



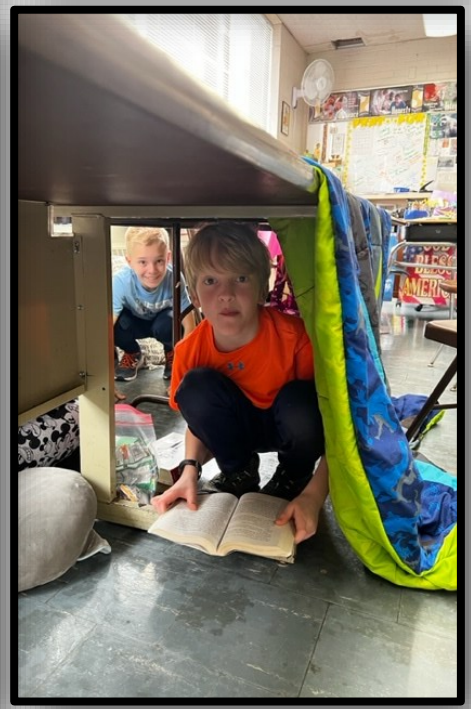
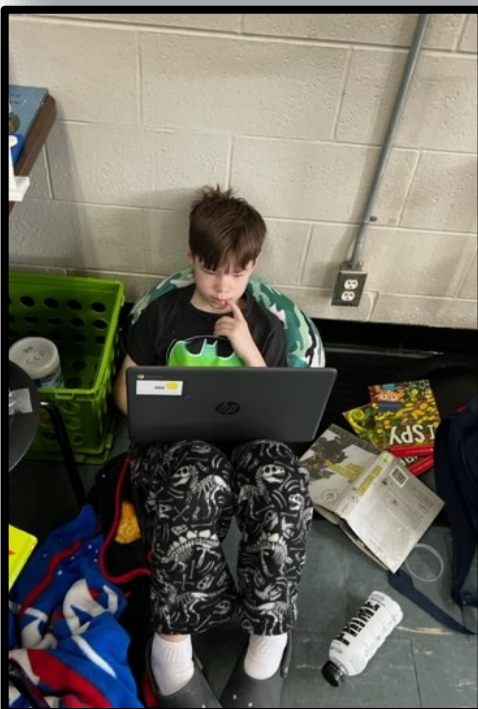
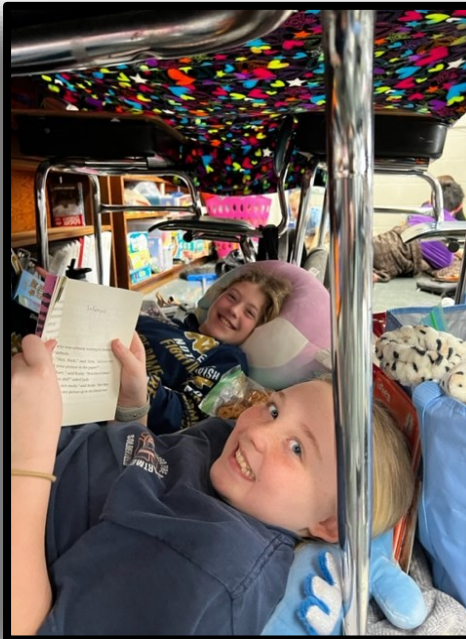
The **advanced bands** of St Patrick, Holy Family and Blessed Sacrament under the direction of Mr. Bill Booher and Mr. Tom Mindock combined last Friday evening, 2/24 at Germantown Hills Elementary School to play at the Illinois Grade School Music Association (IGSMA) organizational contest, earning 2nd place.

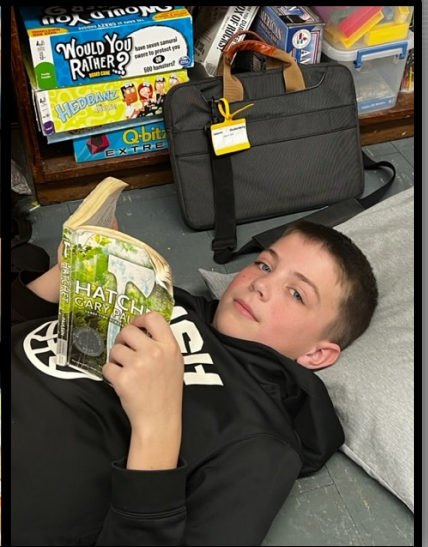
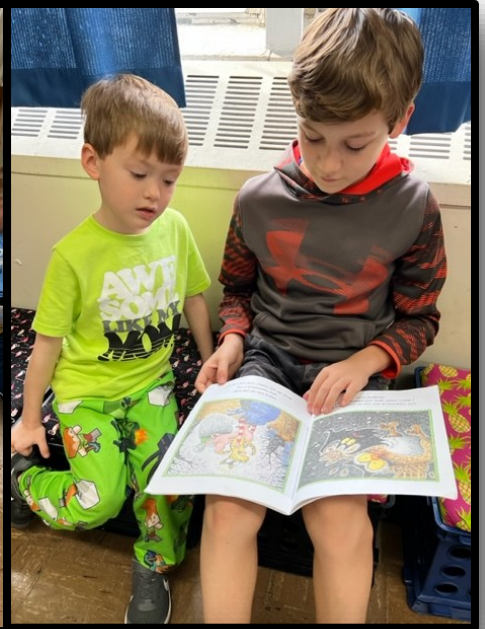
THE MISSION OF ST. PATRICK SCHOOL is to foster the spiritual growth and academic life of its students, faculty, and staff, and to teach children, with the cooperation of parents, a Catholic way of life.

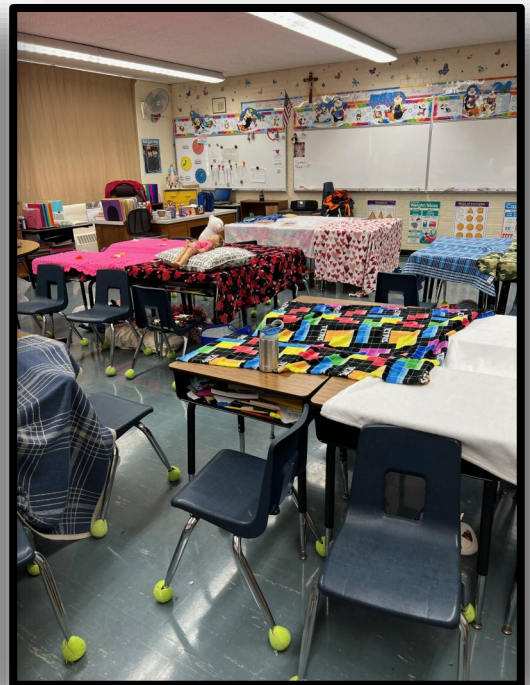
Read-A-Thon



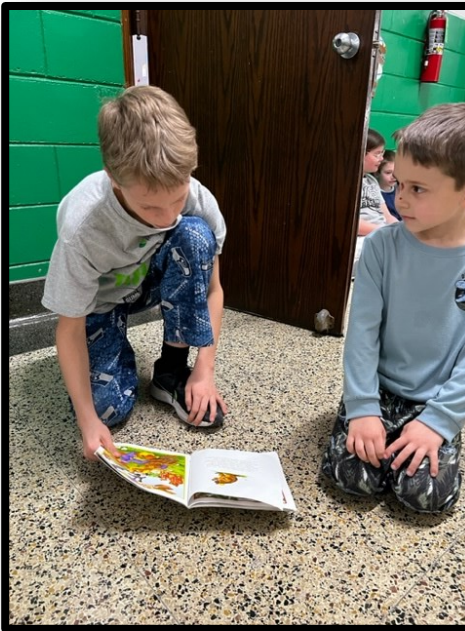
St. Patrick's School celebrated National Read-Across-America day on Thursday, March 2nd. Students got to enjoy a fun-filled and relaxing day of reading and reading activities. Students wore pajamas, brought blankets, and read books.







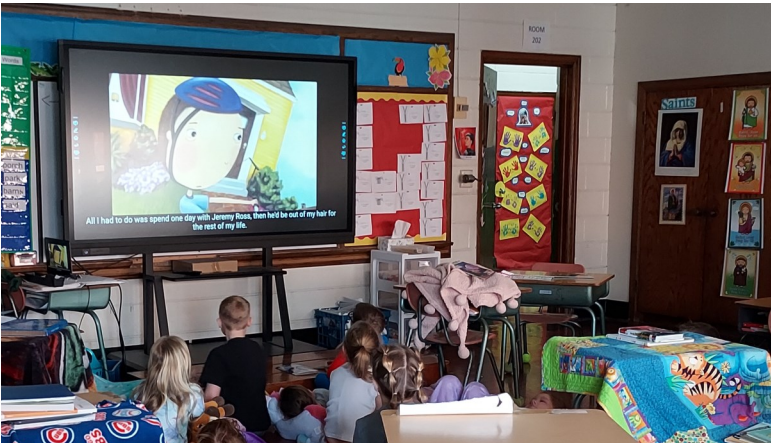
Fr. John and Mrs. Shipman were guest readers at the "Wild One Cafe" during the book tasting in the Third Grade. After we "tasted" different genres of books, we read by flashlight in our tent





1st Grade built forts and listened to the story "Enemy Pie" about a boy who learns how to make friends with someone who is hard to play with. First Grade also read with 8th grade.





Oath of Fidelity

This past week the two classes of men, who God willing, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate (May 20th) and the priesthood (May 27th) gave their Oath of Fidelity and Profession of Faith. After professing the faith by reciting the Nicene Creed they make an oath that essentially promises to be faithful to the Church, her teachings and to hand it on without error.

Nathan Hopper, who we pray for each day at school, was one of those men.

5th Grade P.E.

What fun they are having!



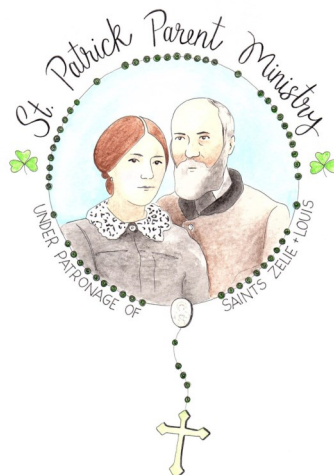


**“People are the
ladder to heaven.”**

-Fr. Bazi

St. Pat's Parent Ministry

Please join us for our next gathering!



Thursday, March 23rd

6:30pm

School Social Room

Hope to see you there! 🍀



Bishop Tylka will be coming to celebrate our All School Mass on Wednesday, March 15 at 8:15. He will also take part in the Rededication of the Cornerstone of the school. More information will follow about this special event.



Important Dates

MAR 8 WED - 7th & 8th Grade WCHS Play Preview Day

MAR 8 WED—4th Grade STEAM Day @ PND

MAR 9 THU - WCHS 8th Grade Orientation

MAR 10 FRI - End of Quarter 3; No School—Region 1

Faculty In-Service


MAR 11 SAT - Roaring 20's Pot 'O Gold Auction - 6pm

MAR 15 WED - Bishop Tylka Visits for the Rededication
of the Cornerstone of St. Patrick School & Sham
rock Reception

MAR 15 WED - Track Home vs. Local Schools (Practice
Meet) - 4:30

MAR 17 FRI - No School - St. Patrick's Day

Next Week's Virtue




VIRTUE=STRENGTH. **VS.**

JUSTICE

The virtue of Justice is the strength that consists in the constant and firm will to give God and neighbor their due.

Justice guides and perfects our actions in relation to others.

Last Week's Virtue



VIRTUE=STRENGTH. **VS.**

KINDNESS

The strength to be friendly, thoughtful and welcoming to others.

"The greatest kindness one can render to any man is leading him to truth." - St. Augustine

**St. Patrick School - 100 Harvey
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MECHANICAL MONARCHY

Invites you to their robot reveal and

OPEN HOUSE



Washington Community High School
115 Bondurant St, Washington IL, 61571

Saturday, March 11th, 2023

10am-12pm

Enter Through Door 11

Recipients of the invitation to the Robotics Team Open House,

We are glad to present our open house and robot reveal to our community, on the 11th of March. Please join us from 10 am to 12 pm, where you learn about each subgroup and get to enjoy the new robot for this year's competition, Charged Up. We would like to see you come and visit with us, Thank you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me.



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March 2023

St. Patrick School

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Thoughtful Moments

Better parenting in Lent

Is there a parenting habit you want to get rid of? Jesus came to free prisoners. With his help, work during Lent to let go of a habit you want to shed. Do you nag? Fail to listen? Spent too much time on your screen? If you would like to be a better parent, pick one habit and, one day at a time, work to let it go.

Unconditional forgiveness

Children learn about God's love from us, their parents. Lent is the perfect time to teach forgiveness. Attend a penance service as a family. Invite children to make an examination of conscience. Make it clear that unconditional forgiveness is part of any Catholic home. Seek God's help and the help of the larger community.



"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness"
(Lamentations 3:22-23).



Five ways to prepare for Easter joy

Lent is an opportunity to strengthen our family's spiritual life. We start by examining where we are and who we want to become as a family.

Recommitment: Resolve to live as a gospel-centered family and recommit to the Ten Commandments. Encourage reverence for God, modesty and respect for others, integrity in work, gratitude, and respect for others' possessions.

Reconciliation: Jesus said we should reconcile with our brother before coming to worship (Matthew 5:23:24). Commit to frequent Confession and make it a family practice to make amends and to repair relationships with anyone wronged.

