



Irish Messenger

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

August 26, 2022

Join us for Meet the Teacher Night (K-8) on Monday, August 29 from 6-8pm in the gym.

Welcome to our youngest students in PK3 and PK4!

Preschool started this week. Preschool students are having fun learning, playing, and coming over to the "big school." We are glad you are a part of our St. Patrick's school family.



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.

Classic Readers

Congratulations to Madeline Stevenart in 7th grade and to Aiden Crull and McKenna Sparks in 8th grade for completing the Accelerated Reader program and reaching Classic Reader. These students will be getting a poster hung in the hall and a certificate of achievement. In order to reach Classic Reader a student must pass all other certification levels and complete the requirements for Classic level once: read 3 books with a book level of 6.0 or higher that have an AR quiz worth at least 7 points. Keep reading Irish!



Cross Country News

Ben Gorsage and Charlie Anthony both ran faster than the previous school record at our huge 18 team Mini Mid-Illini meet in Pekin on Thursday, placing 4th and 10th behind two state champions. Ben now officially holds the school record at 11:33.8.



Book Drive

We need your help! The St. Patrick's School library is in need of updated books for our shelves. The library is run by volunteer parents and teachers who feel strongly about instilling a love of reading in our students. As we update our library, we are hoping to add a plethora of new books that will help with our goal of getting students excited to read. Please consider donating new or gently used books during Meet the Teacher Night. There will be a basket in the foyer. If you don't have books needing a new home, please consider donating something from our Amazon Wish List which includes books, stickers, pencils, and other reading rewards. Thank you for all you continue to do for our school!

[St. Patrick's School Library Wish List](#)



Friday at all school Mass, Fr. Bazi lead the whole school in singing praises to God during his homily.

*Praise Him. Love Him. Trust Him.
Serve Him....in the morning...in the
noontime...when the sun goes
down.*



"Reverence, Respect, Responsibility...

Excellence in Academics and in Faith Formation"

Reminder Please do not park on the right side of Cedar St. during morning drop off. If you want to walk you student up to the door, please park in the fenced in parking lot. We need to keep the traffic moving on Cedar St.



Important Dates

AUG 27 SAT - Baseball vs. Peoria Heights
@ Home - 10:00am

AUG 29 MON. - Meet the Teacher Night -
6:00 - 8:00 pm

AUG 30 TUE - Fall MAP Testing Day 1

AUG 30 TUE - Cross Country @ Panther
Invite - 4:15pm

AUG 30 TUE - Baseball vs. Rankin @ Home
- 4:30pm

AUG 30 TUE - Softball vs. St. Mary @
Home—5:00pm

SEPT 1 THU - Fall MAP Testing Day 2

SEPT 1 THU - Cross Country @ Metamora -
4:15pm

SEPT 1 THU - Softball @ Robein - 4:30pm

SEPT 1 THU - Baseball@ Robein - 4:15pm

SEPT 5 MON - Labor Day; No School

SEPT 6 TUE - Regular Schedule begins -
8:00 - 3:15pm

Spiritwear Sale

An online Teamworks Store open where you can purchase St. Patrick



Spiritwear has been set up. Check it out by clicking [here](https://stp-spirit-22.itemorder.com/shop/home/). (<https://stp-spirit-22.itemorder.com/shop/home/>)

The store closes at 11:59pm on Sunday, September 18.

Virtue for Next Week

VIRTUE=STRENGTH. **VS.**

DEDICATION

The strength to be firm on one's direction and purpose.

RESOLUTION—WAY TO LIVE THE VIRTUE THIS WEEK

Pay attention to all of the small details in everything you are doing.

Virtue of Last Week

VIRTUE=STRENGTH. **VS.**

RESILIENCE

The strength to be able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.

Click [here](#) to watch a video on what it means to be resilient.

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St. Patrick School 2022-2023 Calendar

Calendar as of 8/18/22 - Subject to Revision

Aug. 2	Tues.	Prep Day; 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the gym
Aug. 5	Fri.	Back to School Pool Party for all students and families PreK-8; <u>6:00-8:00 p.m.</u> PreK-K Back to School Picnic; Oakwood Park; <u>4:30-6:00 p.m.</u>
Aug. 10-12, 15	Wed.-Fri.- Mon.	Faculty/Staff In-Services
Aug. 15	Mon.	Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven First School Day for Kindergarten and 1 st Grade: Last Names Beginning with A-L 9:00-10:00 am Last Names Beginning with M-Z 10:30-11:30 am
Aug. 16	Tues.	First Day of School for K-8; 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal; Teacher In-Service
Aug 17-18	Wed.-Thurs.	Preschool Unpack Back Packs – Sign-up Genius to be sent out in August
Aug. 22	Mon.	Preschool Program Begins
Aug. 29	Mon.	Meet the Teacher Night 6:00-8:00 p.m. beginning in Sr. Mary Ann Gym
Sept. 5	Mon.	Labor Day; No School
Sept. 23	Fri.	Preschool-8 th Grade – Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m. – WCHS Homecoming Parade; No After-Care
Sept. 23	Fri.	No Afternoon Preschool – Dismissal 11:30 a.m. – WCHS Homecoming Parade; No After-Care
Oct. 6	Thurs.	Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m. for Grades K-8 – Teacher In-Service; <u>No After-Care</u>
Oct. 6	Thurs.	Preschool will be in session as normal from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; <u>No After-Care</u>
Oct. 7	Fri.	Region I Faculty In-Service; No School
Oct. 13	Thurs.	Picture Day
Oct. 20	Thurs.	11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal; Parent-Faculty Conferences
Oct. 21	Fri.	Parent-Faculty Conferences; No School
Nov. 1	Tues.	All-Saints Day – All School Mass; 1 st Grade Saints Presentation
Nov. 16	Wed.	Picture Re-Take Day
Nov. 22	Tues.	Thanksgiving Break Begins; 2:00 p.m. Dismissal; No Extended Care after school
Nov. 23-27	Wed.-Sun.	<u>Thanksgiving Break</u> ; No School
Nov. 28	Mon.	School Resumes
Dec. 8	Thurs.	Feast of the Immaculate Conception – All School Mass
Dec. 19	Mon.	Christmas Program at Five Points
Dec. 20	Tues.	Christmas Break Begins; 11:30 a.m. Dismissal; Faculty/Staff Christmas Party
Dec. 21	Wed.	<u>Christmas Break</u> ; No School
Dec. 25	Sat.	Christmas Day
Jan. 5	Thurs.	School Resumes
Jan. 16	Mon.	Dr. Martin Luther King Day; No School
Jan. 26-27	Thur.-Fri.	Preschool Conferences; No Preschool
Jan. 30-Feb. 4		Catholic Schools Week
Feb. 20	Mon.	Presidents' Day; No School
Feb. 22	Wed.	Ash Wednesday – All School Mass
Mar. 10	Fri.	Region I Faculty In-Service; No School
Mar. 17	Fri.	St. Patrick Day; No School this year
Apr. 3-Apr. 10		<u>Easter Break</u>
Apr. 7	Fri.	Good Friday; No School
Apr. 9	Sun.	Easter
Apr. 10	Mon.	No School
Apr. 11	Tues.	School Resumes
May 12-13	Fri.-Sat.	State Track Meet; No School (Fri., May 12); Tentative
May 19	Fri.	Graduation; 6:00 p.m. – Tentative
May 26	Fri.	Tentative Last Day of School; 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
May 29	Mon.	Memorial Day; No School
May 30-June 5		Emergency Days and Tentative Last Day of School to be Determined (Please Do Not schedule vacations during this time).

Please Note: Short Schedule: Grades K-8 only: August 17 to September 2 with a 2:00 p.m. Early Dismissal. Extended Care will be available. (Preschool will meet on their regular schedule).

Regular Schedule: Preschool 8:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Morning Classes and Preschool 8:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Full day
Grades K-4 – 8:00 a.m. - 3:10 p.m. -- Grades 5-8 – 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

In-Person Learning Only: St. Patrick School will be offering In-Person Learning only for the 2022-2023 school year. There will be no options offered for semester or full year remote learning for 2022-2023 school year.

Vacations: Please schedule vacations during school breaks and long weekends rather than during student attendance days.

Taking vacations outside of school breaks is extremely disruptive to the learning environment. Students, families, faculty, and staff taking vacations are subject to current regulations from CDC, IDPH, OCS, and ISBE directives regarding returning to in-school classes.



Headliner

**Bart
Shatto**

Bergan '83 Grad &
Played the lead role of
Jean Valjean in
Les Miserables on Broadway.

Peoria Notre Dame
Alums
have *Talent*

Saturday, September 3rd

7:00 pm

Livingston Auditorium

Peoria Notre Dame

★ Featuring additional alums who have excelled in the arts!

Tickets are \$30 at
pndhs.ejoinme.org/pndtalenttickets



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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

September 2022

St. Patrick School

Doreen Shipman, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

Family dinners

Studies show that parents who connect with children during regular family dinners tend to stay engaged throughout the critical teenage years. Adolescents and teens whose families met for regular dinners had better grades and avoided drugs, alcohol and other risky behaviors. Nuture the "domestic church" by gathering for family meals several times a week.



Share devotions

In the hectic pace of school, homework, and extracurricular activities, it can be hard to find time for family prayer. Bedtime can be an ideal time to pray, learn about new saints, read Scripture together, and explore your Catholic identity. Come together as a family to thank God for the blessings of the day.

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive"
(Colossians 3:12-13).



Teach children the power of "holy speech"

"Those who guard mouth and tongue guard themselves from trouble" (Proverbs 21:23). How we talk can help us build up the Kingdom or get us into serious trouble. Teaching children traits of "holy speech" helps them build up powerful protection against sin:

Respectful. Children use respectful speech by listening attentively, saying "Please," "thank you," "I'm sorry," and staying calm even during disagreements. Start by modeling respectful speech at home.

