



— December 19, 2025 —

# Irish Messenger

Issue 10

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 19 - 11:30 Dismissal to begin *Christmas break*

Dec 20-Jan 4 - *Christmas Break*

Jan 5 - *Return to School*

Jan 9 - *2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Published*

Jan 14 - *2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Early Out, 2pm dismissal, no aftercare*

Jan 13, 15, 20 - *MAP Testing*

Jan 19 - *MLK, No School*

Jan 20 -  
*Preschool/Kindergarten Open House 6-7:30pm*

Jan 26-Jan 30 - *Catholic Schools' Week*  
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## Message from the Principal

As the season of Advent gives way to the joy of Christmas, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for your continued partnership in the life of our school. This sacred season invites us to slow down, reflect, and prepare our hearts to welcome Christ.

Christmas reminds us of God's great gift to the world, His Son, born humbly in Bethlehem, bringing light, hope, and peace to all. In our school, we strive each day to reflect that light through faith, learning, and service. I am deeply proud of the way our students have lived out the values of the Gospel this semester through their kindness, generosity, and care for one another.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, thank you for the trust you place in us. We look forward to welcoming our students back refreshed and ready to continue growing in faith and knowledge in the new year.

May the peace of the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes this Christmas season. Wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



# VIRTUE=STRENGTH.<sup>TM</sup>

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

VS.

## HOPE

The virtue of hope is a gift from God, placed or infused in our souls at Baptism, that gives us the strength to firmly trust that God will give us the endless happiness of Heaven and the means to obtain it, if we do what He requires of us.

January 2nd

January 9th

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

VS.

## CONFIDENCE

The strength to believe in oneself, fostering a sense of assurance in decision-making and interactions with others.



Merry Christmas



## Advent Challenge

Our Student Ambassadors hosted a special Advent Challenge for all classes to help prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. During this holy season, classes were challenged to pray the Rosary together, say the St. Andrew Prayer each day, build a WHIPmas Tree, and set up an Advent wreath as a visible sign of our hope, love, joy, and faith.

These faith-filled practices help keep Christ at the center of our classrooms and our school community. Thank you to our Student Ambassadors for leading us in this meaningful opportunity to celebrate Advent and grow closer to our LORD and Savior as we await His coming.



## All Aboard the Polar Express!

Our third graders had a magical day coming to school in their jammies to “ride” the Polar Express! They read the story, completed fun activities, enjoyed candy canes and hot chocolate, and ended the day watching the movie.

This special day has become a beloved annual Christmas tradition, creating memories our students will cherish for years to come.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Schlack for helping make this festive experience so wonderful for our students!

They had a great day full of holiday cheer and learning!



## 🎄 Brown Bag Christmas Tree STEM Activity 🎄

Students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade designed a standing Christmas tree using only a brown paper bag, and then decorated it. This fun STEM challenge encouraged problem-solving, creativity, and hands-on learning—perfect for the holiday season!



## 🏒 Community Spirit on Ice! 🎳

This week, students in grades 3–5 attended a Rivermen hockey game, cheering loud and proud while learning the importance of supporting local teams. It was an exciting experience that built school spirit and community pride!



# Good Disciples



On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Gorsage was caught being a good disciple! He pulled a shovel out of his van and cleared the sidewalk/crosswalk area for students & parents! Thank you!

## Have a Good Disciple Suggestion?

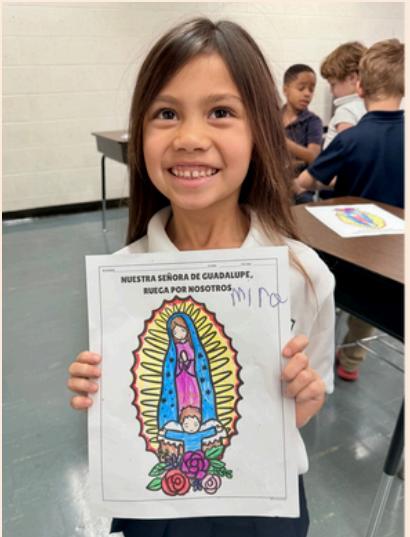
We love highlighting the good deeds of our students, staff, and families. If you witness someone living out their faith through service, compassion, or helping others, please share it with us! Send your Good Disciple suggestions (and a picture, if possible—it always makes the story even better!) to:

