

St. Patrick School
100 Harvey Street
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November 30, 2018

Irish Messenger

Important Upcoming Dates

Dec. 12– Early Dismissal 2:00 pm

Dec. 13– Evening Adoration 5th Grade 5:30-7 pm

Dec. 18– Christmas Program Five Points 6:00 pm

Dec. 21– Early Dismissal 11:30am **NO AFTERCARE/**
2ndQuarter Ends

Dec. 22– Jan. 4, 2019– No School Christmas Break

Jan 9– Early Dismissal 2:00 pm

2nd Quarter Report Cards Published

First Communion– Reconciliation Meeting 6:30pm

Jan. 17– 4th Grade Evening Adoration 5:30-7 pm

Jan. 21– No School Martin Luther King Day

Save the Date

Jan 27– Feb. 2– Catholic Schools Week

Jan 29– Pre K/Kindergarten Information Night 6:00pm

Feb. 18– No School Presidents Day

Mar. 3– Confirmation

Mar. 4– No School Faculty In-Service

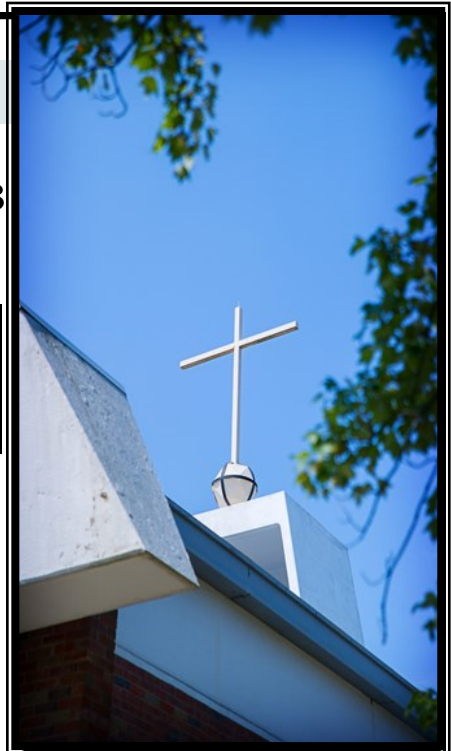
March 16– POT O' GOLD

Mar. 23– Mar. 31– Spring Break

April 18– Early Dismissal 2:00 pm (Easter Break)

April 19– 22– Easter Break

May 10– No School; State Track Meet



UPCOMING SPORTS

DEC 3-BOYS BASKETBALL
7/8 COUNTY TOURNA-
MENT @ DELAVAN
6:00PM

DEC 5- BOYS BASKETBALL
7/8 COUNTY TOURNA-
MENT@ DELAVAN 6:00PM

DEC 6–BOYS BASKET-
BALL 7/8 COUNTY TOUR-
NAMENT@ DELAVAN
6:00PM

DEC 8-BOYS BASKETBALL
COUNTY TOURNA-
MENT 7/8 @ DELAVAN
9:00AM

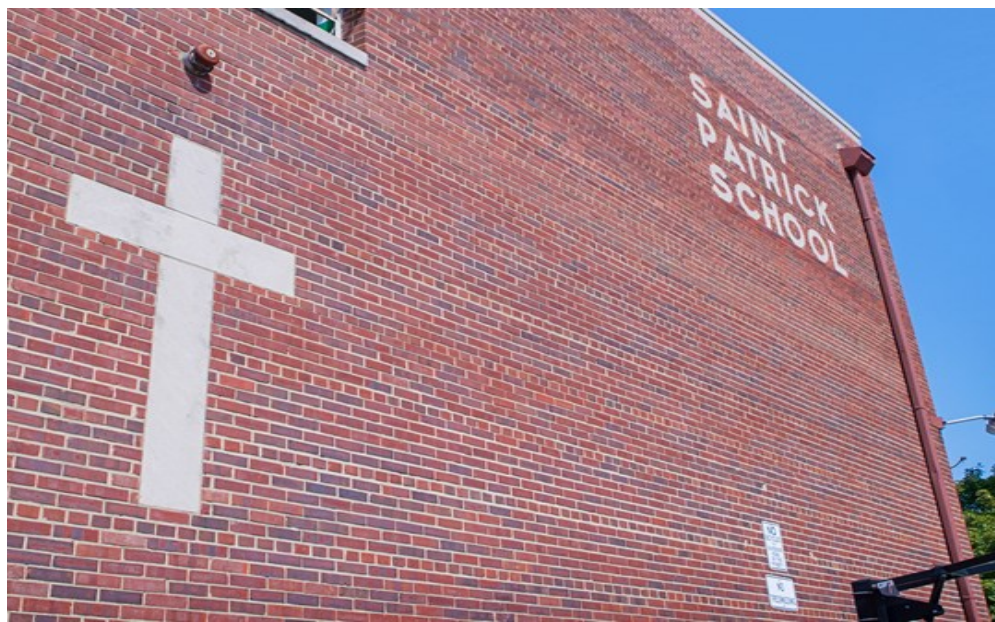
DEC 10–BOYS BASKET-
BALL 7/8 @ D50 4:30PM

