

Dear Families,

As the Christmas season descends upon us, I am filled with joy as I reflect on the blessings of our school community. Throughout the year, I have witnessed countless acts of love, kindness, and generosity, both within the walls of our classrooms and beyond.

These acts of compassion are a testament to the strong Catholic values that our school holds dear. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us remember the importance of spreading love, peace, and goodwill to all. Let this Christmas be a time for us to come together as a school family, cherishing the bonds of friendship and fellowship that we share. May we open our hearts to the true meaning of Christmas – the gift of love, hope, and forgiveness.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We are committed to providing them with not only academic excellence but also a strong foundation in faith and values.

May this Christmas season be filled with blessings for all of you. May your hearts be filled with joy, your homes with warmth, and your lives with love.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With sincere gratitude,
Mrs. Smith



Good Disciples



Our littlest Irish caught being a good disciple! Layton needed help putting the puzzle together in the pre-k playroom and Thomas jumped in to help him figure it out together.



We caught some merry elves cleaning off our teachers cars during the snow yesterday. Thank you Mrs. Engstrom and Mrs. Barron!

**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!

All of the **St. Patrick FLL** teams had a great day at the competition on Saturday, Dec. 7th! Team members learned a lot this season about coding, strategizing and organizing, problem solving, research, presenting, teamwork, and having FUN. The competition was a great way to celebrate our three teams!

ROBOT GAME: St. Patrick teams finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th out of 16 teams. All teams performed great! The robot matches are able to be watched by all. When one of our St. Patrick teams was in a match, there was awesome support from the other two teams to cheer them on!!

AWARDS: The **Robo Sushi** won the Breakthrough award! This award celebrates a team that made significant progress in their confidence and capability in both the Robot Game and Innovation Project and are a shining example of excellent Core Values. They demonstrate that they understand that what they discover is more important than what they win.

FOR Loop Coders finished in the top 6 out of the 16 teams, earning them a spot at **Sectionals** competition in January! Overall placement is a combination of performance in their Innovation Project presentation, Robot design presentation, Core Values, and the Robot Game.



FOR Loop Coders (Coaches: Tim & Heinz Schlack)

Henry Chiras, Sadie Gorsage, Grant Johnson, Mason Schlack, Traver Strauser



The Robo Sushi (Coaches: Andy Berberich, Sam Kosiara, Matt Rademacher)

AJ Berberich, Evelyn Berberich, Jude Cody, Katie Hammer, Evelyn Kosiara, Lily Kosiara, Jessica Rademacher, Connor Toohill



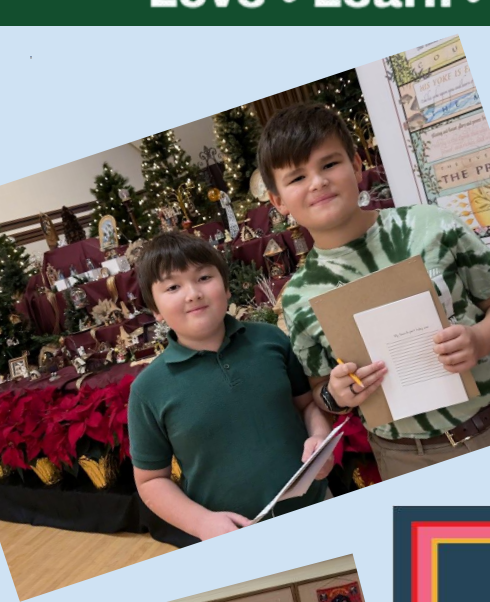
20,000 Bricks Under the Sea (Coaches: Mike Hatton, Greg Stevenart, Nick Toohill)

Rose Berberich, Cecilia Hatton, Matthew Stevenart, Ansel Strauser, Quin Toohill

Parade Floats

Our 6th graders created their very own Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade balloons in Science with limited parts but lots of imagination!





Saint Nicholas

St. Patrick School had a special visitor, in honor of the Feast of St. Nicholas.

8th grader, Christian Swearingen was recognized for his academic achievements as well as strength in virtue and was selected to serve as this year's St. Nicholas.

Congratulations, Christian!





Our 1st
graders made
a living Advent
wreath with
Sister
Gemma!





