

Virtue of the Week— TENACITY



This week we look at the virtue of **TENACITY** - The strength to grip on to a goal and refuse to give up. **TENACITY** is an awesome strength to have on a team, group and within a family. It's a joy to be around **TENACIOUS** leaders.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for this day, this opportunity, this time together. Strengthen our wills and forge our resolve to be more **TENACIOUS** in our pursuit of excellence in every area of our life.



Happy Birthday...

Tatem, 2nd Grade—April 12th

Aiden, 8th Grade—April 12th

Annaliese, Kindergarten—April 13th

Important Upcoming Dates

May 14-15: State Track Meet;
No School (Fri. May 14th)
May 21: Graduation; 6:00pm Tentative
May 26: Tentative Last Day of School;
11:30 am Dismissal

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Mrs. Smith's 8th Grade ELA is reading
The Hunger Games for their last quarter at
St. Patrick School.



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Mrs. Aurit challenging her 4th Grade class to a race!
Run Mrs. Aurit Run!



Mrs. Nunley's Kindergarten friends made
 Bunny Traps before Spring Break!



**Miss Naujalis updated the
 St. Patrick Day Wagon Parade
 video with the students narrating
 their floats. Enjoy the Video!**

<https://youtu.be/GHeHeLpJklc>

Scholastic Bowl Schedule

Thurs. Apr. 15: Home vs. Washington
 Middle School D52
 3:15 pm

Girls Basketball

Mon. Apr. 12: @Blessed Sacrament
 5:30pm
 Tues. Apr. 13: Home vs. St. Joseph
 5:30 pm
 Thur. Apr. 15: @ Rankin 5:00pm
 Mon. Apr. 19: Home vs. St.
 Philomena 5:00pm
 Tues. Apr. 20: @South Pekin 4:30pm
 Tues. Apr. 27: Home vs. St. Thomas
 5:00pm
 Thur. Apr. 29: Home vs. St. Mary's
 5:00pm

Track and Field

Mon. Apr. 12: @WCHS Track
 5:00pm
 Mon. Apr. 19: @WCHS Track
 5:00pm
 Mon. Apr. 26: @WCHS Track
 5:00pm
 Sat. May 1 @WCHS Track
 9:00am
 Mon. May 3: @Eastside Centre
 4:00pm
 Tue. May 4: @WCHS Track
 5:00pm
 Sat. May 8: Sectionals TBD



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April 2021

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Thoughtful Moments

Start small

Concepts such as the Holy Trinity are difficult for anyone to understand, let alone children. That's why they are called, "mysteries." That doesn't mean you shouldn't introduce them, even when your children are young. As their cognitive abilities grow, they will understand more, but you can plant seeds even as they are young.



God trusts you

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the responsibility of parenting? Sometimes it can feel as if we aren't up to the task of doing the job right and if we had to do it alone, we might not be. Fortunately, God never intended to leave us on our own. When he gives us a child, he stays with us and guides us. If he didn't trust us, he wouldn't have chosen us in the first place.

Experience counts

"The glory of the young is their strength, and the dignity of the old is gray hair" (Proverbs 20:29).



Easter returns each Sunday

Easter morning comes after six weeks of darkness and sacrifice. In fact, the joy of Easter is meant to last throughout the year. "Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is Easter which returns week by week, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death" (*Dies Domini*, Pope John Paul II). Try these ideas to celebrate Easter each week:

Make ready for Sunday. Acknowledging sin isn't

comfortable, but it is essential in order to experience the joy of Easter. Turn Fridays into penitential days in your home during which you work to eliminate whatever keeps you from being best friends with God. Share meatless meals, fast from

television or video games, spend quiet time together.

Rejoice in reconciliation. Jesus knew that while our intentions may be good, our resolve isn't always perfect. That's why he created the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take your family to Confession regularly. Your children will learn that God is always ready to forgive.

