



August 29, 2025

Irish Messenger

Issue 2

BLESSED TO BE PART OF THE
DRONE SHOW CELEBRATING
THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF
OUR GREAT CITY AND
COMMUNITY!



UPCOMING EVENTS

9/1
Labor Day
No School

9/7
St. Carlo Acutis
Celebration at
Retro City
12-3pm

9/10
2nd Wed
2pm Dismissal
No Aftercare

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

We are off to a wonderful start to the new school year! Thank you for helping to make the beginning of this year such a positive and smooth transition.

As we settle into our routines, I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of arriving on time each morning. Being on time sets the tone for the day and allows students to fully engage in their learning from the very first moment. Your partnership in supporting punctuality helps our students thrive both academically and personally.

I also want to give a big shoutout to all of our student-athletes and coaches involved in fall sports. Whether on the field, court, or track, your hard work, dedication, and team spirit are inspiring. We're proud of you and cheering you on!

Thank you, as always, for your continued commitment to Catholic education.

In Christ's love,
Mrs. Smith



This notice is for your information on AHERA Asbestos Inspections. St. Patrick School has complied with all LEA rules and responsibilities under Illinois 763.84. Asbestos management files can be requested in the school office.

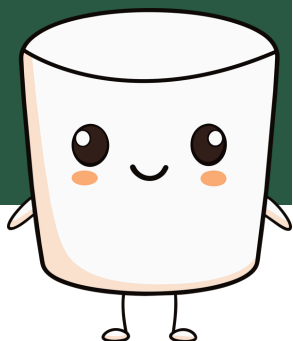
SCIENCE IN ACTION

Our 5th and 6th graders put their engineering skills to the test in an exciting hands-on STEM challenge! Working in teams, students were given a simple, yet tricky, task: build the tallest free-standing tower using only marshmallows.

This activity wasn't just about height, it was about creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. Students brainstormed, tested, and reworked their designs, all while learning about basic engineering principles like structural stability and weight distribution.

There were some wobbly towers, some quick collapses, and a whole lot of laughter, but also some incredibly impressive results!

Stay tuned for more STEM fun ahead!





PREK-4 & 8TH GRADE MET THEIR PRAYER PARTNERS



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.

This week

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



WHAT IS REVERENCE?

The strength to show love and respect to God and holy things.

Reverence means we love God and treat His house (the church), His name, and His special things (like the Bible or the cross) with care and quiet hearts.

Examples of Reverence

- 1. Genuflect Properly:** Face Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament and bring your knee all the way down to touch the floor and then make the sign of the cross slowly.
- 2. Appropriate Dress:** Dress modestly and appropriately for Mass or adoration. This reflects an understanding of the sacredness of the space and respect for God and fellow worshipers.
- 3. Participating Actively:** Join in responses, hymns, and prayers enthusiastically. Engaging in the liturgy shows respect for the community and the sacredness of the worship experience.

**NEXT
WEEK**

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



WHAT IS HUMILITY?

Humility is the strength to put God and others first instead of myself.

It is not about thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less.

Humility is the strength to recognize our gifts and talents as blessings from God and to humbly acknowledge that we are not superior to others.

Examples of Humility:

1. You let your friend go first in line, even if you really want to be first.
2. You say "thank you" to God and your teacher for helping you instead of saying "I did it all by myself!"
3. You help your classmate pick up papers they dropped without bragging about it or looking for praise.

CROSS COUNTRY

The first cross country meet was on August 18th, hosted by St Jude at Donovan Park. The girls brought home 1st place!



Even the future members of XC ran a half mile for fun!
Go Irish!



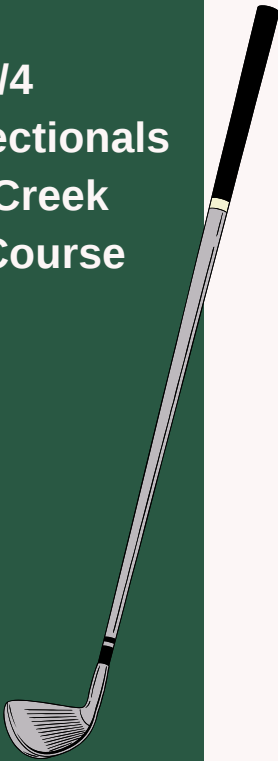
GOLF

9/3
Boys' Sectionals
El Paso Golf Club

9/4
Girls' Sectionals
Wolf Creek
Golf Course

Both our boys and girls golfers are
looking forward to sectionals coming up
next week!

