Catechist Notes

February 11, 2020

Saint of the Week:

Saint Dominic Savio





KEEPING YOUR SOUL FREE OF SIN

Patron Saint of the Week: Saint John Neumann, Class 3B

Saint John Neumann

(1811-1860, Bohemia, United States) Feast: January 5

John felt called to be a priest, but there were too many priests in his native Bohemia. He decided to go to America, where the people had a great need for more priests. He was ordained shortly after he arrived and began serving the people in rural areas of New York and New Jersey. He joined the Redemptorist Order in 1840 and was ordained bishop of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1852. In those days, bishops and families were very concerned that children would lose their Catholic faith in public schools. Saint John Neumann solved this problem by establishing in his diocese the Catholic school system now used throughout the United States. While he was a bishop, the number of Catholic school students in Philadelphia rose from 500 to 9,000!

St. John Neumann Fun Facts SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Shepper St. John Neumann was born in coming a priest but was rejected due to an overage of ordinations in Europe. A bishop in NY accepted him and assigned and assignment to western New and assigned him York state. He spent most of his time traveling village to village visiting the sick, teaching and celebrating Mass. As bishop of Philadelphia he founded the first Diocesan Catholic school. He also increased the number of schools in the diocese from 2 to 100. John passed away in 1860 at the age of 48.

Saint John Neumann, you saw the difficulties in supporting the faith of the young and you were prudent enough to create a new system for Catholic education. When I am faced with difficulties, help me to see the best solution. Amen. Saint John Neumann, pray for us

(Closing Prayer will be on intercom at 6:10 & 7:55) Next week: St. John Paul II, Class 8B

Tonight will be REONCILIATION for the **7**th graders. There will be a very short Prayer in Church so please come up to the Church immediately after attendance and one Catechist is to do the service in Church If I am unavailable.

Sacraments tonight: Please send students to Resource Room after attendance.

Class 6C	Brenda, Lucia, Gabe	Class 4B	Dayanara
Class 7A	Olivia,	Class 6B	Giovanni, Keziah, Luis
Class 7C	Jesus	Class 7B	Manuel,
Class 8A	Samantha, Yajaira, Luna	Class 8B	Josh



Luke 18 Retreat: As a component of the readiness for Confirmation the **8**^h **Grade/Confirmation Retreat will be February 15-16, 2020 at St. Patrick School**. Attendance at this retreat is <u>required</u> for the Confirmandi. The retreat will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 15 and end after the 5 PM Mass on Sunday, February 16.

Pancake Breakfast after morning Masses Sunday, February 16.

There will be a **First Communion Meeting for Parents** on **Thursday**, **February 20**, **2020 at 7:00 PM in the Church**. Childcare will be provided, but must be reserved in advance.







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Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020. Students are expected to attend Mass with their families at regular class times of 5:00 and 6:45pm as their PSR assignment for the week. There will be no reserved seats and Mass will begin promptly at 5:00 and 7:00 pm. The school building will be closed. Lenten Resources: There are various Lenten Resources in the office, and Lenten video suggestions: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5sexwzkygUWnwRZdPjO6P6WZSBaW4olu

Sacraments: There will be a special Meeting for Spanish- speaking families on Wednesday, March 4 at 5pm in the school cafeteria. Please make sure that all families receive the letter inviting them to this meeting!

See below for Reconciliation times and Saints of the week!

Month	Day	Special	class	Lesson	Patron Prayer	Saint	Units	Virtue	Sacraments Classes
February	12	7th Confession	Reg Class		3B	St. John Neumann	Unit 4	PRUDEN CE	Middle
February	19	5th & 6th Confession	Reg Class		8B	St. John Paul II	Lent Unit 4	RESPECT	Sacraments
February	26	MASS Spanish	Mass	Ash Wed	Inesday				
March	4	meeting & 8th grade Tour of Church	Reg Class		5B	St. Damien Of Molokai	Unit 4 -5 Penance	RESPECT	Middle
March	11	Tour of Church	Reg Class		2B	St. Jeanne Jugan	Lent	RESPECT	Sacraments
March	18	2nd ,3rd and 4th Confession	Reg Class		6B	St. Josephine Bakhita	Lent- Unit 5	FORGIVE NESS	
April	1	8th Confession	Reg Class		5C	BI Margaret of Castello	Lent- Unit 5	FORGIVE NESS	Middle
April	8	Holy Week	Reg Class		7B	Bl. Bartolo Longo	Holy Week Easter	FORGIVE NESS	
April	15	8 Interviews	Reg Class		2D	St. Peter	Easter- Unit 5	RESPONS IBILITY	Sacraments
April	22	8 Interviews	Reg Class		1B	St. Junipero Serra		RESPONS IBILITY	
April	29	2 Practice	Reg Class			St. Patrick		RESPONS IBILITY	



