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February 1, 2019

# Irish Messenger

*"Change: Think, Change, and Grow"*  
"Believe the incredible and you can do the impossible."  
-Archbishop Sheen

## Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 13– Early Dismissal 2:00pm

Feb. 18– No School Presidents Day

Feb. 21–3rd Grade Evening Adoration 5:30-7pm

Feb. 23–Confirmation Retreat

## Save the Date

Mar. 3– Confirmation

Mar. 4– No School Faculty In-Service

Mar. 13–Early Dismissal 2:00pm

March 16– POT O' GOLD

March 21–2nd Grade Evening Adoration 5:30pm-7pm

Mar. 23– Mar. 31– Spring Break

April 10–Early Dismissal 2:00pm

April 11–1st Grade Evening Adoration 5:30pm-7pm

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

April 19– 22– Easter Break

May 8–Early Dismissal 2:00pm

May 10–No School; State Track Meet

May 16–Kindergarten Evening Adoration 5:30pm–7pm

May 17–Graduation **Tentative** 6:00pm

May 24–**Tentative** Last Day of School; 11:30 am Dismissal



## UPCOMING SPORTS

FEB 1 & 2–6 TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT @ BLESSED SACRAMENT TBA

FEB 1, 2, 4–BOYS BASKETBALL 5/6 TOURNAMENT @ HOME TBA

FEB 2–7TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL STATE @ EAST PEORIA CENTRAL JR HIGH 1:00/6:30

FEB. 5–GIRLS VOLLEYBALL VS PARKVIEW @ HOME 4:30PM

FEB 6–GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @ WASHBURN 5:30PM

FEB 6– 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL SECTIONALS @ HOME 6:30PM

FEB. 7–6TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT @ ST. JUDE 6:00PM

FEB 7–GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @ CENTRAL 4:15PM

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*MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL*

Parents,

**Enrollment and Reenrollment is now open! Use your Parents Web account to complete the process. Please complete registration by Friday, February 15th to receive a reward for your child!**

**To listen to this weeks Spanish podcast please click on this link: <https://anchor.fm/expresionesdeaprendizaje>**

For additional Tuition Assistance, please check out this link: <https://cdop.org/why-choose-catholic-schools/financial-assistance/>



**VIRTUE OF WEEK**

This week we are going to focus on the virtue of **TEAMWORK**—The strength to put the good of the team above one’s own personal good.

**PRAYER**

God You are the perfect example of **TEAMWORK**. 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 truly be a **TEAM** in our efforts to be the best we can be.

**REFLECTIONS**

“**SUCCESS AT ALMOST ANYTHING RESTS UPON THIS SINGLE PRINCIPLE: DO THE BASICS, DO THEM WELL, AND DO THEM EVERY DAY EVEN WHEN YOU DON’T FEEL LIKE DOING THEM.**”

*MATTHEW KELLY, THE CULTURE SOLUTION*

“**EVEN THOUGH GOD HAS THE POWER TO RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH WITH MIGHTY WINDS AND POWERFUL FORCES, HE DOES NOT DO SO. HE CHOOSES TO USE YOU AND ME—HE WANTS TO BRING RENEWAL IN HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS PEOPLE.**”

“**GOD WANTS TO USE YOU IN AMAZING WAYS! WILL YOU LET HIM?**”

“**NO MATTER HOW WEAK YOU MAY THINK YOU ARE, YOU ARE NEVER TOO WEAK TO BE USED IN GREAT WAYS BY GOD.**”

“**IN A WORLD OF SELFISHNESS, WE ARE CALLED TO BE A GIFT. IN A WORLD OF EGOTISM, WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE EACH OTHER.**”

*DAN DEMATTE, HOLINESS REVOLUTION*

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 7TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL  
TEAM ON WINNING SECTIONALS!**

**GOOD LUCK AT STATE!**



## *St. Patrick Revised Events for Catholic Schools Week 2019*

### *February 6 – Wednesday*

- ✿ House Games assembly will be held in the gym at 2:30 p.m. Grade 5-8 'Houses' will participate in relays against each other.
- ✿ Students may wear blue jeans or athletic slacks, Grades 5-8 their House Saint shirt, and Grades K-4 the color of House team they are assigned.

