

# ST PATRICK SCHOOL

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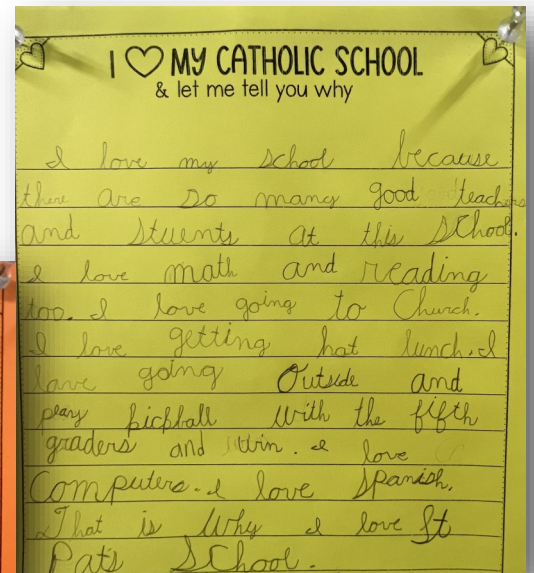
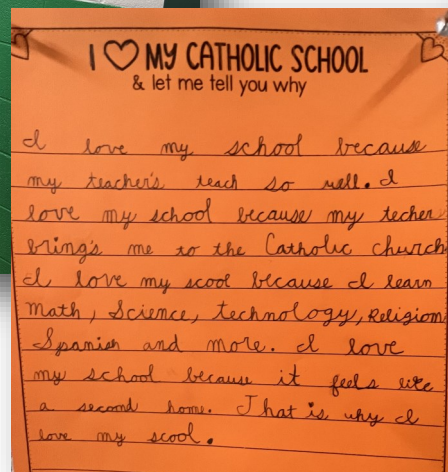
*"Be Merciful, Kind, and Respectful  
to All You Meet Each Day"*

February 03, 2023



Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Lego Team-  
went to State on Saturday,  
January 28.

"St. Pat's 'For Loop Coders' we  
are proud of you. Congratulation  
on your State Competition.



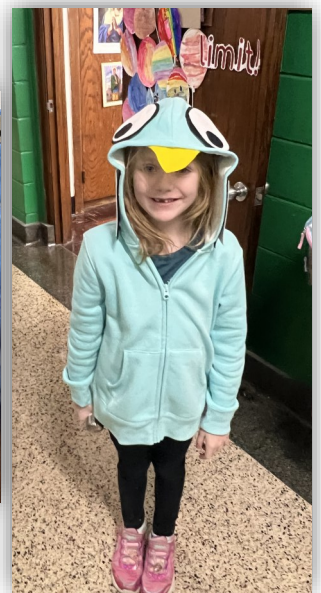
**THE MISSION OF ST. PATRICK SCHOOL** is to foster the spiritual growth  
and academic life of its students, faculty, and staff, and to teach children,  
with the cooperation of parents, a Catholic way of life.



# Monday



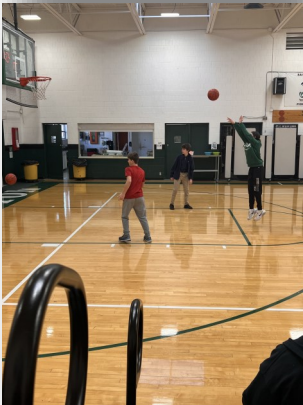
Thank you grandparents and family members for coming and visiting our school! We hope you enjoyed your time and had fun looking at all of the decorated doors. Check back next week to see all the doors and who was the winner.



Students and teachers alike dressed as their favorite book character. We like many different books at our school.

