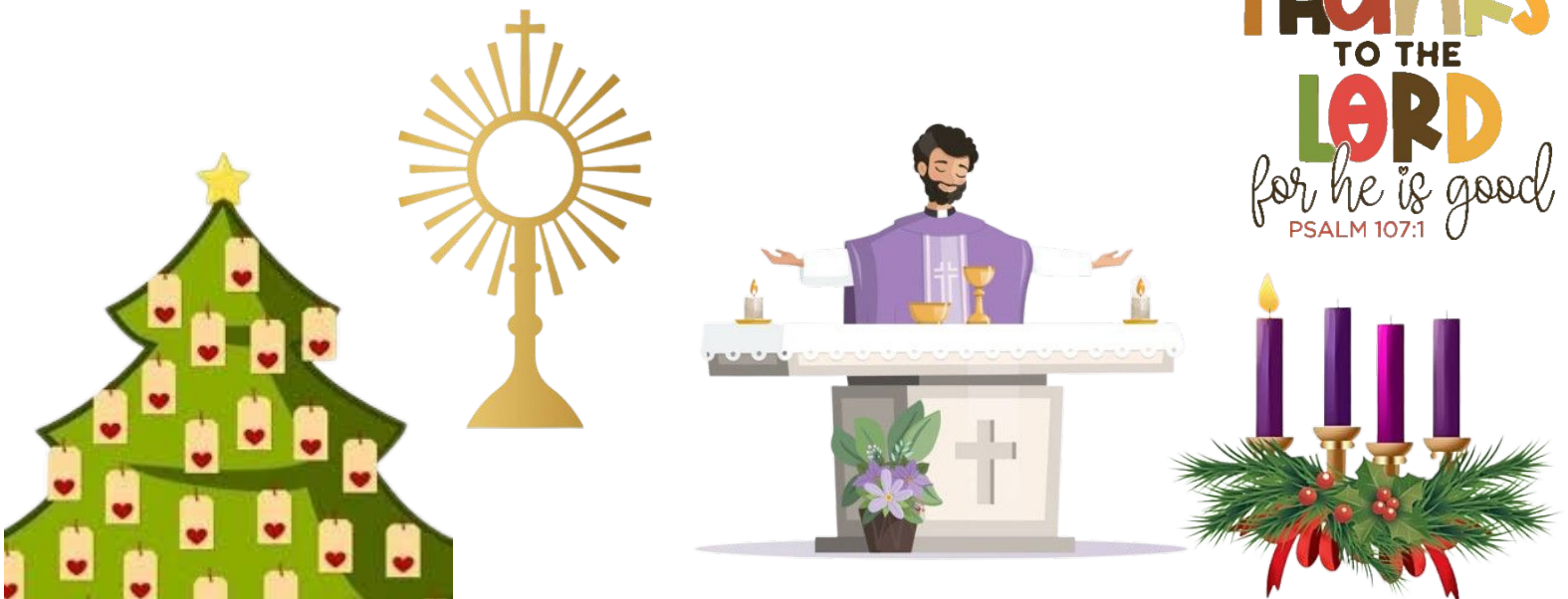


While we strive to keep Christ at the center of our school every day, you may be looking for a few extra ways to keep Christ at the center of your family this holiday season. Here are a few options right here at our parish:

- Grab a tag from our parish Giving Tree beginning this weekend.
- Attend adoration as a family, Thursdays 4:30-6:00 PM.
- Take your family to Thanksgiving Day mass, 8:00 AM at St. Patrick.
- Sign up in the church vestibule or by calling the church office to bring up the Advent Candles.
- Attend Father John's Explanatory Mass on 12/1/24 (more details in this messenger).
- Plan to come to Lesson and Carols on 12/18/24 (more details in this messenger).

**give
THANKS
TO THE
LORD**
for he is good
PSALM 107:1



Good Disciples

A friend in 1st grade didn't feel like playing because her hearing aids just kept falling out. Lily G noticed and stopped to ask if she could help. After Lily put Charlotte's hearing aids securely back in, Lily and Jude P asked Charlotte P to join their "blob" while playing "blob tag." Thanks to these Good Disciples, everyone had a great time in PE that day!



**By this everyone will know
that you are my disciples, if
you love one another.**

J O H N 1 3 : 3 5

Parents, let us know if you catch someone being a Good Disciple. We would love to share it in a future issue!

Three St. Patrick First Lego League (FLL) teams, consisting of eighteen students from 5th to 8th grade, are working towards their qualifying tournament on Saturday, December 7th.



They are discovering ways to code their robot and build attachments towards solving as many missions as possible in two and a half minute competitions.



Teammates are working together to demonstrate their impactful design process and progression through the season.



Also, their research project this year focuses the team on different problems and potential solutions for ocean exploration. Above all, they are having fun while they learn!

Women in Engineering

Thank you to Caterpillar and the Society of Women Engineers for hosting a few of our lucky 8th graders at their annual Women in Engineering event!



**The eighth graders have
found a new pet!**



**Jalapeno Curry the squirrel
is a wonder of nature, and
the class has been very
welcoming!**

Matchbox Microscopes



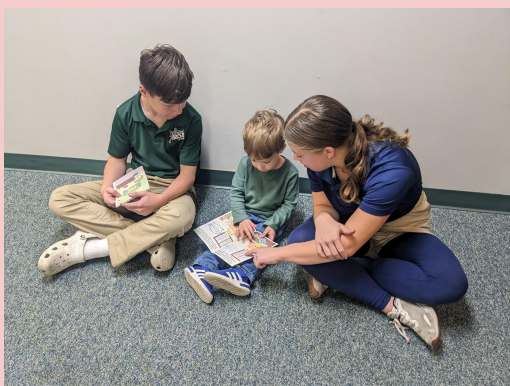
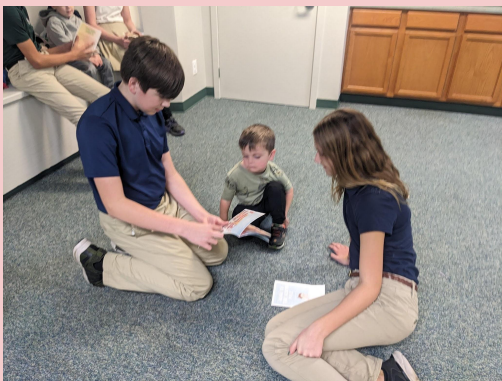
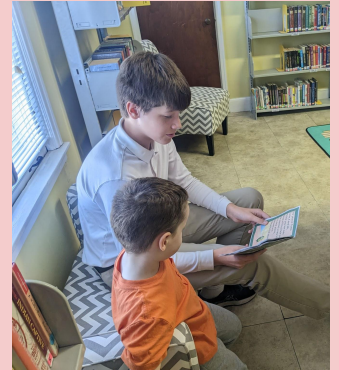
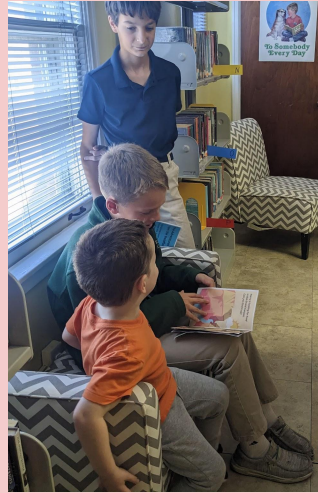
Our 5th Graders had a blast making matchbox microscopes during a recent Science unit!



Children's Books

Our 7th & 8th Grade Technology classes finished off their Canva unit by authoring and creating Children's Books using Canva. They were then able to read their books to some of their young friends!





Service Opportunities

New this year, **5th-8th grade students** please consider signing up to clean up the gym after home basketball and volleyball games, and you will be allowed in that night's game for **free!** 7th & 8th grade students are allowed to use one of these as a confirmation project. We are looking for 3 students for each home game.

Sign up link is below.

Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4CAFAA2FA57-51529829-clean?useFullSite=true#/>



Help Needed Ages 10
& Older



WHO: We are looking for 30 volunteers to pack the Washington Weekend Snackpacs.

WHEN: December 3rd, 2024, from 6 - 7:30 PM.

WHERE: Faith Lutheran (2206 Washington Rd, Washington, IL) lower level.

Please call, text or email Deanna Baele to let her know you plan to be there at 309-645-4246 and email: dmbaele@gmail.com

"At Snackpac we provide a free sack of nonperishable food items every Friday throughout the school term to any child who qualifies for the federal breakfast and lunch program and who enrolls in our program. Washington Weekend Snackpac started delivering Snackpacs in the fall of 2015. The 2022-2023 school term is our 8th year of helping children who suffer from food insecurity right here in our midst."

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

GRATITUDE

The strength to speak and act with a spirit of thankfulness for the gifts and blessings you receive.

EFFECTS OF GRATITUDE & INGRATITUDE

Gratitude:

- Makes us more positive and happy.
- Helps us appreciate what we have.
- Encourages others to be kind and giving.

Ingratitude:

- Makes us feel unhappy and unsatisfied.
- Hurts the feelings of those who give to us.
- Creates a negative atmosphere around us.

Bible Quotes:

- **1 Thessalonians 5:18:** "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
- **Psalms 107:1:** "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."



NEXT WEEK'S VIRTUE



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.™

VS.

SACRIFICE

The strength to forgo one's own benefit
for the good of others.

LET'S DO THIS

Go out of your way to
help someone this week!





Boys Basketball



Check out the "Upcoming Dates" page to catch them live in action or to watch a live stream on Facebook!

IESA 7TH GRADE GIRLS REGIONALS

11.16.2024

REGIONAL ROUND#2

*#1 Seed
Washington St
Patrick*

**12 00
PM**

*vs the winner of
Lowpoint /
Lostant*

IESA Admission: \$5/person



Winner plays for the Regional Championship on 11/19 @5pm!



Girls Basketball
8th Grade Night



*Thank you 8th Graders
& Parents*



Important Dates

11/26/24	2PM DISMISSAL (NO AFTERCARE)
11/27 - 11/29/24	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
12/11/24	2 PM DISMISSAL (NO AFTERCARE)
12/17/24	K-8TH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 5 POINTS 6PM
12/18/24	PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 8:30AM
12/20/24	11:30 DISMISSAL (NO AFTERCARE)
12/23 - 1/3/25	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK
1/5/25	SCHOOL RESUMES

Upcoming Dates

11/16/24	7th Girls Basketball Regional Semi-final @ Home 12 PM
11/19/24	Boys Basketball @ South Pekin 4:30 PM
11/19/24	7th Girls Basketball Regional Final @ Home 5 PM
11/20/24	Boys Basketball @ Riverview 5 PM
11/21/24	PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY
11/23/24	8th Girls Basketball Regional Semi-final @ Home 12 PM
11/25/24	Boys Basketball @ Blessed Sacrament 5:30 PM
11/26/24	8th Girls Regional Final @ Home 5 PM

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.

THE GIVING TREE IS COMING!

Please support this special collection for the following organizations

Threads, Hope & Love:

Toy or gift for all ages (infant to teen). Gift Cards - Walmart, Culver's, Taco Bell. No clothing, please.

St. Gianna Baby Pantry:

Infant (0-3 month) toys, baby wash, baby wipes, baby blanket, diapers & gift cards for baby or toddler

Catholic Charities:

Gift cards for teenagers, toys for ages 1-3, toys & games for girls ages 5-8 & 9-12, toys for boys ages 5-8 & 9-12, dolls, arts & crafts, board games, puzzles, stuffed animals, basketball or football, Legos, gloves & mittens, toy trucks, toy cars, winter hats, bath towels & wash cloths

The Center for Youth and Family Solutions (CYFS)

Guardian Angel Home: Home for boys, ages 6 to 11.

Super hero action figures (or Legos), board games (cards or Uno), twin size comforters (or socks), remote control cars / trucks / planes, personal hygiene items (or towels), fidget / pop it / sensory toys, weighted stuffed animal, TeeTurtle reversible plushies, bongo drums (or rhythmic instrument), Pokemon cards, slime or Play-Doh kits

CYFS Foster Care Visiting Rooms: Books & games for all ages, Crayons / markers & coloring / activity books, blocks to stack & build, Play-Doh kits

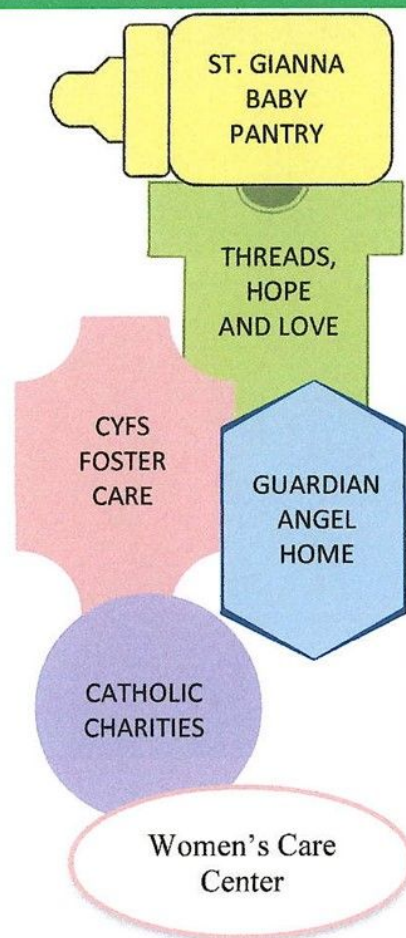
Women's Care Center: Girls & boys clothes newborn to 4T, Toys Newborn-5 years, car seat/stroller, infant swing, sound machine, baby gate, baby monitor, convertible car seat, bassinet

Instructions

- Starting Nov. 16th select a gift tag from the Giving Tree. Please take as many tags as you would like.
- All gifts must be returned by Dec. 1st (Sunday)
- Place gift cards in the secure box near the tree.
- All gifts need to be unwrapped and placed in a gift or store bag.
- Be sure the charity tag is attached to your gift (so each gift can be delivered to the correct charity).
- Any orders from Amazon must be delivered to your home. Do not mail a gift to the church office.

On behalf of all those who will benefit from your generosity, THANK YOU!!

This charitable outreach is sponsored by St.Pat's Charity in Truth Committee.



EXPLANATORY MASS



Father will
share his
personal
journey to the
Catholic faith
& the
Priesthood

Come rediscover the
role the Eucharist
plays in our faith life
with Fr. John

Mass Fulfills
Sunday Mass Obligation

Light Meal
in Gym after Mass
Please RSVP for the meal
at 309-444-3524

**4PM MASS @ ST. PAT'S
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
2024**



St. Patrick Church Presents

Lessons & Carols

Join us for an evening of joyful
expectation to prepare our hearts for
the coming of Christ at Christmas.

December 18, 2024 | 6PM

This event is free & open to the public.

STAY afterwards

for a

Hot Cocoa Bar
in the vestibule!





MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Tuesday, December 24

4:30pm Mass

9:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

9:00am Mass

PLEASE NOTE: NO 7:00am Mass on
December 24th, and no morning Mass on Dec. 26th or 27th.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, December 31, 2024: No 7am Mass
4:30pm Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2025: No 7am Mass
9:00am Mass