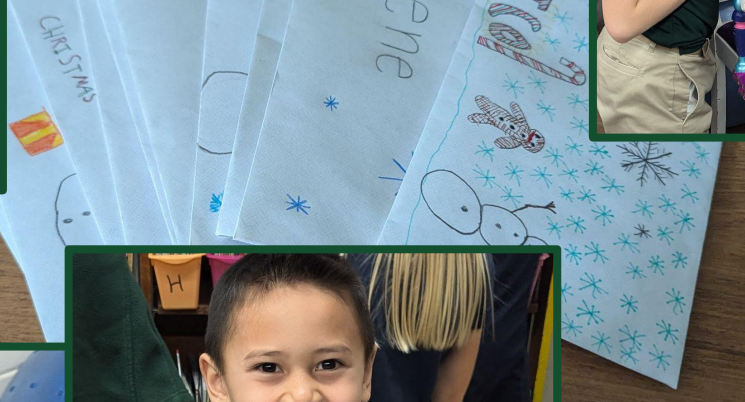
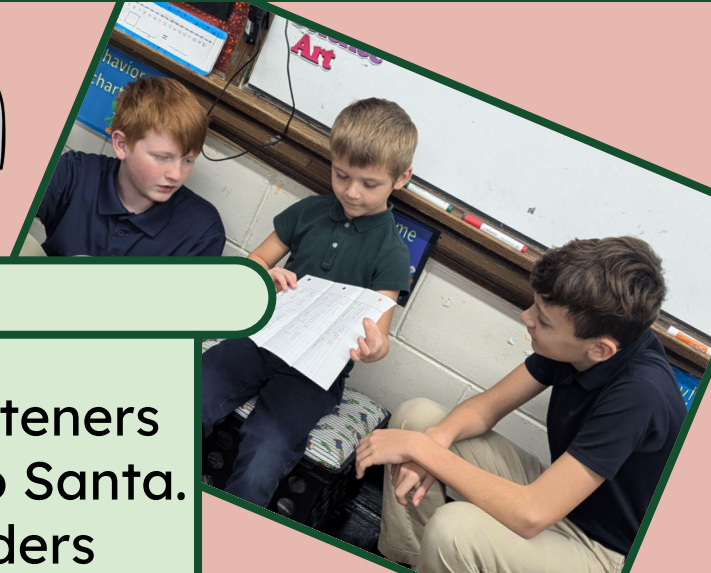
Under the direction of Sr. Magdalena, the kindergarten and fourth graders presented "The First Christmas" for the entire school.



Letters to Santa



Our Kindergarteners wrote letters to Santa. The 7th graders helped them read Santa's return notes!



Christmas Spirit Week

Our student ambassadors are hosting a Christmas Spirit week. For a small donation each day, students can participate in that day's theme. These are all out of uniform days!

The class that raises the most money gets
a free dress week after Christmas Break!

Christmas Spirit Week

December **16** – December **20**

Monday - Tinsel Toes and Holly Hats! Get in the crazy Christmas spirit, wear your craziest socks and hats with school spirit wear!

Tuesday - Decorate Yourself! Dress up like a tree or a wreath or your favorite Christmas decorations!

Wednesday - Be Comfy! Wear your comfiest pajamas and settle down for a long winter's nap!

Thursday - Movie Magic! Dress up as your favorite Christmas Movie Character.

Friday - Santa or the Grinch? Choose Santa or the Grinch and wear their color. Santa - Red or Grinch -Green!

Proceeds benefit Sophia's Kitchen

SUPPORTING MRS. HARRIS



**THURSDAYS
ARE
WEAR
TEAL DAYS**



STUDENTS CAN WEAR THEIR MRS. HARRIS
SHIRTS OR TEAL SHIRTS WITH UNIFORM PANTS
ON THURSDAYS FOR THE REST OF THE
SCHOOL YEAR.



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#/>



Families, please consider signing up to greet and bring up the gifts at **weekend masses**. This is a great opportunity to serve the parish together as a **family**. Sign up link is below. **Thank you!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45A9A822AAF58-53422476-greeter#/>

Jalapeno Curry UPDATE



Jalapeno Curry the squirrel has certainly been preparing for the winter months. Just look at that transformation! He must have found a lot of nuts around St Pat's.



Meekness

is not

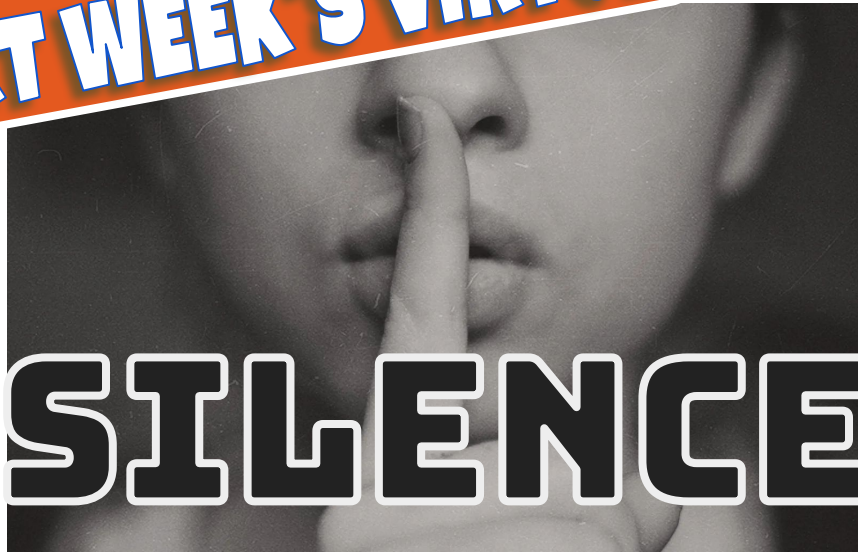
Weakness



IT IS STRENGTH UNDER CONTROL



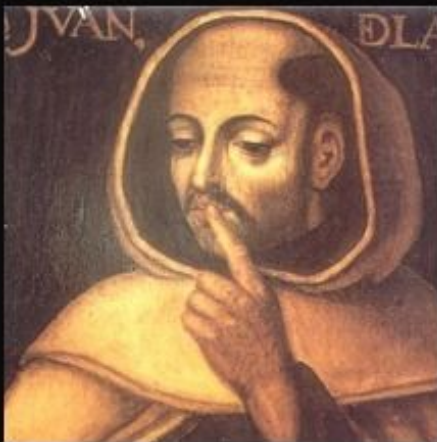
NEXT WEEK'S VIRTUE



Press Play



For Inspiration
*then afterward...
enjoy the silence*



Silence is God's first language.

~ John of the Cross



Turn off the car radio.

Go to adoration.

Find a quiet place to pray.

Turn off your notifications an hour before bedtime.

Boys Basketball



Upcoming Games



TONIGHT (12/13) 6PM @ St Jude Tourney
 Monday (12/16) 5:30PM @ Delavan
 7th Grade Regional Play Begins 01/25
 8th Grade Regional Play Begins 02/01

IRISH Athletics

Congratulations

to the 7-1A Sectional 3

Outstanding Sportsmanship

Pin Winners:

Maggie Boland from Normal
Epiphany and from
Washington St Patrick,

Ashlyn Crowley .



Congratulations

to the 8-1A Sectional 3

Outstanding Sportsmanship

Pin Winners:

Jiles Hilgenbrink from Normal
Epiphany and from
Washington St Patrick,

Ella Reed .



CONGRATULATIONS

on a phenomenal 7th grade girls' basketball season!



Regional Champions

We LOVED watching you work hard, play hard, and grow leaps and bounds this season.

The future is BRIGHT
for Irish Girls' Basketball!



