

# ST PATRICK SCHOOL

## Irish Messenger

*"Be Merciful, Kind, and Respectful  
to All You Meet Each Day"*

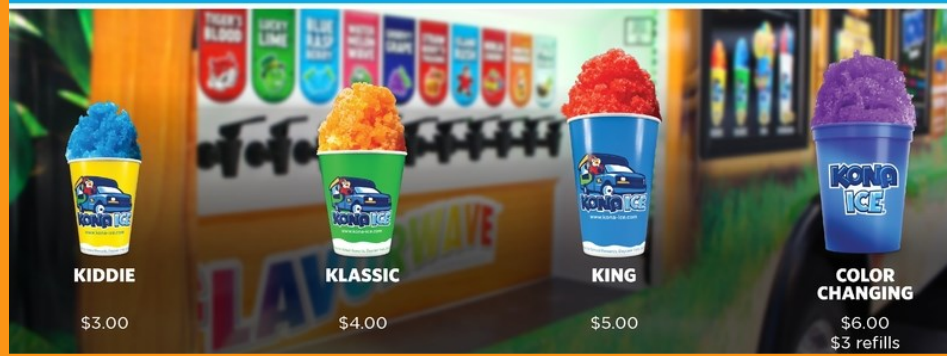
April 28, 2023

### KONA ICE

IS COMING!

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MAY 2ND  
3:00 - 4:00PM



The 8th grade class is hosting this event to raise funds for their legacy gift!

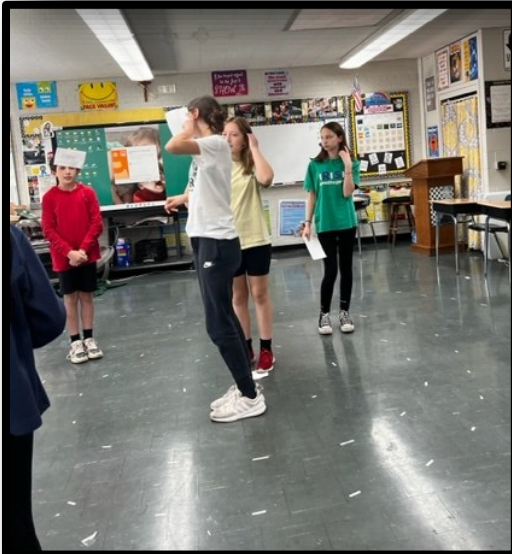
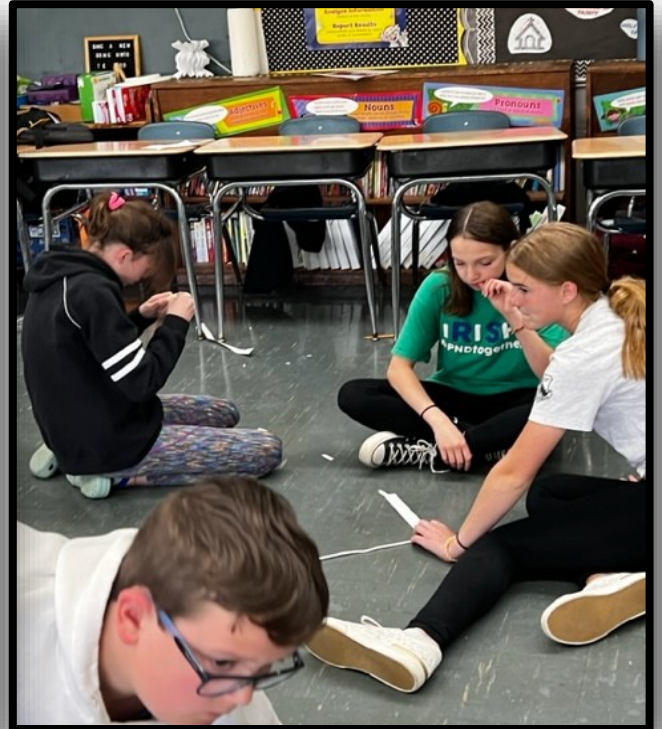
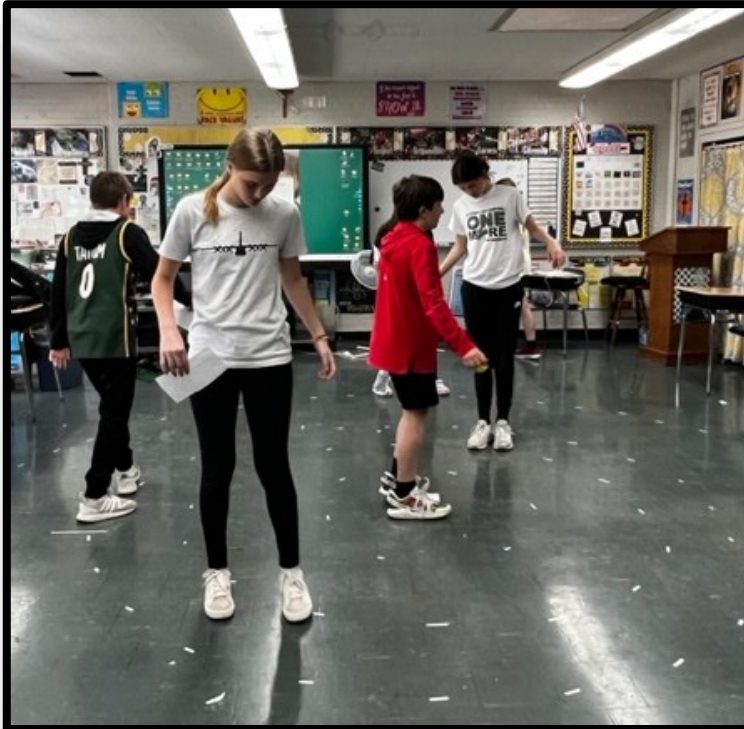
Make sure to get your Kona Ice on May 2nd!



