

## Virtue of the Week— SACRIFICE



This week our strength building on the virtue of Love for God is **SACRIFICE**. The strength to forgo one's own benefit for the good of others.

### PRAYER

Lord, You **SACRIFICED** everything dying for us on the Cross. You suffered all of that for our good, because you love us. May we learn how to **SACRIFICE** for those around us especially our family members, classmates and teammates. Help us to develop the habit of looking for ways to do good for others.

### Important Upcoming Dates

- Sun, 11/7: **Pre-Lego League** Rm. 101 4:00 pm
- Mon, 11/8: **Girls Basketball** vs. St. Jude @ Home 5:30pm
- Tues, 11/9: **Boys Basketball** vs. Georgetown @ Home 5:30pm
- Wed, 11/10: **Early Dismissal** 11:30am;  
**Teacher In-Service— No Aftercare**  
**Boys Basketball** vs. Hollis @ Home 5:30pm
- Thurs, 11/11: **Girls Basketball** @ Limestone 5:00pm  
**Boys Basketball** vs. Limestone Waters @ Home 5:30pm

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The 5th Grade attended  
PND Fine Arts Day.



**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.



**AND THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN ...** On Friday, October 29th, our first graders dressed in their saintly best and presented stories of great faith, sacrifice and love. Additionally, **PIN DAY!** Our second graders took another step toward the Sacrament of First Communion. Your church family will be praying for you!



**On Friday, October 29th, the Kindergarten dressed up for Halloween.**



**2nd graders, Leo, Joseph and Maddox making a leaf pile for the kindergartners.**



**Kindergarten having fun with shaving cream.**



**“Reverence, Respect, Responsibility...  
Excellence in Academics and Faith Formation”**



Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11th, your child can enjoy a patriotic-themed FREE DRESS DAY for a small donation to the St. Monica/St. Patrick Food Pantry.

Please consider donating:

- low sugar and whole grain cereals
- boxed mac and cheese
- peanut butter
- canned fish
- canned chicken
- canned beans (black beans, pork and beans)
- canned fruits (especially those packed in 100% fruit juices)
  - mandarin oranges
  - pineapple
  - peaches
- lower sodium canned soups and vegetables
  - corn
  - green beans
  - peas

Please make sure the food items have not expired.

Thank you for your support!

- St. Pat's Parent Ministry



# Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

November 2021

**St. Patrick School**

Doreen Shipman, Principal



## Thoughtful Moments

### Good questions

Before you ask your child a question, think about why you are asking. Are you looking for information or does a statement work better? "Why don't you ever remember to feed the dog?" serves no constructive purpose. Instead, think about saying, "You haven't fed the dog and he looks pretty hungry." A statement of the problem gives your child the chance to come up with his own solution.



### Judge not

Help children to remember that criticizing others is a serious business. *"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven"* (Luke 6:37). Better to worry about our own behavior and let others do the same.

### Happy New Year!

The first Sunday of Advent (November 28) is also the first day of our new liturgical year. We begin Sunday Cycle C this year. Advent is the first season of the Church year.



## Cultivate thankful hearts

A recent study found that gratitude is connected to happiness in children as young as five years old. Thanksgiving provides an opportunity to nurture gratitude and create awareness of the source of our blessings. *"Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever"* (1 Chronicles 16:34).

**Show children your thankful heart.** Be a role model of gratitude by thanking God for His blessings. Enumerate your favorite gifts out loud, and encourage children to count their own: God's love, your family, your parish, your health.