DEC 11– BOYS BASKET-
BALL 7/8 @ ROBEIN
5:30PM

DEC 13–BOYS BASKET-
BALL 7TH GR. TOURNEY
@ ST. JOSEPH 7:00PM

DEC 14– BOYS BASKET-
BALL 5/6 @ BLESSED SAC-
RAMENT 5:30PM

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Academics and Faith Formation”**



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

VIRTUE OF WEEK

Our virtue this week is **FORGIVENESS**—The strength to write off a debt of any kind and start fresh with a clean slate. To truly **FORGIVE** someone from our heart is one of the hardest things we can ever do. It takes tremendous amount of virtue. Let's start by **FORGIVING** anyone and everyone on our team who may have offended us in some way.

PRAYER

Lord, first and foremost, thank You for **FORGIVING** us Your life on the Cross. Thank You for the gift of the sacrament of Reconciliation where we can go and freely receive the complete **FORGIVENESS** of everything we have ever done. Thank You for the peace that comes from Confession.

REFLECTIONS

"GRATITUDE IS THE FOUNTAIN OF FAITH. IT HAS THE UNIQUE CAPABILITY OF HUMBLING US WHILE ELEVATING OUR SOULS."

"WHEN WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR SOURCE, THE WARMTH WE FEEL IS GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR US."

"GOD IS LOOKING FOR CROSS CARRIERS; PEOPLE WHO ARE SO GRATEFUL AND IN LOVE WITH HIM THEY'RE ALSO WILLING TO HELP OTHERS CARRY THEIR LOAD."

"WE'RE ALL EQUAL. NO BETTER, NO WORSE. BY SERVING OTHERS WE CAN LEARN TO EMBRACE OUR SIMILARITIES, THE GOOD AND THE BAD."

CHRIS STEPIEN, DYING TO BE HAPPY

Parents, Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Application for 2019-2020

Empower Illinois is excited to announce that applications for 2019-2020 tax credit scholarships will open on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7 p.m. CT**. The application will again be a two-step process. **Part one** will open on **January 15** and will timestamp applications. While timestamps do matter, a student's place in line does not guarantee an award. All scholarships are subject to the availability of funds at the school of choice. Schools and families will be notified when **part two** of the application is available. Families can complete part two on their family portal and are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible.

There is no parking on the left side of Harvey St. If there are no spots in front of the school when picking your child up from a sporting event or practice, please wait for them on the large playground.

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



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2019-2020 TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

TUESDAY



AT 7 P.M.



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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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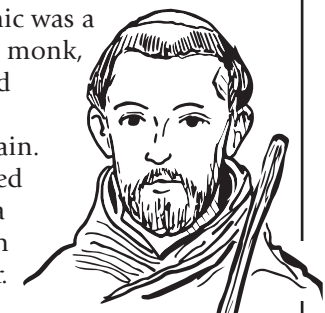
Doreen Shipman, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

St. Dominic of Silos

St. Dominic was a Benedictine monk, born around 1000AD in Navarre, Spain. He was exiled because of a conflict with the local ruler. Recognized for his leadership abilities, St. Dominic was made abbot of St. Sebastian's monastery at Silos. He's also known for having freed hundreds of prisoners from the Moors. St. Dominic, the founder of the Dominicans, was named after him by his mother, Joan of Aza, after praying to St. Dominic for a son.



The Wait

We spend Advent waiting for something wonderful to happen. While impatient to get to that something wonderful, we can forget that the wait can be wonderful, too. Help children take it one week at a time. Wait, hope, prepare, and rejoice at the miracle of Christ's birth.

A Catholic difference

Catholics are never alone in our efforts. We are members of the Church, the body of Christ, and together we make a difference.



Find the true meaning of Christmas in L-O-V-E

Children of all ages enjoy gifts on Christmas morning, but Catholic parents know that there is more to Christmas than presents. It is a celebration of hope fulfilled. God promised he would send us a Savior so we could live in Heaven with him forever. He sent his own Son. Help children to experience the true meaning of Christmas by celebrating with L-O-V-E:

L – Lower your outside activities.

More than the gifts you give, children will cherish the Christmas memories you make. Limit the number of invitations you accept, and set aside the extra time as family time.

O – Offer anticipation. Instead of focusing on gifts and lists, anticipate

the Savior's arrival by marking the days on an Advent calendar you make together. Light an Advent wreath.