St. Patrick's Scholastic Bowl team buzzed in with speed and accuracy, but after back to back wins against St. Mary's of Metamora, they lost to Roanoka Benson in the championship game of Regionals. With a season record of 7 wins and 4 losses, we are proud of their great season. Way to go!

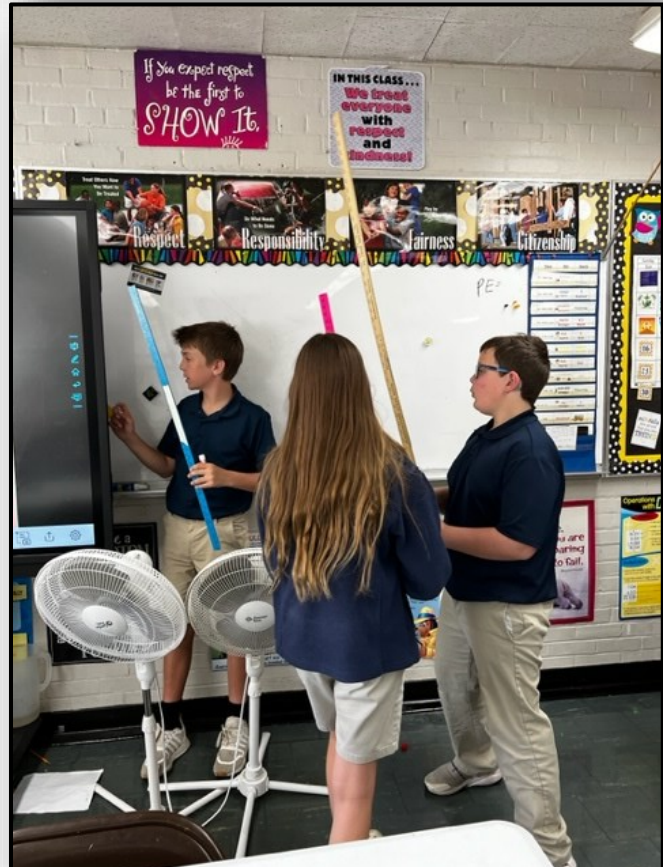
**THE MISSION OF ST. PATRICK SCHOOL** is to foster the spiritual growth and academic life of its students, faculty, and staff, and to teach children, with the cooperation of parents, a Catholic way of life.

