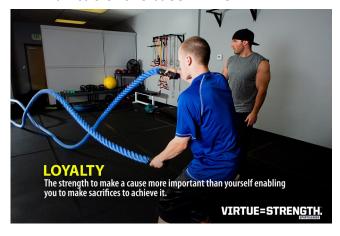


### Irish Messenger

Jesus is My Leader! In Him, I Trust.

November 20, 2020

#### Virtue of the Week-LOYALTY



Our virtue this week is **LOYALTY**—The strength to make a cause more important than yourself enabling you to make sacrifices to achieve it. Our school, our team, our family, our togetherness is that cause.

### **Prayer**

Lord, You were the perfect example of **LOYALTY** as You made us more important than Yourself and You made so many sacrifices for us. Help us to be **LOYAL** to one another. May we be more and more like You each day.

### Happy Birthday...



Isabella Morales-Barkley - November 18th Andrew Matsko - November 19th Marcus Zuniga - November 19th Maximus Williams - November 24th

We wish we could have celebrated with you in school!

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### Kid's Fitness Classes!!!



- Mondays and Wednesdays: 5-9 year-olds
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9-12 year-olds
- All Classes at 3:30pm-4:15pm
- \$50/month or \$40/month for multiple kids!

No Limit Fitness Studio, 104 N High St, Washington IL





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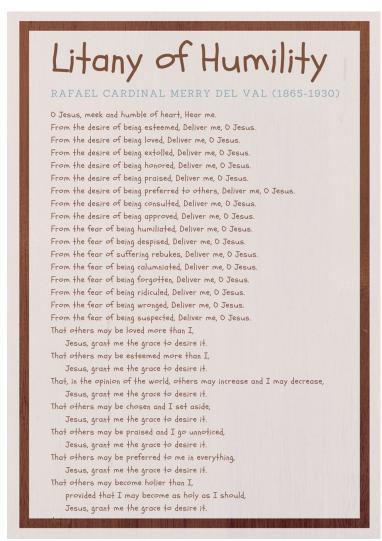
### Humility



This Advent Season we will focusing on the virtue of **HUMILITY**—The strength to put others before ourselves. God first, others second and ourselves last. In other words **JOY** = **Jesus**, **Others**, **Yourself**.

### **Prayer**

Lord, You **HUMBLED** Yourself by becoming a man. You did this because You us before Yourself, even though You are Infinite and Eternal. Thank You for Your Love, Lord. Give us the strength to be **HUMBLE** and to imitate Your example by putting others before ourselves.



We encourage your family to pray together this Litany during the week of November 29, the First Week of Advent.

"Reverence, Respect, Responsibility...

The PreK 4 students celebrated the Letter Hh with Hat day virtual style on November 12th!



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November 17, 2020 Hello Parents Faculty and Staff,

Thank you for your fantastic cooperation, as we are required to shut down again and on such short notice. I really appreciate your patience and support. Teachers and students worked hard on Friday to get as much ready as possible when we got the message from the Diocese. They really stepped up and helped everyone. I feel blessed we got through thirteen weeks of school before we were told to go to remote learning and I feel saddened we had to shut down. Your children are like extended family to me. The teachers and staff will miss them, too, during this time. We look forward to mid-January when we can be back together again with in-person learning.

Below are a list of dates for returning packets and picking up the next one. Grades K-2 will have pick-up and return of packets each week whereas Grades 3-8 will have return and pick-up every two weeks. Please put these dates into your calendars. We will be available to <u>exchange packets between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.</u> on the dates scheduled. Please come to the main entrance of the school wearing a mask and social distance as you did this week.

Please remind your children to log in to the Google Attendance form each day by 8:30 a.m. Students were told to link to the attendance form in their "Favorites" in Google Classroom. Please note grades given are according to school policy. Assignments are due on time. Some teachers are requiring Google Meets sessions with their classes. Students must attend and dressed appropriately for class (No pajamas, etc., please). Students all have their ChromeBooks so it should not be an issue to log into Google Classroom. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Dates for returning remote learning packets and pick-up of next packet are as follows:

Monday, November 16 Grades PreK-8 - Parent pick-up of remote learning packets

Monday, November 23 <u>Grades K-2 only</u> – Return last week's remote learning packet and pick-

up next learning packet

November 25-November 29 Thanksgiving Break. No Classes.