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Friday Lenten Fish Fries and Corned Beef Dinner: Service Opportunities for 8th Graders! Fish fries on Fridays...just show up anytime 4pm and after and check in for assignments

Corned Beef Dinners: Saturday and Sunday March 14 and 15.

See Parish website www.stpatrickwentzville.org

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Corned Beef & Cabbage Volunteers Needed ONLINE SIGNUP LINKS OPEN! It takes over 600 volunteers to have a successful dinner! Saturday, March 14 is a big prep day with meals being served on Sunday, March 15 from two locations. If interested or for more info, contact Rita Molitor at 636-237- 3293 or look for the online signup links at www.stpatrickwentzville.org/cornedbeef.

Note: Spring Break March 25 NO CLass!!!!



Lenten Prayer tree...We will be asking for students' to make out hearts for a Lenten Prayer tree highlighting the three tasks of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. You will receive hearts Next week and basically we will asking each student to fill out..." I will Pray for:_____, I will fast from____ and I will Give _____" and there are suggestion lists. You may have the students complete them at home or in the classroom over the next 5 weeks of Lent. There will also be a Lenten calendar and some journal cards.



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Some examination of conscience ideas to go over in class the week before you are scheduled:

The season of Lent reminds us to look in our hearts and see if we have been truly faithful in our relationship with God and others.

- How am I with God? Do I respect God's holy name? Do I go to Mass at least once a week. Do I take time to pray? Do I respect God's world and try not to waste or mistreat things?
- How am I with others? Do I help in my family and let them know I love them? Do I treat people with respect even if they are different from me, or strangers? Do I take time to pray for others in need? Do I try to avoid hurting others? Do I care about the poor? Do I try to be fair with others? Do I share my things? Do I respect others people's property?
- How am I with myself? Do I try to be honest and truthful? Do I do my best to study and learn? Do I play fairly? Do I avoid temper tantrums and fighting? Do I say I'm sorry when I'm wrong? Do I forgive others when they hurt me? Do I avoid selfishness and boasting? Do I try to take care of myself by avoiding drugs and alcohol and other things that will hurt me?

Leader. For the times we have ignored our classmates who feel lonely or left out, we pray . . . All. O God, forgive us.

Leader. For the times we have been rude or disrespectful to our parents, teachers, or other adults who care for us, we pray . . . *All*. O God, forgive us.

Leader. For the times we have wasted food or taken for granted what we have, we pray . . . All. O God, forgive us.

Leader. For the times we have used other people for our own pleasure or gain by inappropriate behavior or by gossiping or fighting, we pray . . . *All.* O God, forgive us.

Leader. For the times we have put ourselves down, forgetting that we are created in God's image and should reflect that image to all we meet, we pray . . . *All*. O God, forgive us.

Leader. For the times we have not paid attention at Mass or during prayer, we pray . . . All. O God, forgive us.

Jesus prayed to His Father every day. When we do not pray every day, or rush our prayers, or use God's name outside of prayer, then we are not with God and Jesus. Have I skipped my prayers, used the name of God or Jesus when I should not?.

Jesus showed us how to honor and obey our parents. When we do not help our parents, disobey them, or are disrespectful, we do not honor them. Have I honored my parents and those in charge of me? (

Jesus asks us to treat others well. When we hurt, insult, call names, or ignore others, we are not treating them well. Have I treated my family and friends well?

Jesus invites us to be fair, to share and to be generous with others, and to be friendly to all. When we steal, cause fights, or do not share, we are not doing as Jesus asks. Have I been mean, jealous, or dishonest?

Jesus came to call sinners to God. Let us acknowledge the sorrow in our hearts and promise to try to avoid sin in the future.



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Protecting God's Children — MUST READ!

If you have ever taken at Protecting God's Children Workshop at any time or anywhere, you must RE-REGISTER before December 31, 2020.