FORE!



IRISH

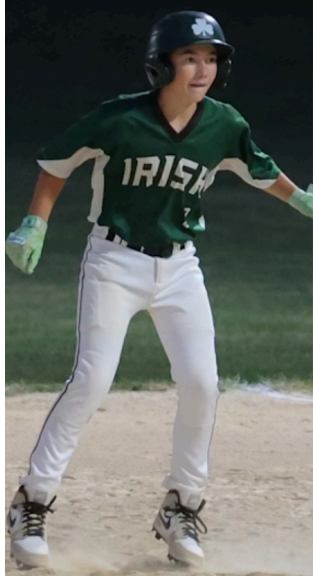
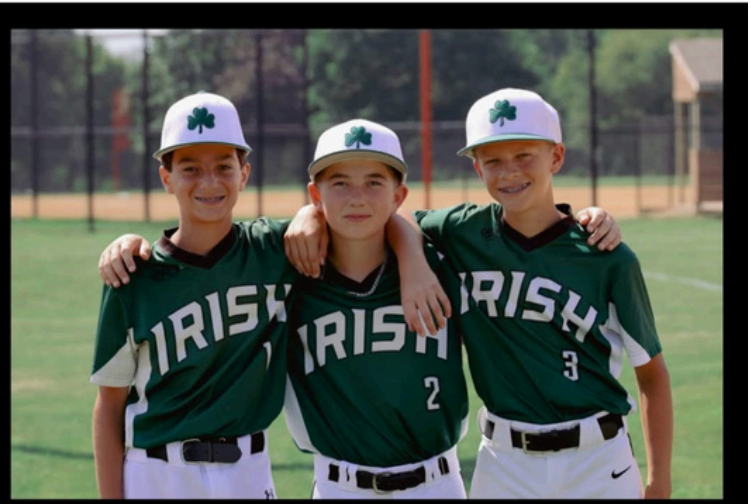
8TH GRADE
NIGHT

9/2
vs Rankin
at 4:30 p.m.
Rankin School

9/4
vs Robein
at 4:30 p.m.
Washington Park

9/8
vs Morton Union
at 4:30 p.m.
Washington Park

9/10
vs South Pekin
at 4:15 p.m.
South Pekin School



Lady Irish

8th Grade Night



Softball

9/3

vs St. Phil's

at 4:30 p.m.

TBD

9/5

vs Eureka Middle

at 10:00 a.m.

Washington Park

9/6

vs Midland

at 10:00 a.m.

Washington Park



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School	2 Michael's Sub(1/3), side, Juice Milk	3 Milk Michaels Spaghetti,side,Juice	4 Milk Papa Johns Pepperoni Pizza (2 Pieces), Snack, Milk	5 Milk Taco Bell 3 Cheesy Roll-ups, side, Milk	6
7	8 Milk Michaels Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Milk	9 Milk Beck's Mac & Cheese Bowl,side, Milk	10 Milk Michaels Pizza Bread, Snack, Milk	11 Milk Michael's Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Milk	12 Beck's Cheese Pizza, Snack, Milk Milk	13
14	15 Beck's Chicken Sandwich, side, Milk Milk	16 Milk Michaels Hot Ham & Cheese, side, ,Milk	17 Milk Taco Bell 2 Soft Tacos (Meat&Cheese),Doritos, Juice	18 Milk Papa Johns Sausage Pizza(2 Pieces) Snack, Milk	19 Milk Michaels Grilled Cheese, side, Milk	20
21	22 Michael's Sub(1/3), side, Juice Milk	23 Milk Papa Johns Pepperoni Pizza (2 Pieces), Snack, Milk	24 Milk Michaels Spaghetti,side,Juice	25 Milk Beck's Chicken Tender, mac & Cheese, side, Juice	26 Milk Taco Bell 3 Cheesy Roll-ups, side, Milk	27
28	29 Beck's Potato Bowl, Snack, Juice Milk	30 Milk Michael's Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Milk				














Reminder, lunch
orders for the week are
due the Thursday
before, by Noon.