6th grade science made a human orrery of the inner planets. An orrery is a model of the Solar System that illustrates the positions and movement of the planets and moons. It normally follows the heliocentric model.





6th Grade is finding the area of Mrs. Harris walls so we know how much paint it will take to paint the walls.



Parents,

Thanks to the support of our generous families and parish community, our Pre-K through 8th grade students will all receive a pizza party, during their lunch periods, on Thursday, May 4th. 🍕 🎉

THANK YOU, parents, for supporting our parish/school auction and donating the parties for the kids! 🍀 What a treat!

The lunches will include two pieces of pizza, a dessert and milk. Thank you for your generosity!



St. Pat's Auction Team





## Volunteers Needed

The IESA State Track Meet is May 12 & 13 at EastSide Sport Complex. An email was sent out asking for volunteers to help at the track meet. Here is the link to the Sign-Up Genius that was in that email: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod4eadac28a5fa7-state#/> More volunteers are still needed. Thank you to those who have already signed up to help!



Donors are needed for the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship. We have several students on the waiting list but not enough funds remaining in our account for a scholarship. Donors can receive 75% credit on their Illinois taxes for their donations. Check Empower Illinois [donors@empowerillinois.org](mailto:donors@empowerillinois.org) to donate and help a student receive a Catholic education.



Parents can also apply for a Spalding Scholarship for financial assistance. Deadline for application is April 28,



## Important Dates

APR 29 SAT - Track (St. Mary Relays) @ Metamora HS - 9:30 am

MAY 1 MON - Track (Irish Open) vs. Local Schools - 4:30

MAY 2 TUE - Kona Ice - 8th Grade Fundraiser

MAY 2 TUE - Track (Conference) - 4:30

MAY 2 & 4 - Spring MAP Testing

MAY 3 WED - School Band Concert—7 pm

MAY 4 THU - National Day of Prayer

MAY 4 THU - Auction Pizza Party

MAY 4 THU - City Math Contest at Washington Middle School

MAY 5 FRI - Living Rosary & May Crowning - 1:30

MAY 9 TUE - Band Concert at Peoria Courthouse

MAY 10 WED - Grades 5-8 to attend Peoria Chiefs Education Day

MAY 12 - 13 FRI - SAT - IESA State Track Meet; No School on May 12

MAY 15 MON - Sports Awards Night

MAY 17 WED - Academic Awards Night

MAY 19 FRI - 8th Grade Graduation

MAY 25 THU - Field Day & Class Trips

MAY 26 FRI - Last Day of School - 11:30 Dismissal

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each day!”

## Next Week's Virtue

VIRTUE=STRENGTH. VS.

### TEMPERANCE

The virtue of Temperance, or Moderation, is the strength that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods.

“Temperance ... ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable.” CCC1809

## Last Week's Virtue

VIRTUE=STRENGTH. VS.

### MAGNANIMITY

The strength to have greatness of soul, performing noble deeds that are great in the eyes of God.

Strive to live the whole week without complaining.

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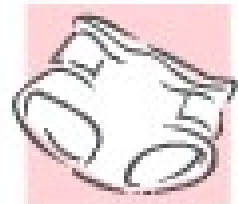
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*Help our Parish*



# "Fill the Crib"

for St. Gianna Baby Pantry  
at Catholic Charities!



The pantry helps children sized newborn to 2T.  
These are the items REALLY needed at this time:

- Wipes
- Pull-ups (any size)
- Diapers (any size)
- Formula
- Baby lotion, shampoo  
& wash



*(Please, no jar baby food)*

- Blankets, clothes and other baby items are  
also appreciated

Students can bring items in to school from May 1<sup>st</sup>  
through May 5<sup>th</sup>.



# PEORIA NOTRE DAME



The Peoria Notre Dame Dance Team will be having a dance camp for girls 4 years old through 8th grade.

It will be held from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM June 12 - 15, 2023.

The cost is \$60 per dancer.

Visit the link below to sign up:

<https://pnddanceteam.weebly.com/2023-summer-kids-camp.html>

Please email us at

[pnddanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:pnddanceteam@gmail.com)

if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there!