Decorate your Nativity scene gradually.

V – Visit. In addition to weekend Mass, make trips to church so children can visit Jesus. Take Christmas cards you have received and pray for the people who sent them.

E – Extend love. An effective way to experience love at the holidays is to

give it. Act with love, especially when dealing with family. Extending patience and kindness during the holiday season can be a challenge and a true act of love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son ..." (John 3:16).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Church calls families "the domestic church" or "little churches" because it is the first place where young, baptized Christians learn about Faith.

We learn how to love God and become part of the

Why do Catholics refer to the family the "domestic church"?



Church through our families.

Our parents had us baptized in the Church, taught us to pray, took us to Mass, and passed on the Faith (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1656). What the Church does—helps us encounter God and his love—the family does on a smaller scale.

Faith doesn't require understanding

Throughout history, God has given people mysterious messages that defy reason but require faith. When Gabriel told Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God (Luke 1:26-38), she couldn't help but wonder how that could happen. The angel's explanation hardly clarified things. Instead of asking more, she simply said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

Children are used to trusting adults and know

that faith doesn't require understanding. In the same way, we don't have to understand what God wants from us to know that it is for the best. Very little in the angel's message was logical but Mary didn't pretend to get it. She said, "Yes," because she had complete faith in God.

This month is the perfect time to talk with children about Mary's example of faith. When we are worried or uncertain, we can do what Mary did because good things always happen to people who say, "Yes," to God.



Scripture LESSON

Luke 2:41-52, Jesus in the world

In this reading, the Holy Family went to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old. This was an important moment in Jesus' life. In the Jewish faith, a boy becomes a man around the age of twelve and is recognized in a special ceremony called a Bar Mitzvah. On this occasion, Jesus stayed behind to learn from the teachers, who were amazed by his questions.

When his parents discovered him days later, they were shocked. How could he just wander off without telling them? Jesus calmly explained that he was "about his Father's business."



This was the first recorded time Jesus referred to his identity as God's Son. Yet he knew his duties to his heavenly Father would be fulfilled in time. Meanwhile, he returned obediently to Nazareth and fulfilled his obligations to his earthly parents.

What can a parent do?

Christians live in neighborhoods, schools, and communities. We are subject to legitimate earthly authority. We can grow in holiness wherever God has placed us. Find ways to teach children to be holy while still living in the world.

Parent TALK

Growing up, my Christmases were a blur of waiting for the day and being let down when it ended. I braced myself for my children to experience



the same when our pastor explained that the Catholic Church celebrates Christmas for twelve whole days. "Christmas," he explained, "is just

the beginning."

So we lit our Advent wreath and decorated slowly. We played Advent music – songs that spoke of our hope that God would be faithful to his promises.

Christmas Day began with joyful carols at Mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist—the best Gift of all. The next twelve days were spent visiting family and friends, enjoying our favorite Christmas music, watching Christmas movies, and eating cookies.

Someone asked why our daughter said, "Merry Christmas" on New Year's Day. I explained that for Catholics, Jesus' birth was such a joyous occasion, the Church set aside twelve days to celebrate it.

Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 2 – First Sunday of Advent. Today begins a new liturgical year in the Church. During the season of Advent, we anticipate Christ's birth and look forward to his coming on the last day.

Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1854). A Holy Day of Obligation which commemorates that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without original sin. Attending Mass together is a wonderful way to celebrate.

Dec. 9 – St. Juan Diego (1548). St. Juan Diego was visited by the Blessed Mother at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She asked that a chapel be built for her, and sent him with roses to the bishop as a sign. When the roses were emptied from his cloak before the bishop, it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

Dec. 17 – St. Olympias (408).

Born to a wealthy family in Constantinople, this holy widow devoted her large fortune to caring for the poor and supporting her friend, St. John Chrysostom, in his work.

























