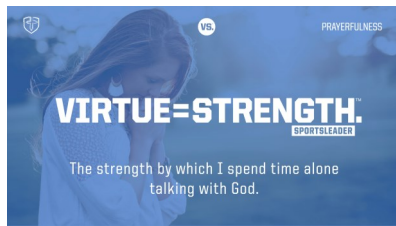




September 17, 2021

Virtue of the Week— PRAYERFULNESS



This week our strength building on the virtue of Faith is **PRAYERFULNESS**. The strength by which I spend time alone talking with God. **Prayer** isn't just another good thing to do; it's absolutely necessary if we want to know God's will in our lives and draw closer to him. Let's encourage one another to find the time and the willpower to **pray**. Let's be more intentional about embracing a life of **prayer**!

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for this day, this opportunity, this time together. Strengthen our wills and forge our resolve to be **PRAYERFUL** as we seek to grow in virtue.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Sat, Sept 18: **Baseball**—Regionals vs. Peoria Christian @ Roanoke-Benson Jr High 11:00am
- Mon. Sept 20: **Baseball**—Regionals (if win Saturday) @ Roanoke-Benson Jr High 4:30pm
- Mon, Sept 20: **Cross Country**—St. Jude Meet @ Donovan Park 4:00pm
- Tues, Sept. 21: **Girls Basketball** vs. Roanoke Benson 5:30pm
- Wed, Sept 22: **Cross Country**—Tazwood Conference @ Eureka Lake 4:00pm
- Thurs, Sept. 23: **Girls Basketball** vs. Epiphany 5:30pm
- Fri, Sept. 24: **Early Dismissal** 11:30am; WCHS Homecoming Parade

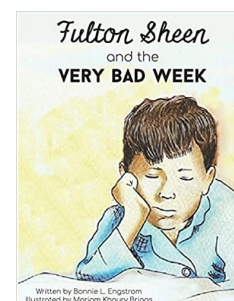
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Sr. Magdalena's Kindergarten Religion class did an action song on the Blessed Trinity



Congratulations to Bonnie Engstrom (Author) and Mari Briggs (Illustrator) on the release of their children's book, "Fulton Sheen and the Very Bad Week"!

It can be found on Amazon.



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.

Friday, September 24
enjoy a free dress day for
a small donation
to benefit the
St. Pat's Parent Ministry!

Spirit Wear



Free Dress!

Thank you for your
support!



Go Irish! Go Panthers!

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St. Patrick School

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Thoughtful Moments

A stranger in your home?

Would you let a stranger into your home, give him your child's undivided attention for hours, and let him tell her what



to wear and how to behave? Yet, that's what happens when children have too much unsupervised access to screens. To break the cycle, consider fasting from screens one day a week and substitute a family activity, such as reading aloud or playing board games instead.

Positive penance

Penance isn't punishment. When we do something that hurts our friendship with God, penance helps us to take responsibility for our actions and make amends. Our sin affects others, and our penance and reparation can, too.

The Baptized are never alone

Remind children that even when we aren't with them, God is. Baptism means we have been chosen by God and set apart for Him. Those who are baptized become part of God's family and He never forgets His own.



Take action to quiet worry

As we enter another school year in a time of pandemic, children may feel anxious about what's ahead. Taking spiritual action can help them feel less stress and worry. Consider these ideas:

Give God your troubles.

Encourage youngsters to write down concerns on slips of paper. Place them in a basket or bowl before a

crucifix or an image of Jesus. Then ask Him to handle your worries, and avoid thinking about them again. *"Cast all your worries upon Him because He cares for you"* (1 Peter 5:7).

Perform a daily act of kindness.

The best antidote to worrying about

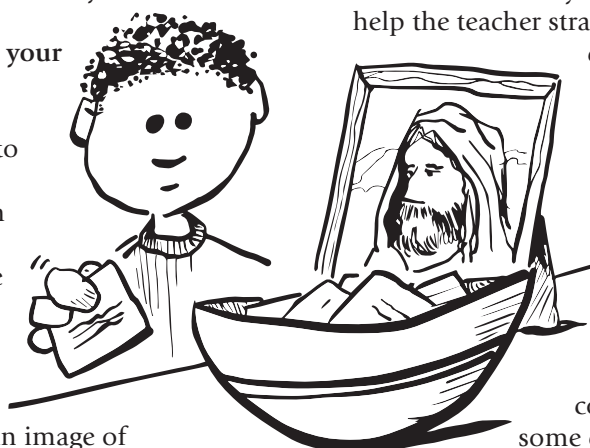
ourselves can be to think of others. Ask youngsters to perform an act of kindness for someone else each day. Do an extra chore unasked, sit next to a student who may not have a friend, help the teacher straighten up the

classroom. *"A friend owes kindness to one in despair ..."* (Job 6:14),

Pick a saint.

When a situation causes anxiety but is out of our control, call in some celestial backup.

