

Virtue of the Week— EFFORT



Our virtue this week is **EFFORT** - *The strength to combine physical and mental exertion toward a goal.* Without **EFFORT** you cannot accomplish your goals nor can you improve. When a team/class/group comes together and each member gives an all-out 100% **EFFORT** there are few things in life that are as enjoyable, memorable and fulfilling.

Quarantined Students

Students who have been quarantined because of close contact with another student should not be on school or church property during the quarantine. We are doing our best to keep everyone safe and the number of additional positive cases and quarantines minimal. We need supportive help of all parents, caregivers, and all who pick-up or drop off students. Thank you.

Important Upcoming Dates

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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Facebook: St. Patrick Catholic Parish, Washington, IL

Some of our Scholastic Bowl Team on their way to a match against Robein. They won both their matches.

Thank you to Mrs. Smith for getting the cool Scholastic Bowl masks!

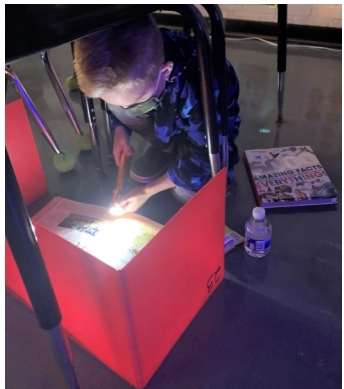


Scholastic Bowl Schedule

Tues. Mar. 9: @ East Peoria Central 4:00pm
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

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Mrs. Schlack's 3rd Grade enjoyed flashlight reading time during Tuesday's Read-A-Thon!



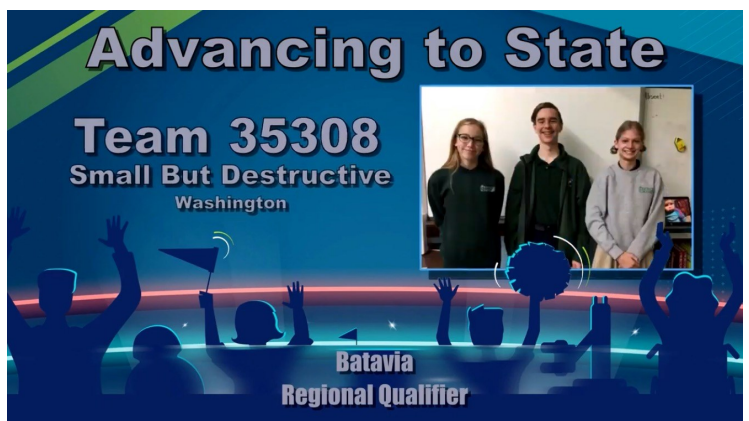
Girls Volleyball Schedule

Sat. Mar. 6: @Washburn 11:00am

Sat. Mar. 13: 8th Grade Regionals TBD

Both the 7th and 8th grade Robotics teams are advancing to state.

Congratulations to Radioactive Bananas & Small But Destructive!



On Tuesday, Mrs. Nunley's Kindergarten drew pictures of birthday cakes for Dr Seuss's Birthday after we read The Lorax, The Cat in the HAT, and Yertle The Turtle!



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As a Service Project, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grades filled more than 10, 000 eggs for the Washington Park District Annual Easter Egg Hunt!



Tazewell County Sherriff's office delivered 1,000 masks to our school on Tuesday as a partnership with Ford Motor Group.

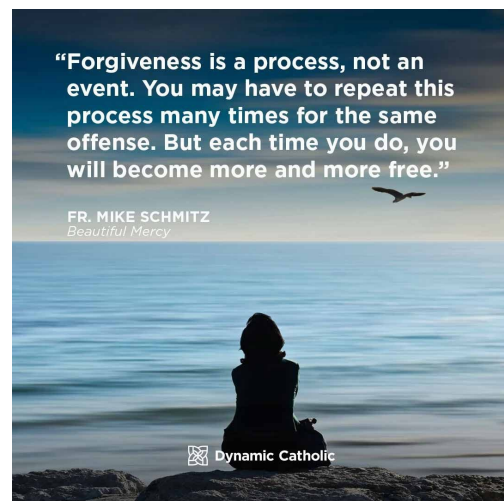


Boys Basketball Schedule

Mon. Mar. 8: Home vs. Blessed Sacrament 5:30pm
Tues. Mar. 9: Home vs. Peoria Christian 5:30pm

"Forgiveness is a process, not an event. You may have to repeat this process many times for the same offense. But each time you do, you will become more and more free."

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ
Beautiful Mercy



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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

March 2021

St. Patrick School

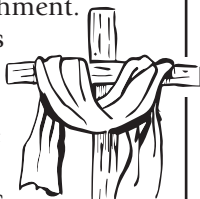
Doreen Shipman, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

Penance vs. punishment

Penance isn't punishment. Real penance helps us undergo a change of heart that helps us become better people who positively affect others. Our sin affects others, and our penance and reparation can, too.