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Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Make and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first purple candle each night this week.</p> 	<p>3 Come up with a short prayer that you can say together as a family each morning during Advent.</p> 	<p>4 Set up the Nativity scene but leave out the Holy Family.</p> 	<p>5 In honor of St. Francis Xavier, patron of Catholic Missions, pray today for all who bring the Gospel to people overseas.</p> 	<p>6 To honor St. Nicholas, fill an old shoe with treats and leave it outside someone's door.</p> 	<p>7 Take turns playing "Name that Christmas hymn." Winner gets to pick dessert.</p> 	<p>8 In honor of Mary's conception free from Original Sin (Immaculate Conception), attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.</p> 
<p>9 Light two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."</p> 	<p>10 Put up the Christmas tree. Decorate it a little each night until it's ready for Christmas.</p> 	<p>11 Find time this week to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in your church -- even if it's just for a few minutes.</p> 	<p>12 Place a rose in a vase today in honor of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.</p> 	<p>13 Commit to going the whole day only speaking kindly to one another.</p> 	<p>14 Make hot chocolate and watch a Christmas movie together.</p> <p>Family Movie Night!</p>	<p>15 Decorate sugar cookies with symbols that remind you of Jesus' birth. Share them with loved ones.</p> 
<p>16 Light two purple candles and the pink one for joy. See which of you can sing loudest at Mass today.</p> 	<p>17 As a family, vote on a local charity to pray for each night this week. Bonus: Make a small donation if you can.</p> 	<p>18 Help children make an examination of conscience, then go to Confession together. Go out for a treat after to celebrate.</p> 	<p>19 Place the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the rest of the scene. Move them slowly across the room each day this week.</p> 	<p>20 At dinner tonight, have everyone take turns sharing a favorite Christmas memory.</p> 	<p>21 Christmas is a stressful time of year for parishes. Send thank-you notes to the rectory staff, showing appreciation for what they do.</p>	<p>22 Write letters to Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming.</p> 
<p>23 Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Reread today's Gospel Reading, <i>Luke 1:39-45</i>.</p> 	<p>24 Place Mary, Joseph, and the empty manger in the Nativity scene.</p> 	<p>25 Rejoice! Place the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in <i>Luke 2:1-20</i>.</p> 	<p><i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).</i></p>			

7th Grade Gift Bearers & Greeters Wanted!

If you will be able to attend one of our Masses during the weekend of December 1st & 2nd and want to help out, **please** sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAE2EA2FD0-7thgrade>
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)
12/1/2018 (Sat.)	4:30pm	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
12/2/2018 (Sun.)	8:30am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
12/2/2018 (Sun.)	11:00am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)

Thank you for volunteering!

2nd Grade Gift Bearers & Greeters Wanted!

If you will be able to attend one of our Masses during the weekend of December 8th & 9th and want to help out, **please** sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAE2EA2FD0-2ndgrade1>
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Date	Time	Available Slots (# of volunteers needed)
12/8/2018 (Sat.)	4:30pm	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
12/9/2018 (Sun.)	8:30am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
12/9/2018 (Sun.)	11:00am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)

THANK YOU for volunteering!

3rd Grade Gift Bearers & Greeters Wanted!

If you will be able to attend one of our Masses during the weekend of December 15th & 16th and want to help out, **please** sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAE2EA2FD0-3rdgrade>
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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!

St. Patrick School Lunch Menu

December 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Tenderloin/Bun Corn Pears	4 Hot Dog/Chili/Bun Vegetarian Baked Beans Applesauce	5 Chicken Fajitas Green peppers/onions Peaches	6 Pepperoni Pizza Green beans Mixed fruit	7 Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Vegetables 1/2 Orange
10 Grilled Chicken / Bun Corn Peaches	11 Chicken & Noodles Green Beans Pears Biscuit	12 Taco Salad Lettuce/Cheese Mixed Fruit	13 Corn Dog Corn Applesauce	14 Cheese Pizza Mixed Vegetables Mixed Fruit
17 Chicken Pattie/Bun Corn 1/2 Orange	18 Flap-jack Tater Tots Fruit Juice Granola Bar	19 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Peaches Dinner Roll	20 Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Pears	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

All meals served with milk

Almost Home Kids

OSF Health Care—Children's Hospital of IL

Almost Home Kids provides a transitional care program for children who are ready to be discharged from a hospital but for whom preparations at home need to be made. In a comforting environment, children receive 24 hour medical and nursing support from skilled pediatric nurses. Almost Home Kids trains families on how to provide the best care for their children with complicated health care needs. The Peoria facility recently accepted its first patient.

Almost Home Kids “WISH LIST”

- Diapers— all sizes
- Baby Wipes (unscented for Sensitive Skin)
- Band-Aids
- Cotton Balls
- Kid's Toothpaste
- Crayons
- New Children's Books
- New Baby Toys

Wish lists are also available at these online locations:

Target: tgt.gifts/AlmostHomeKids

Amazon: <http://a.co/5aHEbYT>

A basket will be in the school foyer or your donations. Please bring donations by Friday, December 21st.

Body, Mind, & Soul

Jesus replied... 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12: 29-31

PLEASE JOIN SPWYG as we learn how to nurture your "Body, Mind, & Soul" so that you can fully live out the greatest commandment!

- Our first topic focuses on the *Body* -

Join our guest speaker & health coach Jennifer Lindsey on **December 2nd** to learn, discuss, and practice how to take care of your **body** with proper nutrition.

6-8pm

St Patrick School

ALL 8th-12th graders are invited to attend!!!





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