

St. Patrick School
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Washington, IL 61571
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December 7, 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 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

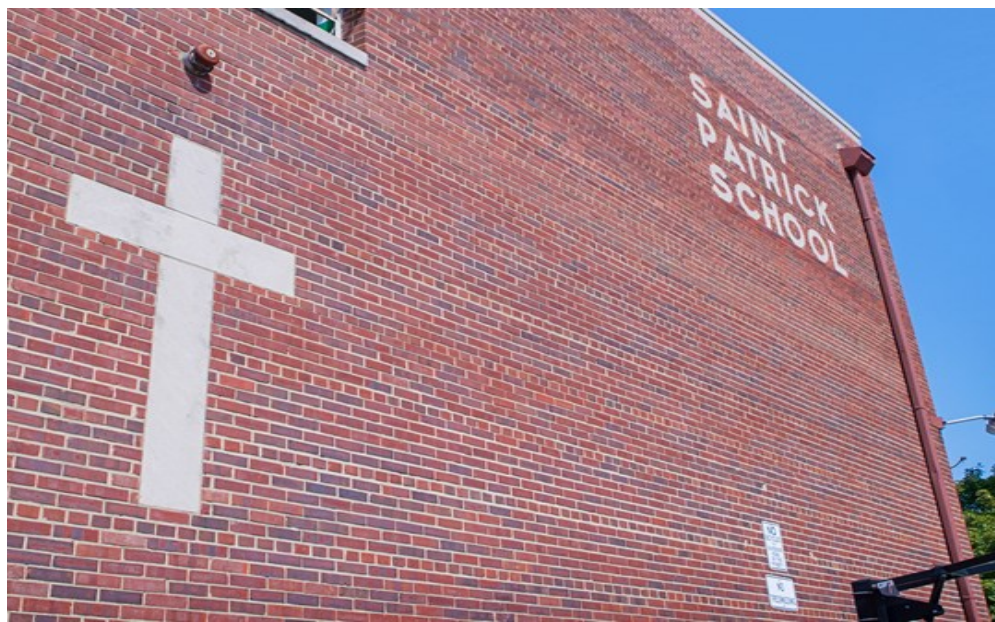
DEC 14- BOYS BASKET-
BALL 5/6 @ BLESSED SAC-
RAMENT 5:30PM

DEC 14- BOYS BASKET-
BALL 7TH GR. TOURNEY
@ ST. JOSEPH 5:00PM (IF
LOSE 12/13)

DEC 15—BOYS BASKET-
BALL 7TH GR. TOURNEY
@ ST. JOSEPH 10:30AM (IF
WIN 12/13)

DEC 17—BOYS BASKET-
BALL 5/6 VS ST. MARY'S
KICKAPOO @HOME
5:30PM

**“Reverence, Respect, Responsibility.....Excellence in
Academics and Faith Formation”**



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents,

Safety Issue: Parents, please keep your children off of the snow piles on the parking lot and off the stoop on the small parking lot. This is for safety. There is no supervision by the school on the parking lots after school. Thank you.

We are collecting money for a Christmas gift for our seminarian, Nathan Hopper. Money can be turned into the office until December 19th. Please also keep Nathan in your prayers.

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.

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.



VIRTUE OF WEEK

Our virtue of the week is **RESILIENCE**— The strength to be able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult situations.

PRAYER

Lord, You were the most **RESILIENT** man ever. You encountered every possible difficulty... hunger, humiliation, traveling, insults...not to mention all You suffered in Your Passion and Death. May we learn how to be **RESILIENT** like You especially with and for our family members and teammates. Help us to develop the habit of looking for ways to do good for others during sports and in all of life.

REFLECTIONS

“AT THIS CHRISTMAS WHEN CHRIST COMES, WILL HE FIND A WARM HEART?”

MOTHER TERESA

“I INVITE ALL CHRISTIANS, EVERYWHERE, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, TO A RENEWED PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHRIST.”

POPE FRANCIS

“AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US...’ THIS IS THE VERSE THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING..”

“WHEN YOU SEE JESUS, YOU SEE GOD. NOT JUST SOME TEACHER, NOT JUST SOME MAN.”

