

Saint of the Week: St. Camillus



February Virtue **Temperance**

Enjoying things in a proper, balanced way

Patron Saint of the Week: St. Camillus de Lellis, Class 4B,

(1550 - 1614 Italy)



While Camillus was still a boy, he developed bad habits of foul language, meanness, and gambling. He was bright but lazy, and by the age of 12 he quit going to school so he could spend his time gambling and fighting. At 17, he entered the army but continued his bad behavior. After being wounded in battle, he had to take a job-working in the garden of a Franciscan monastery! It was through the compassion of one of the friars that God's grace entered his heart, and Camillus gave his life to Christ.

Camillus went to Saint James Hospital in Rome where he became both a patient (to recover from the wounds he had received in battle) and a caregiver. Now, instead of giving into his sinful desires to gamble, he followed a strict life and practiced many penances. With Saint Philip Neri as his spiritual guide, Saint Camillus was eventually ordained a priest and founded a religious order, the Congregation of the Servants of the Sick and Poor, to serve the physical and spiritual needs of the sick in hospitals. For the rest of his life, Saint Camillus saw the opportunity to serve the sick as an opportunity to serve the Lord. His Feast is July 18.

Dear St. Camillus, by accepting the grace of God, you were able to overcome your desires and give your love and your time to Him, especially by caring for those who were sick. Give me your spirit of temperance so that my love and desires will always be centered in Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Closing Prayer will be on intercom at 6:10 & 7:55) **Tonight: 8th Grade tour of the Church.**

Mar 27-Spring Break ENJOY

April 3- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Class 7B (church unavailable)

April 10- St. Andres Bessette, 2nd Grade Tour of Church

April 17 - Journey to Jerusalem

April 21 Easter!!!!



Third Sunday of Lent: Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is

merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.



God is patient with us, even when we turn away from him and sin. God is always hopeful that we will ask for his forgiveness. God doesn't give up on us. Instead, God continually reaches out to us, helping us to become the people that he intends for us to be. During Lent, we remember that God helps us—reaching out to us with love, patience, and hopefulness that we will return to him in love.





Weekly Thoughts by Dr. Barbara Blackburn

AFFIRMATION



Most of us are familiar with the Broadway play and movie titled “Fiddler on the Roof.” The story centers on Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to maintain his family and Jewish religious traditions while outside influences encroach upon their lives. Tevye at one point asks his wife Golde, “Do you love me?” Her response seems at first evasive of the answer he wants, but, after being myself married for forty-two years, seems very true. Golde answers him, “For all these years I have cooked for you, cleaned for you, and cared for you. If that’s not love, what is?” Tevye wants more from the answer. He wants his love for Golde and her love for him to be affirmed. Finally Golde admits, “I guess I really do love you.” We all want that affirmation in our life. We all want to feel that we are loved.

During Lent this year our staff is reflecting on a book by Doctor Robert Furey, an experienced psychotherapist and teacher at SLU and UMSL. His text, *The Art of Affirmation*, explains the importance of affirmation and how we are affected when we are deprived of it. The book teaches *how* to affirm, a lesson Golde could have used in her conversation with Tevye.

Our staff’s most recent snippet from the text for reflection:

“Affirmation is ultimately an act of love. The art of affirmation is an art practiced by those willing to love. They love people. They love life. They love seeing people become all they are meant to be. Those who practice this art love to see others recognized for the good they have done. Ultimately, the greatest reward of affirmation is that it spreads love.”

Challenge: Surprise someone this week with kind and loving words of affirmation. As Golde would say, “If that’s not love what is?”

From Peggy: I thank and affirm ALL of you for giving so much for the kids of our parish! I will be away March 21 to Mar. 28.



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April 17 will be The Holy Week/Triduum Family Event **“Journey to Jerusalem”**: Teachers of each grade level will present a center explaining or experiencing that day. The children will progress through the centers accompanied by older grade buddies and /or parents. There are resources in the office. We will be again asking parents to escort children. 7th and 1st will go as buddies. 8th grades will be disciples to help lead along the journey. There are resources in the office...let me know what you need. We will supply most of the other items needed. Sign up for which center you would like to host!

Center	Activity	Grade A	Grade B	Location	Items Needed
Palm Sunday	Jesus and disciples will process through school, aid classes	8A 8C	8B		Leftover palms, costumes
Holy Thursday Washing of Feet	wash feet or sign cross	3A	3B,4B	Outside gym lobby /cafeteria	Bowl and Pitcher of water, towels, chairs
Holy Thursday Last Supper	Institution of Eucharist	2	2	Cafeteria	Bread & grapes, candles, chalice, paten/ciborium, grape juice/sm. Cups on trays, matzah in baskets.
Prayer in Garden	Bracelet and prayer	7A	1B	Hallway connection	Bracelets, picture, reflection
Good Friday	Stations,			Concession/Gym	stations, music.
Good Friday	Veneration of cross	4C	5B	Gym	Large Cross, red fabric, crown of thorns,
Easter Vigil Easter	explanation of symbols, empty tomb			Lobby,	Oils, Paschal candle, Holy water, Alleluia tent, rock, folded burial cloth, candles, grocery bags





ALL FOUR SIDES OF THE CROSS WERE COVERED WITH LENTEN RESOLUTIONS!

FAST

PRAY

GIVE



FORMING DISCIPLES; LEADING ALL TO CHRIST