**Final 24-25 Record:
17-6**



STATE QUALIFIERS

2024



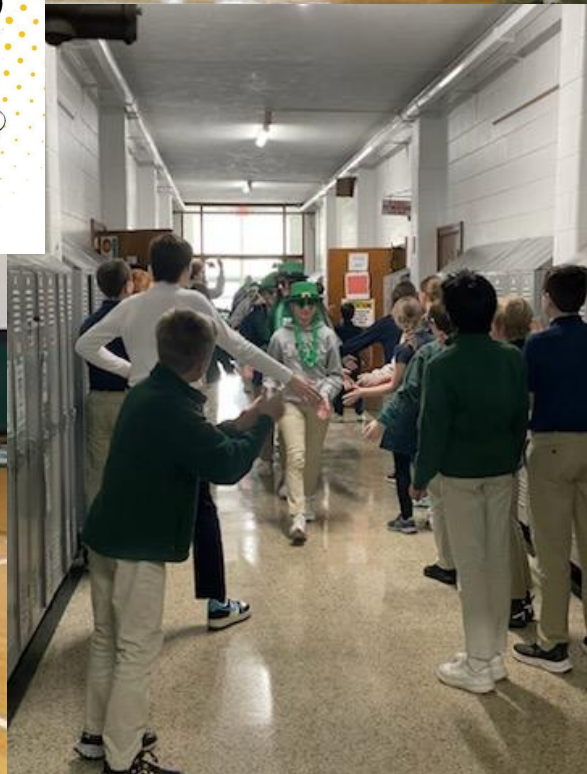
8TH GRADE GIRLS
IRISH BASKETBALL



Review

STATE QUALIFIERS SCHOOL RUNTHROUGH

The tradition continues with your biggest fans!



IESA STATE 8-1A GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUND #1

12.14.2024

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PM

CLINTON JHS
701 Illini Dr, Clinton



BE THERE ✓

BE LOUD ✓

GO IRISH ✓



*Washington
St Patrick Irish*

vs

*Nauvoo-Colusa
Vikings*



***Winner advances to the FINAL FOUR at 6:30PM

**2024 STATE
QUALIFIERS!!!**

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE

Visit www.iesa.org/gofan to get your tickets now!
\$8 online / \$10 at the door



Calling all IRISH FANS
Big & Small:

**We NEED you in Clinton on Saturday
at 2:30. The girls have worked hard
all year for this opportunity.
Please pack up the car, truck, van, or
Uber and get to Clinton.**

Important Dates

11/17/24	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
1/8/25	2 PM DISMISSAL (NO AFTERCARE)
1/10/25	REPORT CARDS PUBLISHED
1/20/25	MLK DAY SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

Upcoming Dates

12/13/24	7th Boys Basketball Honan Tournament @ St. Jude 6 PM
12/14/24	7th Boys Basketball Honan Tournament @ St. Jude TBD
12/14/24	8th Girls Basketball State Quarter & Semi Finals @ Clinton JHS
12/16/24	Boys Basketball @ Delavan 5:30 PM
12/17/24	K-8th Christmas Program @ Five Points 6 PM
12/18/24	PreK Christmas Program Sr. Mary Ann Gym 8:30 AM
12/19/24	8th Girls Basketball State Finals @ Clinton JHS
12/20/24	11:30 DISMISSAL CHRISTMAS BREAK (NO AFTERCARE)
12/23/24-1/3/25	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK
1/6/25	SCHOOL RESUMES
1/8/25	2PM DISMISSAL TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (NO AFTERCARE)
1/10/25	2nd Quarter Report Cards Published

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.



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

GIRLS WITH GOALS

MACHINE INTRODUCTION

CREATING A WELCOMING, SOCIABLE,
FUN AND POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT
FOR GIRLS IN THE GYM!

JANUARY 11 | 6-7PM
AFTER HOURS

OPEN TO GIRLS AGE 12-18

JOIN FIVE POINTS FEMALE PERSONAL TRAINERS AFTER HOURS IN AN INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION ON HOW TO USE WORKOUT EQUIPMENT CORRECTLY. OUR GOAL, DURING THIS INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION, IS TO GIVE GIRLS THE CONFIDENCE AND TOOLS TO KNOW HOW TO WORKOUT IN THE GYM. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE 4 FEMALE PERSONAL TRAINERS ON STAFF, WHO WILL RUN THIS SESSION, AND WE WANT TO SHOW THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF GIRLS HOW TO BE ACTIVE AND STRONG.



\$7 PER PERSON

MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS CAN REGISTER
WITH THE QR CODE

FREE FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON GUEST PASS FOR ATTENDING

Questions? Contact Fitness Manager, Megan West: meganw@fivepointswashington.org