Monday, November 30 Grades PreK-8 - Return remote learning packets and pick-up next

learning packet

Monday, December 7 Grades K-2 only – Return last week's remote learning packet and pick-

up next learning packet

Monday, December 14 Grades PreK-8 - Return remote learning packets and pick-up next

learning packet

Grades K-2 will return this packet on January 4
Grades 3-8 will return their packet on January 19

Friday, December 18 No Classes. This will be a teacher-planning day to work on grading and

preparing report cards. This is also the last official day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter but try to have all students turn in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter work on

December 17. If we need, I will add an additional teacher-planning day

in January.

December 19-January 3 Christmas Break. No Classes.

Monday, January 4 Remote Learning Resumes (Packets with assignments were handed out

December 14 for all grades). 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins.

Grades K-2 only return packets sent out December 14 and pick up new

packet

Friday, January 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards will be published.

Monday, January 11 Grades K-2 only return packets sent out January 4 and pick up next

packet

Monday, January 18 No Classes. Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday, January 19 Return to In-Person learning and Return of Remote Learning packets.

Blessings and Stay Safe and Healthy,

Mrs. Doreen Shipman, Principal

"Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Patrick, Pray for Us!"

Cc: Fr. Johnathan Steffen, Pastor



# Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Buy or make an Advent wreath. Have the youngest child light the first violet candle this week. Read Luke 21:25–28, 34–36.	30 Set up the Nativity scene together. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.	1 Make Christmas cookies together and decorate them with symbols of the Christmas season.	In your Christmas cards write a note about the blessings your family received this year as a witness to God's love.	J Set a timer or other reminder to help you gather for family prayer every morning and every evening this month. Continue after Advent.	Have a family story night and reread your favorite Christmas storybooks over cookies and milk.	Make a "manger" from a box and "straw" from pieces of paper. Put "straws" in the manger when you each perform good deeds and make it comfortable for Jesus.
Have the oldest child light two violet candles in the Advent wreath and read Luke 3:1–6.	Perform at least one generous act of love in honor of St. Nicholas. Try to do it without letting the other person know!	The feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's birth without Original Sin. In her honor, attend or stream Mass and pray a family Rosary.	Today, let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego who placed his trust in Jesus and His Mother.	Read about the legend behind the poinsettia, then make a bouquet from felt or construction paper and pipe cleaners.	11 Put up your Christmas tree, add the lights, but wait to place ornaments. Decorate a little each day until it is beautiful for Christmas.	12 To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and encourage each person to pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.
13 Guadete Sunday-Joy! Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read Luke 3:10-18 and sing, "O Come, O Come Emmanual" together.	14 Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it at dinner together.	15 Draw names and write a love note to a family member. Put it in their stocking on Christmas Eve.	Read about the angel's remarkable visit to Mary in Luke 1:26–38. Talk about ways we can also say, "yes," to God.	17 Learn about how different countries celebrate Christmas. Pick a tradition you like and add it to your usual festivities.	18 Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.	19 Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.
Candles in the wreath tonight. Reread today's Gospel Reading, Luke 139–45.	Decorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus – a star, a lamb, a manger, a baby, a cross, for example. Light it during Christmas dinner.	Cut out star-shaped ornaments and decorate with glitter on one side and your favorite Bible verse on the other. Hang them on the tree.	Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priests, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.	Write a letter to Jesus, thanking him for all the gifts you received throughout the year.	Rejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 21–20. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.	

In an effort to raise money for the parish and have a little fun, we are announcing the

## St. Pat's Irish Sweepstakes

This raffle will begin October 30, 2020 and will run through December 25, 2020 with a \$100 drawing each Friday through December 18, 2020, a \$500 drawing on Thanksgiving and a \$1000 drawing on Christmas Day. Winners need not be present to win. Purchase or sell the enclosed tickets anytime between now and December 23<sup>rd</sup>. More tickets are available in the parish office or online. All proceeds will go toward our budget shortfall.

There are several ways to buy tickets (\$20 each or 6/\$100):

- Send in your completed tickets or drop in the collection basket with a check or cash
- Call the parish office to buy tickets or to obtain more tickets
- Purchase online from our website: <a href="https://stpatswashington.com/">https://stpatswashington.com/</a>
- Pay with a credit or debit card by using the form below and return to the parish office (If you purchase tickets online or use the form below, the parish office will fill your tickets out for you.)

If you have questions, please contact the parish office at 309-444-3524. Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. John

Name:			
Address:			
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