“WE’RE TALKING ABOUT AN UNMARRIED, RURAL, TEENAGE VIRGIN...AND SHE’S THE ONE WHO’S CHOSEN BY GOD TO BE THE TURNING POINT, THE HINGE POINT, OF HISTORY.”

“PREPARE. YOU’RE ABOUT TO MEET THE VERY WORD OF GOD.”

ALLEN HUNT, THE TURNING POINT

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Congratulations to the 8th
Grade Girls Basketball on
winning Sectionals!
Good Luck at State!



IRISH 8th GRADE GIRLS
STATE TOURNAMENT

Elite 8: Saturday, 1 p.m.
Final 4: Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
Championship:
December 13

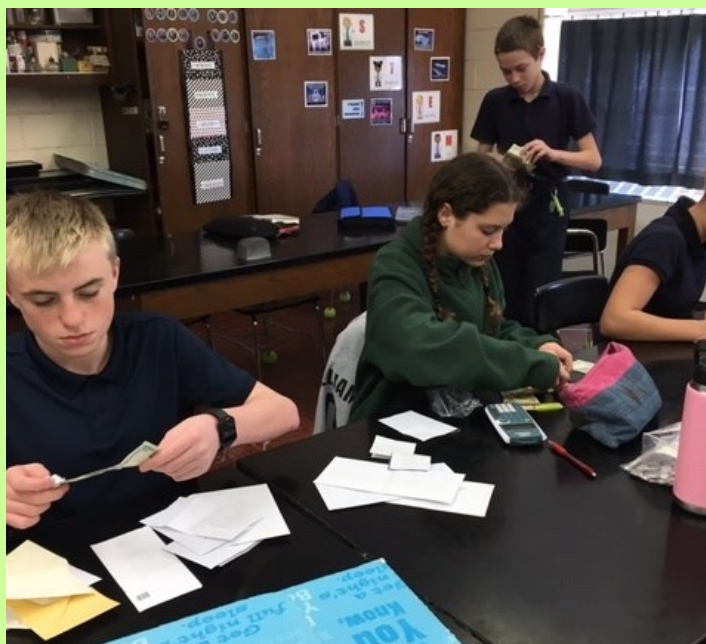
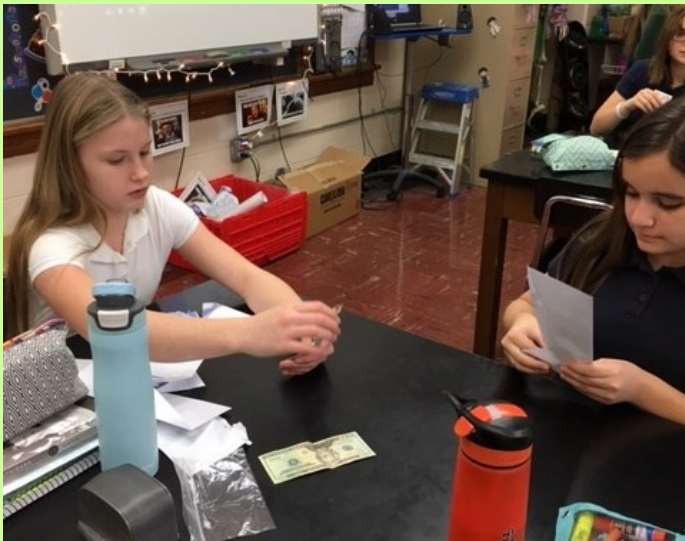
Clinton Junior High School

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Taylorville Tornado Relief

Thank you St. Patricks School for your donation to the Taylorville Tornado Relief. We raised **\$1,633!**