Rejoice in the Resurrection. Before you participate in Sunday Mass, read the gospel selection out loud so that that

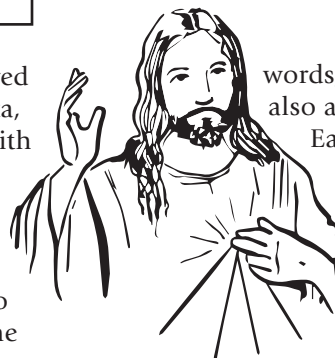
everyone is familiar with it. Talk about what the priest will do, the hymns you like to sing, or ask which prayers your children like best. This helps all of you to experience Mass, not just witness it. Easter returns every Sunday. Don't miss it.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday?

In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska, a simple Polish nun, with his hand raised in blessing and two rays of light radiating from his heart – a red and a pale one. He told her to paint the vision with the



words, "Jesus, I trust in you." He also asked that the Sunday after

Easter become the "Feast of Mercy," and promised that anyone who approaches him as the King of Mercy would receive special graces and great mercy.

Beautiful symbols of Easter

Easter is the most important feast day in the Catholic liturgical calendar, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We use popular symbols to represent truths about this holiday.

Lily: Lilies grow in spring – the season of new life. They begin as a bulb or seed buried in the ground that bursts forth with new life. Jesus was buried and then came forth with new, glorious life on Easter morning.

Eggs: The egg is a symbol of the rock tomb out of which Christ emerged when he rose



again. The chick, hatching out of the egg, symbolizes new life.

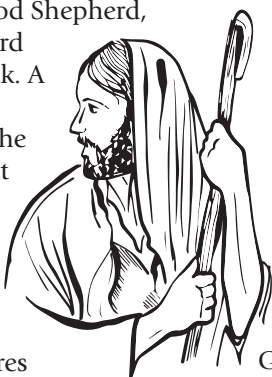
Lamb: The lamb was a sacrifice made during the Jewish Passover, celebrating when the “angel of death” passed over the homes of those who had lamb’s blood smeared on their doorposts, sparing the firstborn sons. Jesus was crucified during Passover week and was the ultimate sacrificial lamb. He is referred to in the Bible as the “Lamb of God” and “our Passover lamb.” During Easter, we celebrate Jesus’ passover from death to life.

Scripture LESSON

John 10:1-10, The Good Shepherd

This Gospel tells of our relationship with God. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, we are his flock. A shepherd guards and guides his flock. A flock of sheep knows its shepherd by voice. When he calls, the sheep follow that voice but not any other.

Society tells us today to follow our own voice. In fact, we get the message that it’s okay for us to each pursue our own desires and look after ourselves. As a result, when trouble strikes, we would have no one to turn to for guidance and comforting.



Jesus is now the Good Shepherd for everyone. As the Good Shepherd, he gives his life for his sheep. But he also looked beyond the sheepfold of Israel. His hope is to have one flock and one shepherd for the whole world, the Church which he founded.

What can a parent do?

The picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and us as the sheep he takes care of is appealing to children. We can reinforce that picture by stressing that our children can trust in Jesus.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 23 – St. Adalbert of Prague (997). As Bishop of Prague, Adalbert spent his life spreading the Good News. His efforts to reform the clergy of Prague were met with opposition that forced him to leave for Rome. While Adalbert was on a mission in Prussia, he was martyred by the pagan priests.

April 28 – St. Peter Chanel (1841). Born to a peasant family in France, Peter Chanel was ordained and entered the Society of Mary. He was sent to evangelize the Marshall Islands. Despite adversities, he

baptized natives, including the chieftain’s son. He was martyred by hostile warriors. The island converted two years after his death.

April 30 – Pope St. Pius V (1572). Born to a poor family in Italy, Antonio Ghislieri became a Dominican. After serving as an inquisitor during the Catholic Reformation, he became Pope Pius V. He established seminaries and hospitals, and published the Roman Catechism, Roman Breviary, and the Missal. He is known for efforts to implement the Council of Trent.