# WASHINGTON JFL

## REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1



Washington JFL operates Flag, Tackle, and Cheerleading programs in the City of Washington for youth ages 5-14

Our mission is to provide a no-fault atmosphere, so the boys and girls of Washington have a safe and competitive environment to play football or cheer. It is our goal to make football and cheerleading fun and to send as many of these kids to the next level - eventually playing under the Friday Night Lights at Babcock Field in the Mid Illini Conference!

Practice begin July 31, Games begin September 2

Early Registration: May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>

Flag, ages 5-7	\$75
Tackle, ages 8-14	\$225
Cheerleading, ages 6-14	\$75

Registration after May 31<sup>st</sup>

Flag, ages 5-7	\$100
Tackle, ages 8-14	\$250
Cheerleading, ages 6-14	\$100

Visit our website for registration: <https://www.washingtonjfl.com>

Volunteer Coaches needed at all levels & all programs!!

Please email [washingtonjfldirector@gmail.com](mailto:washingtonjfldirector@gmail.com) for more information or questions.

The Junior Football League of Central Illinois (JFLOCI) is the Midwest's preeminent youth sports league, offering Flag Football, Tackle Football, and Cheerleading. The JFLOCI is committed to ensuring a positive youth sports experience and advancing player safety by providing league-wide coaching education and teaching resources that benefit players, parents, and coaches. To enhance this commitment, the JFLOCI partners with local high schools to host yearly training clinics for first year coaches and an online clinic for all coaches.

JFLOCI Executive Director, Zo Evans, said, "The JFLOCI is about more than just a game; it's about teaching lifelong lessons such as teamwork, humility, honesty, integrity, hard work, structure, and determination. Each one of our Areas has developed a family atmosphere that fosters growth in our young athletes. This growth is something that will forever enhance their lives and we are proud to carry out that responsibility. A championship trophy is won based on the outcome of a game, but we are far more concerned with equipping our young athletes with life skills and a 'championship character' than anything else."

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

May 2023

**St. Patrick School**

Doreen Shipman, Principal



## Thoughtful Moments

### Why does Easter matter?

Jesus died so that we might live. In fact, He died so that we might live forever. If we truly believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, that belief must cause us to live differently. Easter gives us confidence that the darkness in our past can be forgiven, our present has meaning, and we can have hope for the future. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in human history.



### Come together in silence.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence." Once a week, turn off the television, computers, video games and telephones for fifteen minutes. Sit in silence together and listen for God's voice.

*"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but (H)im who sent me" (Mark 9:37).*



## Live with Easter joy throughout the year

The Church gives us a whole season to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter, ending on Pentecost (May 28). Here are five ways to spread Easter joy beyond the season:

**Praise God daily together.** Christ's Resurrection is a source of hope. Without it, getting to Heaven would be impossible for us. Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving together every day.

**Celebrate our new life.** Plant an indoor Easter garden that you can tend all year. Point out new leaves, blossoms, or shoots when they appear, and remember that Easter brings us all new life.

**"Tell me a story."** Jesus told marvelous stories to help us understand God's love for us. Add

Jesus' stories to your regular bedtime story selection and help children fall asleep with sweet dreams of God's love.

**Fast before the feast.** The pain of Good Friday makes the joy at Easter more intense. Observe every Friday as a day of penance. For example, in addition to abstaining from meat, consider making Friday night a no-dessert or a no-computer game night. Then, on Sunday, treat yourselves to whatever you gave up.

**Celebrate Easter every week.** At every Mass, we receive the Resurrected Christ. He is as present to us as He was to Mary Magdalene outside the tomb. Don't miss a chance to celebrate "Little Easter" every Sunday.



## Why Do Catholics Do That ?

### Why are roses associated with Mary?

For centuries, Our Lady has been associated with roses, traditionally considered the "queen" of flowers in Europe and the Middle East for their beauty, nobility, delicacy, and fragrance. They have also been linked to royalty. In apparitions,



Mary has appeared with roses at Lourdes, Guadalupe, and La Salette. One of her titles is "Mystical Rose." This connection was so strong, people compared praying sets of Hail Marys to a "wreath of roses," called a "rosarium"—now known as the Rosary.



