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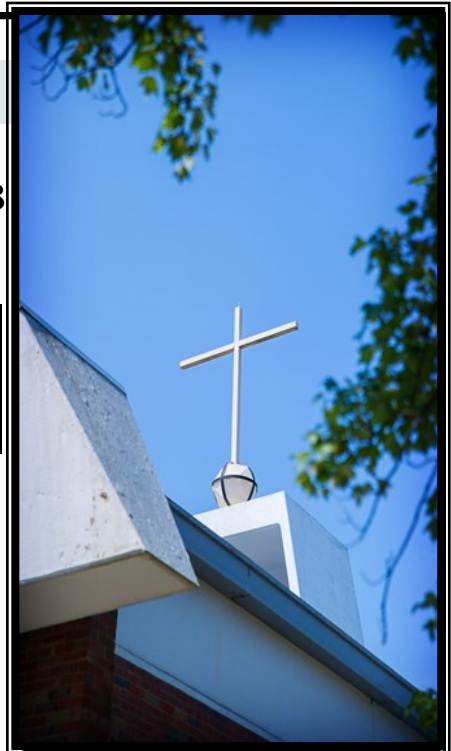
# Irish Messenger

## Important Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 8**– No School Columbus Day  
**Oct. 9**– No School Teacher In-Service  
**Oct. 10**– **2:00 pm Dismissal**  
First Communion Meeting 6:30 pm SR  
**Oct. 18**– Evening Adoration 5:30-7 pm  
**Oct. 19**– First Communion Pinning 8:15 am Mass  
1st Quarter Ends  
**Oct. 24**– Report Cards Published  
**Oct. 27**– St. Patrick Athletic Cash Bash KC Hall 6-9 pm  
**Oct. 29**– Jr. High Choir Concert 6:30-7:30 pm Church

## Save the Date

- Oct. 22**– Literacy Night (see flyer attached)  
**Oct. 24**– PND 8th Grade Information Night 6:30 pm  
**Oct. 25**– Re-Take Pictures-  
**11:30 Dismissal NO AFTERCARE** Parent -  
Teacher Conferences  
**Oct. 26**– No School Parent-Teacher Conferences  
**Oct. 30**- Preschool PK3 T/Th Halloween Parties  
**Oct. 31**– Preschool PK3 M/W PK4 Halloween Parties  
**Nov. 3**- PND 8th Grade Placement Test 7:30am-12:00pm  
**Nov.21-23**– No School Thanksgiving Break  
**Dec. 18**– Christmas Program Five Points 6:00 pm  
**Dec. 21**– Early Dismissal 11:30am NO AFTERCARE  
**Dec. 22– Jan.4, 2019**– No School Christmas Break  
**Jan 27– Feb. 2**– Catholic Schools Week



## UPCOMING SPORTS

- OCT. 6**- XC SECTIONALS  
10 AM DONOVAN PARK  
PEORIA  
**OCT. 9**- GIRLS BASKET-  
BALL @ BARTONVILLE  
5:30 PM  
**OCT. 10**- GIRLS BAS-  
KETBALL VS. ELMWOOD  
@ HOME 5:30 PM  
**OCT. 11**- GIRLS BAS-  
KETBALL VS. ST. THOM-  
AS @ HOME 5:30 PM  
**OCT. 13**- XC STATE  
MEET @ MAXWELL PARK  
9:30 AM  
**OCT. 15**- BOYS BAS-  
KETBALL PRACTICE  
BEGIN

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Academics and Faith Formation”



*MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL*

Parents,

Congratulations to our Cross Country team that will be competing in Sectionals on Saturday Oct. 5th. Good luck runners!

Great news to share. We received a very generous donation from the Washington Fine Arts Society of \$1,000. This money is going to be used to purchase Art Supplies and an online art program. Please thank them personally for their support!

**Please remind your student to exercise care when using their Chromebooks. We have had some broken screens from leaning on them and dropping them. Please remember that there is a replacement cost for broken Chromebooks (per signed agreement).**

**Holidays are fast approaching.** We have great opportunities to earn money for our school just by shopping. Visit our website <https://school.stpatswashington.com> then go to support for more information and direct links.



VIRTUE OF WEEK

**Our virtue this week: is UNITY** - The strength to be one in mind, heart and soul.

**PRAYER**

God You are the perfect example of **UNITY**. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Three Persons yet One God. May we follow Your example as we are many teammates yet we are one team. Help us to set aside all our differences and be **UNITED** in our efforts to be the best we can be.

REFLECTIONS

“ONE OF THE GREATEST MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF ANY CHRISTIAN COMES WHEN WE REALIZE THAT A LIFE WITH PRAYER IS BETTER THAN A LIFE WITHOUT PRAYER, AND WHEN WE GIVE IT A PLACE IN OUR DAILY SCHEDULES.”