APPROVED UNIFORMS

St. Patrick Approved Uniforms

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://st-pats-washington.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

BLANK Sport-Tek Youth Posicharge Polo  3 Colors \$13.00	EMBROIDERED Sport-Tek Youth Polo  3 Colors \$21.00	Port & Company Youth Core Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$23.00	Port Authority Youth Value Fleece Jacket  2 Colors \$33.00	BLANK Sport-Tek Polo  3 Colors \$14.00	EMBROIDERED Sport-Tek Polo  3 Colors \$21.00
Port & Company Essential Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$21.00	Port Authority Value Fleece Jacket  2 Colors \$33.00	Sport-Tek 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$36.00	Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Stretch 1/4-Zip Pullover  3 Colors \$40.00		

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Questions?
Dan Crowley
3095307557
inkstainzscreenprinting@gmail.com

Uniform store is open throughout the school year!



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
Every Tuesday and Thursday
we show our Irish pride!

SPIRIT WEAR TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS



STUDENTS CAN WEAR SPIRIT
WEAR TOPS (OR MRS. HARRIS
TOPS ON THURSDAYS) WITH
UNIFORM BOTTOMS.

ST. CARLO ACUTIS CANONIZATION CELEBRATION!

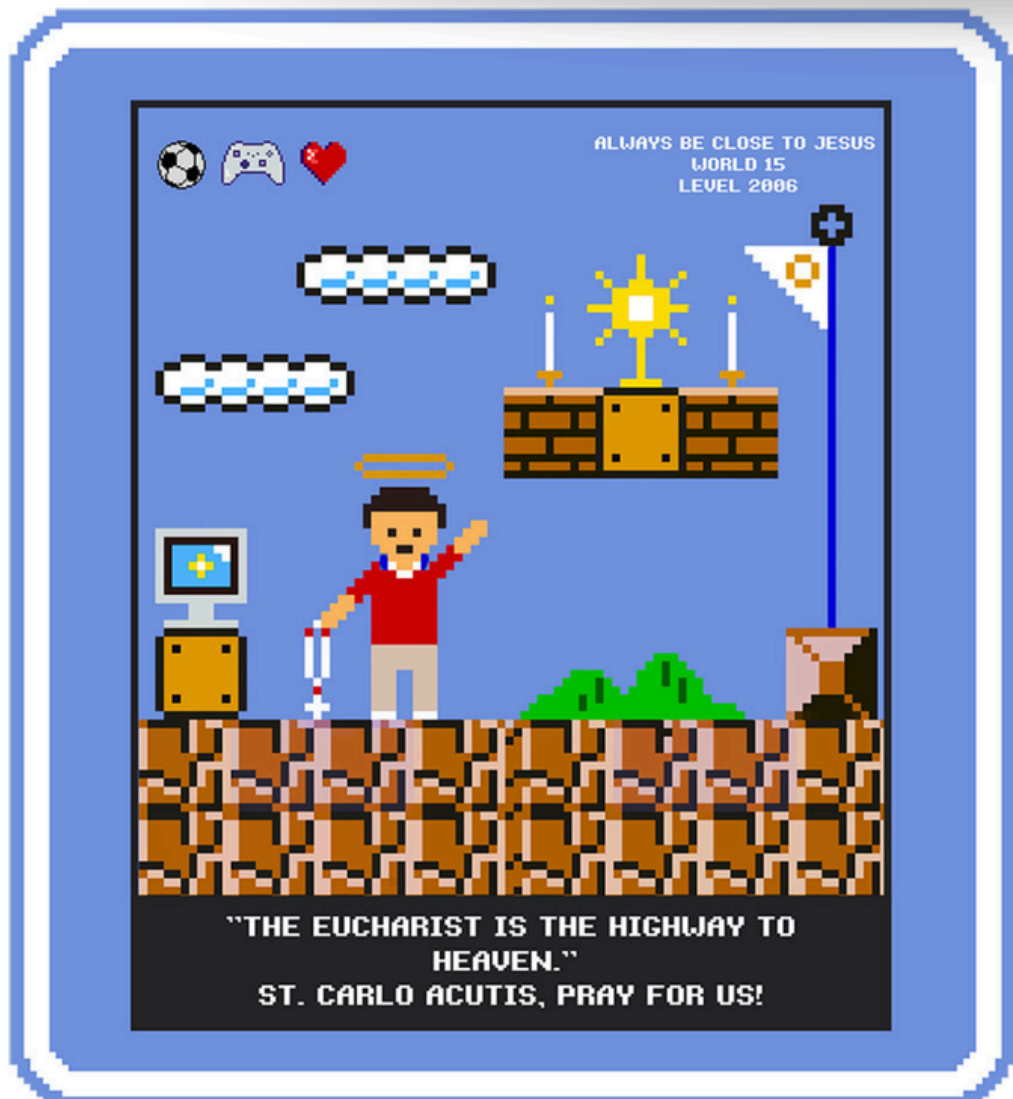


