



— March 20, 2026 —

Irish Messenger

Issue 16

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 24

*Declamations Contest
at St. Vincent
4:30pm*

*City Band Festival at
Five Points
7pm*

March 26

*City Festival of Choirs
Five Points
7:00pm*

*March 30-April 6
Easter Break
No School*

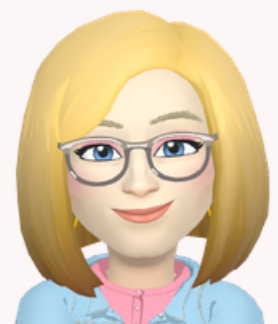
*April 7-10
Blue Ribbon Book Fair*

Message from the Principal

As we approach spring break, there is a lot to celebrate in our school community. We are excited to share and highlight our wonderful music programs with the Township and are proud of the hard work and talent our students continue to demonstrate.

As a Catholic community, we look forward to the joy and hope of the Easter season. May this time remind us of the blessings in our lives and inspire us to continue showing kindness and faith each day.

Wishing all of our families a restful spring break and a blessed Easter.



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.

WHAT IS SIMPLICITY?

Simplicity is the strength to keep things easy and clear.

It is the virtue of being honest, straightforward, and genuine in thoughts, words, and actions. A person who practices simplicity is not overly concerned with impressing others but instead lives with sincerity and integrity.

Examples of Simplicity:

- 1. Acting the Same in Public and Private:** A person treats their family with the same kindness and respect that they show to friends or teachers.
- 2. Decluttering:** Keeping their personal space, like a bedroom or desk, tidy and free of unnecessary items.
- 3. Honest Intentions:** Being straightforward in their intentions, such as sharing things or helping a friend without expecting anything in return.
- 4. Living Without Pretense:** A person wears simple, modest clothes rather than trying to show off with expensive brands to gain status.

March 20th
SIMPLICITY

WHAT IS LOVE FOR GOD?

The virtue of Love for God, or Charity, is a gift from God, placed or infused in our souls at Baptism, that gives us the strength to love the Lord Our God as the sovereign good, and purely for His own sake.

The strength to love God above all things, seeking His will in everything and cultivating a personal relationship with Him.

It means always putting God first!

Examples of Love for God:

- 1. Prayer and Worship:** Regularly engaging in personal prayer, and attending Mass every Sunday.
- 2. Obedience to God's Commandments:** Striving to live according to the teachings of the Bible and the commandments reflects love for God.
- 3. Gratitude and Thanksgiving:** Regularly expressing thanks to God for His blessings, both big and small, cultivates a heart of love.

March 27th
LOVE FOR
GOD





Thank you Parent Ministry for the awesome St. Patrick's Day Assembly! Students played games like running from the Pirates and Chasing the Snake out of Ireland! We listened to Irish Music and all got a shamrock cookie!



Congratulations!



**Proud of our 8th
graders who received
the gift of the Holy
Spirit through the
Sacrament of
Confirmation!**



2025-2026

2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

STRAIGHT A'S
EVELYN BERBERICH
ELLIE DRAEGER
MADDAX EHRGOTT
EVELYN KOSIARA
LYDIA MATSKO
KIERSTEN NOLTE
JILLIAN PEEK
ANNELIESE SCHLACK

STRAIGHT A'S
ROSE BERBERICH
JACOB DAVIS
CECILIA HATOON
GRANT SWEARINGEN
MATTHEW STEVENART

STRAIGHT A'S
SAMANTHA ARBOGAST
THOMAS BRIGGS
ISLA CARDILLO
HENRY CHIRAS
JUDE CODY
TERESA ENGSTROM
MAEVE GREENE
GRANT JOHNSON
LILY KOSIARA
GRACE MESSMER
JESSICA RADEMACHER
MASON SCHLACK
TRAVER STRAUER

6TH GRADE

HIGH HONORS
JOSEPH ENGSTROM
LEO NOLTE
GRACE PARKER
XAVIER WILLIAMS

HONORS

7TH GRADE

HIGH HONORS
AIME BLANKENSHIP
ZOEY GEISZ
GIANNA RUPPEL
QUINLAN TOOHILL

HONORS
BRYNN REED

8TH GRADE

HIGH HONORS
MAYA ANTHONY
KELLAN CADWALADER
JACOB CLIFT
ASHLYN CROWLEY
EMMA DRAEGER
SADIE GORSAGE

HONORS
CONNOR TOOHILL



Mark Your CALENDAR



SCHOLASTIC BOWL

Upcoming Dates

March 25
vs. ST. Jude
3:45pm

March 26
at Blessed Sacrament
3:30pm



TRACK

Upcoming Dates

March 25
Time Trials vs. City
at WCHS 4:30

March 31
vs. Stude Jude
at Dunlap HS
4:00

VOLLEYBALL

Sadly, the 8th grade volleyball season has come to an end after a tough loss to the Tars of Blessed Sacrament.