Foster loving kindness

In a time that seems to be full of bad news, selfless acts can result in an emotional uplift for the giver and the recipient. Practice acts of kindness each day. Use a gentle voice in every circumstance. Smile at someone who looks like they need it. Allow others to go get ahead of you in line. Sit with someone who looks as if they need a friend. Pray for those who are unkind to you.

As God loves

"Charity, love, is sharing with the one we love in all things. Love makes us similar, it creates equality, it breaks down walls and eliminates distances. God did this with us."
Pope Francis



Raising good decision makers

At the root of every sin is a bad decision. Children's inexperience and lack of perspective often leads to bad choices that get them into trouble. A well-formed Catholic conscience, accountability, and experience are powerful ways to raise happy, healthy and holy decision makers.

Faith as foundation.

Solid ways to form a Catholic conscience include taking families to weekly Mass, regular Confession to a priest, making religious education classes a priority, and expecting and modeling Gospel-centered behavior at home.

Modeling good choices. Parents have the biggest impact on forming children's consciences. The process begins when children start developing attachments. Children start to imitate

the mannerisms, speech, and habits of trusted adults. It is important that they see our faith in our actions.

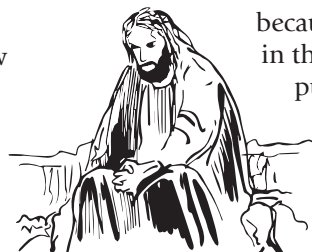
Experience is a powerful teacher. If parents are attentive, respectful, and nurturing to a child, she learns to internalize these characteristics as the way to relate to others. For example, attending to a child's emotion pain will teach remorse when she causes others pain. Invest active time in children, foster a sense of belonging, and communicate love.

Accountability is loving parents holding children responsible for their own decisions. When confronted by their bad behavior, youngsters may try to shift blame, refuse to acknowledge or follow rules, or attempt to avoid consequences. Set standards, give consequences, and follow through.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Fasting is a traditional form of penance to show sorrow for our sins. By creating hunger and a desire for that which is denied, we are reminded of the reason why we are fasting. During Lent, we fast



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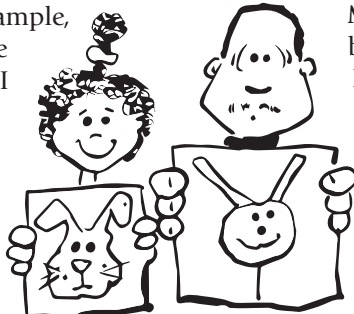
because Jesus fasted during his time in the desert before he began his public ministry.

We also fast to sympathize with those who are hungry or poor and don't have the blessings we enjoy. Fasting helps us to be more loving and compassionate.

Find renewal during Lent

When choosing Lenten observances, children are inclined to give too much or too little. For example, "I'll give up playing video games for the entire season!" or "I'll give up green vegetables that I don't like." Yet, Lent isn't just about sacrifice. This is also a time to make changes that will bring us closer to God and give Him a central place in our family life.

Practice gratitude. Gratitude helps to keep everything in perspective. Encourage children to share what they count as



blessings and guide them to recognize the source as God.

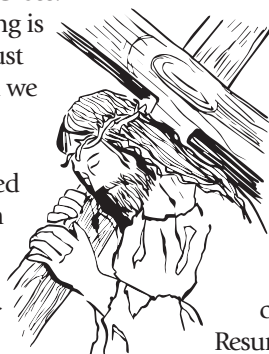
Make Sunday about God. If you have to choose between sports and Sunday Mass, choose Mass. Resolve to make sure the Eucharist and Mass come before anything else.

Spend time with your family. In a pandemic, alone time may be what keeps us sane. Yet, family time is critical to forming healthy families. Try to find ways to spend more time together. Read books, tell stories, draw pictures. Make the good times overwhelm the bad.

Scripture LESSON

**Mark 14:1-15:47,
Join our pain with Jesus'**

This Gospel reading tells of Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross. Remembering Jesus' suffering is not just something we do just once a year. The more often we remember, the more it will help us recall that Jesus was human, too, and experienced what we feel – and so much more. If we offer him our suffering and remember his, it makes our pain easier to bear.



Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness and temptations can become ways in which we share in the suffering and death of Christ. Likewise, our

joys, our good health, our family and friends are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. The point is to offer everything to Christ.

What can a parent do?

Suffering is part of life. Yet, disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did, and we can also share in his joy of the Resurrection. When children are hurt, sad, or scared, help them remember to turn to Jesus because he wants to comfort them with his great love.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 2 – St. Agnes of Bohemia (1282). Born in Prague to King Ottocar I of Bohemia, St. Agnes renounced court life to become a Poor Clare instead. She was known for serving the poor and working miracles.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (493). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates and brought to Ireland as a slave when he was about sixteen. He escaped several years later and became a priest. He was ordained the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established

the Church there.

March 19 – St. Joseph (1st century). Husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. The Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. It recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. It marks the beginning of Holy Week. We use palms to commemorate this special day.



Parent TALK

As Lent approached this year, I realized that children were pretty stressed between online learning and missing usual activities curtailed and eliminated by the pandemic. So this year, we took a different Lenten path.



Every time the children asked us to buy something – a new game, takeout for dinner, a new toy – we asked if it was something they could live without. If they said, "yes" (often with guidance), we looked up the price of the item and put that amount into our family Lent jar. Once the jar was full, we dumped the contents into the Poor Box at church.

Next, we tackled excess. Every day during Lent, we go through our closets and drawers and put one item in the give-away pile.

The daily activities keep us focused on Lent and we are working to simplify our lives. When Easter comes, we will be lighter and more grateful for what we have.

Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children
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Did you Know?

Your child can attend a Catholic School Financial Assistance Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2021-2022 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under *Catholic Education* and then under *Financial Assistance*. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2021-2022 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is **April 30, 2021**. Notification of grant awards will be made by the end of June 2021.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a new program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at www.empowerillinois.org. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.



PARK DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



EASTER EGG HUNT - FREE

Saturday, April 3rd broken into time slots –
Oak Ridge Park

(MUST PRE-REGISTER BELOW)

We will offer separate groups based on age

0-2 years of age, 3-5 years of age and 6+ years of age

YOUTH SPORT LEAGUES

We are taking registrations for our Youth Soccer, Baseball, Softball and Lacrosse.

- Lacrosse – 8U-14U boys and girls
- Tee Ball – 4/5 year olds – DEADLINE MARCH 6th
- Baseball/Softball – Kind. – 8th grade – DEADLINE APRIL 3rd

DAYQUEST ADVENTURE DAYS

We will be offering DAYQUEST days Monday - Friday, March 29th – Monday, April 5th

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2021 SUMMER CAMP

Kids and Grown-Ups Pour Paint with Joe the Art Guy – Wed. March 10th
6:00pm at the Park District building

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Offered at the Recreational Facility Tuesday/Thursday and Saturday mornings.
Check out Master Steve Craft's Martial Underground program now!

SAVE THE DATE - WASHINGTON CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 24th – 9:00AM Wenger Shelter in Washington Park

<https://www.washingtonparkdistrict.com/news-events/clean-up-day>

*For information on these or any other Washington Park District events please
contact the office at 309-444-9413 or matts@washingtonparkdistrict.com*

Washington Park District

Happy Feet Soccer Program at Oak Ridge Park

Sign up today! League starts **April 7th**

Program is available for kids **2-4 years of age**

Register at our Recreation Facility or online at:

www.washingtonparkdistrict.com

For more info, please contact our office at:

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Early Childhood Screenings

This screening is for children with possible developmental delays, ages 3-5.
This is not a Kindergarten screening.

Qualifications

- ♦ Resident of Washington School Districts 50, 51, or 52
 - ♦ **Not** in Kindergarten
 - ♦ Experiencing difficulty in any of the following areas:
 - ✓ **Cognitive Skills** – reasoning, thinking & problem solving
 - ✓ **Daily Living Skills** – self-help skills such as eating, dressing & toileting
 - ✓ **Motor Skills** – use & control of large & small muscles
 - ✓ **Personal/Social Skills** – interacting with others
 - ✓ **Communication Skills** – ability to express thoughts & understand the words of others
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By participating in this free screening, we can tell you if your child needs further assessment of a developmental delay. If a delay is identified, we can link you and your child to an early intervention service provider for further evaluation.

District 50 Screenings 4/21/21 - call Bethany Miklik 745-3196 before 4/14/21

District 51 Screenings 4/19/21 – call Susan or Bethany 745-3196 before 4/14/21

District 52 Screenings 4/20/21 – call Susan Weldon 745-3196 before 4/14/21



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Appointments are required & must be scheduled.



PEORIA NOTRE DAME PRESENTS

Easter Event 2021

Hop on over and join us in the PND Parking Lot
• 5105 N Sheridan Rd •

MARCH 20 • 6 PM - 9 PM

Join us for a very special Easter celebration! We will hand out crafts kits, have a snack stand, Kona Ice, and show the movie: Hop!!

MOVIE BEGINS AT 7:30

MAY BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS TO SIT
OUTSIDE YOUR CAR



.....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*

FEBRUARY

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$100	\$25
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Credit Card#: _____ Exp. Date: _____

CVC Code: _____ #Tickets: _____ Amount \$ _____

ST. PAT'S IRISH SWEEPSTAKES



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TICKETS: \$20 Each/6 for \$100

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NOTRE DAME JFL

Registration is OPEN!

Spring 7 on 7 flag season starts April 6th

Summer Football Camp June 8 & 9

Fall Football season starts July 26th

Register today at www.NDJFL.com



Spring season ages 5-14

Summer Camp ages 8-14

Flag Football age 5-8

**Cheer and Tackle-
age 8-14**

