

Virtue of the Week—FORGIVENESS



Our virtue this week is FORGIVENESS—The strength to write off a debt of any kind and start fresh with a clean slate. To truly forgive someone from our heart is one of the hardest things we can ever do. It takes a tremendous amount of virtue. Let's start by FORGIVING someone in our family who may have offended us in some way.

PRAYER

Lord, first and foremost, thank You for FORGIVING us, for giving us Your life on the Cross. Thank You for the gift of the sacrament of Reconciliation where we can go and freely receive the complete FORGIVENESS of everything we have ever done. Thank You for the peace that comes from Confession.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Mon. Jan. 18: **No School.** Martin Luther King Day.
- Jan. 31—Feb. 6: Catholic Schools Week
- Mon. Feb. 15: **No School;** Presidents' Day
- Mon. Mar. 8: **No School;** Region I Faculty In-service
- Sun. Mar. 14: Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral @ 3:30pm
- Mar. 29-Apr. 5: **No School;** Easter Break
- Tues. Apr. 6: School Resumes
- May 14-15: State Track Meet;
No School (Fri. May 14th)

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Happy Birthday...

Bryton Blackford—January 15th
Eleanor Miller—January 18th
Warren Miller—January 18th



“There can be no peace without forgiveness.”

MATTHEW KELLY
Rediscover Jesus

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.



Christmas Band Concert

Attached is the link for the Christmas Band Concert:

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFkcQFjVIXnvj6GmrX_W-E26n7SWRWM9e

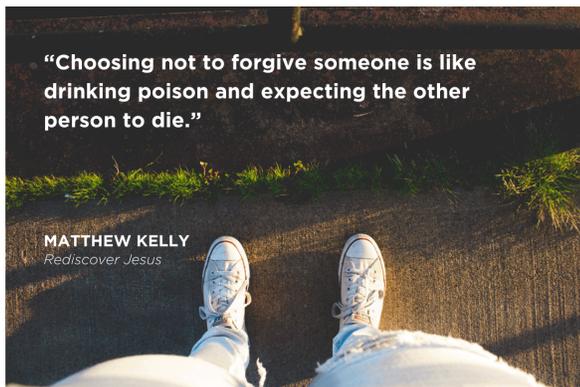


Tax Credit Scholarships for 2021-2022

On Wednesday, January 13, 2021, the Empower Illinois portal opened for families to apply for a 2021-2022 tax credit scholarship. These tax-credits, income-needs based scholarships offer up to 100% of K-8 tuition provided through the generous support of donors who receive a 75% credit on their Illinois income tax. The scholarships are a result of the IL Invest in Kids Act, which is in its fourth year of implementation.

For more information, please visit the Empower Illinois website at empowerillinois.org. As of December 18, 2020, the Catholic Diocese of Peoria had received \$2,024,429 in donations with 398 scholarships awarded to our schools.

Thank you to our donors for this incredible effort to assist families in providing opportunities to attend our Catholic schools!



First Reconciliation for the St. Patrick School 2nd Graders will be on Wednesday, January 20th at 6:00pm. The two “cry” rooms in the back of the church will be used for the sacrament.

Parents are to enter the front doors with their child. Hands will be sprayed with disinfectant. Please sit in the appropriate pews available with social distancing.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 444-4345 or email shipmand@stpatswashington.com.

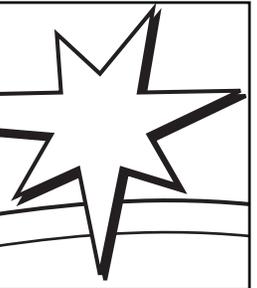


We're excited to share that our school is participating in Cash for Classrooms, part of Casey's Rewards. This opens up Saint Patrick School to new funding opportunities to help improve learning environments for students. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you buy from Casey's and use their rewards program you can simply turn your points into a donation to our school.

Sign up for Casey's Rewards by creating an account through the Casey's app or online at Caseys.com. Start earning points on everyday purchases and turn those points into a donation to your school. It's that easy! See full terms and conditions at caseys.com

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

January 2021

St. Patrick School

Doreen Shipman, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

Pope Emeritus on joy

"The Holy Spirit gives us joy. And he is joy. Joy is the gift in which all the other gifts are included. It is the expression of happiness, of being in harmony with ourselves, that which can only come from being in harmony with God and with his creation." (Pope Benedict XVI)

Kindness

In today's world, sharing kindness can make a difference. Remember how good it felt the last time someone showed you an unexpected favor? Look for ways to be kind, even when it's unexpected. It can be something simple, like holding the door for the person behind you or offering prayers for those who need them.

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).



Five family New Year resolutions

New Year's resolutions can be useful ways to improve family life. When reflecting on the past year, improvements or goals may suggest themselves. It's important to set realistic, measurable, and reasonable resolutions the entire family can embrace. Consider these ideas:

Increase family time. Even when we work from home, it can be difficult to find regular time

to be together. Resolve to add family time to your week. Vary the activities, but not the company. Pick a convenient schedule – Friday, after dinner, for example – write it on the calendar, and don't let anything interfere.

Get more sleep. Getting enough sleep is critical for health, happiness, and

peace. Set a mandatory lights-out time for the entire family – parents, too.

Exercise together. The best way to teach healthy habits is to model them. Make more time for family bike rides, walks around your neighborhood, hikes in nature.

Unplug. Resolve to put down all devices at mealtime and during family time. Many schools are using computers to deliver instruction. Workplaces have become virtual.