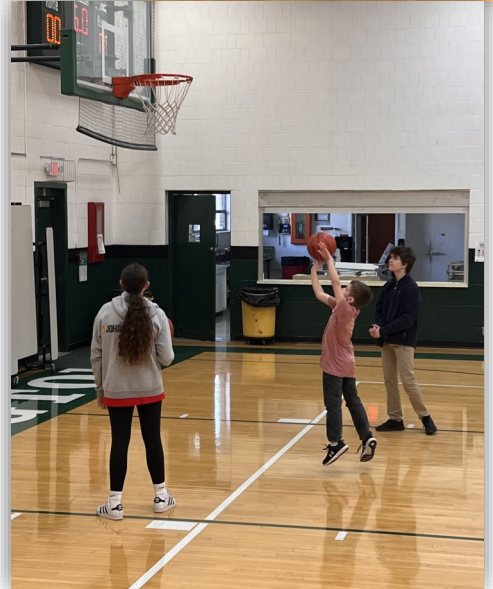
We gathered as a school to have a free throw competition. The top 3 students from each class were selected beforehand. Students dressed in class colors to support their classmates.

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PK3	Isiah	7	Wyatt	11	Merick	14
	Liam	4				
PK4	Charolotte	18	Logan	19	Gracie	20
	Josie	3				
Kindergarten	Miriam	14	Nick	27	Jackson	33
1st Grade	Lucy	23	Harry	39	Gavin	43
2nd Grade	John	5	Max	6	Henry J.	18
3rd Grade	Joseph	10	Maddax	19	Grace P.	32
4th Grade	Gianna	19	Zoe	20	Matthew	26
5th Grade	Thomas	13	Jacob	16	Grant	20
6th Grade	Emily	13	Jaxson	14	Kate	31
7th Grade	Bennet E.	12	Miranda	24	David	26
8th Grade	Charlie	12	Caden	14	Teddy	19



Tuesday

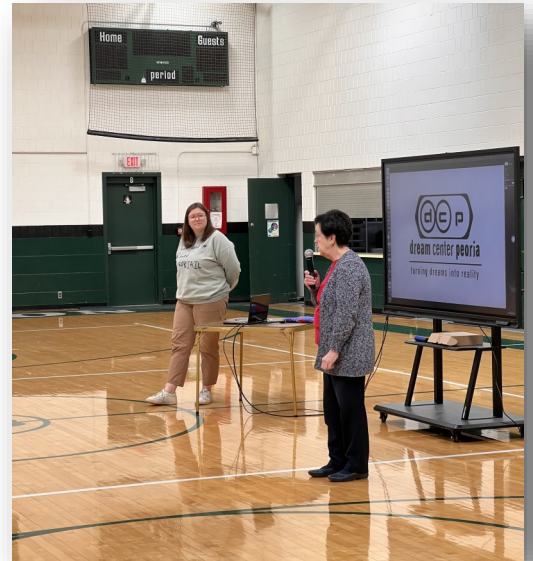






# Wednesday

We celebrated our nation by wearing Red, White, and Blue! In the afternoon, we gathered for a presentation on the Dream Center. Together as a school with have been collecting tolietry ítems to help those in need.







We also had a Jr. High Spelling Bee on Wednesday. Two Eighth Graders won—John Somers and Anna Johannson. Congratulations to both of them on the fantastic spelling!





# Thursday

We focused today on celebrating our vocations both in learning about marriage, the priesthood, and religious life and in the special talents God gave us. We also thanked our priests and religious for all they do for us with card and spiritual bouquets. Students and staff dressed as who they wanted to be when they “grew up”. Many of our students participated in the Talent Show too. Check back next week for more pictures of the talent show.





We dressed in Spirit Wear to unite us together. Student ate lunch together in their classrooms and the teachers had a luncheon afterwards. We spent time in prayer together at Mass, Adoration, and All School Benediction. We also received a blessing of the throats at Mass on St. Blaise's Feast Day.



# Friday



*Check back next week  
for more pictures and news  
about our celebration of  
Catholic Schools Week 2023.*





Catholic Schools  
Faith. Excellence. Service.

