TakeHome



Living as Christians

Love is the greatest and highiest virtue. We first experience being loved and cared for by the members of our family. As Christians, we are called by God to share his love with our family, our parish community, and the world.

ACTIVITY

A Reminder to Be Loving Make a mobile by cutting out hearts from construction paper and writing a characteristic of love on each. Use yarn to attach the hearts to branches. Hang your mobile in a place for all the family to see.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Listen carefully to the Scripture readings for examples of virtues, or good habits.

On the Web www.blestarewe.com



Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

Saint of the Week



Saint Brigid of Ireland (A.D. 453-525)

After Saint Patrick, Saint Brigid is the most beloved Irish saint.
As a young woman, she became a nun and founded many convents throughout Ireland. She is remembered today for her great compassion, charity, and love of God.

Patronage: nuns, poets **Feast Day:** February 1





O Lord, you love us with a deep and tender love. Help us always to share your love with others. Amen.

Getting Ready for Chapter 19





In the Early Church

The Church at Corinth After Jesus' Ascension, the Church began to grow. The apostle Paul carried the Gospel to many parts of the Mediterranean. He established a church community at Corinth, in Greece, on his second missionary journey (about A.D. 50). Some five years later, he wrote his first letter to the Corinthians, addressing problems that had developed in the congregation. In that letter, Paul identifies some basic principles that members of the Christian community should live by. One of these principles is that, like the human body, the Church has many parts that must be united (1 Corinthians 12:12–26).

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Celebrating Youth

World Youth Day Pope John Paul II began World Youth Day in 1984 when he called Catholic youth to Rome to encourage them to a greater commitment to God and to living the Gospel. Since then World Youth Day is celebrated annually on a diocesan level and internationally every two to three years. In 1995, World Youth Day in the Philippines attracted more than 5 million people for the closing Mass. In 2005, the newly elected Pope Benedict XVI, the first German pope in almost 500 years, attended World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany.