



— January 23, 2026 —

Irish Messenger

Issue 12

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Jan 25 - CSW Mass
and Donuts @ 8:30am*

*Jan 26 - Friends and
Family Donuts and
Open House starting
at 8:00am*

*Jan 29 - Talent Show
@1:00pm*

*Jan 31 - Family Fun
Night - Glow Bingo
and Dinner starting at
5:00pm*

*Feb 11 - 2pm Dismissal
- No aftercare*

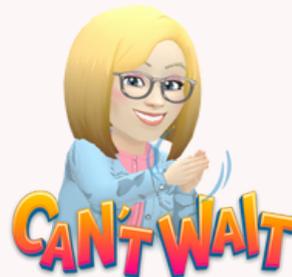
*Feb 16 - President's
Day - No School*

Message from the Principal

Catholic Schools' Week is a special time to celebrate our faith, our students, and the many blessings of Catholic education. We are excited to share a week filled with prayer, fun, and community!

Please join us for our CSW Mass on Sunday as we begin the celebration together. On Monday, we will enjoy a Donut Breakfast with friends and family, followed by our Talent Show on Thursday showcasing the wonderful gifts of our students. We will gather for a School Mass on Friday, and conclude the week with Family Fun Night on Saturday, a favorite event for all ages.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and our mission. We look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you!



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.



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WHAT IS CONTENTMENT?

The strength to find peace and satisfaction in the present moment, appreciating what one has rather than yearning for what one does not.

Contentment is feeling happy and satisfied with what you have, like enjoying a warm cookie or playing with your friends. It means appreciating the little things in life and not always wanting more. When you practice contentment, you can see how blessed you are and find joy in God's gifts around you!

Examples of Contentment:

- 1. Gratitude for Simple Blessings:** A person wakes up, enjoys a warm cup of cocoa while watching the sunrise, and feels deeply thankful for the peaceful moment without desiring anything more. This simple pleasure reflects contentment with the present.
- 2. Satisfaction in Work:** A worker feels fulfilled and satisfied after completing a project, not because it brought fame or financial reward, but because it was done with care and purpose. They are content with the knowledge that they gave their best effort.
- 3. Embracing the Present Moment:** During a gathering with friends or family, a person focuses on the joy of the shared experience without worrying about past regrets or future anxieties. They are content in the present, appreciating the company and the moment as it is.

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WHAT IS VIRTUE?

A virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good.

It is doing the right thing even when you don't feel like it!

Virtue is the strength to consistently choose and do what is good, fostering moral excellence in one's character.

Examples of Virtue:

1. Admitting to a mistake on a test or assignment, even if it results in a lower grade, because integrity is more important.
2. Volunteering to help a classmate who is struggling with homework, offering support or encouragement.
3. Listening carefully when others are speaking without interrupting.
4. Waiting in line without complaining.
5. Accepting praise with gratitude.

January 30

Good Disciples



Our library is truly blessed by the dedication of our wonderful volunteer librarians who faithfully serve each Tuesday and Wednesday to give our students a meaningful library experience. They joyfully read to our classes, enthusiastically participate in dress-up days, and work behind the scenes to keep our library in tip-top shape. Their time, creativity, and love for our students make a lasting impact. We are so grateful for these good disciples—Alyssa Morales, Katie Schlack, and Tammy Barron—for sharing their gifts so generously with our school community.

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

LEGO LEAGUE



Congratulations to our Lego Robotics teams for an outstanding sectional competition. Raiders of the Lost Code, FOR Loop Coders, Indiana Drones all represented our school with pride! Indiana Drone and FOR Loop Coders teamed up to win the Alliance Round! The FOR Loop Coders also won Best Innovation Project for their app and are advancing to the State Competition on February 14th. Great Job to all our Robotics Teams and their coaches!

VOLLEYBALL

Upcoming Dates

Jan 23 @ 4:30
vs St. Jude

Jan 27 @ 4:30
vs St. Mary's

Jan 29 @ 4:30 p.m.
vs South Pekin

Jan 30-31 TBD
7th grade Tournament
@ St. Thomas

Feb 3 @ 4:30 p.m.
At Rankin

Feb 4 @ 4:30 p.m.
vs D50

Feb 5 TBD
At St. Thomas

Feb 7 TBD
5th/6th Tournament
At Home



BASKETBALL

**GOOD
LUCK!!!**

Upcoming Dates

January 23rd
8th grade Regionals
@ Hartsburg-Emden
11:15 a.m.



SNOW much FUN!



Thanks to all who joined us for our preschool/kindergarten open house! And thank you to our teachers who made it awesome and our junior high volunteers!



ST. PATRICK 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.**



Catholic Schools Week 2026



United in Faith and Community

Sunday, January 25 – Saturday, January 31, 2026

Join us as we celebrate our faith, our students, and all who make Washington Catholic a special family of faith, knowledge, and service. Each day honors a different part of our community with special themes and activities!

<p>JAN 25</p>	<p>Celebrating Our Parish Rooted in Faith, Growing Together! School Mass – 8:30 a.m. Students and families participate as greeters, readers, and gift bearers. Donuts & Coffee Reception after Mass, hosted by students and staff.</p>
<p>JAN 26 JAN 27</p>	<p>Celebrating Our Community Washington Serves with Heart! Dress Theme: Orange, Black & Panther Spirit Wear Family Donut Breakfast 8:00-8:20 6-8, 8:50-9:10 PK-2, 9:40-10:00 3-5</p>
<p>JAN 28 JAN 29</p>	<p>Celebrating Our Students Let Your Light Shine! Dress Theme: Dress for Success/ Future Career Day Student appreciation day – Class Olympics, no homework Spelling Bee - Grades 5-8</p>
<p>JAN 30</p>	<p>Celebrating Our Nation One Nation Under God Dress Theme: Wear Stars or Stripes All School Rosary Letters or artwork for overseas service members</p>
<p>JAN 31</p>	<p>Celebrating Vocations Superheroes of Faith: Answering God’s Call Dress Theme: Dress as a Superhero! Father Daniel - Bishop Sheen Talk 8:30am, Talent Show 1:00-2:30pm “My Superpower from God” artwork</p>
	<p>Celebrating Faculty and Staff Thank You for Helping Us Grow in Faith Dress Theme: Spirit Wear w/ Uniform Bottoms School Mass Lunch provided for Faculty and Staff</p>
	<p>Celebrating Our Families Faith, Family, and Fun! Family Fun Night! 5-7:30pm Glow Bingo • Glow Art • Dinner • Music & Fellowship</p>

Together, we celebrate being United in Faith and Community!

Glow BINGO

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SPAGHETTI DINNER PROVIDED BY MICHAEL'S ITALIAN FEAST
AND SERVED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GLOW BINGO AND NEON FUN
MUSIC

BAKE SALE DONATIONS SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2026
DINNER DONATIONS SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE



SAT
JAN 31

5:00-6:30 Dinner
6:00-7:30 Bingo and Fun
St. Patrick School Gym



APPROVED UNIFORMS

St. Patrick Approved Uniforms

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

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2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

BLANK Sport-Tek Youth Posicharge Polo  3 Colors \$13.00	EMBROIDERED Sport-Tek Youth Polo  3 Colors \$21.00	Port & Company Youth Core Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$23.00	Port Authority Youth Value Fleece Jacket  2 Colors \$33.00	BLANK Sport-Tek Polo  3 Colors \$14.00	EMBROIDERED Sport-Tek Polo  3 Colors \$21.00
Port & Company Essential Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$21.00	Port Authority Value Fleece Jacket  2 Colors \$33.00	Sport-Tek 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$36.00	Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Stretch 1/4-Zip Pullover  3 Colors \$40.00		

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SERVICE HOURS TO HELP THE
DIOCESE REACH 150 HOURS!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FREE THROW CONTEST

FEBRUARY

11

6:00PM

FREE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.
NO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS.
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
EAST PEORIA CENTRAL JR HIGH MAIN GYM
AGES 9-14 BOYS AND GIRLS DIVISIONS
AGE ON JANUARY 1, 2026
AWARDS GIVEN TO WINNERS IN 12 DIVISIONS

DISTRICT COMPETITION FOLLOWING COUNCIL LEVEL.





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