

Virtue of the Week— GRATITUDE



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VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

Our virtue this week is **GRATITUDE**—The strength to speak and act with a spirit of thankfulness for the gifts and blessings you receive. We have so much to be **GRATEFUL** for.

Prayer

Lord, we have so much to be grateful for: our families, our health, our talents, our schools, teams. Thank you for all of those blessings in our lives. May we grow stronger in the virtue of **GRATITUDE** and develop the habit of recognizing all of the different blessings you send us in our lives.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 11: Picture Re-take Day
- Nov. 24: **Thanksgiving Break Begins; Dismissal @ 2:30pm (NOT 2:00pm as originally listed)**
- Nov. 25-27: No School; Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 30: School Resumes
- Dec. 18: 11:30am Dismissal; Christmas Break Begins
- Dec. 19-Jan. 3: No School; Christmas Break
- Jan. 4: School Resumes
- Jan. 18: No School Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 25-31: Catholic Schools Week

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Why PND?

<https://youtu.be/7YARWOkorTU>

Kindergarteners learning about the Sacrament of Baptism



“God is bigger than our family chaos, bigger than our sin, and bigger than our circumstances. God’s plan is exactly what you need to see and believe so that you can know everything really is going to be OK.”

CHRIS PADGETT
I'm Not OK, You're Not OK, But It's OK!

Dynamic Catholic

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Mrs. Schlack's 3rd Grade "Sandwich" Biographies



Mother Teresa



Julia Child



Susan B. Anthony



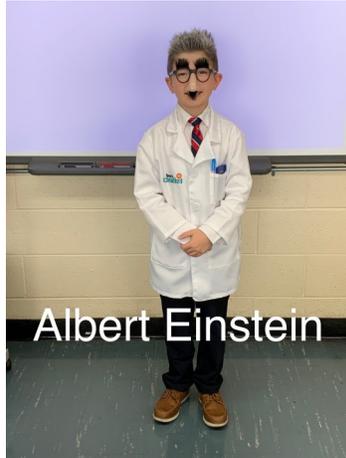
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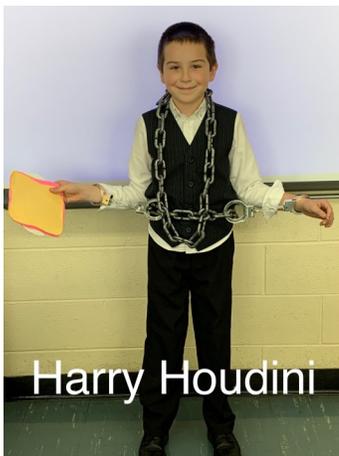
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Albert Einstein



Jane Goodall



Harry Houdini

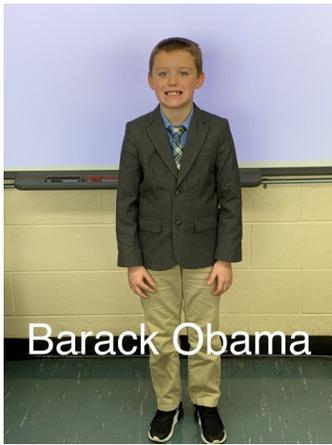


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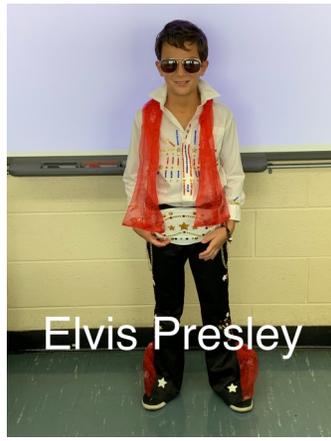


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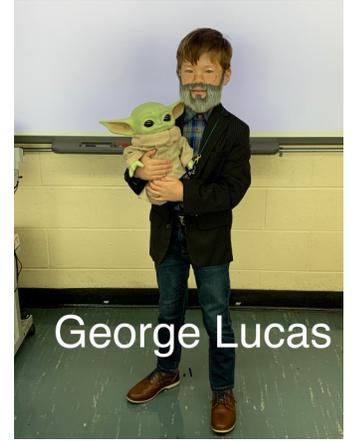
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Elvis Presley



Annie Oakley



George Lucas



Princess Diana



Betsy Ross



JK Rowling



Harriet Tubman



George Washington



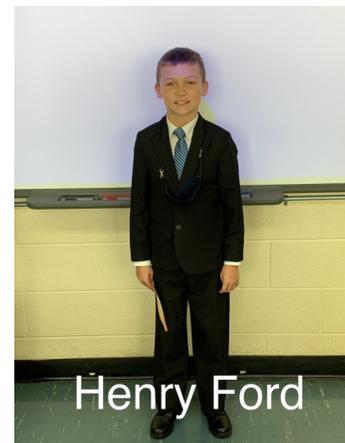
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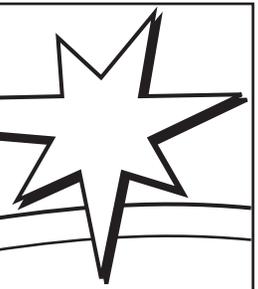