## Helping children encounter the Holy Spirit

At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, who would remain with us to comfort, guide, and teach us (John 14:16, 26).

Encourage children to:

**Accept His gifts:** Knowledge to know right from wrong, fortitude to stand up and be strong, understanding to follow God's way, piety to worship and pray, counsel to enlighten and guide, wisdom to feel God's presence, fear of the Lord to always be awed by the mighty wonders of our God.



**Listen for His voice:** Even when "the still small voice" (1 Kings 19:12) reveals our wrongdoing, the Holy Spirit gently urges us back to the right path. Teach children to rely on Him for inspiration and guidance.

**Asking Him to reveal God's love:** God pours out His love to us through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5) and makes us His beloved children (Romans 8:15-16). When we accept this gift, we're empowered to extend it to others. Every day, pray together for your children to receive His love and grace.

### Scripture LESSON

#### John 20:19-23, God's transforming mercy

In this Gospel reading, the Apostles spent their first Easter Sunday fearfully hiding in a locked room. They were terrified the Romans would find them and execute them for being Jesus' students. Instead, Jesus appeared to them in glory and spoke words of peace. He showed them His wounds as "the living proof" of His Resurrection. He was alive!

That night, Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained," (John 20:23). He knew we would need to hear the words of forgiveness. Having authority to forgive sins in His name,



the Apostles and their successors could continue Jesus' work after he returned to Heaven.

**What can parents do?** Jesus appeared to His Apostles in their darkest moments and gave them strength, peace, and grace to move forward. Tell children God

doesn't wait for us to mess up, but instead prefers to keep us close.

Teach them that when they fall into sin, don't waste time "hiding" from Jesus. Instead, seek Him out in Confession and celebrate His forgiveness.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**May 13 – St. Mary Mazzarello (1881).** Born near Genoa, Italy, Mary Domenica and a friend taught poor girls to work as dressmakers and to love God. Inspired by a vision, she worked with St. John Bosco to found the Salesian Sisters.

**May 14 – St. Matthias the Apostle (1st century).** He was chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot, since Matthias had accompanied Jesus from the beginning. He spent his life preaching the Good News until his martyrdom.

**May 18 – Ascension of the Lord (1st century).** This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

**May 31 – The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (1st century).** Following the news from the angel, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, to share gladness at being favored by God. Upon hearing Mary's greeting, John the Baptist leapt for joy in Elizabeth's womb. The Hail Mary includes Elizabeth's address to Mary.



### Parent TALK

Having younger siblings prepared me for my two noisy, active children. But I wasn't prepared for constant

bickering and tattling. It seems as if I settle an argument every ten minutes.

One day, Fr. Mike Dobbins came to dinner. The children were on their best behavior until they went to the next room to play. The screams and tattling made adult conversation impossible.

Father finally said, as the oldest of a large family, it looked like our children didn't know how to settle their own fights because I always settle them. Once I stop, he predicted things would calm down.

The next day, I told the children that if they fought, they needed to ask, "What would Jesus do?" and find a solution. Otherwise, they would both get sent to their rooms no matter who started it. Sure enough, within a few days they learned to solve their own disputes.

### Our Mission

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# Caterpillar Foundation Volunteer Service Match



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## ANNOUNCING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MATCH PROGRAM

Current Caterpillar Cares Employee Participants:

The Caterpillar Foundation is proud to announce the launch of the global [Volunteer Service Match Program](#) to support our employees in their volunteer service to worthy causes.

For every **10 hours** you volunteer and record, the Foundation provides a **\$100 USD grant** to a charity you've volunteered with (your choice!). A maximum of **\$1,000 USD (up to 100 hours)** per calendar year may be matched per participant.

Volunteer hours completed **starting January 1, 2023** and beyond are eligible for the program. This includes contributed time, effort and/or talent (without financial gain) to help an eligible charity or school further their mission.

### For more information:

- Visit the [Volunteer Service Match website](#) where you can start recording your hours.
- Check out the program [guidelines](#) and [FAQs](#).
- Utilize the Caterpillar Foundation [SharePoint site](#) for helpful resources to promote the program internally.

Thank you for partnering with the Caterpillar Foundation to make a meaningful impact in our communities!

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