

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

Irish Messenger

*Jesus's New Commandment, John (13:34):
"Love One Another as I have Loved You"
"It's the law."*

February 7, 2020

Virtue of the Week

This week our virtue theme in CAMARADERIE—The strength to have mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together. CAMARADERIE is necessary for a great TEAM! We need CAMARADERIE to become the best we can be and for our teammates to become the best they can be.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for this day, this opportunity, this time together. Strengthen our wills and forge our resolve to embrace the virtue of CAMARADERIE—giving into selflessness and love instead of doing our own thing out of selfishness. We love You and we want to love each other more and better!

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 12:	Early Dismissal 2:00pm; Teacher In-Service; Aftercare provided
Feb. 17:	No School; Presidents' Day
Feb. 20:	Evening Adoration 3rd Grade; 5:30pm-7:30pm
Mar. 9:	No School; Region I Faculty In-Service
Mar. 11:	Early Dismissal 2:00pm; Teacher In-Service; Aftercare provided
Mar. 15:	Confirmation at Cathedral 3:30pm
Mar. 19:	Evening Adoration 2nd Grade; 5:30pm-7:30pm
Mar. 23-27:	No School; Spring Break
Mar. 30:	School Resumes

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Facebook: St. Patrick Catholic Parish, Washington, IL

Reminder:

Make sure you register to hold your place with the Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship! You need to apply for this scholarship before you can apply for the Spalding Scholarship. For additional information go to EmpowerIllinois.org.

We lost all of 1st & 2nd Grade during PE class!



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A Message from our Principal:

Catholic Schools Week was a huge success! I want to thank sincerely all who helped make it a great week! Thank you to the teachers and staff who planned and carried out activities all week. Students especially loved the day they got to dress up as if they were 100 years old. House games were a hit and we had some great cheering from the primary grades assigned to their special House teams. Students enjoyed dressing as what they want to be someday and they wore a lot of green on Talent Show day. Special thanks go to our entire parent volunteers who helped with the delicious Faculty/Staff luncheon, the special popcorn treat for our students, and the help with the Spaghetti Dinner and Family Fun Night. Your support was super and greatly appreciated! We began the special week with a School Mass on Sunday with our students doing the readings, choir, gifts, etc. As usual, we had a great turn out of parents and grandparents at our annual Parent/Grandparent Breakfast and Open House. Thank you so much for coming! Grades 5-8 students filled Easter eggs for Washington Park District's Easter Egg Hunt, primary grade collected items for Threads, Hope and Love, while grades 3 and 4 made cards for our senior parishioners as special service projects. Upper grades worked on special projects with the lower grades, which hang on the wall in the gym. Students enjoyed having visitors from the parish who work for armed services, police and emergency responders and attended lunch with them. We recognized and showed appreciation to the priests and the sisters for their involvement in our school and their vocations to religious life. We ended the school week with an All School Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Finally, we enjoyed a spaghetti dinner with parishioners, fun activities for kids, and a junior high dance on Saturday night. Thank You to everyone who made this week so special and such a great success!

Blessings, Doreen Shipman



Upcoming Activity Events

- Feb. 13:** Scholastic Bowl vs. St. Mary Metamora @ Home 4:00pm
Feb. 20: Scholastic Bowl vs. Roanoke-Benson @ Home 4:00pm
Feb. 27: Scholastic Bowl @ Beverly Manor D50 4:15pm
Feb. 28: Band IGSMA Organization Contest @ Germantown Hills MS 7:45pm Arrive, 8:30pm Perform
Feb. 29: Spanish Club GlobalFest Illinois @EIU 7am-7pm
Mar. 5: Scholastic Bowl @ East Peoria Central 4:15pm
Mar. 7: Band Solo/Ensemble Contest @ St. Patrick 9am—12pm
Mar. 14: Band IGSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest @ ICC 9am-4:00pm
Mar. 19: Scholastic Bowl vs. Robein @ Home 4:00pm
Apr. 2: Scholastic Bowl vs. Washington Central @ Home 4:00pm
Apr. 7: Scholastic Bowl @ Washington Middle School 4:15pm

Upcoming Athletic Events

- Feb. 7/8:** Boys Basketball 6th Grade St. Jude Tournament TBA
Feb. 10: Boys Basketball 5th/6th Grade @ Bethal 5:30pm
Feb. 11: Girls Volleyball @ Parkview 5:00pm
Feb. 11: Boys Basketball 5th/6th Grade vs. Parkview @ Home 5:30pm
Feb. 12: Girls Volleyball vs. Washburn @ Home 5:30pm
Feb. 13: Girls 6th Grade Volleyball vs. Central @ Home 4:15pm
Feb. 14/15: Boys Basketball 5th/6th Grade St. Pats Tourney TBA



Just A Reminder...
On Wednesday February 12th, students may wear school dress slacks, appropriate jeans, athletic pants, and a Red or Valentine themed shirt.

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Excellence in Academics and Faith Formation”

Application, Re-Enrollment, and Tuition Assistance

Preparing for the 2020-2021 school year is underway at St. Patrick School. Online application and re-enrollment is now open for the new school year.

Application for First Time Families: Check our school website at:

<https://school.stpatswashington.com/> to select the Admissions tab for the online processes for first time families. Families who have not previously attended St. Patrick School must first apply to the school online through this site. Registration for new families is a two-part process.

Re-Enrollment for Returning Families: Returning families will need to re-enroll by going through their RenWeb account at <https://www.renweb.com/>. Select Apply/Enroll and then choose Enrollment/Reenrollment. Then select the "Click here to open enrollment" button to start the re-enrollment process.

Tuition Assistance: Opportunities are available for families to seek tuition assistance to help defray the costs. First, there is the **Tax Credit Scholarship Program** provided by the Invest in Kids Act in Illinois. Obtain your reservation to apply at: <https://empowerillinois.org>. Select the "Reserve Now" button to begin the process. Families must re-apply for the scholarship each year. More information about this scholarship is available on this website.



Secondly, families can apply for the **Diocesan Spalding Scholarship**. Each year families must re-apply for the scholarship just as the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Families interested in applying for tuition assistance from the Spalding Scholarship Fund must complete an online FACTS Grant & Aid Application which can be found at: <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. The application requires supporting tax documents. The deadline for the application and documents for this scholarship is April 15, 2020. More information for either of these scholarships is available at the Diocesan website: <https://cdop.org/>. Select the Catholic Education tab and then select the buttons for "Tax Credit Scholarships" and/or "Financial Assistance".

Finally, the **Sister Mary Ann Scholarship** is available for applicants who have first applied to the above two scholarship opportunities. Feel free to contact St. Patrick School at 309-444-4345 if you have questions about application, enrollment, or tuition assistance.

The Stroke Alliance spoke to the 5th Grade on Tuesday, February 4th.



Mrs. Aurit's 4th Grade and the House of St. George have a Non-Uniform Day on Thursday, February 20th for winning the House Games during Catholic Schools Week.



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To celebrate the end of Catholic Schools Week, we had a Family Fun Night on Saturday, February 1st!



5th-8th held a Geography Bee on Wednesday, February 5th.

Top Ten

- 10) Gia Greene—7th Grade
- 9) Ella Crull—6th Grade
- 8) David Stevenart—6th Grade
- 7) Luke Kamienski—6th Grade
- 6) Eric Nolte—7th Grade
- 5) Ben Kunka—8th Grade
- 4) Owen Klein—6th Grade
- 3) John Clift—6th Grade
- 2) Caleb Greene—6th Grade

**The winner was:
Carter Stephens—7th Grade**



Casey's Cash for Classroom

We're excited to share that our school is participating in Cash for Classrooms, part of Casey's Rewards. This opens up Saint Patrick School to new funding opportunities to help improve learning environments for students. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you buy from Casey's and use their rewards program you can simply turn your points into a donation to our school.



Sign up for Casey's Rewards by creating an account through the Casey's app or online at Caseys.com. Start earning points on everyday purchases and turn those points into a donation to your school. It's that easy! See full terms and conditions at caseys.com



You can support St. Patrick School just by grocery shopping at Kroger! Once you link your Kroger Card to St. Patrick School, a percentage of what you spend will be sent to our school quarterly. It's that easy!

- Go to : www.kroger.com/communityrewards
- Click View Details under I'm a Customer
- Sign In or a Create an Account
- Choose St. Patrick School—HN228

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POT O' GOLD



Dinner Auction & Dueling Pianos

5TH ANNUAL POT O' GOLD DINNER AUCTION

MARCH 14, 2020 6PM—MIDNIGHT

COUNTRYSIDE BANQUET FACILITY

DISCOUNTED EARLY BIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE 'TIL
FEBRUARY 16TH @ \$50 EACH; \$60 AFTER 2/16

TO REGISTER & PURCHASE TICKETS PLEASE VISIT OUR SITE:

https://stpatrikparish.schoolauktion.net/pog2020/register/ticket_sales

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION OR PURCHASE
ADVERTISING, PLEASE CONTACT CALL 309-444-3524.



Daddy/Daughter Dance

For St. Patrick's School/Parish

Knights of Columbus Hall on February 29th from 6 - 8 pm

Girls K-8 Grade

Registration Form

Please return this form in an envelope marked "Daddy Daughter Dance, Attention Ezzy Ozella" by February 26th to the school office. Please enclose cash or check made payable to St. Patrick's School. DJ, Dancing and treats will be provided.

Family Name _____

Email address for photos _____

Daughter/Grade _____

Daughter/Grade _____

Daughter/Grade _____

Number attending _____ Cost is \$25.00 per couple and \$5.00 for each additional daughter

Please remember that male relatives or family friends are welcome as escorts.

Contact Ezzy Ozella at 309-251-7833 with any questions.

4-8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

LASER TAG & BOWLING AT PLAZA LANES, WASHINGTON

FEBRUARY 16TH 4-5:30-PM

\$10 PER PERSON

(FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE)