“PRAYER DOESN’T CHANGE GOD; PRAYER CHANGES US. IT’S NOT ABOUT CONVINCING HIM OF OUR WILL; IT’S ABOUT SURRENDERING TO HIS WILL.”

MATTHEW KELLY, REDISCOVER THE ROSARY

“JESUS LOVES EACH OF US AS IF THERE WERE ONLY ONE OF US. AND HE WANTS TO BE CLOSER TO US THAN ANY FRIEND ON EARTH COULD EVER BE..”

“THE WORLD LIES, BUT JESUS SPEAKS THE TRUTH. JESUS LONGS TO REACH YOU PERSONALLY WITH THE COUNTERCULTURAL MESSAGE THAT YOU ARE VALUABLE.”

DANIELLE BEAN, YOU’RE WORTH IT!

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**Kindergarten visits the Pumpkin Patch! They had a blast!**



## ...More Pumpkin Patch



**Kindergarten- Mrs. Dickinson's class at Friday Adoration.**



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science display the difference between plant and animal cells.**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade release their butterfly's into the world!**



# St. Patrick School

## Cash\$ Bash

We hope you will consider joining us at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Washington on **October 27, 2018, from 6-9 p.m.** St. Patrick School and The St. Pat's Athletic Committee will be hosting a CASH BASH - where a \$3,000 GRAND PRIZE will be up for grabs! This is one of St. Pat's Athletics biggest fundraisers and we need your support!

The Cash Bash is a draw-down style fundraiser. Each ticket sold has a number associated with it, and those numbers get eliminated at random throughout the evening. The last number to be drawn WINS \$3,000!! It's a GREAT time, with food and drink provided! Your ticket gets you a numbered square, and entry for two people into the event. There will only be 200 tickets sold, so the odds are fantastic! Plus - there are more ways to win than just the grand prize. The 1st, 100th and 199th numbers drawn will WIN \$500, and every 10th number drawn will get their \$100 ticket price refunded!

**Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased from the Parish or School Office, or from any Athletic Committee Member!**

Hope to see you there! Need NOT be present to win!!





# Family Literacy Night

## Reading is my Super Power

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 SUPER event will take place on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7 PM at the school. Students in grades 5 through 8 will be hosting HEROIC activities for students in preschool through grade four.

Registration is required for all students in preschool through grade four that would like to attend, and students need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We will have an assortment of fun filled super hero themed activities that promote the SUPER POWER of reading.

Every family that signs up for a session will enjoy three high flying literacy stations. Each station will last for 20 minutes when your group will fly together to the next station. Adults are not included in the number, so you can sign each student 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 Family Folder on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, so please register before then.

Please mark your calendars and register online for this SUPER event before October 19<sup>th</sup> as seats are limited!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45aaa829a0fd0-reading1>



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October 2018

## St. Patrick School

Doreen Shipman, Principal



### Thoughtful Moments

#### St. John XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born to a farming family in Bergamo, Italy. Ordained as a priest in 1904, he served as the bishop's secretary



before being enlisted as an army chaplain during World War I. As Pope John XXIII, Angelo never forgot his humble origins and often visited the poor, the sick and prisoners. As pope, he worked for peace and unity in a world preparing for war. He is most remembered for opening the Second Vatican Council.

#### Share values

A way to encourage children to share your values is to talk about them. For example, let them know that attendance at Mass, diligence in school, and truthfulness are important. Ten minutes' conversation from time to time is enough. Pray they get the message.

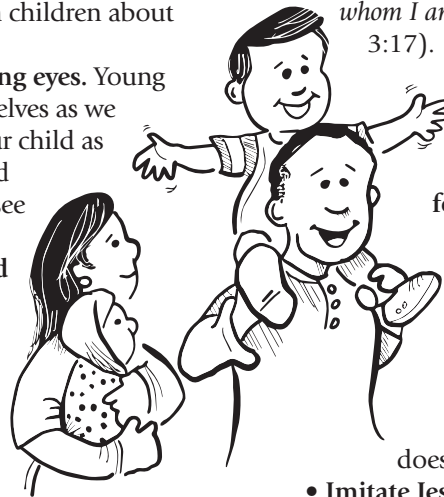
*"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and reject not your mother's teaching; for they are a fair garland for your head, and pendants for your neck"* (Proverbs 1:8-9).



### Love your child with God's great love

Children learn about God's love from their parents. They experience it most clearly when we parent lovingly. Try these ideas to teach children about God's great love:

- **Look with loving eyes.** Young children see themselves as we see them. Treat your child as a gift from God and that's how he will see himself.
- **Love your child even if you don't love her behavior.** That's how God loves us.
- **Use "no" as a loving word.** Hearing it occasionally teaches youngsters self-control.
- **Take your child's phone call no matter what you are doing.** God always listens to our prayers.
- **Don't bring up past mistakes.** Our Father never revisits sins we have repented.