Pick one saint each month to read about, learn about, and to ask for intercession. The saints are God's best friends, and He listens to them. *"... (I)f the word of the Lord were with them, then they would intercede with the LORD of hosts"* (Jeremiah 27:18).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

The word "catholic" comes from the Greek, "katholikos." It means "throughout the whole" or "universal."

The first record of the Church being called "Catholic" quotes a first-century letter St. Ignatius wrote to the Smyrnaeans, "Where



Why is our Church called "Catholic"?

the bishop appears, there let the people be, just as where Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church." St. Cyril of Jerusalem (347) wrote, "Now it [the Church] is called Catholic because it is throughout the world, from one end of the earth to the other."

Lean on Christ

Catholic parents want children to be strong enough to live virtuously as adults. It is critical for children to grow up leaning on Christ, not just meeting him as an infrequent visitor. Taking steps to keep youngsters connected when they are young will ensure they stay close to Jesus when they are grown.

Keep holy the Lord's Day by taking your family to Mass every Sunday and every Holy Day of Obligation. Avoid activities that would hinder worship or relaxation.

Lead a sacramental life. Encourage your family to receive Holy Communion frequently and the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.



Study and share Catholic teaching. See that children are properly Confirmed and remain active in their faith.

Educate children in the Catholic faith. Use parish schools or catechetical programs.

Strengthen the Church. Contribute to your parish, support your priests, the universal Church, and the pope.

Perform and teach penance for forgiveness of sins – our own and those of others.

Help spread the good news of God's love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Scripture LESSON

Mark 9:38-48, Work together for God

In this reading, the disciples were upset because a man they didn't know was healing in Jesus' name. Perhaps they were afraid of losing the spotlight, or they may have been concerned because he was different from them.

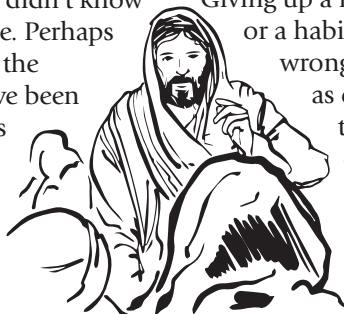
Faithful followers of Jesus don't all look alike or talk alike, but we do act alike. Christianity is a kingdom, not a competition. All are welcome to work together to build it up. Those who share a common faith in Christ cooperate, not compete.

Some of Jesus' words sound strange but he is very clear; we treat sin like a

cancerous tumor and cut it out. Giving up a friendship, an activity, or a habit that causes us to do wrong may seem as painful as cutting off a hand. But the consequences of our choices last forever.

What can a parent do? The caution against harming little ones in faith applies to us as parents and teachers. Our thoughts

and actions must be motivated by love so that we can model Christian behavior for our children.



Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 16 – St. Cyprian (258). Born in Carthage to pagan parents, Cyprian converted to Christianity and became bishop of Carthage. A noted orator and theologian, Cyprian helped Pope St. Cornelius defend the Church against Novatian heretics. He set guidelines for readmitting lapsed Christians. Cyprian was arrested for refusing to worship idols. He was exiled and subsequently beheaded.

Sept. 28 – St. Wenceslaus (929). As the king of Bohemia, Wenceslaus worked closely with the Church to end the persecution of the Christians in his

country. "The Good King" encouraged German missionaries, built churches, cared for the sick and poor. Political conflict led to his assassination by his brother. He was immediately recognized as a martyr.

Sept. 28 – St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions (1630). Lawrence was born in the Philippines to Christian parents—a Chinese father and a Filipino mother. Accused of murder, he fled with four Catholic priests and a leper to Nagasaki, Japan where there was violent persecution. They were arrested, brutally tortured and martyred on Okinawa.



Parent TALK

Throughout the months of the pandemic, Kara has been stressed and anxious. A worrier by nature, she said that she is afraid something will



happen to her (or us) and she doesn't feel safe. I realized that she needed to meet her guardian angel.

I told Kara that, according to tradition, each of us has a guardian angel who is with us from the moment of our birth until our death. Our angel stays by our side, tries to advise us for good, to steer us to the right path, and above all to help us be good people and good children of God.

Together we started praying the Guardian Angel prayer every night. We ask our guardians to look after us and protect us from harm. Now, whenever Kara feels concerned throughout the day, she whispers the same prayer and has confidence that she is safe in celestial hands.

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Washington District Library

TWEEN EVENTS

October 2021

Tween/Teen Taco Night

Monday, October 4 @ 4:00 PM
Five Points Banquet Room

Celebrate national taco day with a taco bar & a showing of Nacho Libre!
Ages: 9-18 Registration Required.



Art & A Movie



Cruella & Perler Beads

Friday, October 15 @ 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.



Tween Thursday Live Action Among Us



Thursday, October 14 @ 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 playing the popular game Among Us with the library as our ship! Call emergency meetings, complete tasks, and figure out who the imposter is?
Registration Required.

Halloween Haunted Houses

Saturday, October 30

10:00 AM & 12:00 PM – Main Library
11:00 AM – Sunnyland Branch



Build a spooky gingerbread house!
Ages 3+ Registration Required.
Registration begins October 1



FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 31
1:00 - 5:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Start trick or treating off right – at the library! Stop by for fall fun including costumes, crafts, games, and treats!
All ages welcome!

