

Virtue of the Week

Our virtue this week is ADVENTURE— The strength to undertake new and daring enterprises. Many times we are fearful of new and daring things. Yet, often the only way we can really grow is to embrace new things, no matter how scary they may be in the beginning.

PRAYER

Lord, we praise you and we thank you for the talents you have given us. Help us to be virtuous and strong! Help us to love YOU and others more than ourselves. May we be ADVENTUROUS today by always being strong and confident in whatever new things YOU ask us to undertake.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 13: Early Dismissal 2:00pm; Teacher In-Service; Aftercare Provided
- Nov. 21: Evening Adoration 6th Grade; 5:30-7:00pm
- Nov. 26: Early Dismissal 2:00pm; Thanksgiving Break Begins
- Nov. 27-29: No School; Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 2: School Resumes
- Dec. 11: Early Dismissal 2:00pm; Teacher In-Service; Aftercare Provided
- Dec. 12: Evening Adoration 5th Grade; 5:30-7:00pm
- Dec. 18: Christmas Program @ Five Points 6:00pm

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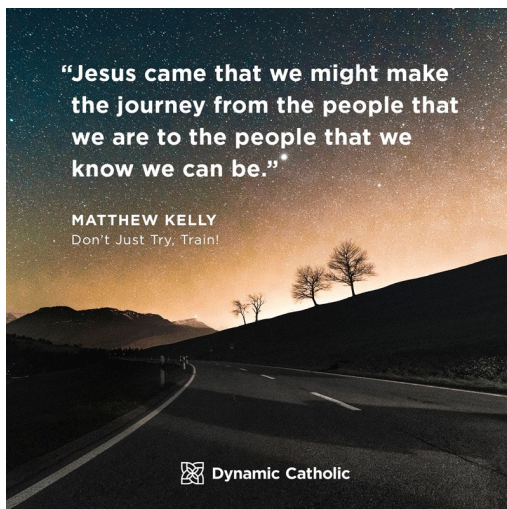


Please make sure child is dressed appropriately for the weather—coats, hats, and gloves. They will be going out for recess unless the wind chill reaches 15 degrees Fahrenheit for grades K-4 and 10 degrees Fahrenheit for grades 5-8.

It's Not too Late to Donate!

Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, November 6th, at 6:00 p.m. for everyone who would like to take the opportunity to donate in the Invest in Kids Act Scholarship Program which helps students with tuition needs. The meeting is going to be held in the Computer Lab of St. Patrick School. Mr. Mike Hillary, from the Parish Finance Council, and Mr. Bobby Sylvester, Regional Director of Empower Illinois, will be available to go through the application process and help answer any questions. Donors can access the Empower Illinois website through the technology in the lab or they are free to bring their own device. Donors interested in giving to this program to help students with tuition at St. Patrick School will receive 75% tax credit on their Illinois Income Tax Return for their donation. Donors are encouraged to bring their most recent tax return if they would like assistance in applying on November 6th. Please consider helping a student with tuition and getting a tax credit benefit, too.



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Save The Date

2020 POT O' GOLD

Saturday, March 14, 2020 6pm
Countryside Banquet Center

To celebrate the end of Extraordinary Missionary Month, Sr. Magdalena lead a Living Rosary with the students. You can watch a video of the Rosary here:

<https://youtu.be/ePKyLKDQUFM>



The 3 Blind Mice teaching our Preschool!



Morning Drop-Off Fun Continued



On Wednesday, Houses met with their adopted lower grade classes to celebrate Halloween. Classes made Halloween themed art projects and played games.



The House of St. Anthony worked on paper plate pumpkins with their adopted class, the third grade.



The Holy Trinity House worked on handprint bats with the Kindergarten class.

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The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium



Thank you Sr. Magdalena, Sr. Mercy, April Foglesonger, Rita Luetkemeyer, Gene & Lori Gangloff for all your hard work!



Fr. John blessed the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium on October 28, 2019, in the presence of the Kindergarten Class.



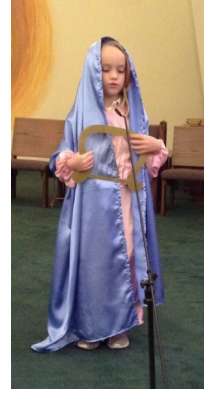
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium was blessed by Rev. Johnathan Steffen on October 29, 2019. It was attended by the Kindergartners. Pictured from L-R Mrs. Doreen Shipman, Principal, Fr. John, Pastor, Rita Luetkemeyer, April Foglesonger, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gangloff, and Ms. Cari O'Dea, Kindergarten teacher.

- Upcoming Athletic Events**
- Nov. 4: Girls Basketball vs. Monroe @ Home 5:30pm
 - Nov. 5: Girls Basketball @ Norwood 5:00pm
 - Nov. 5: Boys Basketball vs. Hollis @ Home 5:30pm
 - Nov. 7: Boys Basketball vs. St. Thomas @ Home 5:30pm

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.

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All Saints' Day!