5th/6th grade hosted the Diocesan tournament March 6th & 7th. The Irish won their first 2 matches and advanced to the championship game where they took 2nd place in the tournament.



Good Disciples

Thank you to all who helped makes this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade Float a success!

Ruth and Justin Cody - Thank you for letting us use your pole barn to prepare and store the float.

Jennifer Linsey and Libby Hutchinson - Thank you for all your hard work decorating.

Melissa and Denny Engel - Thank you for the use of your trailer and truck! And all your help setting up and dismantling the float.

Thank you to all who were here to help dismantle and store the float.

We are blessed to have such a wonderful school family!



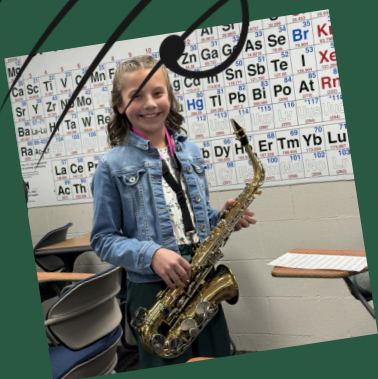
Have a Good Disciple Suggestion?

We love highlighting the good deeds of our students, staff, and families. If you witness someone living out their faith through service, compassion, or helping others, please share it with us! Send your Good Disciple suggestions (and a picture, if possible—it always makes the story even better!) to:

Mrs. Smith or Tammy Barron, barront@stpatswashington.com

Congrats!

Congratulations to Our Amazing Band Members! We are beyond proud to announce that our talented musicians have earned 1st Division ratings at the IGSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest! Keep making music that inspires! 1st Division Connor Toohill - alto sax solo, Anneliese Schlack - alto sax solo, Lydia Matsko - trumpet solo, Henry Chiras - trombone solo, Mason Schlack - snare drum, marimba, and piano solo - and all perfect scores!!





We are Hiring!
Aftercare Monitor
School Days 3:00-5:30

[Apply Here](#)

or

contact Mrs. Smith
csmith@stpatswashington.org

Must be 21 or older with a high school diploma.

Starting at \$15

BOOK FAIR

APRIL 7-10

STUDENTS CAN SHOP DURING
LIBRARY TIMES AND DURING
SCHEDULED TIMES DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY.

Open for 30 min after dismissal
Tuesday and Wednesday.
Extended family hours on Thursday,
April 9, 3pm-5pm
Open to families after mass on
Friday from 9am-10am.

CASH, CHECK (MADE OUT TO THE SCHOOL)
AND CHARGE (INCLUDING APPLE PAY AND
GOOGLE PAY) ACCEPTED. PROCEEDS
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

You can prepay at
BlueRibbonBookFairs.com





MOTHER SON BOWLING

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

TIME: 1 PM - 3 PM

LOCATION: PLAZA LANES, WASHINGTON

FAMILY NAME: _____
BOWLER NAME: _____
BOWLER NAME: _____
BOWLER NAME: _____
BOWLER NAME: _____

BUMPERS NEEDED: YES NO

**\$12 PER PERSON INCLUDES 2 GAMES
OF BOWLING AND SHOES**

Total: _____

Cash or Check (payable to St. Patrick School)

Please return form & payment by April 8th!



15th



Diocese of Peoria

PROCLAIMING CHRIST:
YESTERDAY, TODAY,
FOREVER

SEE HOW YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE
DIOCESE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY!
MAKE SURE TO SHARE YOUR
SERVICE HOURS TO HELP THE
DIOCESE REACH 150 HOURS!

WWW.CDOP150.ORG



PEORIA NOTRE DAME

PRESENTS:



Directed by Peggy Hupp

Friday, March 27th at 7 PM

Saturday, March 28th at 2 PM and 7 PM

Tickets are \$10 for adults | \$7 for students

Tickets will be available at the door.



PND Easter Bunny Breakfast

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9:00am-11:00am in the PND Commons

Adults: \$5 | Kids: \$3

Families: \$20





CAMP ONDESSONK

SPRING FLING

April 11, 2026

8:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Trail Races | Open House



WCHS DANCE TEAM

TRYOUTS

Come Join the Pantherettes! Be a part of a team with a strong dedication and love for dance. We not only accomplish goals on the floor, but also build lifelong friendships and memories!



APRIL 7 + 8

TRYOUT CLINICS

3:30-5:00

APRIL 10

TRYOUT SLOTS

Please go to our website to complete the google form/ gain more information!

<https://laurenmetz.weebly.com/panther-dance-home-page.html>



John Lancaster Spalding **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

\$700,000 in scholarship funds were allocated to students across the Diocese of Peoria for the 2025-2026 school year!

PROTOCOLS

- ✔ K-12 student enrolled in a school within Diocese of Peoria
- ✔ Awards are for one school year only
- ✔ Need-Based Scholarship
- ✔ Active member of the parish, in good standing

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 Contact your school for more information!

 <https://www.cdop.org/john-lancaster-spalding-scholarship>