Main Library & Five Points

380 N. Wilmore Rd.
309.444.2241

Sunnyland Branch Library

16 Washington Plaza
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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

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SCHOOL AGE EVENTS

October 2021

STEAMPOWER

Cricut Trick or Treat Bags

Thursday, October 7 @ 4:00 PM

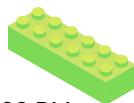
Main Library Meeting Room

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

Intended for ages: 5-12



Lego Club



Tuesday, October 26 @ 4:00 PM

Five Points Banquet Room

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

Ages: 5+

BROWN BAG IT

-Drive-In Movie-

Wednesday, October 13 @ 11:30 AM

Main Library Meeting Room

Bring your lunch to the library and enjoy a movie in your own box car!

All ages are welcome.



CRAFTERNOON

- CD SCRATCH ART -



Wednesday, October 27 @ 4:00 PM

Five Points Banquet Room

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

Intended for ages 5-12.



Family Movie Matinee

Scoob! - PG (2020)

Sunday, October 17 @ 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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Pantherette K-5 2021 Clinic Form & Information

The Pantherette dancers will be hosting a clinic at Washington High School. We would like to invite you to learn a routine with the Pantherettes and to be a part of a dance performance at a fall football game!



The Clinic:

When: Saturday, October 9th - Arrive Between 9:15-9:30 am

Where: Washington High School

What to wear: An outfit that allows easy mobility & a mask

The Performance:

When: Friday, October 15th - Arrive Between 5:45-6:00 pm

(The performance will be held at the football game, and will take place between the Freshmen Football Game and the Varsity Football Game—approximately sometime between 6:30 and 7:15 pm.)

Where to drop off: Washington High School multi-purpose room

(The clinic dancers will walk over to the field with the Pantherettes.)

Where to pick up: The gate to the track, leading onto the football field

(Young dancers will not be permitted to leave unless there is a parent present to pick them up.)

What to Wear: An outfit that allows easy mobility, a mask, & your Dance Clinic T-shirt (Currently masks can be removed during the outside performance. We will notify you if regulations change.)

The Price: \$30 (This price includes 2.5 hours of dance instruction, a T-shirt designed by the Pantherettes, a snack, a picture, and a goody bag with 2 tickets for the game)

Additional Information:

- A snack will be provided mid-session - and eaten outside (as long as weather cooperates), but girls may want to bring water bottles labeled with their names. Also if clinic dancers have a food allergy, please be sure to include that information in your sign-up.
- If you would like to see a sample of what the girls will perform, you may come to the Torry Gym at Washington High School at **12:00 pm**. After all performances, at approximately 12:15 pm, you may pick up your daughter.
- Clinic T-shirts can be picked up upon arrival at the performance.
- If you are unable to make the performance, clinic T-shirts can be picked up from the front office of the high school beginning Monday, October 18th.

Registration Options:

- **Online** - <https://wacohi.revtrak.net/extracurricular-activities/pantherettes-dance-clinic/#/list>
- (You may also access this link by going to www.wacohi.net, choosing "web store" on the left hand side, "activities", "Pantherette Clinic Grades KDG-5") *Online registration ends October 7th*
- **Drop Off Registration** - Fill out the attached form, write a check to **Washington Pantherettes** and drop off at the front office of the high school in an envelope, labeled Lauren Metz or Pantherettes. *Drop off forms must be received by October 7th*
- **Mail-in Registration** - Fill out the attached form, write a check to **Washington Pantherettes**, and mail to:
Washington High School Pantherettes
C/O Lauren Metz
115 Bondurant Street
Washington, IL 61571 *Mail in forms must be received by October 7th*
- **Walk-in Registration**- Arrive at the high school by 9:15 am where forms will be available to fill out. You may write the check there. *Walk in Registrants are not guaranteed a goody bag*

Please do not turn registration forms into your elementary school office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Coach Lauren Metz at ljmetz@wacohi.net or ask a Pantherette dancer!

Pantherette K-5 2021 Clinic Form



Please legibly print all information!

Information:

Student's Name: _____ (first and last name)

Grade: _____

School currently attending: _____

T-shirt size (please circle one):

child small child medium child large child extra large

adult small adult medium adult large adult extra large

In the space provided, please list any important information about this student (medical/allergies/etc...) that you think we should know for the clinic or the performance:

Emergency Information:

Guardian's Name: _____
(first and last name)

Primary Contact #: _____ **Secondary Contact #:** _____

Email address: _____

(Should you wish to attend the clinic again, we will use this email address to notify you of next year's information. Additionally, if there is a weather concern on the performance night, we will send out an email.)

Guardian Permission

I give my permission to allow my child to participate in the Pantherette Dance Clinic and performance. I understand that the Pantherettes and their parents will do their very best to watch my child and provide a rewarding experience, but the Pantherettes are not liable for any injury that should occur.

Guardian name (print) _____

Guardian Signature _____ Date _____