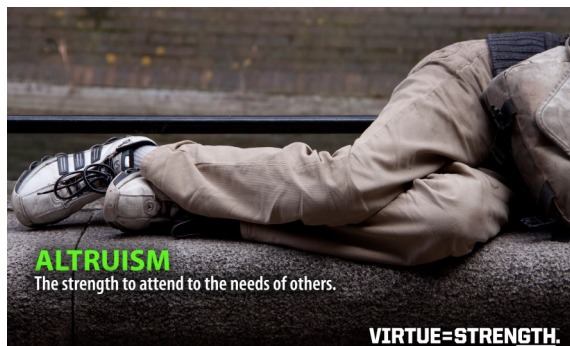


Virtue of the Week— ALTRUISM



This week we look at the virtue of **ALTRUISM** - The strength to attend to the needs of others. Our whole life we are in continuous relationships with others whether it be our family, friends or our teammates. We ruin our lives by being self-centered. We fill our lives with excitement and joy when we live with an OTHER-CENTERED purpose and outlook.

PRAYER

Lord, You were the most **ALTRUISTIC** person who ever lived. You came to Earth for others, You worked, prayed, and sacrificed for others. You even gave Your life for others: for us, all of us, for me. Give us the strength to be OTHER-CENTERED like You. To play, sweat, work and strive for each other without worrying about ourselves.

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 1-Feb. 19:	Enrollment/Reenrollment Open
Mon. Feb. 15:	No School ; Presidents' Day
Tues. Mar. 2:	Read-A-Thon. Details coming soon.
Mon. Mar. 8:	No School ; Region I Faculty In-service
Sun. Mar. 14:	Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral @ 3:30pm
Wed. Mar. 17:	St. Patrick's Day Classroom "Floats"
Mar. 29-Apr. 5:	No School ; Easter Break
Tues. Apr. 6:	School Resumes
May 14-15:	State Track Meet; No School (Fri. May 14th)

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Reminder...

To complete your **2021-2022** Registration, you need to fill out the Online Registration packet and turn in the \$100 per student registration fee.

Any registrations completed after **February 19th** will be charged a \$100 per student late fee.



Happy Birthday...

Thomas Briggs—February 14th
Jaci Fitz—February 15th
Sam Bagley—February 16th
Mary Hatton—February 16th
Lily Kosiara—February 18th

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Scholastic Bowl Schedule

Thurs. Feb. 25:	@ Riverview 3:30 pm
Thurs. Mar. 4:	@ Robein 3:30 pm
Tues. Mar. 9:	@ East Peoria Central 4:00
Thurs. Mar. 18:	@ Roanoke/Benson 3:45 pm
Thurs. Mar. 25:	@ St. Mary Metamora 3:30
Thurs. Apr. 8:	Washington Central D51 TBD
Thurs. Apr. 15:	Home vs. Washington Middle School D52 3:15 pm

Boys Basketball Schedule

Thurs. Feb. 18:	@ Washburn 5:30 am
Mon. Feb. 22:	Home vs. Rankin 5:30 am
Tues. Feb. 23:	Home vs. St. Phil 5:30 am
Sat. Feb. 27:	@ Roanoke 10:00 am
Mon. Mar. 1:	@ St. Thomas TBD
Tues. Mar. 2:	@ Monroe 5:00pm
Mon. Mar. 8:	Home vs. Blessed Sacrament 5:30pm

Girls Volleyball Schedule

Sat. Feb. 13:	Home vs. St. Mary's 10:00am
Sat. Feb. 20:	@ Washburn 10:00am
Tues. Feb. 23:	Home vs. St. Thomas 4:30pm
Thurs. Feb. 25:	Home vs. Riverview 4:30pm
Mon. Mar. 1:	Home vs. D-50 4:30pm
Wed. Mar. 3:	Home vs. Robein 4:30pm

The Washington Area Scouts units were featured in the Courier.

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Boy Scouts Feature

Scout 'Spirit' still aglow in Washington Pack 168

Cub Scout Pack 168, a family pack chartered by the Knights of Columbus, have continued to keep their Scout Spirit glowing through the challenges and opportunities of 2020 and into 2021.

"Our goal when planning pack events is to put the 'outing' in 'Scouting,'" said Cubmaster Michael Hatton. "2020 was no exception, we just had to get creative at times."

Over the summer, the pack hosted a fishing derby where each grade level fished at a different lake on a different night; a kickball game where the bases were replaced by kiddie pools of water; and a hike inspired by the Eco-Challenge Adventure Race, where arrival times were staggered to keep groups small. As the calendar turned to fall the pack kept rolling, visiting Eureka Lake, camping at Camp Wokanda, and hiking at Starved Rock State Park.

The Pack couldn't completely avoid the need for online meetings. When their annual April camp-out at Camp Wokanda was cancelled, they challenged

their scouts to set up their best backyard, basement or bedroom campsite and post pictures to the Pack 168 Facebook group. Sites with the most likes were recognized during the video conference

Chicago, a physicist in Madison, WI and a naval aviator in China Lake, CA.

Now in 2021 the Scouts of Pack 168 are preparing for their annual Pinewood Derby. "It will look a little different than our usual derby," said Hatton.

Instead of the entire pack gathering to complete their races, three scouts at a time will race in 40-minute shifts to maintain groups of 10 or fewer. If all goes to plan, all the races will be livestreamed, with remote commentary provided by alums of Pack 168, so friends and family that can't be in the building can keep tabs on the action.

"None of this would have been possible without the hard work of our team of dedicated volunteer leaders and the support of our pack families. I want to be sure to once again extend my thanks to all of them," said Hatton.

If you are interested in having your son or daughter join Pack 168 or would like more information, please visit pack168.org or email info@pack168.org.



Scouts receive their "Glowing Bobcat" during a ceremony at Camp Wokanda. SUBMITTED PHOTO

campfire program and awarded with a gift certificate to Ron's Donuts. In May they held a virtual career fair with scouts having the opportunity to talk with a chef in Mackinaw, a concert pianist in



Follow our Irish Live site for St. Pat's Irish live streams when they are available.

<https://www.facebook.com/irish.live.90>

Dear Families and Students of St. Patrick School,

We want to thank you for all the greetings and prayers offered on our behalf. Thank you, too for the generous gift cards you gave during the Catholic Schools' Week. It will be put to good use.

God bless you and rest be assured of our prayers for you and your family.

MARAMING SALAMAT PO !

Sr. Ma. Magdalena, FAS

Sr. Gemma Fernandez, FAS

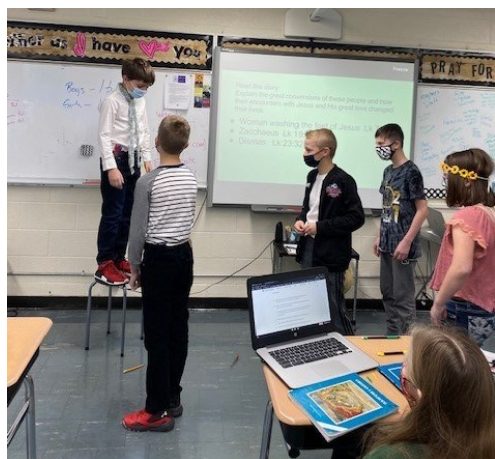
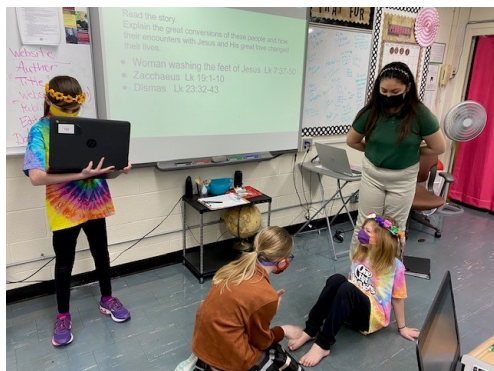
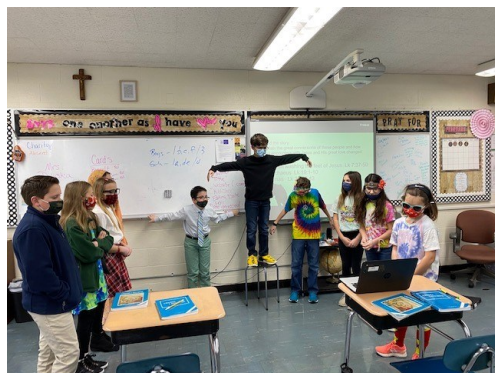
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Thank you St. Patrick students and families for your donation of \$512 for the Right to Life Baby Food Project! Baby Food and formula was delivered to Catholic Charities, Empower Life Center, Crittenton Crisis Nursery, and the Women's Care Center. They were SO APPRECIATIVE to receive these products that you helped us purchase.

Sincerely,

Kay Grillot, Tazewell County Right to Life

Mrs. Harris 5th Grade acted out Conversion Bible Stories



Mrs. Nunley's Kindergarten celebrated St. Valentine's Day by making Crankenstein Valentine Art and Valentine's Day cards for their parents.



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Thoughtful Moments

Pray for friends

In his Gospel, St. Mark tells a story of a paralyzed man whose friends showed great determination to bring his needs before Jesus. The house in which Jesus was speaking was too crowded for their friend, so they lowered him through a hole they made in the roof (Mark 2:1-12). In response, Jesus changed the man's life. Amazing things can happen when we place our friends' needs before Jesus.

Just ask

Jesus tells us to ask God for what we need and to be persistent until we hear from Him. Don't worry about pestering God. Think of how eager we parents are to help our children—especially if they are struggling. It's the same with God – our perfect Father – who never tires of helping us.

"If you then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"
(Matthew 7:11).



Observe a fruitful pandemic Lent

Once again, Lent will look different for many families. One goal of the season is to eliminate distractions and turn our hearts back to God. A few adjustments to your Lenten observance may help you transform your family's hearts, even in the midst of a pandemic.

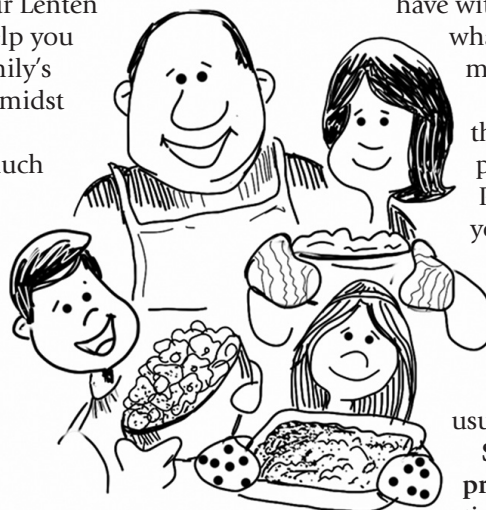
Offer it up. So much of what we are experiencing in the pandemic is sacrificial. Use visual aids to help children offer deprivation or sacrifices to God's purposes. For example, place a jar on your kitchen counter and encourage everyone to place a jelly bean in it each time they suffer a deprivation – a canceled sport season, a missed gathering, a scaled-down birthday celebration. Celebrate by

eating the candy at Easter.

Practice gratitude. Gratitude helps to keep everything in perspective. Stay aware of the pleasant moments you have with your family and do what you can to create more of them.

Be flexible. Accept that the landscape in a pandemic is different. Prioritize your family, your health and the health of your loved ones. Try not to hold onto specific ideas for accomplishing your usual activities.

Swap screen time for prayer time. Spending time watching or reading bad news or scrolling through social media sites filled with negativity creates stress. Turn to God in family prayer and rest in His presence in your lives.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Once the bread and wine has been consecrated during Mass, Jesus Christ is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist.

In fact, Christ is wholly present in any fragment

Why do Catholics believe Christ is in the Precious Blood and the Host?

of the Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood.

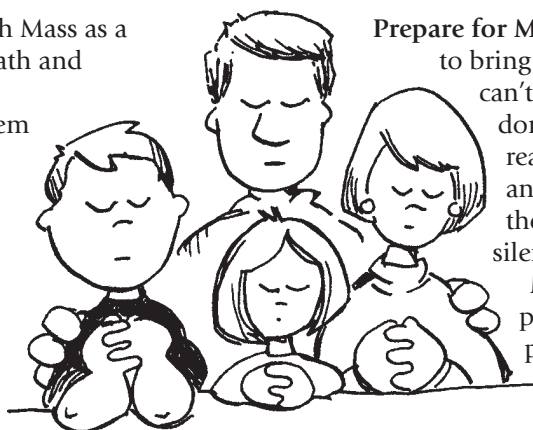
It is possible to receive the whole Christ in just one form or the other. However, it is most fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist.