**Catholic Schools Week 2023**  
**January 29–February 4**

[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw) #CSW23



# FAMILY FUN NIGHT



february 4  
5:30-8:30

Celebrate St. Patrick's School and Catholic Schools Week with a family friendly evening of games, food, and fun!

cupcake walk to support  
8th grade class gift

face painting     \$1 popcorn

**\$5 Admission includes  
hot dog, chips, & drink**

half time show     games

St. Pat's teams vs parents  
basketball game





On Sunday February 5th, from 7:00–8:30pm in the Saint Patrick's School Gymnasium. Snacks, games, and fun!



## Important Dates

**FEB 4 SAT - Catholic Schools Week : Family Fun Night - 5:30 pm**

**FEB 6 MON - Boy's Basketball @ Morton Bethel - 5:30 pm**

**FEB 8 WED - Volleyball @ Lowpoint/Washburn - 5:30 pm**

**FEB 9 THU - Volleyball @ Central - TBD**

**FEB 10 FRI - Boy's Basketball Home vs. Dist. 50 - 4:30 pm**

**FEB 20 MON - No School—Presidents' Day**



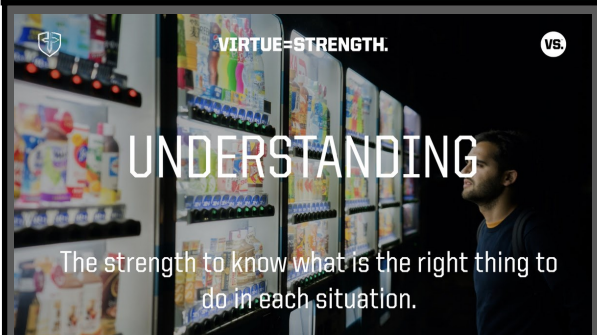
Registration/Re-enrollment is now open. Please go to the school website [school.stpatswashington.com](http://school.stpatswashington.com) to begin the process. Contact the school office with any questions. Registration/Re-enrollment will close Friday, February 17 at 3pm.

## Next Week's Virtue



Asking our Lord for the strength to see the good in our neighbor so we can love them more readily.

## Last Week's Virtue



The strength to know what is the right thing to do in each situation.

**St. Patrick School - 100 Harvey Street Washington, IL 61571**

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# EMMAUS KNIGHTS

CALLING ALL 7TH-12TH GRADE MEN



**JANUARY 15, FEBRUARY 5, MARCH 19,  
APRIL 16, MAY 7**

**4:30-6:30 PM  
2327 W. HEADING AVE.  
PEORIA, IL**

**PRAYER, PIZZA, PING PONG**

VISIT [WWW.COMEANDFOLLOWME.ORG](http://WWW.COMEANDFOLLOWME.ORG) FOR MORE DETAILS

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**SCAN TO REGISTER**





# CALL FOR LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

**It makes a difference!**

*Support St. Patrick Parish/School Fundraiser  
by donating a LIVE auction item!  
Proceeds directly support our parish & school.  
High ticket items, such as, but not limited to:*

**\*Vacations / Time Shares**

**\*Hotel Stays**

**\*Group Experiences**

**\*Sporting Events**

**\*Dinner Parties**

*We appreciate your consideration and your  
generosity will be recognized.*





## Country Western Daddy/Daughter Dance

For St. Patrick's School and Parish

St. Patrick's Gym February 18th from 6 - 8 pm

Girls Kindergarten - 8th Grade

### Registration Form

Please return this form in an envelope marked "Daddy Daughter Dance, Attention Ezzy Ozella" by February 15th to the school or church office. Please enclose cash or check made payable to St. Patrick's School. DJ and desserts will be provided.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address for photos \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Cost is \$20.00 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.



# Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

February 2023

St. Patrick School

Doreen Shipman, Principal



## Thoughtful Moments

### Instill confidence in prayer

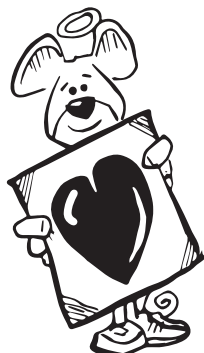
Many Catholic parents worry their children will be tempted away from the Faith. The good news is that children who grow up with a strong prayer life, regular Mass attendance and Confession often are likely to stay Catholic. Youngsters who turn to God from an early age grow up to revere and lean on Him. Teach children to pray and have prayer aids handy. Pray regularly as a family, and stay close to the greatest Catholic prayer – the Mass.