Otherwise, if you minister to children or vulnerable adults, you will not be able to work or volunteer at St. Patrick Church, School, SVDP, CYC Sports, Meals on Wheels, etc.

Prevent and Protect - This link will take to you the Prevent and Protect STL website where you can:

- Sign In to Your Account (after you sign in you can re-register with Prevent and Protect STL)
- Register for a New Account
- View & Register for Upcoming Workshops (yellow box)
- Find Information about Preventing and Reporting Abuse (blue & red boxes)
- Find Codes of Conduct and Policies (gray boxes)
- Find Outreach and Support (green box)

St. Patrick Catholic Church and School follow the Archdiocese of St. Louis Safe Environment Program, now referred to as the Prevent and Protect STL program that offers the Protecting God's Children Workshop. The program is designed to help protect the youth, elderly, and vulnerable adults of our parish as they participate in activities within our community.

For detailed instruction on how to re-register, click or copy and paste the pdf link below or visit the parish website (click on the "Prevent & Protect link, then the "I Need to Re-Register" link).

https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/17e89c359872f5659b5d7892ba8e52821c93eef3/SafeE nvironmentPGC/PreventAndProtectSTL-Registration.pdf

Or go to www.preventandprotectstl.org. Note that the passcode is stlprotect.

Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. **This includes EVERYONE - those new to service and those who are currently in service.** For those who have already attended a live Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a previous Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, and employees will:

- Register for an updated background screening
- View two new online training modules on Abuse Reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct
- Agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct

QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE Contact Rebecca Stoehner, at 636-332-9925 ext. 221 or rebecca@stpatsch.org.



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Protecting God's Children Workshop Tuesday,

February 18 – 6:45 PM – St. Patrick Rectory NOTE: This workshop is not to be confused with re-registering. This is a workshop for all NEW St. Patrick volunteers and employees working with children or vulnerable adults.

St. Patrick Catholic Church and School follow the Archdiocese of St. Louis Safe Environment Program (Protecting God's Children). The program is designed to help protect the youth, elderly, and vulnerable adults of our parish as they participate in activities within our community. This process also provides a layer of protection against the possibility of false accusations for those adults who are involved in our many ministries.

Instructions on how to sign up for our workshop at www.stpatrickwentzville.org/sep. For questions, contact Rebecca at rebecca@stpatsch.org.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 5-6 PM | ST. PATRICK SOCIAL HALL

SoulCore is a movement that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary. It is a sensory experience combining candlelight, music, scripture, and movement to nourish body, mind, and soul, fully orienting the heart and mind toward Christ, while discovering the beauty of the rosary.

"SoulCore was the perfect answer, combining prayer with core-focused exercise. One of the things that I like about core-centered exercise is that it is so grounding and then you add in the prayer and reflection and it takes it to a whole new level." —Katie, St. Catherine Laboure

PRAYING & MOVING TO THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Glorious Mysteries offer an opportunity for our hearts, minds and bodies to be resurrected in new life through reflection on Christ's Resurrection, Ascension, Descent of the Holy Spirit, Assumption of Mary in American Spirit Sp

COME EXPERIENCE SOULCORE

No fitness level or experience required. All are welcome! There is no cost, but donations are accepted for those who are able. Dress in comfortable clothing or sportswear and bring a fitness mat if you have one. Contact Cyndi at cyndig@spatsch.org for additional information. Class will meet once per week on Wednesdays. Registration is not required.

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Preschool thru 8th Grade

Registration for all new and returning St. Patrick School families is now open for the 2020-2021 school year.

Preschool T/Th – Full days
Preschool T/Th – Half days
Pre-K MWF – Full days

Questions or to Schedule a Tour

Contact the School Office at 636-332-9913

Catechists: For further education: In addition to the University of Dayton Online Courses, the Office of Catholic Education and Formation is offering the following classroom courses, beginning in March:

Cycle 2 (3/2 - 4/14/20)

☐ Intro to Catechesis CR - St. Paul, Fenton

March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4 - 1:00-3:30 pm

☐ Intro to Christian Morality CR - Christian Brothers College High School

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 - 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration and course information can be found at

https://www.archstl.org/catechetical-formation-program/courses/current-schedule.

Courses are \$75 per person, and scholarships are available from the Knights of Columbus RIB fund.