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Doreen Shipman, Principal



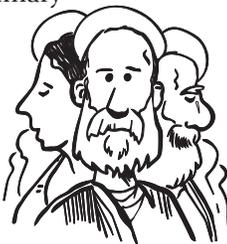
Thoughtful Moments

A new year begins

Each year the Church begins a new liturgical year on the Sunday closest to the feast of the apostle Andrew (November 30). This year the first Sunday of Advent is November 29. We begin Year B in the liturgical cycle.

Welcome saints into your family

Saints are holy people who lived a life of extraordinary virtue and now celebrate with God in Heaven forever. All Saints Day (November 1) reminds us that we are still connected to them through the Communion of Saints. Introduce children to new saints regularly.



Judge not

Help children to remember that criticizing others is a serious business. *"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven"* (Luke 6:37). Better to worry about our own behavior and let others do the same.



Heaven is worth the wait

No one likes to wait, and children are particularly poorly suited to delayed rewards. Yet, Advent is all about waiting for something amazing. So how can we help youngsters see that Heaven will be worth the wait?

There are no worries in Heaven. *"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain"* (Revelation 21:4). When we get there, we leave behind concerns, pain, worries.

Everything good comes from Heaven. *"Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above"* (James 1:17). If all good things come from Heaven, imagine how great it will be

when we get there.

The company is great there. When we get to Heaven, we will have joyful reunions with beloved grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends who have died before us.

Best of all, we get to mingle with the saints, angels, and with Jesus, himself.

The one who loves us best is there. As much as earthly parents love their children, it's nothing compared to the love God has for

each of us. He is the perfect parent – our true Father – and he is waiting for us in Heaven.

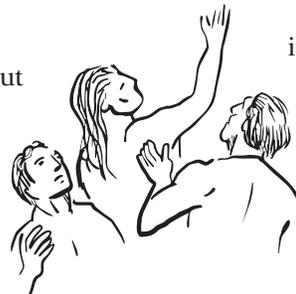
Heaven is our true home. *"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"* (Philippians 3:20).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we pray for the souls in Purgatory?

All who die in God's friendship go to Heaven. But if we haven't properly atoned for our sins, we are purified in Purgatory first. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls Purgatory, "a final cleansing of human



imperfection before one is able to enter the joy of heaven."

Praying for the souls in Purgatory helps them pass through faster than they would otherwise. *"Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin"* (2 Maccabees 12:46).

Make Christmas all about love

What parent doesn't cherish the sparkle of excitement in a child's eye at Christmas? As Catholic parents, though, we want our children to have the joy of the holiday, not just the anticipation of receiving gifts. Try these ideas to experience Christmas as a holiday of love.

Help children give, not just receive. Children love to give gifts. Write up a list of grandparents, teachers, and siblings and help children make and send handmade gifts like Christmas cookies or ornaments.



Focus on Jesus. Start the season by reading a few verses of the story of Jesus' birth each day. Sing your favorite religious Christmas carols. Make birthday cards for the Baby.

Come alive. In the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, act out your own Nativity. Each take a part to play. Imagine what it would have been like to have been there for the real event.

Thank you note. All good gifts come from God. Write Jesus a "thank you" note for the blessings you received in the last year.

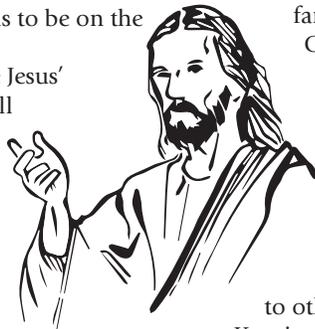
Scripture LESSON

Mark 13:33-37, Keep watch!

In this reading, Jesus urges us to always be ready because "You do not know when the time will come." He wants us to be on the watch for Him.

Next month we celebrate Jesus' arrival at Christmas. He will come twice more for certain: at our death and at the end of time. Advent is the time to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?"

What can a parent do? Start by doing your best to remain in a state of grace and help children to do the same. Teach youngsters to perform a daily examination of



conscience, and pick one sinful practice to eliminate. Make it a family practice to go to Confession regularly – once a month, if possible.

Then attend or watch Mass weekly and try to spend more time in prayer. Finally, see if there are ways your family can offer yourselves in service

to others.

Keeping watch means fixing our eyes on God at all times. Then, when Christmas comes, we can greet the Lord with joy.