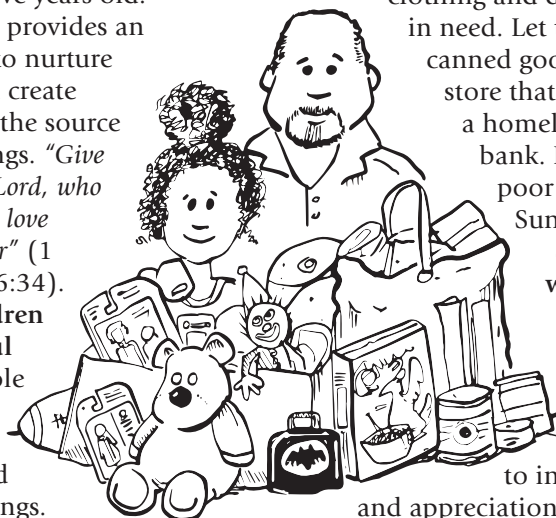
**Serve the poor.** When children are given the opportunity to help others, they become aware of the abundance

in their own lives. During Advent, collect gently used toys and clothing and donate to children in need. Let them choose canned goods at the grocery store that you can donate to a homeless shelter or food bank. Put money in the poor box at church on Sunday.

**Schedule a "go without" day.** Pick an item to eliminate for a day – screens, sweets, soft drinks, bread – to increase awareness

and appreciation when it is reintroduced. Remind youngsters that many around the world go without each day.

**Make it a habit.** At dinnertime or bedtime, take turns sharing one reason each of you felt gratitude that day. Be sure to thank God after every one.

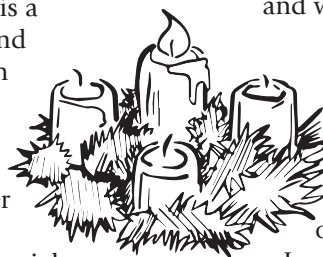


## Why Do Catholics Do That?

The season of Advent is a time of joyful waiting and preparation for the birth of Christ. We are encouraged to meditate on Mary's humble and trustful "Yes" to God, her joy at the fulfillment of God's promise of the Messiah,

## Why do Catholics celebrate Advent?

and what must have been a joyful-but-busy time preparing for the birth of Jesus. As we spiritually accompany Mary in preparing for the Christ Child, we can prepare our own hearts and homes for Jesus' coming at Christmas.



## Minimize holiday stress

As we emerge from the pandemic, we may feel pressure to return to “normal” during the holidays. Yet, taking on too much can lead to stress and burnout. Try these strategies to savor joyful family moments.

**Avoid multi-tasking.** A busy pace during Advent will keep us from enjoying precious moments with our children. When involved in a family activity – baking cookies, stringing popcorn, wrapping gifts, singing carols – turn off phones and screens, and focus on the moment.

**Make a family holiday calendar.** Make or buy



a wall calendar dating from Thanksgiving through the first week of the New Year. Hang it in a high traffic area. List all invitations, announcements, and other events you will attend as a family. Watch for and eliminate overscheduling.

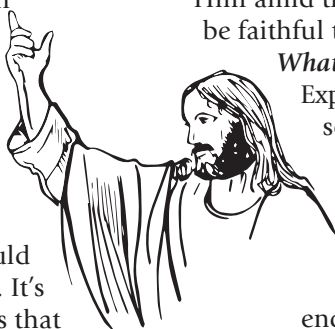
**Steal away.** Take a few moments to visit with Jesus during the season. Attend extra Masses, steal away to pray before Him in the Blessed Sacrament in church. The peace you receive from being in the Real Presence will keep you going through a busy time.

### Scripture LESSON

### Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, Do not fear, but prepare!

In this Scripture passage, Jesus tells His listeners that His return at the end of time will be accompanied by catastrophic events. If we are faithful to Him, we have nothing to fear. Still, we should be prepared.

First, when the signs happen, Jesus said we should stand straight and look up. It's when things seem hopeless that God, the source of hope, draws closest to us. We will be strengthened by hope, because “salvation is at hand” (21:28). Second, He tells us to be alert for His coming. Lastly, Jesus tells us to



pray for the grace to be faithful to Him amid the tribulations – to be faithful to Him to the end.

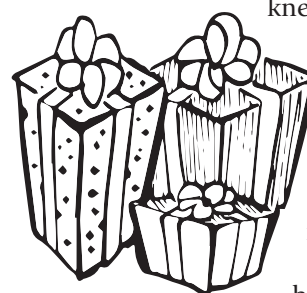
#### What can a parent do?

