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Irish Messenger

Issue 3

St. Patrick School is part of the
Kroger Community Rewards Program!



Follow these easy steps:



1. Go to krogercommunityrewards.com
2. Sign into your Kroger Plus card account using the number on the back of your card.
3. Select our organization. Type in **St. Patrick School - HN228**.
4. Shop using your Kroger Plus Card.

It's that easy! Our school will receive a quarterly check just for you going grocery shopping!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 18th - Vision &
Hearing Screen

Sept 20th - Trivia Night

Sept 23rd - Feast Day of
Padre Pio
(Parent Ministry
providing donuts)

Oct 3rd - 11:30 a.m. early
dismissal. No aftercare.
WCHS Homecoming
Parade

Message from the Principal

We want to remind all parents who plan to volunteer, whether for field trips, class parties, or helping in the classroom, that Safe Environment requirements must be completed and all paperwork turned in.

This is a Diocesan requirement, and unfortunately, if it hasn't been completed, you won't be able to participate in any volunteer activities.

The office recently sent out an email with more details, so please check your inbox if you haven't seen it yet. Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe and welcoming place for all!



Meet the New Face in After Care

Mrs. Adrienne Duran-Rios moved to Washington, Illinois, from Seattle, Washington, in June, after graduating from the University of Washington. She and her husband moved here to live close to her grandparents. Her grandmother went to elementary school and got married at St. Pats! She's worked with children since high school and when she's not here she's traveling across the Midwest for her other job as an archaeologist.



COUNSELOR CORNER

Ms. Andrea is here on Wednesdays!



MEET MS. ANDREA!

Greetings, St. Pat's families and staff! I'm Andrea Garnett and I have the honor of being the school's counselor this year. I live with my husband and two children, as well as two cats and a bird. I am currently finishing my Master of Social Work at Widener University. I am completing my internship with the Antioch Group in Peoria. I will be at St. Pat's on Wednesdays for the rest of the school year. Thank you all for the warm welcome and I look forward to getting to know you all this year!

ACADEMIC CONCERNS

- Struggling with assignments or subjects
- Test anxiety or study skills
- Organization
- Time management

PERSONAL/SOCIAL ISSUES

- Peer conflicts or bullying
- Family problems
- Mental health concerns
- Self esteem issues
- Friendship concerns

BEHAVIORAL ISSUES

- Disciplinary actions:** Behavioral problems that might affect a student's success or require intervention.
- Anger management:** Help with controlling anger or other intense emotions.
- Substance abuse:** Concerns about drug or alcohol use, either by the student or someone close to them.

HOW TO CONTACT MS. ANDREA

counselor@stpatswashington.org

[Counselor Referral Form](#)

SCIENCE

As an introduction to our first science unit, the fifth grade tested items to see if they would float or sink.





During the all school Mass on Friday morning, the sixth grade class received their bibles as they begin their Confirmation journey.



Congratulations
**Meg Johnson &
Bonnie Engstrom**

who were awarded for their service to
the Diocese of Peoria.



Our librarians were excited to see K-8th return to the library this week!
Top photo - 7th
Bottom photo - Kindergarten

LIBRARY



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.

This Week

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



WHAT IS DETACHMENT?

The strength to let go of worldly desires and attachments in order to focus on the spiritual life.

This virtue enables us to prioritize our love for God above all else, trusting in Him fully, while being open to His will.

Detachment is not about rejecting the world but rather about having a proper perspective, recognizing that our ultimate fulfillment comes from God.

Examples of Detachment:

1. Maria chooses to spend her Saturday volunteering at a local shelter instead of sleeping in.
2. Carlos donates his old, unused electronics to charity even though they could bring in extra money.
3. Sarah refrains from obsessively checking social media, prioritizing family time and prayer to nurture her spiritual well-being.

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



THE VICE OF ATTACHMENT

The weakness to cling excessively to worldly possessions, people, or status to the point of prioritizing them over God.

Attachment can lead us to find our security, identity, and happiness in things or people rather than in God's will and can lead to idolatry.

Examples of Attachment:

1. Ethan refuses to part with his phone, even when it becomes a source of constant distraction from schoolwork and prayer, because he believes his happiness depends on knowing everything.
2. Lily constantly seeks approval from her friends by wearing expensive clothes, feeling empty when she's not at the center of attention.
3. Alex spends hours playing video games, neglecting his spiritual life and relationships with family because he is attached to the thrill of winning.

