



S.M.A.R.T. NEWS

Saint Mary's Active Religious Teens
Saint Mary's Parish Iowa City, Iowa March 2021
Web Site: <http://youth.icstmary.org>



Dear Friends –

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the '*Peanuts*' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions - just ponder on them:

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. And these are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies, awards tarnish, achievements are forgotten, and accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

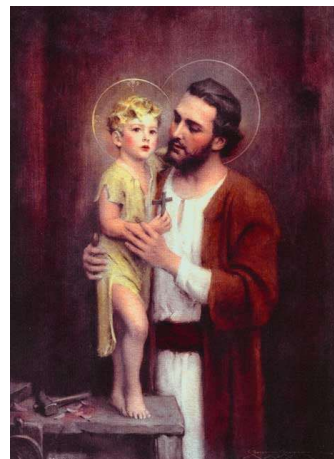
They simply are the ones who care the most...

Patti McTaggart

As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me... Psalm 40:17

St. Joseph's Day – March 19th

One of the special patron saints of religious and priestly vocations is St. Joseph, the faithful spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. The reason for this is founded in his primary vocation in life, which was to watch over and to protect the Blessed Virgin Mary and, our Savior, Jesus. During this month of March as well as throughout the year 2021 (*which has been dedicated to St. Joseph by Pope Francis*), let us pray to St. Joseph for our families – and especially our fathers/stepfathers – both in heaven and on earth!



Could God be calling you to the priesthood?



Then make the “call” to Fr. Jeff Belger (Assistant Vocation Director) belgerj@diodav.org. or Fr. Thom Hennen (Assistant Vocation Director) hennent@diodav.org.



TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

From February 17th to April 4, our parish and community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. For a chance to be involved or to sign up for a Vigil Hour, go to: www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/iowa/city.



"Why am I pro-life?"

Calling all students!

Johnson County Right to Life is sponsoring an Essay Contest for middle school and high school students!

2021 Essay Topic: Why are you pro-life?

Junior Division (grades 6-8)
Cash Prizes \$200 (1st), \$150 (2nd), and \$100 (3rd)

Senior Division (grades 9-12)
Cash Prizes \$300 (1st), \$250 (2nd), and \$200 (3rd)

Submission **DEADLINE** is Monday, May 3, 2021

For more information and contest rules, please visit www.JCRTL.org.
Email questions to Sheryl at Director@JCRTL.org





LIVES OF THE SAINTS

By: Ava Garcia Freshman – West High School

This month we celebrate Maewyn Succat most famously known as Saint Patrick. His feast day is March 17th, symbolized by shamrocks, and celebrated throughout the world. Ironically, Saint Patrick is originally from Britain, yet he is the national apostle of Ireland.

Saint Patrick was born in Britain to his father, a deacon, and his mother, an established clergy member. He was raised as a Christian and never formally educated. Saint Patrick faced many challenges throughout his life. When Saint Patrick was 16, he was captured by pirates and was sold into slavery where he became a herdsman in Ireland. In these rough times, he leaned strongly on his faith.

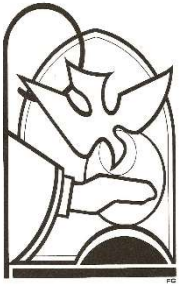
After a long and hard 6 years of mistreatment, Saint Patrick believed he had a vision from God, that he was to escape his captivity. In the middle of the night, Saint Patrick fled from his captor and found a ship ready to go to Britain. He had to sneak onto the ship and hide the entire journey. He suffered severe starvation only being able to eat the scraps of food he stole.

When Saint Patrick wrote his autobiography *Confessio* he told of a dream that occurred to him after his return to Britain. In his dreams, he said Victoricus (*one of 3 Christian missionaries*) delivered a message to him about the Irish who he could hear calling for his help. He was so moved by the dream that he knew he had to help, but he was hesitant because he was in no physical state to travel such a long journey. Once he started to spread the word of the Lord in his hometown, his hesitations vanished. He put all his faith into the Lord and embarked on his journey returning to Ireland to convert the Irish to Christianity and support the small group of Christians living there.

Saint Patrick is most known for his tireless missionary work on behalf of his adopted country, Ireland, and his autobiographical composition of *Confessio*.

After Saint Patrick died, he was associated with many different legends. One of the most popular legends surrounds the shamrock, which specifically refers to the three-leaf clover. It is believed that the shamrock is one way Saint Patrick, as a missionary, tried to explain Christianity to the Irish. It was easy to explain how the shamrock's 3 clover leaves represented The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit and how the stem represented God. Pictures depict Saint Patrick "driving the snakes out of Ireland with a cross in one hand and a shamrock in the other".





St. Mary's Confirmation Candidates
**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YOUTH
WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION ON FEBRUARY 14th, 2021.**



(The names appearing in parenthesis are the chosen Confirmation names)

Cora Becker (*Anne*)

Holden Berg (*Francis of Assisi*)

Faith Boileau (*Therese*)

Sarah Comer (*Joan*)

Rachel Eckhoff (*Francis of Assisi*)

Claire Forner (*Margaret*)

Ava Garcia (*Francis*)

Avery Gardner (*Patrick*)

Angelica Hamilton (*Faustina*)

Mary Hamilton (*Blessed Imelda Lambertini*)

Sawyer Hamilton (*Patrick*)

Alex Jensen (*Patrick*)

Jessica Kopp (*Catherine*)

Evan Loening (*Zeno of Verona*)

Michael Martin (*Sebastian*)

Nicolas Pendland (*Francis of Assisi*)

Toryn Rogers (*Christina*)

Abby Schuessler (*Catherine*)

Thomas Shey (*Martin de Porres*)

Riordan Smith (*Albert*)

Gabriella Sueppel (*Elizabeth of Hungary*)

Matthew Teets (*Patrick*)

Ian Udell (*Thomas Aquinas*)

Miles Wood (*Longinus*)

Amie Zerwic (*Isidore*)



**MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT
CONTINUE TO GUIDE YOU
THROUGHOUT YOUR LIVES!**



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Craigie # 94, Iowa City, Iowa

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Craigie #94 of Iowa City, IA, will award TWO scholarships of \$500 to two graduating senior women for the 2020-2021 college/university year. Attendance must be considered full time at the school the applicant is attending. The applicant must be a Catholic senior woman graduating from high school this year (2021). She must be a member of one of the parishes: St Mary's, St Patrick's or St Wenceslaus, Iowa City; St. Thomas More, Coralville; St. Joseph's, Hills; St. Mary's, Oxford; or St. Peter's Cosgrove.

She must be a graduate from a Johnson County high school, or an Accredited Home School.

Scholarship money will be applied to tuition of any two-year or four-year college or university or vocational school of her choice for the 2020-2021 school year. The CDA Scholarship Committee will judge applications on the basis of the information provided in each of the required areas.

Applications can be obtained from your Parish office.

Forms to fill out are attached. Transcripts must be provided by the high school guidance office, and must include class rank, grades and GPA. Two essays must be included.

Completed applications must be returned to the CDA scholarship chairperson: Jean Harney at pjhar@mchsi.com

Scholarship Application Form

Transcript(s)

Recommendations (2)

One from non-family member and one from a teacher/counselor

Two essays



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Scholarship Application 2021

High School:

High School Counselor:

Date of graduation:

Applicant Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Address:

Date of Birth:

Phone Number

E-mail address:

Home parish:

Religious Education Class attendance (where):

The following signatures certify the information provided in this application is accurate.

Applicant signature: _____

Parent or Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Certification by School Official

I certify that _____ whose signature written above is a candidate for graduation during the term ending _____, 2021 at _____ High School located in _____, Iowa.

Principal or Guidance Counselor: _____



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Criteria for Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic.
2. Applicant is planning to attend a two-year or four- year college or university or vocational school for the 2020-2021 academic year on a full-time status.
3. Applicant must be a graduating senior at a Johnson County high school or be home schooled.
4. Completion of application, letters of recommendation, and essays must be received by the April 15, 2021 deadline.
5. Scholarship awards will be made out to the college she will be attending.



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Scholarship Application 2021

All questions relate to activities during high school attendance.

High School(s) attended 9th through 12th grade

Name of School

Address

Dates attended

1. College where you will attend _____.

Anticipated major _____.

2. List and describe in detail your involvement in your parish during high school.

3. List and describe in detail your involvement in your community during high school.

4. List and describe in detail your involvement in school activities during your high school.

Offices held, honors, years of participation

Sports

Music/band

Class Offices



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5. List your work experiences – include your responsibilities in each position.
 6. Include two essay compositions. Essays are to be typed using correct grammar and punctuation. Each essay is to be approximately 300 words in length. Clearly identify the topic of your essay and include your name on each page.
- **Topics: 1) What are your hopes and goals for your future? 2) What role does your Catholic faith play in your daily life?**

Scholarship Selection Process

The selection committee shall be composed of three members chosen by the Court.

The selection committee shall review the applications, essays and letters of recommendation.

The members of the committee will rank the candidates according to the information provided by the applicant.

The scholarships will be awarded using this ranking.

The scholarship chairperson will review the list of candidates as ranked and in the case of a tie the Court Regent will have the final decision of the award.

For additional information contact 2021 Scholarship Chairperson, Jean Harney at pjhar@mchsi.com or 319 351-1954.



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Scholarship Letter of Recommendation

Thank you for your interest in offering a letter of recommendation for the student applying for a Catholic Daughters' Scholarship. This information is meant to offer some insight in what we look for in our scholarship applicants.

- Catholic Daughters Court Craigie #94 awards TWO scholarships of \$500 to two graduating senior women.
- Applicants are to be graduating seniors who attend a Johnson County high school or accredited home school
- Applicants are to be practicing Catholics

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and advancement of human dignity for all. Letters of recommendation that reflect these precepts in regard to the applicant are highly recommended. Other important considerations include the applicant's academics, character, citizenship and leadership.

You may mail or E-mail your letter of recommendation directly to the scholarship committee:

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarship Chairperson

C/O Jean Harney

2771 Hwy 1 NE

Iowa City, IA 52240

pjhar@mchsi.com

The deadline for the completed Application Package is April 15, 2021. Applicants are responsible to the entire package submitted by that date.

Should you have any questions, please send them to pjhar@mchsi.com or call 319 351-1954.