### Love of God and others

Christian parents, by example, can help their children live the greatest commandments – love of God and neighbor. By creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, and humility flourish, the family places the spiritual above the material aspects of society. Children learn to love as God loves – freely, confidently, and without limits.

*"Discipline your children, and they will bring you comfort, and give delight to your soul" (Proverbs 29:17).*



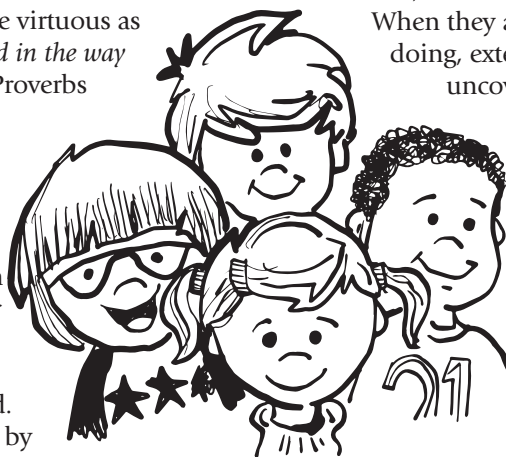
## Four holy habits to teach children during Lent

The season of Lent is a call to change our ways and repent. It's also a chance to help our youngsters grow in holiness. In turn, we will find ourselves becoming more virtuous as we *"train a child in the way he should go"* (Proverbs 22:6).

### Patience:

Children often have trouble waiting, but impatience can make us sad or mad, and lead us to stop trusting in God. Teach patience by calmly waiting your turn, don't complain when enduring difficulty, and encourage children to pray while waiting.

**Kindness:** Flowing out of the virtue of charity, it is best learned by feeling it so it can be reproduced. Make kindness a signature virtue your family shares.



**Honesty:** Deception in any form is sinful. Children may lie to get out of trouble, to get something they want, to avoid upsetting others.

When they admit to wrong doing, extend mercy. If you uncover a lie, require an apology and

impose steps to repair damage done.

### Obedience:

Our fallen nature means that disobedience is more natural to us than submitting to authority, but

obedience recognizes rightful authority. This virtue encourages us to submit to God's will – a critical life skill. We can model obedience when we seek God's will in prayer and Scripture, pray for His guidance, and model those habits for our children.

## Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Each color highlights a particular aspect of the season and helps us enter the mystery we're celebrating. Green symbolizes spiritual growth and is worn during Ordinary Time. Purple (or violet) is for the penitential seasons of Lent

## Why do we use different colored vestments during Mass?



and Advent. White and gold signify joy and glory and are for Christmas and Easter. Red, recalling Christ's blood, is worn on Good Friday and the feasts of the martyrs. It also recalls the Holy Spirit and is worn on Pentecost and Confirmations.

# Explain the Faith on five fingers

The best gift we can give our children is a close, loving relationship with Christ. An easy way to explain the basics of our faith in Him is to use the five fingers of the left hand:

**Pinky:** The smallest finger reminds us that we're weak and need a Savior. We must ask Him each day for the graces we need.

**Ring finger:** Traditionally, this is the finger on which married people wear a wedding ring. God's love for us is forever, like the perfect,



endless circle of a wedding ring.

**Tall finger:** Jesus died on the Cross for our sins and then He rose, victorious. He promises that if we stay close to Him, we will also rise, victorious, to Heaven.

**Pointer:** Jesus chooses each of us to imitate His example of love. He asks us to inspire others with our words and actions.