Taking a break from screens to hold in-person conversations during the day can be a refreshing break.

Worry less. Resolve to avoid worrying about what may or may not happen. Add prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture reading, daily Mass to your family time to teach children to rely on God.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do we praise God?

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, he began with "hallowed be thy name." But God doesn't need our praise; he knows he is perfect. We praise God because he loves us and



because he is good. In fact, when we realize the gratitude and praise that we owe God, we want to give him what he is due. "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to thy name, O Most High" (Psalm 92:1).

Support children through difficult times

As the pandemic continues throughout the country, it can be challenging to reassure children that all is well. Try these tips to calm fears and manage stress.

Keep routines in place. Even if you're at home all day, sticking to a regular schedule is key. Try to make sure youngsters have some structure, like getting up, eating and going to bed around the same time every day. Have children dressed, breakfasted, and ready for class at the usual hour. Youngsters benefit from knowing what to expect and when.

Add variety. In the evenings, play a board game, put together a puzzle, bake desserts, take turns reading a new

book aloud.

Share your confidence in God's care. During family prayer, teach children to commit concerns to God. Together, read Bible stories that demonstrate how others have relied on God's care. Joseph's confidence that God would deliver him from evil, Abraham's faith that God would give him and Sarah a son, the Israelites' reliance on God to deliver them from slavery.



Scripture LESSON

Mark 1:21-28, More than just a teacher

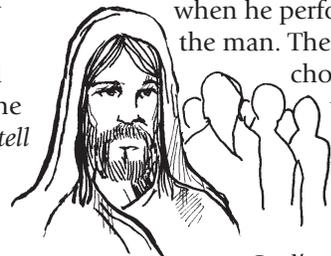
In this Gospel reading, we read that Jesus entered the synagogue at Capernaum with his apostles to teach. Most teachers would draw from the writings of other scholars for authority, and would begin, "Thus says the Lord..." but Jesus said, "I tell you..." As God, he already knew what the Scriptures meant without leaning on someone else's teaching.

Jesus taught as one who had the authority of God and that astonished his listeners. Even the unclean spirits who were torturing a man at the synagogue recognized Jesus as "the

Holy One of Israel." Clearly, this was no ordinary teacher!

Jesus showed his authority again when he performed an exorcism on the man. The unclean spirits had no choice but to obey him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance.

What can a parent do? Jesus shows us that God's power and love are greater than any evil. Teach children that they can talk to Jesus about anything that happens, good or bad. At the same time, stress that Jesus is God and deserves to be worshipped and obeyed.



Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 3 – Epiphany of Our Lord (1st Century). Epiphany is Greek for manifestation. When they honored the infant Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh, the three wise men bore witness to the fulfillment of God's promise of a savior.

Jan. 10 – Baptism of the Lord (1st Century). Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was free of sin, but he allowed himself to be baptized in order to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). By his baptism, Jesus declared his willingness to fulfill God's

saving plan. It is also at this time when God revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).

Jan. 17 – St. Anthony of Egypt (356). Born to a rich family around 250 A.D. in Egypt, St. Anthony gave up his riches to live a life of simplicity in the desert. Eventually, other monks seeking the same lifestyle followed him into the desert and he founded a community of hermits. He is the founder of monasticism.

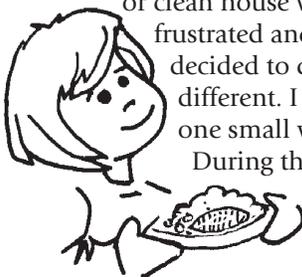


Parent TALK

I stopped making New Year's resolutions a few years ago. I had trouble remembering to exercise daily or clean house weekly. Finally, frustrated and dissatisfied, I decided to do something different. I resolved to find one small way to serve.

During the pandemic, the Knights of Columbus have continued to put notices in the parish bulletin asking for donations for their soup kitchen, and volunteers to cook meals. My husband and I decided to help out, and make it a family affair.

Now, once a month on a Wednesday afternoon, my daughters and I spend a few hours cooking and boxing up meals for our hungry neighbors. My youngest daughter, mask in place, plays "hostess" and welcomes people. Her older sister hands out Styrofoam containers with meals. It is a small contribution, but for the people we serve, it is an act of love. Finally, a resolution I can keep!



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.....ROUND TWO

St. Pat's Irish Sweepstakes



This raffle will begin February 1, 2021 and will run through Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021.

60 CHANCES TO WIN (February & March daily drawings) Flip to see schedule

- 50 chances to win \$25
- 4 chances to win \$100
- 4 chances to win \$200
- \$500 St. Patrick's Day Drawing
- \$1000 Easter Sunday Drawing

Winners need not be present to win. Purchase or sell the enclosed tickets anytime between now and April 1st, 2021.

Tickets are available in the parish office or online. All proceeds will go toward our budget shortfall.

There are several ways to buy tickets (\$20 each or 6/\$100):

- Send in your completed tickets or drop in the collection basket with a check or cash
 - Call the parish office to buy tickets or to obtain more tickets
 - Purchase online from our website: <https://stpatswashington.com/>
 - Pay with a credit or debit card by using the form below and return to the parish office
- (If you purchase tickets online or use the form on the back, the parish office will fill in your tickets)

If you have questions, please contact the parish office at 309-444-3524.

Sincerely yours in Christ, *Fr. John*

FEBRUARY

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$100	\$25
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CLASS OF 2025

VIRTUAL ENROLLMENT WORKSHOP

January 26, 2021 - 6:30 P.M

Check pndhs.org for the meeting link

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