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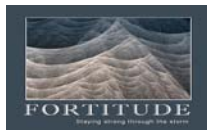
January Newsletter

WELCOME BACK

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful and restful Christmas Holiday! We are excited to be back anticipating all the opportunities that every New Year promises to bring!

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Our January Virtue is Fortitude which is one of the four cardinal virtues. It is commonly called *courage*; however, it is different from what we often think of. Fortitude is always *reasoned* and *reasonable*. The cardinal virtue of fortitude involves practicing what is good and just when it is difficult or even dangerous. A person of fortitude practices patience when meeting obstacles. They do what is right, even when others criticize them. Fortitude allows us to overcome our fear and remain resilient in the face of obstacles. Prudence and justice are the virtues through which we decide what needs to be done; fortitude gives us the strength to do it. As Catholics we look to Jesus as our model. He always did what was right, even when it cost Him His life. Practicing fortitude is challenging, but it brings deep peace that comes from knowing we have done the right

thing. Our January Virtue is being animated by Mrs. Thomas Grade 1 & 2 class. Mr. Tracy's Grade 7 & 8 class are animating our Welcome Back School Mass on **Wednesday, January 15, @ 1 pm.** Please join us!

INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

In Language Arts, we are starting our focus on Narrative reading and writing. In Mathematics, we are starting our unit on Geometry and Spatial Sense.

JK REGISTRATION

We are pleased to announce that Junior Kindergarten registration is on **Tuesday, January 28** in the main office from **9:00 am** through **4:00 pm.** We are excited to welcome our youngest learners into our Catholic school family for next year!

PA DAY

For your information, **Friday, January 31** is a Professional Activity Day. Enjoy your long weekend!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Andrea Iserhoff

Principal