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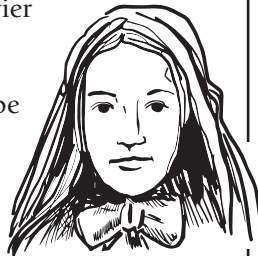
Doreen Shipman, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

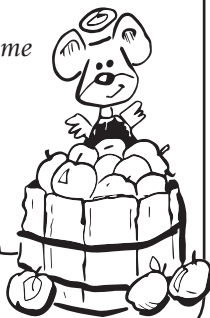
St. Frances Xavier was born in Lombardy, Italy, and grew up to be a strong, determined religious sister. Rejected by two religious orders for poor health, she founded her own order, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Though afraid of the sea, she frequently sailed between Italy and the Americas to bring over new sisters. They cared for the often-forgotten immigrants in the New World. Mother Cabrini is the first U.S. citizen to be canonized.



Judge not

Help children to remember that criticizing others is a serious business. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37). Better to worry about our own behavior and let others do the same.

"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).



What makes a Catholic home special?

In a faithful Catholic home, both the home and the family in it show clear evidence of Catholic identity and awareness of the presence of God.

Here is how to enrich the Catholic identity of your home:

Dedication to prayer.

Teach children to pray often using the basic elements of prayer with ACTS.

Adoration - praise God for who he is,

Confession - admit wrongdoing and be sincerely sorry,

Thanksgiving - recall all God's blessings, and Supplication - make requests for ourselves and others.

Devotion to the Sacraments.

Sacraments are the fabric of Catholic life. In particular, Catholic families are nurtured by weekly Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "Let the

children come to me, and do not hinder them ..." (Luke 18:16). Make weekly Mass your family's top priority.

Commitment to work.

Each of us has an obligation to work and serve our families, our communities, and our world. It is important that children be given early opportunities to serve through age-appropriate chores.

Determination of obedience.

Jesus was obedient to his parents on Earth and to his Father in Heaven. Teaching children to be obedient like Jesus when they are young will encourage them to continue imitating him as they grow.

Sharing of Love. Catholic homes are full of genuine, mutual love that flows from God to each member of the family.

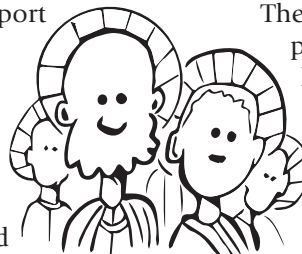


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have patron saints?

Patrons financially support others and looks out for their interests.

Patron saints do this for us spiritually by their prayers. A person being baptized often receives a saint's name and is placed under his or her patronage.



They are also "in charge of" praying for certain things: health, safety, and even whole countries! The saints, who prayed for the Church while still on earth, continue praying for us in heaven. We can ask for their prayers as from good friends.

The saints can lead us to virtue

The Church recommends four virtues that will help us get to Heaven. Saints are people whose examples can help us acquire these important virtues.

Temperance – This virtue teaches moderation and self-discipline. St. Therese of Lisieux was indulged as a child, but through temperance, gave up her selfish ways. She is known for her little acts of great love.

Justice – Justice encourages us to respect others’ rights. St. Peter Claver used to meet the ships docking in Colombia full of people to be sold as slaves. He gave them food

and medicine and shared God's love. He baptized almost 300,000 slaves.

Fortitude – This virtue helps us do what is right despite difficult circumstances. St. Gianna Beretta Molla was a pediatrician and mother. She became ill while pregnant but refused to end her unborn child’s life, even though it meant her certain death.

Prudence – St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, used reason to make the right choices. He determined how best to protect his family, and was a faithful husband and father.

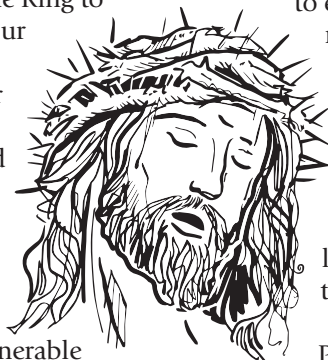


Scripture LESSON

Luke 23:35-43, Christ the King

In 1925, Pope Pius XI, established the solemnity of Christ the King to remind the Church that our ultimate allegiance is to Jesus, the true King of our hearts and minds. All earthly kingdoms rise and fall, but Jesus is the only king whose reign lasts forever.

This Gospel reading seems to show Jesus at his weakest and most vulnerable and takes place moments before his death on the Cross, mocked by the crowds. Yet this is when Jesus is actually at his strongest. On the Cross, he shouldered the sins of the entire



human race, restoring God’s grace to each one of us then and now. No king could do that except Jesus.

At that moment on Calvary, Jesus opened the gates of heaven to us, beginning with the “Good Thief,” who led a life of sin but recognized the true King.

What can a parent do?

Place a crucifix in a prominent place in your home to remind your family of the great strength that came from the Cross. Make Jesus the true King of your hearts.

Parent TALK

Kara came home crying one day. Her friend told her that Halloween was a pagan holiday and Catholics

shouldn’t celebrate it. She was

crushed. She

had a

beautiful

Juliet costume

she was looking

forward to wearing. Going

from house to house, trick or treating, was something our family enjoyed each year.