Worship: Give your family the powerful grace of the Eucharist. Attend Mass together and encourage prayer and

participation from children. Teach them the prayers and the most common hymns sung at your parish. Cue them when to sit, stand, and kneel. Whisper together, "I love you, Jesus," at the elevation of the Body and Blood.

Togetherness: Shared time is an opportunity to share values and faith. When parents invest time – like family meals – to share their faith, children understand that

faith is important.

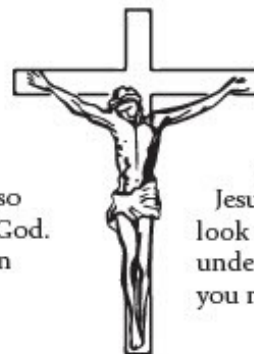
Service: Catholic Charities is active in most dioceses and offers many opportunities for faith-based service. You can also check with your parish, or refer to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops listing here: <https://tinyurl.com/2hmk97hk> to find a charity that speaks to your hearts.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

A crucifix – a cross with Christ's body on it – represents the ultimate act of love. It's a symbol of the price of our salvation, done so we could be in heaven with God. This sacrifice is renewed in an unbloody manner at Mass

Why do Catholics have Crucifixes in Church?



(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1367). "When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now" (Mother Teresa).

Correction, fraternally

Fraternal correction – or alerting someone to sin and encouraging them to virtue – is part of family life and is essential to forming children in virtue. It must be done carefully, however, to be effective:

Be discrete. If wrong has been done, Jesus said, “Go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone” (Matthew 18:15). Try to resolve conflicts at the lowest level. For example, if you have trouble with a relative, solve it with him or her directly and in private, instead of involving others.



Speak the loving truth. People close to us who offend don't always do so with ill intent. Always give the benefit of the doubt, but say what's on your mind. Give your loved one a chance to explain.

Pick your battles. Correcting the sinner is an act of charity. Children may try to push limits, and these are great opportunities to clarify what you value as a family. Choose the battles that must be fought, rather than the battles that can be fought.

Scripture LESSON

John 11:1-45, Generous faith, generous reward

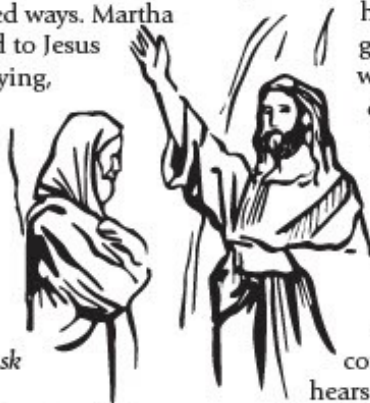
God always answers prayers, sometimes in unexpected ways. Martha and Mary had sent word to Jesus that their brother was dying, believing he could help. They may have been disappointed when he took his time coming to them and Lazarus died. Still, Martha demonstrated great faith: “Even now I know that whatever you ask of God he will give you.”

Jesus intentionally delayed so that rather than just heal Lazarus, he gave him new life. Martha didn't know what would happen, but she knew Jesus and she trusted his wisdom. His

response was a marvelous one: for her faith, he worked a great miracle. Martha was right: Jesus cared, he could help, and all things are possible with God.

What can a parent do? Tell children that they can talk to God about anything and that they can trust him completely. He always hears our prayers.

Sometimes God doesn't give us what we want but he always gives us what we need, right when we need it. We can trust that his answer to us will be marvelous, too.



Feasts & Celebrations

March 6 – St. Colette (1447). St. Colette was born in Corbie, France. She was orphaned at seventeen and gave her inheritance to the poor. She became a Franciscan Tertiary and lived in solitude. God later sent St. Colette to reform the Poor Clares. She founded seventeen convents under the reformed rule.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is

credited for having established the Church there.

March 18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem (386). Born around 315 and raised in Jerusalem, St. Cyril was ordained a priest and later appointed the Bishop of Jerusalem. He spent half of his office exiled by Arian heretics. He's known for his catechetical lectures.

March 20 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.



Parent TALK

Our children were so disruptive during Mass that my husband and I attended separate Masses to avoid bringing them.



After a while, I really missed attending Mass as a family. So I asked our pastor for suggestions.


The first thing Fr. Stan said was to sit up front. He said children pay closer attention when they can see what is going on. Then he suggested arriving 15 minutes early to pray a decade of the Rosary together. When children pray in a quiet church, they get the idea that church is for prayer – not play.

Finally, he said to take the family out for a treat after Mass. Not only is it a reward for good behavior, it helps make Sunday feel special.

His advice worked well. I still have to issue the occasional “shush,” but now we get to attend Mass together. And that's important for all of us.

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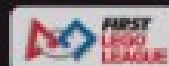
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