

Virtue of the Week

Our virtue this week is APPRECIATION—The strength to recognize and enjoy someone's good qualities or actions. An APPRECIATIVE team, class, or person is tough to beat! They are dedicated to recognizing each other's strengths and specific roles and actively communicate those to teammates. Everybody carries themselves differently when they APPRECIATE others and are APPRECIATED as well and that makes a big difference.

PRAYER

Lord, we should APPRECIATE You more! There is nothing more You could have done to prove that You love us. You suffered and died so that I could be with You in Heaven for all eternity. Give me the love and wisdom to recognize and APPRECIATE this fact and love You more.

Important Upcoming Dates

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. 6:	Preschool/Kindergarten Information Night
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



St. Patrick School
100 Harvey Street
Washington, IL 61571
309-444-4345
<https://school.stpatswashington.com>

Reminder:

Make sure you register to hold your place with the Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship! You need to apply for this scholarship before you can apply for the Spalding Scholarship. For additional information go to EmpowerIllinois.org.

Save The Date



Saturday, March 14,
2020 6pm

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.

7th Grade dissects eggs to learn about cells



Upcoming Athletic Events

- Jan. 17/18:** 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament @ Blessed Sacrament
Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Home
- Jan. 20:** Girls Volleyball @ Monroe 4:15pm
- Jan. 21:** Girls Volleyball @ Robein 4:30pm
Boys Basketball @ St. Joseph 5:30pm
5th/6th Boys Basketball @ Dee-Mack 6:00pm
- Jan. 22:** Boys Basketball vs. Washburn @ Home 5:30pm
- Jan. 23:** 5th/6th Boys Basketball @ Blessed Sacrament 5:30pm



You can support St. Patrick School just by grocery shopping at Kroger! Once you link your Kroger Card to St. Patrick School, a percentage of what you spend will be sent to our school quarterly. It's that easy!

- Go to : www.kroger.com/communityrewards
- Click View Details under I'm a Customer
- Sign In or a Create an Account
- Choose St. Patrick School—HN228

We earned \$406.14 last quarter!



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



"Even if you do not even utter one word, God understands your heart completely."

FRANCIS XAVIER NGUYEN VAN THUAN
The Road of Hope

 Dynamic Catholic

"Reverence, Respect, Responsibility..."

Excellence in Academics and Faith Formation™

“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.

Vol. 7



Meet Mr. Don Jones

By Rebecca Hatton-6th Grade

Mr. Jones is the man who works behind the scenes. He started working at St. Pat’s in 2012, and he says, “Nothing has changed, but my ability to do more.” In his 7 years here he has encountered some funny experiences like, “Kids coming back from the playground with their faces covered in dirt from eating it.” His favorite part of his job is the kids.

Mr. Jones has been in maintenance for 45 years. His first job in maintenance was at Mitsubishi, a car factory. As a teenager, Mr. Jones had many jobs including a dishwasher for a restaurant, bailing hay, and working at a seat company.

At this school Mr. Jones works on the boiler, the toilets, the windows, the lights, and anything electrical. He loves fixing things and the only thing he would change about his job is to have more money so he could do more for the school. When asked if there was anything else in the world

he could do, he answered “Same thing I’m doing now.” Mr. Jones can be seen in the school throughout the summer too, preparing for the next school year.

In his free time he enjoys golfing, fishing, and restoring his chevy pickup. Mr. Jones has wide family life: 6 siblings, 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. It’s no wonder why he loves kids so much.

That’s Mr. Jones, our maintenance man, the man behind the scenes.



Welcome to Kindergarten

By Olivia Ozella – 6th Grade

.Meet Miss Cari O’Dea. She is the kindergarten teacher at St. Pat’s. She has been teaching for 3 years. She started teaching at St. Pats in 2018. Before that time she taught at a preschool. She teaches kindergarteners all their subjects: ELA, math, writing, science, and social studies too. She went to college at Bradley University, and graduated from St. Pat’s too. The reason she became a teacher is because she likes being around young children and she’s just always wanted to be a teacher, even when she was little. She loves working with Mrs. Paluska saying, “She is a big help with the kids.” Miss O’Dea’s favorite part of teaching is when her students start to understand what she is teaching them.