I knew that, in fact, the Halloween we celebrate has roots in Catholicism.

All Hallows’ Eve was the time when villages prepared for the Feast of All Saints on November 1. People went from house to house soliciting contributions to the communal feast the next day. After a while, those who didn’t participate were subjected to a prank or trick in retaliation.

Still, I thought it would be fun to convert Halloween to something a bit more Catholic. We took the Juliet costume and changed the headpiece. We now had a St. Monica costume and it worked for everyone.

Feasts & Celebrations

Nov. 2 – All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven.

Nov. 3 – St. Martin de Porres (1639). A saint and mystic, St. Martin joined the Dominicans in 1594, when people of African and Indian descent were barred from joining religious orders. Despite this, he founded an orphanage and cared for the poor and sick, regardless of race or rank.

Nov. 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). After earning doctorates in

civil and canon law, Charles was made a cardinal and Bishop of Milan by Pope Pius IV. He led by example to reform his diocese and tirelessly worked for poor and sick in his care.

Nov. 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st Century).

As an infant, Mary was offered to God in the temple, according to the Jewish custom of her day. During the ceremony,

Mary’s soul was adorned with graces.



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3rd Grade Gift Bearers & Greeters Wanted!

If you will be able to attend one of our Masses during the weekend of November 2nd/3rd and want to help out, **please** sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAE2EA2FD0-3rdgrade>

You may also email 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.

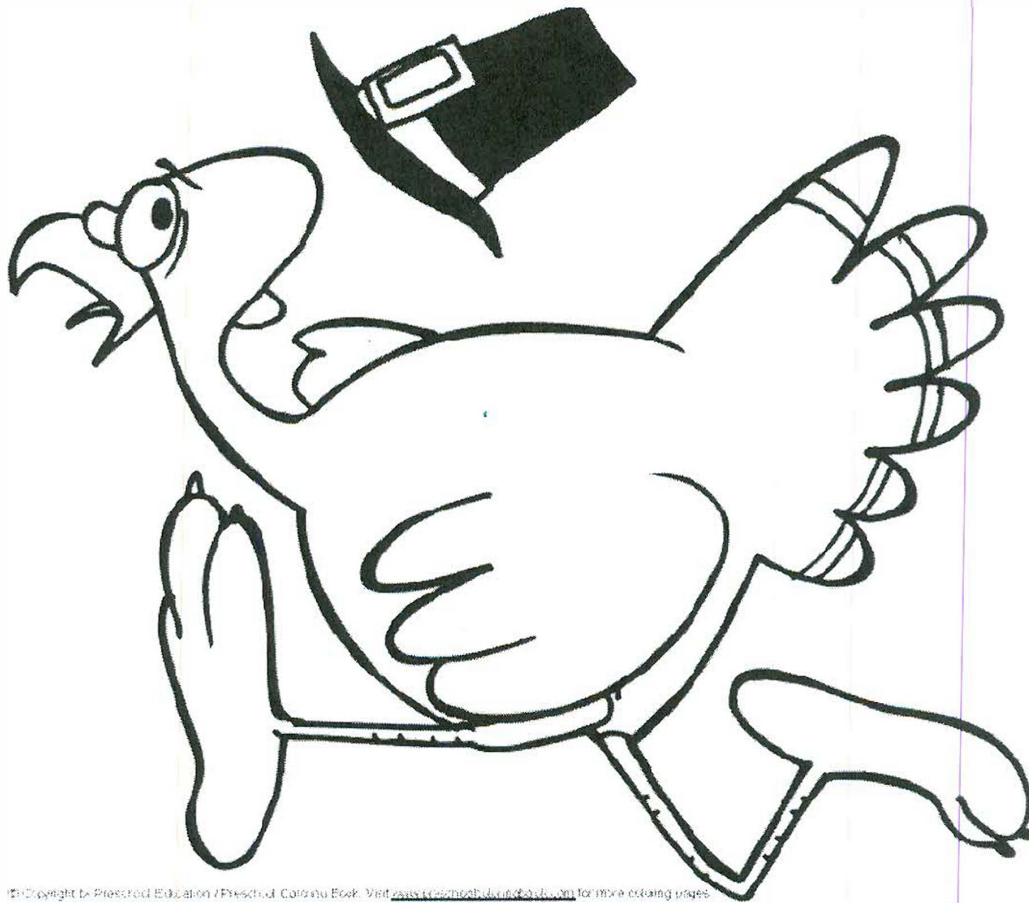
Gift Bearers have the honor of representing the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. The unleavened Bread and Wine that you carry will be consecrated to become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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)
12/15/2018 (Sat.)	4:30pm	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
12/16/2018 (Sun.)	8:30am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
12/16/2018 (Sun.)	11:00am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)

THANK YOU for volunteering!



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Saturday November 2, 2019
Recreation Trail behind McDonald's

**Registration at Park Office prior
to the event is encouraged**

**Pre-Registration on line at
www.washingtonparkdistrict.com**

On-site Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

**1 mile fun walk/run begins at 9:45 a.m.
\$3.00 per person / \$9.00 maximum per family**

Questions: 444-9413