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Mary, Mother of God
parishioners are invited to
celebrate the canonization of
Carlo Acutis with snacks and
old school video games!

12pm - 3pm
Sunday, September 7



1275 Peoria St, Washington

Sponsored and hosted by
St. Patrick School Parent Ministry.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Through the Decades

Saturday, September 20th

St. Monica's Hall



Doors Open at 5:00pm (directly after 4pm Vigil Mass at St. Monica's)

Event Begins at 6:00pm

Bring Your Own Food. Charcuterie Boards Available for Purchase

Prizes for Best Dressed -
Individual and Group
Prize for best

Best Dressed -
al and Group!

Prize for best table decor!

Overall highest
table win

Overall highest scoring table wins \$240

Cash Bart

Scoring
240

Cash Bar!

Light snacks on every table

Fun and Challenge Categories

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Fun and Challenging
Categories!

Challenging Categories
Cash or Venmo Accepted
Heads or Tails

Accepted
Heads or Tails
Illigons

Mulligons Available for Purchase 50/50

50/50 Raffle



FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON

CASH Bash is BACK



The St. Pat's Athletic
Committee will be selling 200
tickets to **support**
IRISH Athletics AND
win **BIG MONEY!**

Your \$100 ticket will admit you
and a guest to the live drawing,
free beer, water and food.