- **Give public compliments.** God praised Jesus in front of everyone saying, *"This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased"* (Matthew 3:17).
- **Always give second chances.** Thankfully, God does.
- **After you argue, forgive with a hug.**
- **Skip chores occasionally and spend time together.** God wants nothing more than our company.
- **Keep your promises.** God always does.
- **Imitate Jesus' unconditional love:** *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39).

### Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics have "formal" prayers?

Prayer is "the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2559). Prayer, simply put, is talking with God, or else, spending time with him. In today's



busy world, we can't always "hear" God right away. Formal prayers, like the Our Father and the Hail Mary help us attune to God's way of speaking. They help calm our busy minds so God can speak to our hearts.

## Share the joy of the Rosary

October is a month when we celebrate the Rosary. Pope St. Pius V attributed a 16th century naval victory saving Europe from a Turkish invasion to the intercession of Our Lady through the Rosary. We arm our children with a powerful weapon against evil when we teach them to call on Our Lady's help through the Rosary.

**Sit together in a comfortable place.** Remind children that Our Lady is a mom, happy to have her children's attention.

**Choose intentions.** When we pray for others' best



interests, children learn the power of prayer.

**Start with a story.** Pick a mystery and use it to tell a story about Jesus' life and ministry.

**Observe 30 seconds of silence.** Sit silently for 30 seconds while picturing the image and mystery of Jesus' life.

**Start by praying a decade.** It takes less than five minutes. As youngsters pray with patience, add mysteries and decades until you pray an entire Rosary. Don't force it. We want prayer to be a joy, not a chore.

### Scripture LESSON

### Mark 10:46-52, a blind man leads the way

A blind beggar saw Jesus more clearly than the followers who were his companions.

Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was near and cried out, "Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although people tried to quiet him, Bartimaeus persisted and Jesus finally noticed him and had his disciples call him over.

Bartimaeus responded by casting aside his cloak and rushing to Jesus. Even the little he had was thrown aside. The only person in Mark's gospel to call Jesus, "Master," Bartimaeus stood before Jesus humble and confident that his



prayer would be answered. It is this profound trust that Jesus wanted to elicit from the crowd. When his prayer was answered, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as his disciple.

#### What can a parent do?

Sometimes difficulties of being Christian can blind us to the joys of following Jesus. Help children approach Jesus with excitement and

confidence. When we trust him as Bartimaeus did, we become true disciples who can tackle the difficult task of leading others down the road to God.

### Parent TALK

"The Rosary is boring!" my oldest complained. "It's the same prayer over and over." We pray a rosary daily, but it used to be a struggle. To my girls—ten and seven years old—it was "Mom's thing." I hadn't taught them what I loved about the prayer.



I ordered simple rosary-making kits for us online. When they arrived, Kara, Tessa, and I put them together one rainy Saturday afternoon and had a mini-lesson about it. Each girl chose different color beads. Kara liked the idea of St. Padre Pio calling his Rosary his "weapon" against temptation; Tessa like the idea of being able to call on Mother Mary whenever she wanted—especially when she was in trouble. Both girls were surprised to learn the Rosary was a prayer about Jesus, through Mary's eyes.

Kara was excited to have a Rosary that she made herself: it wasn't just "Mom's thing" anymore.

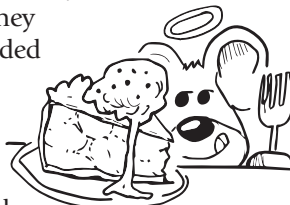
### Feasts & Celebrations

**Oct. 5 – St. Faustina Kowalska (1938).** Helena Kowalska was born to a large, poor, devout family in Poland. Against her parents' wishes, she joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, taking the name Sr. Maria Faustina. In 1931, Jesus appeared to her and told her to paint an image of the Divine Mercy and to spread devotion to his mercy.

**Oct. 17 – St. Richard Gwyn (1584).** St. Richard Gwyn was a schoolteacher in Wales. Originally raised Protestant, St. Richard converted to Catholicism even when it was considered

treasonous in his country. He remained a faithful Catholic, resulting his arrest and persecution. After being brought to court several times, he was martyred in 1584.

**Oct. 28 – Saints Simon and Jude (1st Century).** St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they eventually ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



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# OPEN HOUSE & INFORMATION NIGHT

October 24, 2018

Informational Meeting • 6:30 PM • PND Auditorium  
Why PND? • Academic Offerings • Financial Commitment •  
Enrollment Overview

Open House • 7:00 PM • PND Commons  
Academics • Athletics • Campus Ministry •  
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