate in liturgy readings, etc. at 11:00 a.m. Mass.
-  St. Patrick School Jr. High Choir will perform at 11:00 Mass.




January 28 – Monday - Celebrating Our Community

-  Parent/Grandparents will be treated to breakfast from 8:00-10:00 a.m.
-  Grades K-2 will make cards for community service groups; (K-Threads, 1st-WHIP, 2nd-Dax Foundation).
-  Grades 3-4 will visit local nursing homes to play Bingo and visit with the residents (3rd-Villas of Hollybrook, 4th-Washington Christian Village).
-  Grades 5-8 will work on a community service project for the Washington Park District.






January 29 – Tuesday - Celebrating Our Students

-  Spelling Bee is scheduled in gym at 8:00 a.m.
-  Room Parents will provide a treat for students.
-  Grades K-4 will participate in a buddy reading project and Grades 5-8 will participate in a kindness activity.




January 30 – Wednesday - Celebrating Our Nation

-  Government and community leaders will be invited to lunch.
-  House Games assembly will be held in the gym at 2:30 p.m. Grade 5-8 'Houses' will participate in relays against each other.
-  Students may wear blue jeans or athletic slacks, Grades 5-8 their House Saint shirt, and Grades K-4 the color of House team they are assigned.

January 31 – Thursday - Celebrating Vocations

-  Vocation prayer will be included in daily announcements.
-  Students will pray for vocations.
-  Pastor, Parochial Vicar, and Sisters will recognized.
-  Students may wear spirit wear with uniform slacks.
-  Talent Show will be performed from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

February 1 – Friday - Celebrating Teachers and Staff

-  All School Mass will be held at 8:15 a.m.
-  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and All School Benediction will be at 3:00 p.m.
-  Teachers and staff will be treated to a lunch during their lunch hour.