In her free time she likes to play with her dogs, watch Netflix, take walks, and go out to eat with her family and friends.

Reservation Night 2020

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



2020-2021 TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP
RESERVATION NIGHT

 **RESERVATIONS OPEN**
6:30 PM

CLICK TO SUBMIT
RESERVATION
7:00 PM



For more information, visit EmpowerIllinois.org

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.

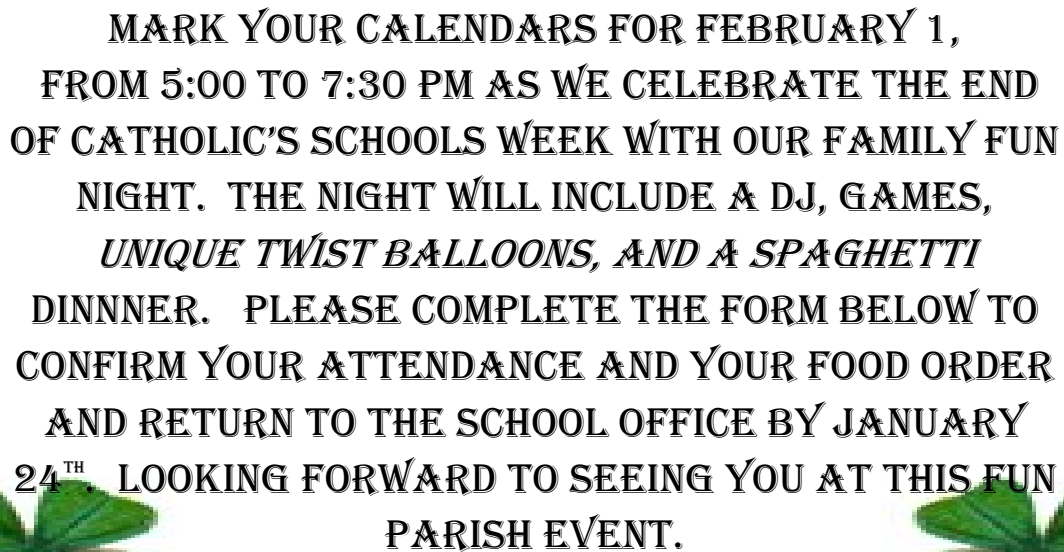
This year, **the reservation will form will be available at 6:30pm**, to give families time to enter their information before **submission at 7pm**. More information about preparing for reservation night can be found on our website under, "[How Do I Apply](#)."

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](#).



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
 DINNER. 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 = \$ _____



**Catholic Discovery Night with
Girl Scouts!**

**Come Experience a faith journey through
exploration of the Girl Scouts Law and
Teaching!**

**Learn about Archbishop Fulton Sheen and
Catholic badges and patches**

**What: Come and explore the opportunities Girl
Scouts has to offer with patches and badges
pertaining to your Catholic Faith; ask questions
and learn about being part of a troop.**

**When: Tuesday, February 4
5:00- 6:00 p.m.**

**Where: St. Mary's Cathedral
607 NE Madison Peoria, IL and
Spalding Pastoral Center
400 NE Madison, Peoria IL**

**For: All girls interested in learning more
about what Girl Scouts has to offer!**

*Have questions or unable to attend? Please contact:
Call/text: Beth Krider at 309-830-4997 or
email bkrider@girlscouts-gsci.org*

RSVP by January 30

Girl Scout Law

*I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and
caring, courageous
and strong, and
responsible for what I
say and do, and to
respect myself and
others, respect
authority, use
resources wisely,
make the world a
better place, and be a
sister to every Girl
Scout.*



THERE IS POWER IN EVERY

G.I.R.L.

Unleash it at Girl Scouts!