Explain to children that sometimes life can be hard and bring challenges. This is when we can lean on God for strength, hope, and encouragement.

Encourage them to ask God for help with whatever is on their mind, even if it's little. God truly does know what is best for us and will always take care of us.

### Parent TALK

Mom was tight with money when I was young. When I asked for the latest toys or cool clothes, she usually said, “We don't have money for that.” I



knew we weren't poor; I figured she just didn't want to spend money on me.

Instead, I have showered

my children with gifts – they get things before they know they want them. A few years ago, we were packing for a move and I saw boxes of unopened games and clothing with price tags still on them in Kara's closet. She said, “Mom, I don't want to hurt your feelings but I don't need all this stuff.” So rather than move it, we gave it away.

Now I buy three gifts that the kids really want for Christmas and birthdays, and only what they need in between. They value what I give, and I realize my mother really did know best.

### Feasts & Celebrations

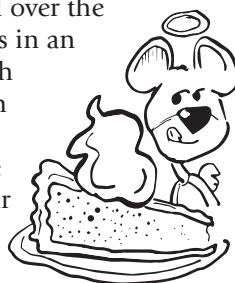
**November 14 – St. Lawrence O'Toole (1180).** As archbishop of Dublin, he was known for his role as a mediator and peacekeeper in English-Irish relations and for his charity to the poor.

**November 15 - St. Albert the Great (1280).** Born in Germany, St. Albert joined the Dominican Order against the wishes of his family. He is called the Father of Natural Sciences and mentored St. Thomas Aquinas.

**November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231).** The daughter of the

King of Hungary, she was only married for just six years. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order after her beloved husband's death and spent the last years of her life caring for the poor. She is the patron of Catholic charities.

**November 28 - First Sunday of Advent.** During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth. Catholics all over the world light candles in an Advent wreath each night of the season to signal the coming of the true light of Christ. Year C begins.



### Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children  
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In order to raise money for the parish and have a little fun.....

# ST. PAT'S IRISH SWEEPSTAKES

This raffle will begin November 5, 2021 and will run through Christmas Day, December 25, 2021.

## 10 CHANCES TO WIN

- 8 chances to win \$150 (One Drawing on Each Friday Nov. 5-Dec. 24, 2021)
  - \$500 Thanksgiving Day Drawing
  - \$1000 Christmas day Drawing

Winners need not be present to win. Purchase or sell the enclosed tickets anytime between now and December 23, 2021. Tickets are available in the parish office or online. All proceeds will go toward repairing leaks/repairs in the church.

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 on the reverse side 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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# Peoria Notre Dame Dance Team

## Christmas Dance Camp 2021

Let us watch your little ones while you do some Christmas shopping!



Who: Girls 4 years old through 8th grade  
When: Saturday, December 4, 2021  
Where: PND Gym (Check-in will begin at 8:15 AM)  
Time: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
Performance Time: 11:20 AM  
Cost: \$40

Please contact **Coach Tally Sevier** at [pnddanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:pnddanceteam@gmail.com) with questions.

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Mail or drop off your form and payment to:  
**Peoria Notre Dame - C.O. PND Dance Team – 5105 N. Sheridan Rd. – Peoria, IL 61614**  
Checks payable to Peoria Notre Dame High School

Dancer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: PreK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_

T- Shirt Size: Youth ☐ SM ☐ MD ☐ LG Adult ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L

\*\*\*You are guaranteed a T-shirt if registered by November 22, 2021.\*\*\*

Participants in the 2021 PND Dance Christmas Camp are not covered by medical or accident insurance. In consideration of the acceptance of registration, we hereby release Peoria Notre Dame High School, the 2021 PND Dance Christmas Camp, and all of its employees/volunteers from all claims on account of injuries that may be sustained while attending the 2021 PND Dance Christmas Camp. We hereby agree to indemnify Peoria Notre Dame High School, PND Dance Christmas Camp, and all of its employees/volunteers for any claim that may be hereinafter presented by the participant of any injuries.