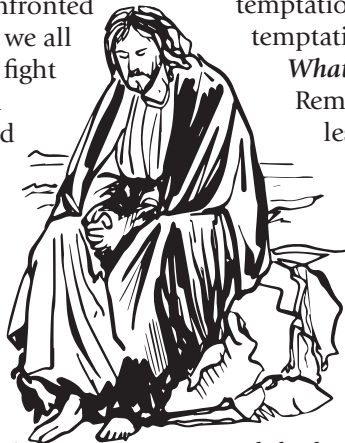
**Thumb:** As part of Jesus' Body, we are stronger together than alone. "Thumbs up!" reminds us to stay close to Him and invite others, too.

## Scripture LESSON

### Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus leads us to victory

In this Gospel reading, Satan tried to tempt Jesus to sin. Jesus confronted the three basic temptations we all face and showed us how to fight them: choosing self-control over selfishness, serving God instead of expecting Him to serve us, and remaining faithful to God's plan, even in the face of difficulties.

During the season of Lent, we join Jesus in the desert in prayer and fasting for forty days (not counting Sundays). We use this time to go deeper in relationship with God and to purify our hearts to love well, and to grow in virtue. Sooner or



later in our lives, we all encounter temptations, especially the temptation to give up.

#### What can a parent do?

Remind youngsters that the lesson of Lent is to come back to God and encourage them to make offerings that help them think, choose, and love like Jesus. For example, they can resolve to only say kind words, sacrifice dessert, help

around the house. Teach them to pray whenever they feel tempted. When we stay close to Jesus, He will lead us home.

## Parent TALK

Lent often felt like a holy diet to me. I focused on cutting out sweets, alcohol, and snacking. I ended up, six weeks



later, pounds lighter and not an ounce holier. When the children came along, I decided to look at the

three pillars: prayer, penance, and almsgiving.

On Ash Wednesday Mass we each offered a sacrifice – a favorite toy, screen time, some luxury. Then, we agreed that each night before bedtime we would pray a decade of the Rosary and offer spontaneous prayer.

Finally, we spent the weeks setting aside gently used toys and clothes to donate at the end of the season. We also increased our contributions to the poor box at church.

The emphasis on God and the practices the Church encouraged brought us out of ourselves and helped us approach Easter with a new perspective. As my daughter said, "Isn't that the whole point of Lent?"

## Feasts & Celebrations

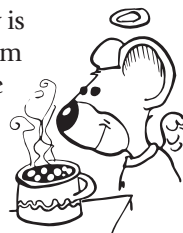
**February 2 – Presentation of the Lord.** In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple forty days after His birth, and Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior.

**February 3 – St. Ansgar (865).** St. Ansgar was born in Picardy, France. He was sent to a Benedictine monastery after his mother's death. After taking vows, he traveled to Denmark and Sweden to preach the Gospel.

**February 4 – St. Jane of Valois (1505).**

Briefly a queen of France, St. Jane was unwillingly married to the Duke of Orleans. Despite an unhappy marriage, she remained loyal and patient. When their marriage was annulled, she retired to Bourges and founded the Order of the Annunciation.

**February 22 – Ash Wednesday.** The first day of Lent. The ashes of old palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Today is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.



## Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children  
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# Family Lent Calendar 2023



= a day of fasting and  
abstinence from meat



= a day of abstinence  
from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February</b> "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> ).			<b>22 Ash Wednesday</b> Receive ashes at Mass and keep them on all day.	<b>23</b> Help children choose offerings of prayer, penance, and almsgiving. Make sure they are age appropriate.	<b>24</b> Today, have a simple meal together. Pray for those who can't have meat as a regular part of their diets.	<b>25</b> Set up a prayer corner. Drape a small table in purple cloth. Include a Bible, a candle and a pillow. Meet there at night for family prayer.
<b>26</b> "Bury the Hallelujah." Write the word, "hallelujah," on a piece of paper. Put it in a bag and bury it in the ground to be "resurrected" on Easter.	<b>27</b> Make a Lent prayer chain. Write 40 intentions on strips of paper. Each day, choose a strip, say a prayer for the intention and add it as a link to the chain.	<b>28</b> Give up a favorite snack today for the souls in Purgatory.	<b>1 March</b> Check out Catholic Relief Services and see if you can help support any of their projects. Look here: <a href="https://www.crs.org">https://www.crs.org</a> .	<b>2</b> At dinner tonight, encourage everyone to think of a person he or she doesn't like and say three nice things about that person.	<b>3 First Friday</b> Attend Mass or make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in church. Pray for a fruitful Lent.	<b>4</b> Pray a family Rosary together in your prayer corner.
<b>5</b> After Mass, light a candle for someone who passed away recently. Your parish family will join their prayers to yours.	<b>6</b> Set out an empty box. Throughout Lent, add any unused clothes, books, or toys that are in good condition.	<b>7</b> Pick someone in the news and pray for them.	<b>8</b> Each day remaining in Lent, put a jelly bean in a jar whenever someone does a good deed. Share the jelly beans at Easter!	<b>9</b> At dinner, share one way God showed His love to each of you today.	<b>10</b> Consider fasting from screens tonight. Play boardgames, draw pictures, do a puzzle, read books together.	<b>11</b> Family story night! Cuddle up tonight and read Easter-themed books, such as the <i>Legend of the Three Trees</i> or <i>The Week That Led to Easter</i> .
<b>12</b> After Mass, explain the homily in terms children can understand. Come up with a resolution for the week.	<b>13</b> Resolve to use only kind words today.	<b>14</b> Monks would roll dough and twist it into crossed "prayer" arms -- now known as pretzels. Enjoy this traditional Lenten snack.	<b>15</b> The Our Father is the perfect prayer, given by Jesus to us. Pray the Our Father together and talk about what it means.	<b>16</b> Prepare souls for Easter! Ask each family member to make an examination of conscience, using the Ten Commandments and eight Beatitudes as guides.	<b>17</b> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> In St. Patrick's honor, pray for Catholic missionaries and those involved in religious education.	<b>18</b> Go to Confession as a family. Go out for a special treat afterwards to celebrate God's forgiveness.
<b>19 Laetare Sunday</b> Today, we look forward to Easter joy! Have a treat after Mass to celebrate the midpoint of Lent.	<b>20 St. Joseph's Day</b> St. Joseph served, protected, and cared for Mary and Jesus. Entrust fathers (including priests) to his care.	<b>21</b> Refresh any Lenten commitments you made.	<b>22</b> Say a short prayer in front of each cross or crucifix in your home.	<b>23</b> At dinner, go around the table and share something for which you are each grateful.	<b>24</b> Go on a screen fast (from recreational use) from noon to 3, in memory of the three hours Jesus hung on the Cross.	<b>25 Annunciation of the Lord</b> We celebrate Mary's "Yes" to God. Pray three Hail Marys for help to be faithful to God's plan.
<b>26 Spiritual Bouquet</b> Have each person choose a prayer to offer daily for your pastor. Send a card with everyone's promises.	<b>27</b> Get up 15 minutes earlier than usual today and pray as a family.	<b>28</b> Practice patience -- a form of almsgiving that is especially pleasing in God's eyes.	<b>29</b> Give up a favorite toy or treat just for today.	<b>30</b> Deliver the box you started on March 6 to its destination.	<b>31</b> Eat pizza, relax and play boardgames together.	<b>1 April</b> Dust, vacuum, clean and get your home ready to celebrate Holy Week -- the holiest time of the year.
<b>2 Palm Sunday</b> Palm fronds were a sign of victory and triumph. Decorate the statues and images of Jesus around your home with palms.	<b>3</b> Tonight and every night this week, say a special prayer for those entering the Church during the Easter Vigil.	<b>4</b> Go for a walk and look for signs of new life.	<b>5</b> Using crayons or colored markers, draw Easter symbols. Hang them up to decorate for Easter.	<b>6 Holy Thursday</b> Read the story of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:20-30). Wash and dry each other's feet as Jesus washed the feet of his Apostles.	<b>7 Good Friday</b> Pray the Stations of the Cross together. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice on the Cross for us.	<b>8 Holy Saturday</b> Light a candle and renew your baptismal vows together as a family, promising to be faithful to God.