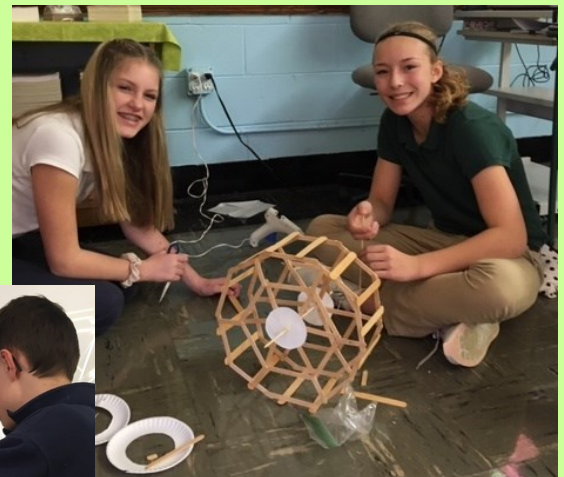
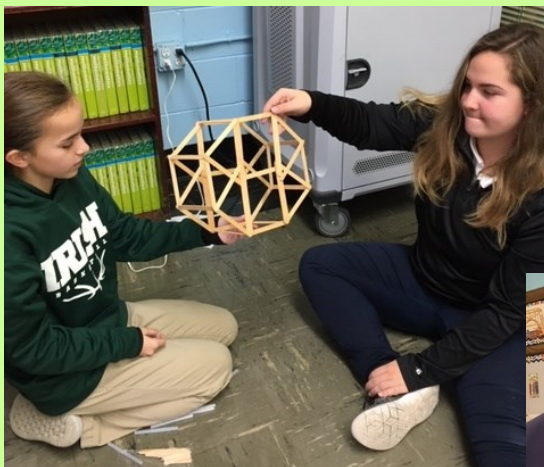
If you wish to donate, we'll still be collecting on Monday.



Illinois Bicentennial

“Celebrating an Engineering Marvel”

To celebrate the Illinois Bicentennial, Mrs. Dobner’s 8th Grade Honors Algebra class constructed Ferris Wheels .



St. Patrick's School Library

Here is some information you need to know.....

We have found it necessary to assess overdue fees to invite students to be responsible for their books, and to make sure the books are available so other students can benefit from the library program.

If the book is not returned by the due date, fines will be assessed:

10¢ for each school day past the due date.

Fines are assessed only on school days.

Student will not be able to check out books if books have not been returned or the student owes a library fee.

Any book that is past due by 4 school weeks is considered lost. The cost of a replacement becomes the responsibility of the student who checked out the book.

We understand that there will be normal wear and tear associated with checking out and using the books. That is simply life. But, if the book is destroyed, the staff will consider that book to be lost, and an appropriate fee will be charged.

Lost or damaged books are Paperback \$10.00 Hardcover \$20.00

Library Days

Tuesday

1^sgrade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

Wednesday

4th Grade

Thursday

5th & 6th

7th & 8th

Kindergarten

Christmas Baskets 2018

One-Day Only!!!!!!

St. Patrick's School has once again been given an opportunity to assist others in this season of sharing.

Lindy's Downtown Market has graciously asked St. Patrick's to gather volunteers to help make, fill, and wrap food baskets for the needy on **Sunday, December 16th**. Over the past 15 years, St. Patrick School and Parish have helped fill over **75,000 food baskets** through this project!

This year the project will be held at **Morton** at the Midwest Food Bank. These boxes of food help feed needy families during the holiday season. Midwest Food Bank is generously allowing us to use their facility for free.

We need at least 85 people to accomplish this task.

Students can also volunteer to help, but only 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Our plans are for all volunteers to meet at school at 8:15 AM on Sunday morning. You will be transported to work at Midwest Food Bank. We hope to begin at 9:00 AM. We will offer school buses to go to the site. You can drive and meet us there if you wish. We hope to be able to complete the work in about 4 hours.

Please fill out the form below and return to the school by Wednesday, December 12th.

Thank you.

PLEASE RETURN FORM EVEN IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HELP!

_____ YES, We can help St. Patrick's School and the needy on Sunday, December 16th!!

_____ NO, We are not available.

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

Telephone: _____

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>
You may also email TallJ700@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)
12/8/2018 (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>
You may also email TallJ700@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.

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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!

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.



PEORIA NOTRE DAME
HIGH SCHOOL'S

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Face Painting, Crafts, & Musical Performance by Julie K!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Tickets Available at the Door or in PND Main Office
\$6 Adults - \$4 Children

Questions?
Contact admissions@pndhs.org or 309.691.8741