☐ I give the PND Dance Team permission to post pictures and/or videos of my dancer on their social media websites (team website, Instagram, Facebook, etc.).

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





# Washington District Library

## TWEEN EVENTS

### November 2021

### Bingo

Tuesday, November 2 @ 6:30 PM

Sunnyland Branch

Kids can win terrific prizes!.

All ages are welcome.



### Art & A Movie



*Beauty & the Beast & Stained Glass Art*

Friday, November 19 @ 4:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Join us for an evening of crafting and a movie every 3rd Friday of the month.

Ages: 9-18 Registration Required.

### STEAM POWER

#### Makey Makey

Thursday, November 4 @ 4:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Come in for a different STEAM-inspired activity on the 1st Thursday of every month.

Intended for ages: 5-12

### Tween Thursday

#### Beaded Macrame Wall Hanging

Thursday, November 11 @ 6:30 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Join Miss Cassie every 2nd Thursday of the month for a variety of events & activities. This month we will be crafting a bohemian-style wall hanging, the perfect decor item for any tween's room.

Registration Required.

### Family Movie Matinee

**Peter Rabbit 2 - PG (2021)**

Sunday, November 21 @ 2:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Bring the whole family every 3rd Sunday of the month to enjoy a movie! Popcorn provided.

All ages are welcome.

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Library Closed: November 25 & 26

**Older Tweens: Don't forget to checkout our Teen Events for those in grades 6-12.**

### BOOK SCOUTS

Want to be a part of a book club, but just don't have time to meet up regularly?

Join our Book Scouts Beanstack Challenge!

Ages: 9-14

Get Social With Us!





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## SCHOOL AGE EVENTS

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### BROWN BAG IT

-Communication Junction-

Wednesday, November 10 @ 11:30 AM

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### CRAFTERNOON

#### - PUMPKIN PIE SOAP DOUGH -

Wednesday, November 24 @ 4:00 PM

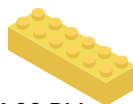
Main Library Meeting Room

Come in to get crafty on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

Intended for ages 5-12.



### Lego Club



Tuesday, November 30 @ 4:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Use library-supplied Legos to build original creations that will be displayed for the month!

Ages: 5+

### COME SEE US!

Visit the children's department at the Main Branch in the month of November to make a feather to add to Meatball the Turkey!

Ages: 5-12

Get Social With Us!





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## TODDLER EVENTS

### November 2021

### Fall Storytime



**Week of Sept. 20 – Week of Nov. 15**

**Main Library Meeting Room**

**Little Listeners- 2-3 Year Olds: Wed, 10:00 AM**

20 minutes of short stories, rhymes, & songs, to be enjoyed from the comfort of a caregivers lap. Storytime is followed by 10 minutes of sensory playtime.

**Baby Bounce- 0-24 Months: Thurs, 9:30 AM**

30 minute music and movement class that teaches pre-literacy skills and prepares your child for a storytime-like setting.

**Ready Readers- 4-6 Year Olds: Thurs, 2 PM**

30 minutes of stories, songs, & rhymes, followed by a 15 minute craft time.

**Together Time- 3-6 Year Olds: Fri, 10:30 AM**

30 minutes of stories, songs, & rhymes, followed by 15 minutes of activity stations. Stations include craft, sensory bins, and dramatic play.



### Tots & Tunes



**Monday, November 15 @ 10:30 AM**

**Main Library Meeting Room**

Get your groove on at the library!

Music, party lights, and bubbles- what's not to love?!

Intended for ages 0-4.

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### Bedtime Stories

**Tuesday, November 30 @ 6:30 PM**

**Main Library Meeting Room**

Say goodnight with the library! This

once a month storytime is 30 minutes of bedtime books, soothing songs, gentle stretches, and a quiet (and mess free!) craft.

Pajamas and stuffed animals encouraged!

All ages are welcome.



### GOING TO MISS STORYTIME?

Play with your storytime friends  
while visiting our tiny town

Every Friday December 3 - January 21!

**Ages: 0-4**

**Get Social With Us!**