Mrs. Smith or Tammy Barron  
[barront@stpatswashington.com](mailto:barront@stpatswashington.com)



# World Languages

DURING OUR SPANISH SEMESTER, STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT THE LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND FAITH CONNECTED TO ST. JUAN DIEGO AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE. WE DISCUSSED HOW LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ARE CLOSELY CONNECTED AND ESPECIALLY ENJOYED LEARNING ABOUT THE MIRACLE OF THE TILMA.



# Our Lady of Guadalupe

LAST WEEK WE CELEBRATED THE FEAST DAYS OF THESE AMAZING SAINTS WITH SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS.



WE SANG "LA GUADALUPANA" AND "LA HIMNO A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE" DURING THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON THE FEAST OF ST. JUAN DIEGO.



WE CELEBRATED THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE WITH A BILINGUAL MASS.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- \*FR. FREDI FOR PRESIDING OVER THE MASS
- \*CLARE TSCHIRN AND OUR AMAZING CHOIR FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK PREPARING FOR THE MASS
- \*MARI BRIGGS FOR PAINTING OUR GORGEOUS TILMA



# LEGO LEAGUE

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to our First Lego League Teams who competed at Bradley University on December 6th. All of our teams are heading to sectionals!

Indiana Drones (7th grade)  
Won the Robot Design Award

Raiders of the Lost Code (8th/6th)  
Won the Engineering Excellence Award

FOR Loop Coders (8th/5th)  
Won 3rd in robot performance and the Breakthrough Award

# BASKETBALL

## Upcoming Dates

Jan 5 - Home vs  
St. Phil's @ 5:30 p.m.

Jan 6 - Home vs  
Rankin @ 5:30 p.m.

Jan 7 - vs Oak Grove West  
@ 5:00 p.m.

Jan 9-10<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
TBD @ BSS tournament

Jan 12 - vs D50  
@ 4:30 p.m.

Jan 14 - vs St. Jude  
@ 5:30 p.m.



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CHEER CLINIC PARTICIPANT'S  
CHEERING WITH THE SQUAD  
DURING HOME GAMES THIS SEASON,  
FUN!



ST PATRICK  
SCHOOL  
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**WE ARE HIRING!**

**OPEN POSITION  
AFTERCARE SUPERVISOR  
3-5:30 ON SCHOOL DAYS**

**APPLY NOW**

**MUST BE 21 AND A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

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# 15<sup>th</sup>



## Diocese of Peoria

PROCLAIMING CHRIST:  
YESTERDAY, TODAY,  
FOREVER

SEE HOW YOU AND YOUR  
FAMILY CAN PARTICPATE IN THE  
DIOCESE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY!  
MAKE SURE TO SHARE YOUR  
SERVICE HOURS TO HELP THE  
DIOCESE REACH 150 HOURS!

[WWW.CDOP150.ORG](http://WWW.CDOP150.ORG)



ST. PARTRICK SCHOOL

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
we show our Irish pride!

# **SPIRIT WEAR TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**



**STUDENTS CAN WEAR SPIRIT  
WEAR TOPS (OR MRS. HARRIS  
TOPS ON THURSDAYS) WITH  
UNIFORM BOTTOMS.**

# APPROVED UNIFORMS

## St. Patrick Approved Uniforms

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://st-pats-washington.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

<b>BLANK</b> Sport-Tek Youth Posicharge Polo <b>TEK</b> Youth Polo	<b>EMBROIDERED</b> Sport-Tek Youth Polo	Port & Company Youth Core Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt	Port Authority Youth Value Fleece Jacket	<b>BLANK</b> Sport-Tek Polo	<b>EMBROIDERED</b> Sport-Tek Polo
					
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Port & Company Essential Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt	Port Authority Value Fleece Jacket	Sport-Tek 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt	Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Stretch 1/4-Zip Pullover		
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## Uniform store is open throughout the school year!