

## Virtue of the Week

This week our virtue theme is TRADITION— The strength to value and transmit the customs and beliefs of those you love. TRADITION is so valuable in today's world! We need to remember what made our families, our school, and our team so special in the past and to be able to create new TRADITIONS to celebrate new special things in our lives today.

## PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for this day, this opportunity, this time together. Strengthen our wills and forge our resolve to remember TRADITION in our pursuit of excellence in every area of our life.

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**On Friday September 27th, the 7th Grade signed their Confirmation Commitment Letter.**



## Important Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 9 : Early Dismissal 2:00pm; Teacher In-Service; Aftercare Provided
- Oct. 14: No School; Columbus Day
- Oct. 15: No School; Region I Faculty In-Service
- Oct. 17: Evening Adoration 7th Grade; 5:30-7:00pm
- Oct. 18: 1st Quarter Ends
- Oct. 19: Confirmation Retreat 12:30-5:00pm
- Oct. 22: Family Literacy Night 6-7 pm
- Oct. 23: Picture Re-take Day
- Oct. 24: Early Dismissal 11:30am; Parent-Faculty Conferences; No Aftercare
- Oct. 25: No School; Parent-Faculty Conferences



The Spot Coffee Mobile Trailer will be in St. Pat's School Parking Lot on **Friday, October 11th from 7:30-9:30am.** A representative from Blessed Is She will be there to hand out flyers of upcoming events and answer any questions about Blessed Is She.

## Lego League has started their practices!



5th Grade Lego League



6th Grade Lego League

## St. George House packing lunches for the Phoenix House



"Someone can look perfectly fine, but you never know what is going on inside—and everyone has something going on inside."

MATTHEW KELLY  
Taken from Resisting Happiness



## Upcoming Athletic Events

- Oct. 7: Girls Basketball @ St. Joseph 5:30pm
- Oct. 8: Girls Basketball vs. Riverview @ Home 5:30pm
- Oct. 9: Girls Basketball vs. Washburn @ Home 5:30pm
- Oct. 9: Cross Country Practice @ Maxwell Park 4:00pm
- Oct. 12: Cross Country Sectionals @ Maxwell Park 10:00am

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**The Ca\$h Ba\$h is back!**

**November 9th at 6:00pm at the Knights of Columbus.**

**\$100 per ticket allows two guests and includes food and drink.**

**Tickets available from St. Pat's coaches or the school office.**

**Don't miss out on the best night of the year!!!**

October is the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. We honor her in a special way by saying the rosary every day. Pope Francis proclaimed **October** this year as the **Extraordinary Missionary Month**. We pray in a special way the Mission of the Church, all Missionaries and the 5 Continents represented by the different colors of the Mission Rosary, envisioned by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in 1951.

The Kindergartners, 2nd Graders, and 4th Graders assembled in the gym for the launching of the **Extraordinary Missionary Month** by saying the Mission Rosary. They sang songs, colored some pictures and had some Questions and Answer Session.



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## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Hedwig of Silesia

A model of steadfast faith in prosperity and hardship, St. Hedwig was born to the Duke of Croatia and married the Duke Henry of Silesia. They had a happy marriage and together founded a convent, monasteries and hospitals. Two of their children, Henry and Conrad, caused their parents considerable hardship with their fighting until Hedwig negotiated a truce. After her husband's death, Hedwig became a Cistercian nun and lived simply, only keeping her wealth for charity.

### Too busy?

At the end of our lives, we aren't going to think, "I wish I had worked more." We are going to long for more time with our loved ones. A child needs the undivided attention of his or her parent for a little while each day. Don't be so busy that you miss even one special moment with yours.

*"... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).*



## Help your child live a good Catholic life

The best way to ensure our children will live good Catholic lives as adults is to build a strong Catholic foundation while they are young. That foundation will make it likely that they will continue to live their faith.

Consider these suggestions:

**Lay the foundation.** Make sure your child is getting the Catholic education she deserves so she has all the necessary resources on which to draw in adulthood. Support her religious education, whether she attends Catholic school or the parish school of religion, by supervising homework and helping her master the prayers and doctrine required.

**Present positive influences.** Present

to youngsters grown-ups whose lives you would like your children's to mirror when they are adults. Invite interesting, religious adults to your home to talk about how they live their faith. Bonus:

Offering appropriate role models gives children substitutes for the less-desirable celebrities of today.