**NEXT
WEEK**

GOLF



Kellan Cadwalader,
Gabriel Morales, &
Mason Schlack



**IESA Sectionals
Sept 3rd & 4th**
Ashlyn Crowley shot a
96, her career best,
and earned a spot at
State on Sept 11th.



Cross Country

Cross country girls and boys placed six medalists between the top 10 of boys and girls in the city meet on Thursday!



**Sept 16
Blessed
Sacrament Meet
Kennel Lake
4:00pm**

**Sept. 22
St. Jude Meet
Donovan Park
4:15pm**

**Sept. 24
Tazewood
Conference TBD**





**Regional
semi-final
Sat, Sept. 13th
1:15 p.m.
@ Oak Grove
Bartonville, IL**



**Regional
Championship
Sat, Sept. 13th
11:00 a.m.
@ Metamora High
School**



ST. CARLO ACUTIS CANONIZATION CELEBRATION!

Parishioners were invited to celebrate the canonization of Carlo Acutis with snacks and old school video games at Retro City. Sponsored and hosted by St. Patrick School Parent Ministry.

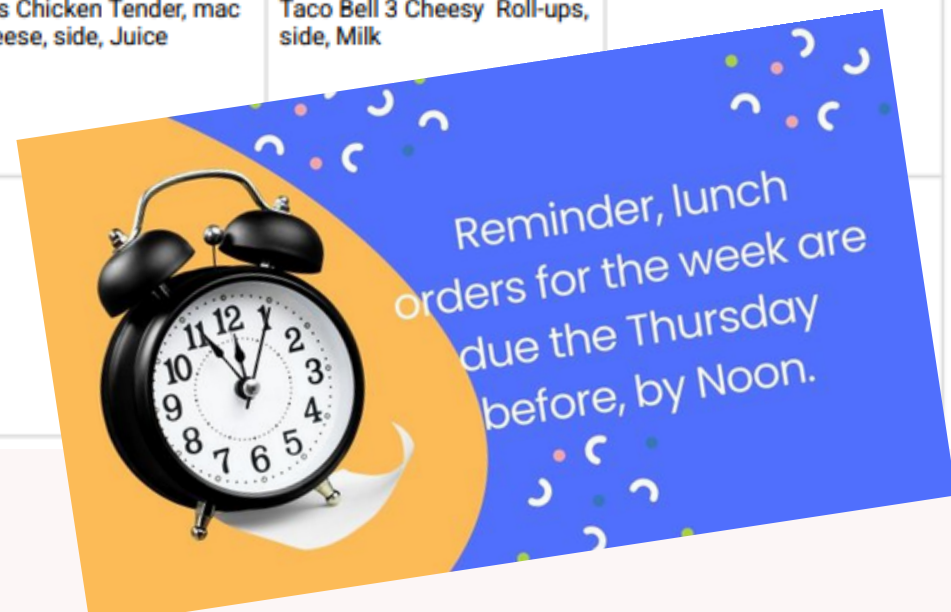


St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us!



September 2025

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
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
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
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
29 Beck's Potato Bowl, Snack, Juice Milk	30 Milk Michael's Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Milk				














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
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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.**

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 table decor!

Overall highest scoring
table wins \$240

Cash Bar!