Give your family the gift of "Little Easter"

Every Sunday is a "Little Easter," with Mass as a celebration of Christ's victory over death and sin. Many Catholic families find that strengthening Sunday habits bring them closer together and closer to God. Try these ideas:

Family forgiveness: On Friday or Saturday night, gather together and ask each other for forgiveness for offenses committed against one another. Then, if you feel comfortable, go to Confession as a family as often as you can.



Prepare for Mass: Participating in Mass is critical to bring strength to a Catholic family. If you can't attend in person, watch it together, but don't miss it. Before beginning, go over the readings you will hear at Mass so you can answer questions ahead of time. Spending the time waiting for Mass to begin in silence leaves time for prayer and reflection.

Mass intentions: Ask each person to pick someone for whom the family can pray during Mass. Write each name on a list and offer a family prayer for these intentions after Communion.

Scripture LESSON

Mark 9:2-10, The test of the Transformation

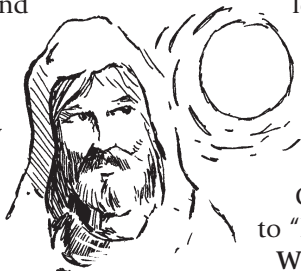
When Jesus met with Elijah and Moses on the mountaintop, they talked about the journey Jesus was going to make to Jerusalem and the Cross. Perhaps the holy men were offering support and comfort, and Jesus probably felt strengthened by the meeting.

Certainly he was bolstered by hearing the voice from Heaven. Still, he had a difficult road ahead and he realized that despite all of his efforts, some would refuse to listen and would be lost. But God knew that the desire to follow Jesus comes

from confidence about who he is. If we believe Jesus is God's Son then we will want to do what he says. So he let the disciples witness the amazing meeting on the mountaintop, and he let them hear the heavenly voice proclaim Jesus as God's son and instruct us to "listen to him."

What can a parent do?

Society may try to tell us what is right, but Jesus' words are our final authority. Help youngsters test everything they hear against Jesus' words in the Bible and they will not be led astray.



Feasts & Celebrations

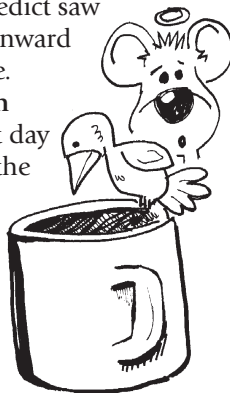
February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to make the required offering forty days after his birth. They were faithful observers of the law of the Lord.

February 3 – St. Blaise (316). Bishop of Sebaste, he was martyred for refusing to renounce his Catholic faith. Priests usually bless throats on this day because St. Blaise, reportedly a physician, healed many ailments of the throat.

February 10 – St. Scholastica

(543). Twin sister of St. Benedict, St. Scholastica founded a Benedictine community for women five miles from her brother's monastery. The twins visited each other each year and Scholastica died three days after their last meeting. St. Benedict saw her soul rising heavenward in the form of a dove.

February 17 — Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance.



Parent TALK



I had a hard time praying. Too many friends and family have been lost to the seemingly endless pandemic and I was spent. I was juggling working at home with supervising online

schooling. My husband


lost his job for the second time in three years and we had used up our savings the first time. It felt like God was far away. He wasn't listening.

A few nights later I overheard our ten-year old saying her prayers asking God for help. She ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." Then she went to sleep. Standing outside her room, I realized that Tessa didn't tell God what to do. She asked for help, trusted that it would come, and left it to God.

I prayed for the first time in weeks and ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." I realized God is always listening. I was the one who had stopped talking.




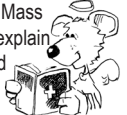



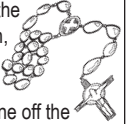




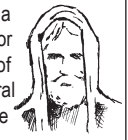













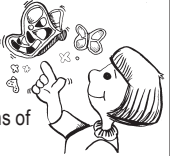


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 = a day of abstinence from meat

