

Virtue of the Week

This week our virtue theme is ADAPTABLE—The strength to adjust to new conditions, new circumstances, a different venue. An ADAPTABLE team or person is tough to beat! ADAPTABLE teams and people don't stress, panic or fight when the unexpected happens; they rally and find a way to succeed despite the change in circumstances. You carry yourself different when you are ADAPTABLE and that makes a big difference.

PRAYER

Lord, we know things change constantly and so many times we are fearful of that change. With this being the case, please Lord, give us the faith and ability to be ADAPTABLE when these constant changes happen-not giving in to fear but trusting in You and Your love and grace always. You love us and You prove that love for us every day.

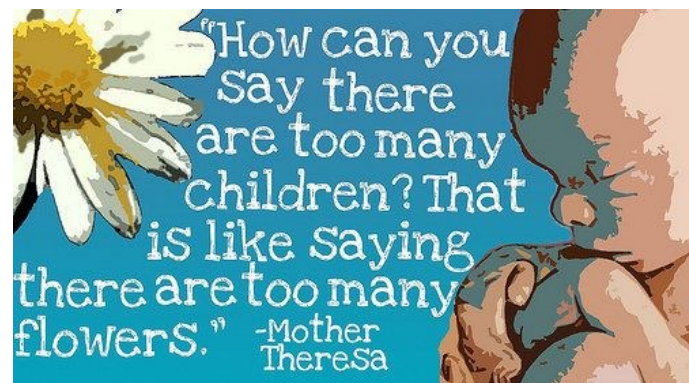
Important Upcoming Dates

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 6:00-7:15pm
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
Mar. 9:	No School; Region I Faculty In-Service
Mar. 11:	Early Dismissal 2:00pm; Teacher In-Service; Aftercare provided
Mar. 15:	Confirmation at Cathedral 3:30pm
Mar. 19:	Evening Adoration 2nd Grade; 5:30pm-7:30pm
Mar. 23-27:	No School; Spring Break
Mar. 30:	School Resumes

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

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.



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Upcoming Athletic Events

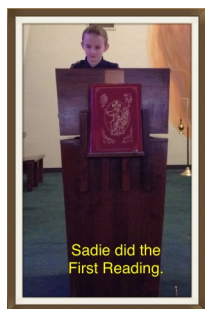
- Jan. 24: 6th Grade Boys Basketball @ Dee Mack 7:00pm
- Jan. 25: 6th Grade Boys Basketball @ Dee Mack TBA
- Jan. 27: 7th Grade Boys Basketball Regionals @ Home 5:00pm
- Jan. 28: Girls Volleyball vs. St. Mary's @ Home 4:30pm
- Jan. 29: 7th Grade Boys Basketball Regionals @ Home 5:00pm
- Jan. 30: Girls Volleyball vs. S. Pekin @ Home 4:30pm
- Jan. 31: 6th Grade Girls Volleyball vs. St. Thomas @ Home 5:00pm

Upcoming Activity Events

- Feb. 28: Band IGSMO Organization Contest @ Germantown Hills MS TBA
- Feb. 29: Spanish Club GlobalFest Illinois @EIU 7am-7pm
- Mar. 7: Band Solo/Ensemble Contest @ St. Patrick 9am-12pm
- Mar. 14: Band IGSMO Solo/Ensemble Contest @ ICC 9am-4:00pm

7th Grade visited Rep. Darin LaHood to highlight the 47th Tazewell County Right to Life project. They delivered baby food to charities in the area to help mothers in need.

Sister Magdalena's Religion Classes



Sadie did the First Reading.



Isla did the Introduction.

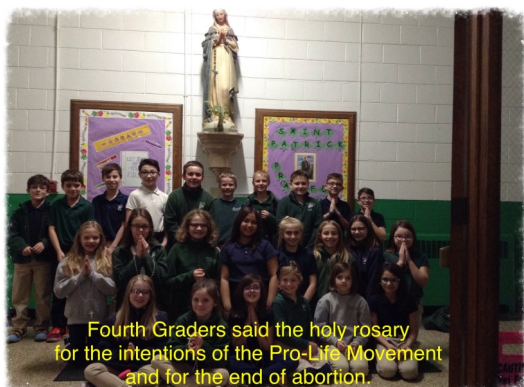
1st Grade practicing for Friday's Mass



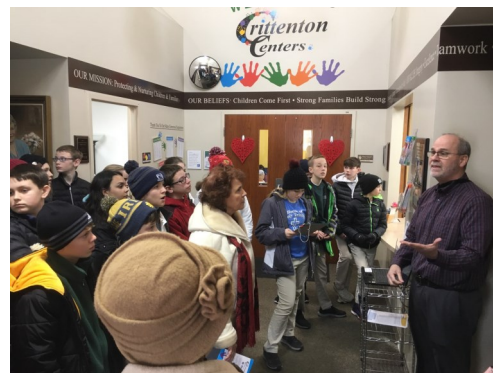
Mrs. Teel's 2nd graders practiced confession in the confessional box in Church.



The Rindergartners, First Graders, Second Graders, and Fourth Graders said the holy rosary for the Pro-Life Movement and the end of abortion.



Fourth Graders said the holy rosary for the intentions of the Pro-Life Movement and for the end of abortion.



**“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.

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Meet the Pre-K Teachers By Angela Horning

Mrs. Hughes

Mrs. Shannon Hughes is the Pre-K teacher. She went to school at Western Illinois University, taught at Odell Grade School for 2 years, and TriPoint for 11 years before coming to Saint Patrick’s in 2016.

Before taking over the pre-kindergarten program, she taught fourth grade at St. Pat’s. She liked teaching fourth grade social studies the best, and now loves teaching everything in Pre-K.

Mrs. Hughes wanted to become a teacher because she liked school as a kid and enjoyed babysitting.

Mrs. Hughes says, “My favorite part about teaching is when I see a student remember what I’ve taught them.” She also loves the people she works with.

If she could change anything about her job she would like to have four day school week.

In her free time she likes to bake, read, and spend time with her family. She has three children: Emersyn, Abby, and Jace who all attend St. Pat’s. She and her family like to go on walks, bike rides, watch movies, and just be outside with each other!



Meet Mrs. Berquist

Mrs. Kim Berquist is the teacher’s aide for pre-k 4 at St. Pat’s. Mrs. Berquist has been the aid for the preschool for a total of 25 years, ever since 1995 when she was asked by Sister Mary Ann. Her job as an aid is to make it easier for Mrs. Hughes to prepare for class.

East Peoria High School is where she went to school. She likes listening to the kids. When asked If she could change one thing about her job she said, “I would not have school start until later.”

In her free time she likes to travel and spend time with her two daughters and her grandson, Max. She also likes to have Sunday dinners and vacations with her family.

St. Patrick Schedule of Events for Catholic Schools Week 2020

January 26 – Sunday - Celebrating Our Parish

- ✿ St. Patrick School Mass 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 27 – Monday - Celebrating Our Community

- ✿ Parent/Grandparents will be treated to breakfast from 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- ✿ Grades K-2 will complete a drive of items needed for “Threads, Hope, and Love”.
- ✿ Grades 3-4 will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the seniors of the parish. They will also make cards and bookmarks and mail them to the senior parishioners.
- ✿ Grades 5-8 will work on a community service project for the Washington Park District.
- ✿ Students may dress in a career choice of what they would like to be when they grow up.

January 28 – Tuesday - Celebrating Our Students

- ✿ Spelling Bee is scheduled in the Sister Mary Ann Gym at 8:00 a.m.
- ✿ A popcorn treat will be provided for students.
- ✿ House groups (Grades 5-8) will work with their House partners (Grades K-4) in completing a special project.
- ✿ Students may dress as they think they will look on their 100th birthday (since we are close to attending 100 days of school).

January 29 – Wednesday - Celebrating Our Nation

- ✿ Parish community and emergency response 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 their House colors, Grades 5-8 their House Saint shirt, and Grades K-4 may wear the color of the House team they are assigned. Skirts and slacks may also be in House colors.

January 30 – Thursday - Celebrating Vocations

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

January 31 – 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 hours.

February 1 – Saturday - Catholic Schools Week Conclusion

- ✿ 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.



**You are invited to
St. Patrick School
Pre-K/ Kindergarten
Family Info Night
6:00-7:15 p.m**

February 6th, 2020



Night includes:

Brief Info Meeting, Story, Games, Crafts, and Snack

Incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten students are welcome

Open for anyone who has a three year old through Kindergarten student for the 2020-2021 school year

8th Grade Gift Bearers & Greeters Wanted!

If you will be able to attend one of our Masses during the weekend of February 1st/2nd and want to help out, **please** sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAE2EA2FD0-8thgrade>. You may also email JTall700@gmail.com with your 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. (If it is 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 8th grade volunteers needed)
2/1/2020 (Sat.)	4:30pm	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
2/2/2020 (Sun.)	8:30am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
2/2/2020 (Sun.)	11:00am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)

Thank you for volunteering!

POT O' GOLD



Dinner Auction & Dueling Pianos

5TH ANNUAL POT O' GOLD DINNER AUCTION

MARCH 14, 2020 6PM—MIDNIGHT

COUNTRYSIDE BANQUET FACILITY

DISCOUNTED EARLY BIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE 'TIL

FEBRUARY 16TH @ \$50 EACH; \$60 AFTER 2/16

TO REGISTER & PURCHASE TICKETS PLEASE VISIT OUR SITE:

https://stpatrickparish.schoolauction.net/pog2020/register/ticket_sales

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION OR PURCHASE
ADVERTISING, PLEASE CONTACT CALL 309-444-3524.



Daddy/Daughter Dance

For St. Patrick's School/Parish

Knights of Columbus Hall on February 29th from 6 - 8 pm

Girls K-8 Grade

Registration Form

Please return this form in an envelope marked "Daddy Daughter Dance, Attention Ezzy Ozella" by February 26th to the school office. Please enclose cash or check made payable to St. Patrick's School. DJ, Dancing and treats will be provided.

Family Name _____

Email address for photos _____

Daughter/Grade _____

Daughter/Grade _____

Daughter/Grade _____

Number attending _____ Cost is \$25.00 per couple and \$5.00 for each additional daughter

Please remember that male relatives or family friends are welcome as escorts.

Contact Ezzy Ozella at 309-251-7833 with any questions.

4-8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

LASER TAG & BOWLING AT PLAZA LANES, WASHINGTON

FEBRUARY 16TH 4-5:30-PM

\$10 PER PERSON

(FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE)



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](#).



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 bkriders@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!