**"Do as I do."** Don't kid yourself into thinking that you can live by the world's rules yourself but expect your children to follow God's rules. Abraham's nephew, Lot,

lost most of his family during an emergency. They didn't respect him because his words and deeds didn't match (Genesis 19). To raise faithful Catholics, we have to be faithful Catholics ourselves – and that begins with going to Mass every week.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

A litany is a prayer formed by a list of invocations and petitions. It is part of the rich prayer tradition of the Church. Litanies are addressed to God, Jesus, Mary, and the saints. The saints, who are closer to

## Why do Catholics have litanies?



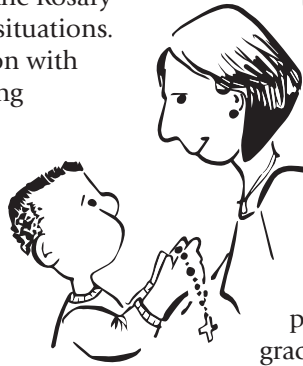
God, can intercede with God for us here on earth. Today, litanies sometimes are used in the Church's worship. Only a few are approved, including the Litany of: the Saints, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Sacred Heart, and St. Joseph.

## Celebrate the Rosary with children

Catholics over the centuries have turned to the Rosary for miraculous help in seemingly impossible situations. Sharing love for this timeless Catholic devotion with children will arm them with a powerful lifelong prayer tradition.

**The prayer that leads to prayer.** The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to still our minds and direct our hearts to communion with God. The meditative nature of the prayer helps calm children and direct their thoughts to God.

**Gospel stories.** The mysteries of the Rosary



tell the stories of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. By praying the Rosary with youngsters, we revisit these events and help them to grow in knowledge of Christ.

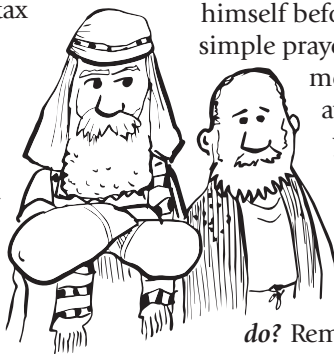
**Role models.** Praying the Rosary and meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary gives us strong models of virtuous lives, from Mary's obedience during the Annunciation and her fortitude during the Crucifixion, to Jesus' entire life of virtue – justice, temperance, and courage, in particular. Regular Rosary meditation opens us to the graces needed to acquire those very virtues.

### Scripture LESSON

### Luke 18:9-14, Humble Prayer

Jesus often told stories to illustrate truths of God's kingdom. In this story, he used a Pharisee and a tax collector to talk about prayer. Like most of his stories, this one had an unexpected ending.

The Pharisee marched up to a position of honor in the temple to pray, presumably to be seen and admired. He focused his prayer on himself and offered thanks that he was superior in holiness to all around him. He listed his many good (but largely meaningless) deeds and looked with disgust upon the tax collector.



By contrast, the tax collector stood in the back and humbled himself before God, offering a simple prayer relying on God's mercy. He was sorrowfully aware of his sinfulness, yet was also aware of God's powerful mercy. For his humble, contrite prayer, he was reconciled with God.

**What can a parent do?** Remind children that God wants our love more than anything else. No matter what we do, he'll always love us and want us back in his friendship. He will always forgive us if we're truly sorry.

### Parent TALK

It always bugs me that All Saints Day gets overshadowed by Halloween. Last year, I thought of a way to combine them. I challenged my son to bypass the superheroes and instead portray his favorite saint.



After scouring through books, Joshua decided on St. Michael. When we read how he led the angels in the great battle against Satan, Joshua was proud to dress as someone still protecting us today.

We found a cool warrior costume and put a cross on the chest. We made wings and a spear from cardboard we painted silver. It was perfect.

As we went door-to-door, neighbors asked him what character he was dressed as and Joshua beamed as he replied, "St. Michael the Archangel."

Not only did Joshua enjoy gathering candy that night, he made quite an impression on the neighbors. After all, it's not every day you're in the company of an angel.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels.** On this feast day, remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

**October 6 – Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (1849).** Marie-Rose was born in Canada. Unable to join the convent, she worked as a hostess, housekeeper, and parish worker. She became known for her perseverance and tactfulness. At the bishop's request, she founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, a teaching order.

**October 14 – Pope St. Callistus I**

(222). A Roman slave, Callistus was jailed for losing his master's money. After his release, he became superintendent of Church lands and was ordained a deacon. Known for his merciful treatment of sinners, he was elected pope but was opposed for 18 years by an antipope, dividing the Church.

**October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (1st Century).**

St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.



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5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade House Members and Parents:

Kristen Bertchold, from Phoenix Community Development Services, will be coming to school the first week in October to speak with student about the services they provide and the people they help. In preparation for her arrival, we will be collecting items to help PCDS with their mission to serve the homeless in our area.

The following is a message from PCDS

“We have a HUGE need for items for our resident “store” at New Hope Apartments, our largest housing location. All of the 84 residents at that facility have some type of disabling condition (a mental illness, physical disability and/or intellectual disability) and were homeless before moving in. Nearly 80% of the residents have three or more disabling conditions.

Residents at New Hope can earn “New Hope Bucks” for participating in counseling groups and activities, helping other residents, volunteering, completing chores around the building, etc. They can then “spend” those “Bucks” at the New Hope store for things they need, but don’t have money to purchase at a regular store. The store is a great educational tool that helps us keep the facility clean and safe, helps residents become more self-sufficient, and teaches important daily living and employment skills.”

**Items currently needed for the store include:**

- Shampoo/Conditioner/Body Wash (3-in-1s work great)
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Razors
- Shave Cream
- Baby Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Lip Balm
- Hand warmers
- Toilet Paper
- Winter gloves and hats
- Warm Socks

Please consider bringing these items to your House teacher before October 8th, so that we have a good collection to give this great charity.

In addition to helping them meet their needs for the New Hope Apartments, Houses are also providing sack lunches once a month to help feed the homeless. Students will be asked to donate items to complete the lunches each month.



<https://phoenixcds.org/>

# 2nd Grade Gift Bearers & Greeters Wanted!

If you will be able to attend one of our Masses during the weekend of October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and want to help out, **please** sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAE2EA2FD0-2ndgrade1>  
You may also email [TalIJ700@gmail.com](mailto:TalIJ700@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. (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 volunteers needed)
10/5/2019 (Sat.)	4:30pm	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
10/6/2019 (Sun.)	8:30am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
10/6/2019 (Sun.)	11:00am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)

**THANK YOU for volunteering!**

# TRICK-OR-READING

## FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The St. Patrick School Houses are pleased to announce that we will once again be holding a Family Literacy Night. This not so spooky event will take place on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7 PM at St. Patrick's School. Students in grades 5 through 8 will be hosting Halloween reading activities for children in preschool through grade four. Registration is required for all children parish and school students preschool aged through grade four that would like to attend, and children need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We will have an assortment of Halloween and fall themed activities that promote the love of reading.

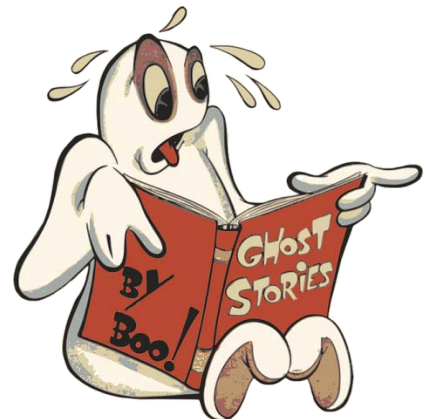
Every family that signs up will enjoy three fun filled literacy stations. Each station will last for 20 minutes when your group will move together to the next station. Adults are not included in the number, so you can sign each child up individually, or you can sign up the whole family by selecting the number of spots needed. A schedule of sessions will be included in the Irish Messenger on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and also handed out the night of the event, so please register before the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please mark your calendars and register online for this event before October 17<sup>th</sup> as seats are limited for the event!

Students can wear their "not-so-scary" Halloween costumes to the event! Costumes only, no accessories.

We are looking forward to trick or reading with you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45aaa829a0fd0-trickorreading>



# MEET THE AUTHORS

## BRAVE LOVE AND A *Miracle*

**Knights of Columbus Hall**  
120 Walnut St.  
Washington, IL

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**  
12:30 - 3 p.m.

Doors open promptly at 12:30!



Mary  
Lenaburg



Kathryn  
Whitaker



Bonnie  
Engstrom