TICKETS
AVAILABLE
SOON



EMMAUS KNIGHTS FOR YOUNG MEN GRADES 7-12

AUG 31 / SEPT. 28 / OCT 12 / NOV 9

FROM 4:30PM - 6:30PM

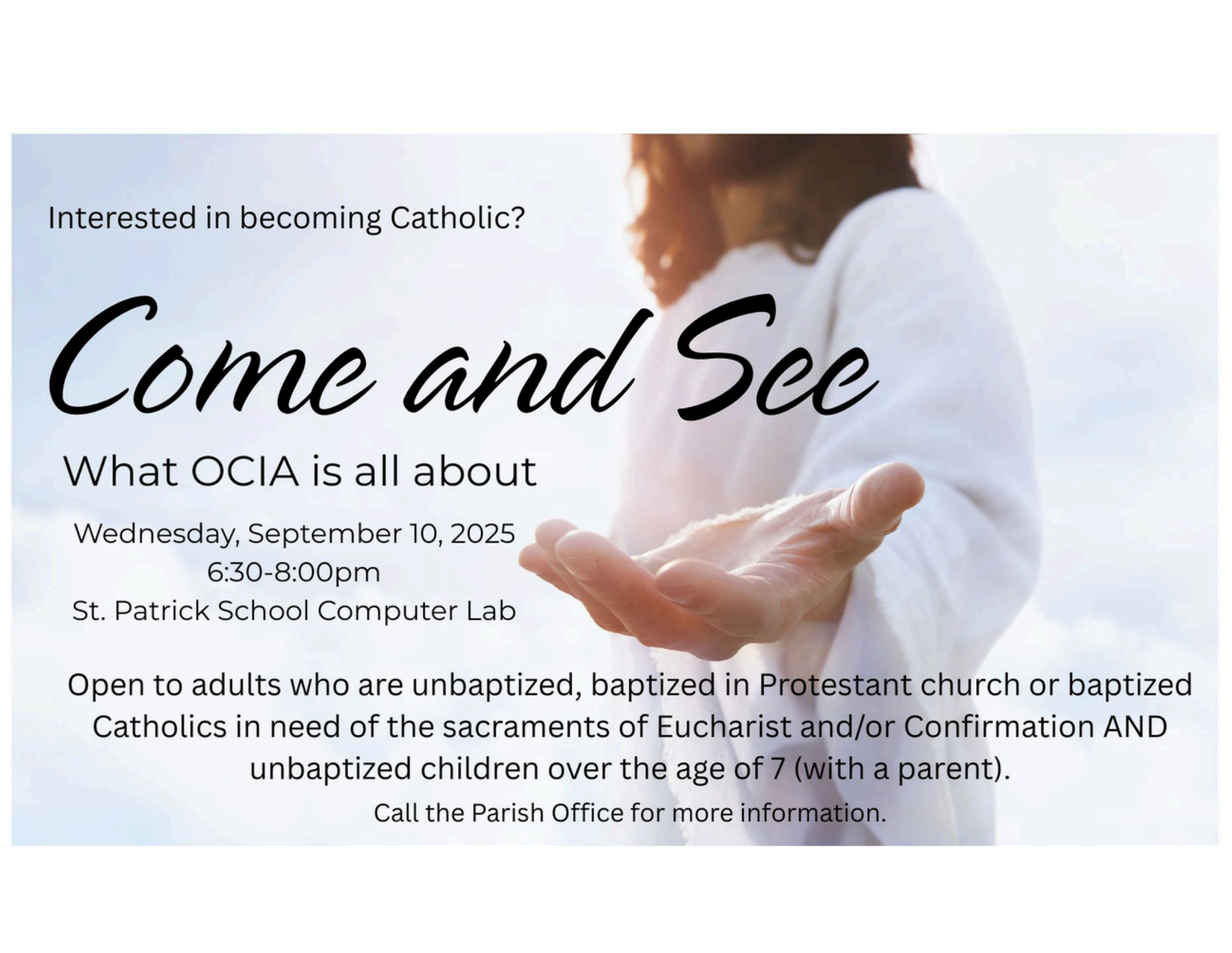
**Join Fr. Chase for a Sunday night of faith, fraternity,
and formation at the Emmaus House
2327 W. Heading Ave., West Peoria**

**EMMAUS KNIGHTS IS AN EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG MEN
WHO DESIRE TO GROW IN FRIENDSHIP
AND FAITH WITH SOME FOOD AND SOME FUN.
IF YOU LOVED EMMAUS DAYS, COME AND CHECK OUT
EMMAUS KNIGHTS.**

**FATHERS, DROP YOUR SONS OFF AND
STAY FOR A TIME OF FRATERNITY**

Scan the code to
let us know you
are coming and
to have your
parent fill out a
digital permission
form!



A person wearing a white robe, likely a priest or religious figure, is shown from the chest up, facing slightly to the left. Their hands are held out in front of them, palms up, in a gesture of offering or blessing. The background is a bright, hazy sky with soft clouds. The overall tone is peaceful and inviting.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Come and See

What OCIA is all about

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

6:30-8:00pm

St. Patrick School Computer Lab

Open to adults who are unbaptized, baptized in Protestant church or baptized Catholics in need of the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation AND unbaptized children over the age of 7 (with a parent).

Call the Parish Office for more information.



ST PATRICK
SCHOOL
Love • Learn • Lead



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR:
WALKATHON OF PRAYER FUNDRAISER

Starting on September 29, the Feast of the Archangels, we will kick off a Novena of Fundraising that will continue through October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

How It Will Work:

Donate: We will be collecting donations both online and in cash throughout the Novena of Fundraising (Sept 29 - Oct 7).

Register as a Family: New this year – we are asking families to register as participants (instead of individual students). This will make it easier for all families to be involved!

FUN INCENTIVES FOR EVERYONE!