Positive. Children handle problems with peace when they have a healthy trust in God's care. Trust comes from recognizing all that He has done for them. Count blessings daily to help.



Kind. Actions may speak louder than words, but kind words are powerful – and necessary. Encourage children to greet others with a smile, pay a sincere compliment, look out for the friendless, or defend someone who needs help.

Truthful. Followers of Jesus know important truths: God loves us, good always triumphs, all people have dignity. That's why we always tell the truth. Help youngsters commit to honesty in honor of our love for God.

Uplifting. Are discussions about God welcome at the dinner table? Is household humor wholesome and encouraging or is it okay to make fun of others? Teach children that while not all worldly topics are sinful, our conversation should always lift each other up and show our love.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Nicene Creed we profess during Mass summarizes what we believe as Catholics, the basic tenets of our faith. It's also an affirmation of Faith. The Nicene Creed is a more detailed version of the Apostles Creed and emphasizes belief in

Why do Catholics recite the Nicene Creed during Mass?



the Trinity and the Incarnation. Although we profess our Catholic faith as a community, each of us is accountable for our own response to divinely revealed Truth. That's why the Nicene Creed begins, "I believe," not "We believe."

Help children love the Mass

When children know what to do, say, and sing during Mass, they can begin to appreciate the miracle of the Eucharist. As the Eucharist takes hold in their lives, Mass becomes their spiritual lifeline. Begin with the simple gestures:

Sign of the Cross: This common prayer invokes the Holy Trinity and recalls Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. Catholics make the Sign with the right hand and touch our head and chest, then left shoulder and right shoulder. Encourage children to make the Sign of the Cross reverently throughout the day.



Genuflect. Jesus is present in the tabernacle and is worthy of our worship. We "take a knee" before Him when entering and leaving the pew, and when we cross in front of the tabernacle. The right knee should touch the floor.

Communion. Before the sanctuary, prior to receiving Communion, perform an act of reverence – genuflect or bow reverently. If receiving by hand, look for and consume any crumbs left on your palm and fingers – Jesus is present in the particles.

Scripture LESSON

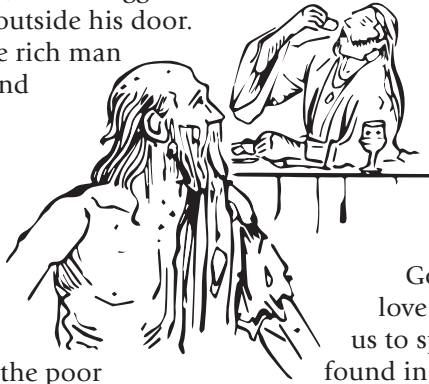
Luke 16:19-31, Learn God's language of love

This is the story of a rich man who enjoys his life on earth, and a beggar who suffers, ignored, outside his door. In the afterlife, it is the rich man who suffers torment and begs for relief.

The rich man was condemned for two reasons. The first was because he had become blind to the suffering of others. He deliberately ignored the misery of the poor man right outside his door. He had the resources to bring a change in the man's situation but did nothing.

The second is because the rich man knew what Scripture said about how

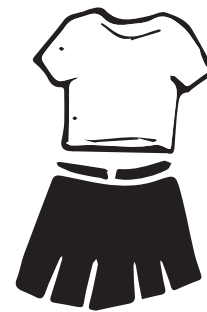
God expects His followers to care for each other, but he ignored it. Living our faith means transforming prayer into deeds of love.



What can a parent do? The key to learning God's language of love and how He wants us to speak it can be found in the Bible. Put your family Bible in a conspicuous spot in your home, one that will remind you to read it together daily. Then talk about putting what you learn into action.

Parent TALK

Once again, Alice and I battled over her outfit. Her favorite actress wears short skirts and crop tops, and I don't think that's how a woman of faith



should dress. Alice likes that this actress has a beautiful mansion, lots of friends, and a fast car, and thinks that's the perfect life. Alice wonders if she does the same thing, she will also have a great life.

I want my children to pick heroes who love God and aspire to please Him, not the world. I started introducing saints who shared Alice's interests – music, animals, acting. We read their stories and watch movies about them. Alice became interested by their lives and how they became God's special friends. I even told her about how my favorite saints have helped me. My hope is that the more she knows about saintly people, the more she will choose to be like them.

Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo (1251). Born to poor parents in Viterbo, Italy, Rose used her gift of preaching to catechize her village. Though very young, she also spoke out in support of the pope against the anti-papal Ghibellines. The Poor Clares refused to accept her but allowed her burial there. She died at age eighteen.

Sept. 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Mary's birth brought her parents joy. We rejoice too – because of Mary's "Yes," she became the mother of Jesus.

Sept. 21 – St. Matthew the Evangelist

(1st Century). Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector (Mark 2:14). St. Matthew left everything when Jesus called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel according to Matthew.

Sept. 30 – St. Jerome (c.420). St. Jerome's great love of the Scriptures led Pope Damasus to commission him to translate the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin. Called the "Vulgate," it became the official text of the Catholic Church.



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