Parent TALK

One afternoon, my daughter, Kara, went to a friend's home and came back in a thoughtful mood. It seemed that at three o'clock, everyone in the house stopped what



they were doing and came together. They spent time in prayer: fifteen minutes for the Divine Mercy chaplet (at the hour of mercy) and thirty minutes for a family Rosary. Everyone took turns praying a decade and sharing a meditation on the Mystery, which Kara liked, because then she didn't have to "pray all those beads" by herself.

When Kara came home, she told me about the family holy hour and asked if we could do it, too. I told her it might be hard to make a whole holy hour every day, but it gave me the idea to put a "Rosary reminder" in my phone, for three o'clock. Thanks to Kara's friends, daily prayer has become a family habit.

Feasts & Celebrations

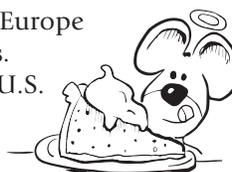
Nov. 1 – All Saints Day. In the early Church, saints and martyrs were each assigned a feast day. However, the extreme persecution of the Christians meant there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Eventually Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

Nov. 2 – All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and souls in Purgatory to help them get to Heaven faster.

Nov. 12 – St. Josaphat (1623).

Born in the Ukraine to Orthodox parents, St. Josaphat converted to Catholicism, became a Basilian monk, then a priest, and was named Bishop of Vitebsk (now in Russia). He worked for unity in the Church and was martyred for his efforts.

Nov. 13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1917). Mother Cabrini started the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Italy and founded 67 institutions to care for the sick and forgotten in Europe and the Americas. She was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized.



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In an effort to *raise money* for the parish and *have a little fun*, we are announcing the

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This raffle will begin October 30, 2020 and will run through December 25, 2020 with a \$100 drawing each Friday through December 18, 2020, a \$500 drawing on Thanksgiving and a \$1000 drawing on Christmas Day. Winners need not be present to win. Purchase or sell the enclosed tickets anytime between now and December 23rd. More 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):

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November 2, 2020
All Souls Day

To the Priests, Deacons, Religious, Curia and Principals of the Diocese of Peoria,

We write today as Illinois is finding a rise in positivity in the regions of the State. From the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continually strived to follow the advice of the public health experts as we seek to protect the faithful entrusted to our care. After carefully considering the recent mitigation plan announced in Illinois, the advice and direction from the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the local County Health Departments, we announce the following decisions that will impact the activities of the Diocese of Peoria. These decisions are made out of an abundance of caution in an effort to do our best to protect the health and well-being of everyone and to ensure the safety of our buildings.

1. The Priest Days of Recollection scheduled at various locations in the Diocese are postponed.
2. The high schools located in the Diocese of Peoria will not participate in the Illinois High School Association basketball season for 2020-2021. This decision is based primarily on the fact that the Illinois Department of Health has recently released guidelines which raise basketball to a high risk level of potential COVID exposure.
3. All elementary and secondary schools located in the Diocese of Peoria will go to remote learning only after Christmas vacation for a period of two weeks beginning January 4, 2021, to allow for a quarantine time after the holidays, especially in light of expected travel and gatherings. All schools will return to in-person and/or remote learning instruction on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
4. All public meetings and events scheduled at the Spalding Pastoral Center are postponed and will not take place until further notice.

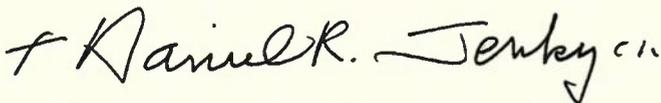
5. The Offices of the Spalding Pastoral Center remains open. Should it become necessary to work remotely, we will do so with alternate days scheduled for various departments to be on-site in the building.
6. The guidelines currently in place for public worship remain unchanged. As a reminder, masks must be worn at all times during public worship, social distancing needs to be observed, and adherence to the specific guidelines to receive Holy Communion should be maintained.

We realize that in doing our best to address the ongoing serious risks of the pandemic that many decisions may not always be popular. Decisions are based on the principles of public safety and health. Our churches and schools are part of a much broader community that is currently facing challenging and unprecedented issues. We ask for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines. Aware that the pandemic impacts us physical, emotionally and spiritually, we pray for the well-being of all in our community.

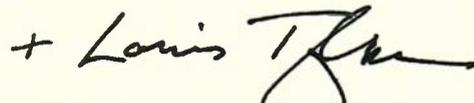
On this All Souls Day we pray for an end to this current pandemic and particularly pray for those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and for their families who continue to mourn.

Please know that in our daily prayers we hold you up to the Lord. We humbly ask that you remember us as well in your prayers. May Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



✠ Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
Bishop of Peoria



✠ Most Reverend Louis Tylka
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