 = a day of fasting and abstinence

Family Lent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>			17 February  If you are comfortable, take your family to the Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear ashes all day.	18 Tape a drawing of a vase on the fridge and label it, "Lent." Each day draw a flower in the vase and watch Lent blossom.	19 Share a meatless family meal. Discuss your Lenten offerings to be sure all are doable and sacrificial. 	20 Choose a family Lenten offering, such as giving up desserts, attending or streaming daily Mass, or praying a family Rosary regularly.
21 After Mass today, explain the Gospel and the homily in terms your children can understand. 	22 Contact Catholic Charities (703-549-1390, www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/org) to see how you can help those suffering most in the pandemic.	23 Invent a new family prayer you can say together each day. 	24 Take stock of how your Lenten fasts are going, and refresh your commitment to them.	25 Before eating your family meal together, ask each person to say a spontaneous prayer. 	26 Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets. 	27 Turn off the television, unplug the computers, and take the phone off the hook for a half hour to pray a family Rosary. 
28 Before Mass today, pick a saint represented in one of the statues in your church and find out more about him or her during Lent.	1 March 1 Collect stuffed animals or soft pillows, wash them well, and bring them to a local nursing home. Older folks love soft things to hug.	2 Ask each person to share a game, toy, or treat with someone else in your home.	3 Plan how each of you can show kindness or compassion to someone else tomorrow. 	4 Think of someone you don't like and say three nice things about him or her.	5 Figure out how much your family saved by not eating meat today, and put that money in the poor box at church. 	6 At bedtime say, "Let's turn our hearts to God and think of him." Sit in silence together for a few minutes.
7 Light a candle in church today for someone who passed away or who needs special help. 	8 Ask each family member to write a letter to Jesus thanking him for his sacrifice on the Cross.	9 Make cookies and share them after dinner tonight. 	10 Encourage each family member to perform an examination of conscience.	11 Place a crucifix or picture of Jesus in a central place to keep the focus on him. 	12 Every time a good deed is done, put a jelly bean in a jar. Share the jelly beans at Easter! 	13 Ask each person to make a sacrificial offering, such as doing an extra chore without being asked.
14 Laetare Sunday Have a special meal at home (or get takeout) to celebrate the half-way point through Lent.	15 Pick a friend or neighbor and perform an anonymous good deed for him or her. 	16 Encourage all family members to refrain from bickering today. 	17 Say a short prayer before each cross or crucifix in your home. 	18 Make up a box for a needy family or homeless shelter. Put canned goods, clothing, toiletries, and gently used toys in it.	19 Serve pretzels as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat. 	20 Make simple crosses out of construction paper. Write on them, "He died for me," and post them all over the house. 
21 After Mass, light a candle, and recite the Apostle's Creed as an affirmation of faith. 	22 Pray for the victims of the pandemic. 	23 Send a card to someone who might need cheering today. 	24 Give up a favorite toy or treat just for today. 	25 Pray for someone who is sick and can't leave home. 	26 Place any final donations in the box you set up. Make a family trip to deliver it to its destination. 	27 If you feel comfortable, go to Confession or attend a Reconciliation Service. Then eat ice cream afterwards to celebrate forgiveness.
28 Have a Palm Sunday procession around the house and take turns playing Jesus. 	29 Take a walk outside and look for signs of new life. 	30 Forgive someone who hurt you today. 	31 Get up 15 minutes earlier than usual today and pray as a family.	1 April Wash and dry each other's feet in commemoration of Jesus washing the feet of his Apostles.	2 Pray the Stations of the Cross today, and meditate on each one. 	3 Dress up a doll in a white garment and talk about the Baptismal vows we renew each year.

Support St. Patrick School

Caterpillar Foundation Matching Gifts Program

Guidelines

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- Current contributions made directly by the Caterpillar participant to the eligible organization from the Caterpillar participant's own assets. Participants may not register funds collected from others.
- Made/donated in full, not merely an unsatisfied pledge.
- Made via cash, check, debit/credit card or marketable securities. Gifts may also be made from an entity such as a personal foundation or donor advised fund if that entity has been funded solely by the eligible Caterpillar participant.

For more information contact Pat Woehler in our
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.....ROUND TWO

St. Pat's Irish Sweepstakes

This raffle will begin February 1, 2021 and will run through Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021.

60 CHANCES TO WIN (February & March daily drawings) Flip to see schedule

- 50 chances to win \$25
- 4 chances to win \$100
- 4 chances to win \$200
- \$500 St. Patrick's Day Drawing
- \$1000 Easter Sunday Drawing

Winners need not be present to win. Purchase or sell the enclosed tickets anytime between now and April 1st, 2021.

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: <https://stpatswashington.com/>
 - 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 on the back, the parish office will fill in your tickets)

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

Sincerely yours in Christ, *Fr. John*

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