Light snacks on every table

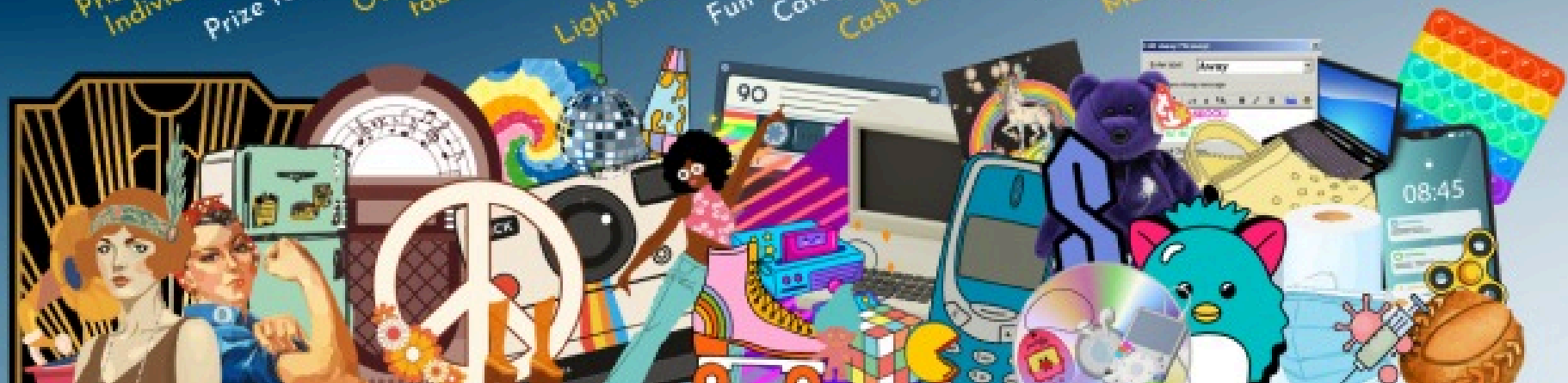
Fun and Challenging
Categories!

Cash or Venmo Accepted

Heads or Tails

Mulligans Available for
Purchase

50/50 Raffle



Cash Bash tickets are available for sale.

Coaches of each sport now have tickets to sell! So hit up your child's coach to help support St. Pat's Athletics!!

The school office will have tickets available as well as athletic directors.

October 18th from 6:00-9:00 PM at Five Points Washington.

Each ticket is \$100 and lets 2 adults into the event. Food and beer provided.

First ball drawn is \$500. 2nd to last ball drawn is \$500. Last ball is \$2500. Many other \$100 prizes as well.

Also we will have several other raffles/50-50 drawings during the night with some unique Irish items. (so bring extra \$\$\$)

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.



@ **FIVE POINTS - WASHINGTON**
\$100 TICKET



CASH BASH FOR ST. PAT'S ATHLETICS



OCTOBER 18TH
6:00-9:00 PM



**FOOD AND BEER
PROVIDED**





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 SO
YOUR DONATIONS GO TWICE
AS FAR!**



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**

What is "The Elizabeth Ministry"? A facebook page for women to post prayer requests, post a meal sign up for families who have just had a baby or adopted, ask questions about pregnancy/pregnancy complications, adoption, being a foster parent, infertility, miscarriage, infant/child crisis or death, special needs, and grandparenting issues. You can post your questions or request prayers on our page and/or you can put a colored rose in our vase. We have 2 vases located on a table on the west wall of the church near our Mary statue. The vase on the left has an assortment of roses in different colors. Each color represents a prayer need. (YELLOW=infertility/ adoption; PINK= pregnancy; RED= recently given birth or adopted; WHITE=miscarriage, stillborn, infant/child death; BLUE=troubling time; PURPLE=grandparent concerns) The drawer below this vase has prayer cards that correspond to each color intention. The vase on the right has roses with prayer cards attached. The prayer cards, string, scissors, and a pen can be found in the drawer below the right vase. You can fill out a prayer card and attach it to the color of the rose from the left vase and place it in the right vase. Meg Hatton sends an email and posts on our facebook page weekly of how we can pray for each other. Some ways we can support each other: Are you pregnant with twins and have questions? Contact Nicole, she has twins. Do you need a C-Section? Contact Meg, she has had 5 C-Sections. Have you had a miscarriage or know someone who has? Contact Theresa, she has had 2 miscarriages and has a prayer booklet with Bible verses and memorial ornament she can give you. Have you had an experience that you would be willing to support another woman in (ie: infertility, foster parent, adoption, pregnancy complications, etc.)? Please let Meg, Nicole, Shawn, or Theresa know! Would you like us to create a meal sign up due to bed rest from pregnancy complications, or newborn or adoption? Contact Nicole.

Request to join our facebook page at: Elizabeth Ministry of Mary Mother of God parish
Please call or text us with any questions or if you are having trouble joining our facebook page or would like to join our weekly prayer email.

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Meg Hatton 309-258-1792

Nicole Nolte 309-241-1127

Theresa Rademacher 309-256-8641





September 2025

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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

© Main Recreational Facility at 105 South Spruce Street

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