Parent TALK

The local paper carried an article about COVID patients in the hospital who were sad because they wouldn’t be home for Easter. Their families



were also upset because COVID patients can’t have visitors. The story in the paper touched my girls and we talked about how we could help. After a

discussion, we decided to make Easter baskets to bring to the hospital. I reminded the girls that Jesus said when we show compassion to the sick, lonely, or the forgotten, we serve him.

After a trip to the store, we assembled brightly colored baskets with a prayer card, Mass card, a stuffed animal, and some candy. Each basket was tied with a pretty ribbon, and we brought them to the hospital across the street from the church. We couldn’t deliver the gifts to the patients directly but the nurses assured the girls that everyone will truly appreciate them.

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PEORIA NOTRE DAME DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS

2021-2022 SEASON



Monday, May 3
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday, May 4
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
*Parent meeting @ 5:15 PM

Wednesday, May 5
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Thursday, May 6
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WCHS Pantherette Dance Team Try-Out Information

Why Join?

- To get involved, find your niche, and make new friends
- To learn and grow as a dancer and a performer
- To be a part of an IHSA & IDTA State-Qualifying Dance Team



What does it mean to be a Pantherette?

- Performances at Community Night, basketball halftimes, pep assemblies, March Madness, the Spring Showcase at Five Points, and more
- Participation in fun events like the Homecoming Parade, UDA Camp, Overnight stays, Guy/ Girl Dance, etc...
- Being a part of the Pantherette Competition teams
- Commitment to the group and consideration of how your choices impact the group
- Dedication of your time and attendance at practices
- Maintaining academic eligibility
- A chance to represent your school as a member, performer, and athlete

What will try-outs entail?

- This year there will be an optional technique session for new dancers to begin learning the try-out skills. This session will review technique for pirouettes, leaps, fouette turns, etc...
- There will be two try-out clinics where you will learn the routines, and then you will have a try-out slot with one or two other girls. While both try-out clinics will be run the same, the dances and technique will be taught at a slower pace on the first clinic day compared to the second clinic day. You are only required to attend one clinic, but you are encouraged to attend both.
- At try-outs you will be required to perform the routine that you learn, as well as several other dance skills.
- To the clinics wear proper exercise/dance attire. Bring dance shoes or socks for turning. **For the actual try-outs, you must wear all black and have your hair pulled back from your face.**
- The Thursday after the second clinic is the try-outs; you are required to be there 20 minutes before your time slot. You may leave immediately after you try out. You will sign up for these slots at the clinic.
- The team roster will be posted online on the evening of the tryout. You will be given a slip with the web address at the tryout.



What do you need to know before trying out?

- Participation in Fall and Spring Sports: Football Cheer, Volleyball, Track, etc... are all encouraged. But during the winter season you may not participate in another sport.
- Participation in studio dance is encouraged as well, but you may not participate in studio competitions until our state series is complete (mid February)
- At the clinics you will receive the following, and you need to bring them to the tryout:
 - Syllabus Rule Agreement
 - Try-out Questionnaire



What do tryouts entail?

- **New/ JV Dancer Technique Session - Thursday, April 21st from 3:30-5:00 pm**
(This session will go over basic leap & turn technique and is encouraged for dancers that have not previously been on the team or for current dancers that would like a technique review before tryouts)
- **Teaching Clinics**
(These sessions will teach the tryout routines and briefly review the technique in the tryout)
 - **Monday, April 26th from 5:00-7:00 pm**
 - **Wednesday, April 28th from 3:30-5:30 pm**
- **Try-out Slots**
 - **Thursday, April 29th between 4:00-7:00 pm**

If you have a problem with a time or date, please do not hesitate to contact Coach Lauren Metz at ljmetz@wacohi.net. You may also email Coach Metz with any questions that you may have!



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.



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



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