Rosary Walkathon on October 7: On this day, students will walk and pray a rosary for the intentions of all our donors. It's a beautiful way to unite our efforts in support of the school while also praying for others.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND
ANONYMOUS PARISHIONERS
ARE MATCHING UP TO
\$50,000 IN DONATIONS!**



Most Reverend Louis Tylka cordially invites you to the

FOUNDATION *Gala*

*An event to celebrate and support the Diocese of Peoria
during its 150th Anniversary*



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

CIVIC CENTER BALLROOM | PEORIA, IL

6:00 P.M. | COCKTAILS

7:00 P.M. | DINNER

8:00 P.M. | DANCING

A religious painting will be created during the evening and auctioned

Live music by **3 and a Half Men**

Dress Attire Business Casual

RSVP Due October 20, 2025.

Online Reservations at www.cdop150.org/gala.

Call 309.671.1550 with questions.



Save the Date **POT O' GOLD**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026
FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON**

The Pot O' Gold Committee could use more help!
If you would like to help plan the event, volunteer, or have
potential auction items, please contact Megan Stevenart
(309) 370-8299 or Sarah Fletcher (309) 645-6323.

**COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPT 14TH @ 3:00 PM
ST. PAT'S - SCHOOL SOCIAL ROOM**



September 2025

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#smalltownBIGFUN



Joe the Art Guy Classes
 \$15(R)/\$20(NR)

Thursday, September 11 at 6 pm
PAINT A TROPICAL BEACH SCENE

Sign up at washingtonparkdistrict.com

MONTHLY
TAE KWON DO



COST \$35R/\$40NR

ADULTS

Tuesdays & Thursdays 7-8 pm Saturdays 9:30-10:30 am

YOUTH

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-7pm Saturdays 8:30-9:30 am

Sign up at washingtonparkdistrict.com!

Boys
Travel Basketball Tryouts

2025-2026

TRAVEL FEE: \$350

NEW DATE ADDED **Thursday, September 18** **NEW DATE ADDED**

3rd Grade 5-6 pm
 4th Grade 6-7 pm
 5th Grade 7-8 pm

© Main Recreational Facility at 105 South Spruce Street

Saturday, September 20

3rd Grade 9-10:30 am
 4th Grade 10:30 - 12 pm
 5th Grade 12 pm - 1:30 pm

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Sunday, September 21

3rd Grade 1 - 2:30 pm
 4th Grade 2:30 - 4 pm
 5th Grade 4 - 5:30 pm

© Terry Gym at Washington High School

For more information contact Bret at bwoodside@washingtonparkdistrict.com.

Floral Fused Glass Vase Class

Tuesday, September 23

Location: Art at the Bodega Studio



\$50/\$55



Sign up online:

www.washingtonparkdistrict.com

SIGN UP NOW!!!



VISIT WWW.WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM TO
 SEE ALL OF THE OPTIONS

MUST SIGN UP IN PERSON AT OUR MAIN FACILITY!

Pass, Dribble and Shoot
 with Coach Bob Focker



Tuesdays 3:45 - 5 pm

September 30 - October 21

Ages: 7-9

\$50(R)/\$55(NR)

Sign up at washingtonparkdistrict.com

Girls
Travel Basketball Tryouts

2025-2026

TRAVEL FEE: \$350

Monday, September 15

3rd /4th Grade 5- 6 pm
 5th Grade 6-7 pm
 6th Grade 7 - 8 pm

Saturday, September 20

3rd /4th Grade 1:30 - 3 pm
 5th Grade 3 - 4:30 pm
 6th Grade 4:30 - 6 pm

All Tryouts will take place at the Main Recreational Facility at 105 South Spruce Street

For more information contact Bret at bwoodside@washingtonparkdistrict.com.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Stepping Stones (4-5 years)

Mon/Wed September 3-May 20

Full Day 9am-2 pm \$1,710/full or 9 payments of \$190

Half Day 9am-2 pm \$945/full or 9 payments of \$115

Building Blocks (3 years)

Tues/Thur September 2-May 21

Half Day 9am-2 pm \$945/full or 9 payments of \$115



Sign up at washingtonparkdistrict.com or in person at our main facility!

Move Different
 Basketball Clinic Hunter Rhodes



Sept 27

\$50-R

\$60-NR

2nd-6th: 12-2 pm

7th-12th: 2:30 - 4:30 pm