### *February 7 – Thursday*

Vocation prayer will be included in daily announcements.

- ✿ Students will pray for vocations.
- ✿ Pastor, Parochial Vicar, and Sisters will be recognized.
- ✿ Students may wear spirit wear with uniform slacks.
- ✿ Talent Show will be performed from 12:00-3:00 p.m.



# Partners in FAITH™



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February 2019

**St. Patrick School**

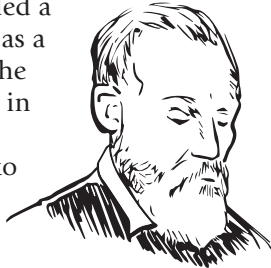
Doreen Shipman, Principal



## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Jerome led a wayward life as a soldier until he was captured in battle and turned back to God. After a miraculous escape, he returned to Venice and studied for the priesthood. After being ordained, he began working for the poor. He was especially devoted to caring for orphans—victims of a recent war. To help, he and some companions founded the Clerks Regulars of Somascha. He is the patron saint of orphanages and abandoned children.



### Through the eyes of a child

Let a child's wonder about the mysteries of God's love awaken your own sense of excitement. In connecting with your children, you may find you are reconnecting with the child in yourself.

*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might"*  
(Deuteronomy 6:4).



## Share what you love about being Catholic

We choose to be Catholic because we know joyful practice helps us to become the people God wants us to be. A good way to help children find the same joy in our Faith is to share what we love about it ourselves:

"My grandmother prayed the Rosary every day of her life," said Lisa. "When I was old enough, she gave me my own Rosary and taught me how to pray it. This prayer has helped me through many tough times in my life and I pray it often with my own children."

"I enjoy celebrating the seasons of the liturgical year and marking the

milestones of our Faith," said Chris. "My children love changing the colors of our displays, singing seasonal hymns, and learning the stories of saints from long ago."

"I fell away from the Church when I was in college," said Erica.

"Then I started dating a man who was a devout Catholic and I went to Mass a few times with him. We fell in love and he asked that I go to Confession so we could receive Communion

together. I did it for him, but felt such a thrill when I heard the words of absolution and realized that Jesus really did forgive me. Now we tell our children that Confession brought us together."



## Why Do Catholics Do That ?

## Why do Catholics choose godparents for baptism?

In the early Church, most people who were baptized were adults converting to Christianity. Because of the persecution, sponsors would confirm the integrity of potential converts, called catechumens, to make sure they weren't spies. They



would also instruct the catechumens. When infant baptism became more common, sponsors would make the Profession of Faith for the infants and be responsible for raising them in the Faith if the parents were unable to. This is when the name "godfather/godmother" came into use.

## What gifts will you offer your child?

All loving parents want to give their children gifts. Unfortunately, we know that the gifts we can give won't bring lasting happiness. Instead, we can pray frequently and fervently for gifts that will. Consider making petitions for these gifts a part of your daily prayers for your children:

**Wisdom.** Ask that your child be inspired to avoid poor choices and have the wisdom to lead a Gospel-centered life.

**Courage.** Fortify him to stand for justice and speak out against bigotry, unfairness, and cruelty.

**Strength.** Pray that as she grows she will withstand



negative peer pressure.

**Compassion.** Help him follow Jesus' commandment to love one another.

**Discernment.** Endow them with the skills to select healthy friendships.

**Independence.** Ask that children care less about what others think of them and be more interested in pleasing God.

**Faith.** Give them faith in God, belief in the teachings of Christ, Scripture, and of the Catholic Church. These are the foundation for a healthy life and eternal salvation.

These gifts will make us happy forever.

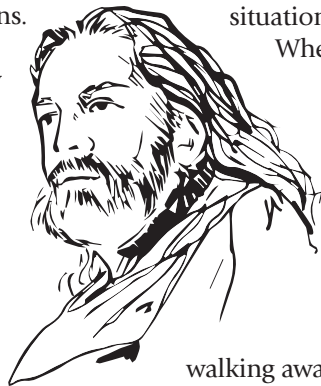
### Scripture LESSON

### Luke 6:27-38; Loving like God

This Gospel passage is all about Christ-like conduct with difficult people or situations. Jesus tells us to "love your enemies...forgive." It's easy to love our friends, but nearly impossible to love those who treat us badly.

Love is acting for the other's good; it's not (just) a feeling. We know our love is authentic when we can pray for our enemies, do a favor for someone who can't repay us, repay an insult with kindness, or return violence with non-violent resistance.

Forgiving others means we stop



accusing them in our hearts. It's choosing not to prolong a bad situation by hoping for revenge.

When we forgive, it sets us free—free to move on with our life.

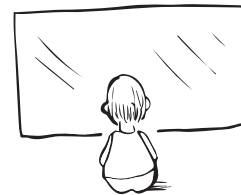
**What can a parent do?** Tell children that truly following Christ means doing the right thing even if it's difficult or unpopular.

Not taking reckless dares, walking away from a fight, and choosing not to "get even" aren't signs of weakness, but require real strength of character. The surest sign of being God's children is if we love others the way he does.

### Parent TALK

#### Limiting the TV time

I was becoming concerned that my children were spending too much time in front of screens. Most of their



conversations revolved around movies and television shows. They wouldn't miss their favorite

programs but they were missing hours of their lives.

My concerns were confirmed one night when we lost power for a few hours during a long thunderstorm. No television, no computers, no iPads. The girls grew bored, cranky, and restless. Finally, I lit candles and pulled out board games. We played Dominoes, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit. The power came back, but Kara and Dad were tied and wanted to play to the finish.

After that night, I realized we needed to make a change. In order to earn screen time, the children had to spend time reading, playing outside or doing chores. Since then, they have found other ways to have fun and don't need their devices nearly as much.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**Feb. 2 – The Presentation of the Lord.** In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to make the required offering forty days after his birth, and Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior.

**Feb. 21 – St. Peter Damian (1072).** Childhood deprivation may have created a desire for an austere life. St. Peter Damian became a disciplined monk but was called to serve as a bishop for many years and served as

advisor to seven popes. He retired to monastic life and died in the care of his brother monks.

**Feb. 25 – St. Caesarius of Nazianzus (369).** Brother of St. Gregory of Nazianzus, St. Caesarius served as physician to the emperor Julian the Apostate. Julian tried to convince St. Caesarius to renounce his faith, but the saint refused and later resigned his post. After surviving a terrible earthquake in Nicaea, he decided to be formally baptized (most people back then delayed baptism until later). He died soon after.



#### Our Mission

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# 4th Grade Gift Bearers & Greeters Wanted!

If you will be able to attend one of our Masses during the weekend of February 9th & 10th and want to help out, **please** sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAE2EA2FD0-4thgrade>  
You may also email [TallJ700@gmail.com](mailto:TallJ700@gmail.com) with your preferred sign-up if you don't want to use the SignUp Genius.  
FYI: There are no slots available for the 8:30 AM Mass due to the Scout Sunday Mass.

**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)
2/09/2019 (Sat.)	4:30pm	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
2/10/2019 (Sun.)	8:30am	None – due to Scout Sunday Mass
2/10/2019 (Sun.)	11:00am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)

**THANK YOU** for volunteering!

# pot O Gold

## DINNER & DANCING

### LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

March 16, 2019

6:00pm at Countryside Banquet

Early Bird Ticket: \$50 per person  
through 2/17/2019

#### PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING:

Vacation Condo	Museum /Show Tickets
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