



— April 24, 2026 —

Irish Messenger

Issue 18

Upcoming Events

April 28 - 5-8 Peoria
Riverfront Museum 9-11

April 29 - K-4 Peoria
Riverfront Museum 9-11

April 30 - Class Pizza
Parties in the Gym at
Lunch time

May 1 - No Adoration
Today

May 3 - First
Communion at 11:00am

May 5 - 5th-8th Grade
Chiefs Game

May 7 - 5th grade
attending National Day
of Prayer 12-1pm

Message from the Principal

It's going to be a busy month here at St. Pats, filled with field trips, celebrations, assessments, and Sacraments! We are looking forward to all of the exciting opportunities ahead for our students as they continue to learn, grow, and celebrate together as a school community.

Please be sure to check calendars, newsletters, and classroom communications regularly so you don't miss any important dates or reminders. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making St. Pats such a wonderful place for our children to thrive. Wishing everyone a joyful and successful month ahead!



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.



WHAT IS ZEAL?

Zeal is the strength of a fervent and passionate commitment to a cause, belief, or duty.

The strength of zeal lies in its ability to inspire action and dedication. It drives individuals to pursue their goals with vigor, fostering positive change and influencing others through their passionate engagement.

Examples of Zeal:

- 1. Mission Trips:** Participating in or organizing mission trips to serve communities in need, allowing young Catholics to experience faith in action and develop a global perspective on social justice.
- 2. Leadership in Church Activities:** Taking initiative to lead youth activities, such as Bible studies, catechism classes, or liturgical ministries.
- 3. Faith-Based Creative Arts:** Engaging in art, music, or drama that expresses faith—such as creating religious-themed artwork, writing songs, or performing skits about biblical stories—can showcase their zeal and creativity.

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May 1st
PRUDENCE



WHAT IS PRUDENCE?

The virtue of Prudence is the strength that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.

It means thinking carefully before you act and considering what might happen next. When you are prudent, you take your time to decide the best thing to do.

Examples of Prudence:

1. Deciding to stay calm and avoid arguments when tensions arise, seeking peace and understanding instead of escalating conflict.
2. Researching options before making choices.
3. Recognizing personal limits and not overcommitting to activities or events.
4. Prioritizing homework and study schedules to ensure tasks are completed on time.

TRACK



Reminder to all parents

Please sign up to help at the State Track Meet, which St. Patrick School proudly helps host each year. This is our biggest fundraiser for Athletics, and your support makes a huge difference!

We ask that all families with students who participated in athletics this year sign up for a volunteer spot, but anyone can help!

Thank you for giving your time and helping make this event a success. We truly appreciate your support!

Sign Up Genius

TRACK & FIELD



STATE FINALS

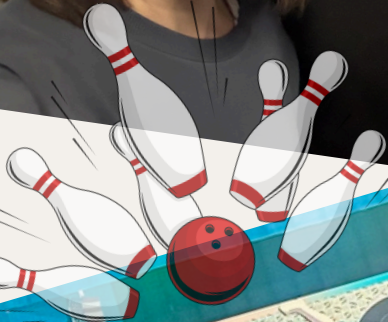


Daddy - Daughter

DANCE



Mother - Son BOWLING



Check out the coolest crews who won the hottest prizes from our **Fire & ICE Auction!**



Miriam, Teresa, Thomas, Stephen and Joseph Engstrom Joseph (L-R) enjoyed coffee and donuts in the teacher's lounge with Mrs. Smith before school. They won the experience from our Fire & Ice Auction.



Today we were blessed to welcome our Principal for the Day, Matthew Stevenart, who earned this special opportunity through our Fire and Ice Auction!



What an exciting way to start the day! The LaHood family, winners of the Firetruck Ride to School from our Fire and Ice Auction, enjoyed a morning they won't soon forget.

They were treated to Dunkin' Donuts by our local firefighters before arriving to school in style on the fire truck!

CLEAN WATER CELEBRATION

Our 5th & 6th graders had an amazing time at the Clean Water Celebration at the Peoria Civic Center!

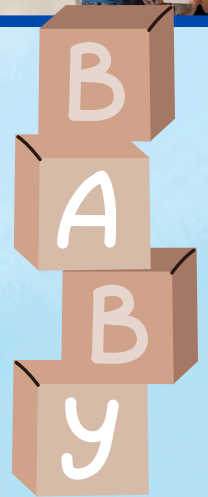
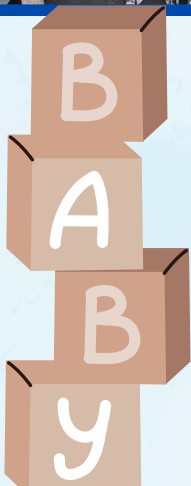
Students explored hands-on exhibits, learned about protecting our water resources, and discovered how small actions can make a big difference for our environment. From interactive activities to inspiring presentations, it was a day full of curiosity, teamwork, and learning.





Our 7th graders put their faith into action through service and charity. After our school collected over \$2,500 worth of baby food for the Tazewell County Right to Life Foundation, our students helped deliver the donations to local organizations including St. Gianna Baby Pantry, Empower Center, and Women's Care Center.

In the Catholic tradition, we are called to love and serve others, especially the most vulnerable. We are proud of our students for living out the Gospel message through generosity, compassion, and hands-on service to our community.





Our 8th graders recently attended the WCHS Fitness Fair, where they learned about the importance of good health, wellness, and staying active.



St. Patrick School

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: May 4th-8th

"A Novel Week of Thanks"

Monday 5/4

Book Genre: Sc-i-Fi

"May the 4th Be With You"

Teachers & Staff

Fuel up at Mission Control with some cosmic creations at a space-themed sundae bar.

All

Share your favorite book with others!

Free Dress Day

Neon, Stars, Planets, anything space themed

Tuesday 5/5

Book Genre: Historical

"Our Teachers Make History Every Day"

Teachers & Staff

Enjoy a Nacho Bar in the lounge during lunch.

Students

Bring your teacher their favorite treat!

Free Dress Day

Dress as an inspirational person from history

Wednesday 5/6

Book Genre: Love / Poetry

"Ode to Our Amazing Teachers"

Teachers & Staff

Flower Bar - create your own bouquet in the social room and enjoy a sweet treat in the lounge.

FSD: All Students

Share your poems or notes

Free Dress Day

Red, pink, or fancy dress up day!

Thursday 5/7

Book Genre: Fantasy & Fairy tales

"Our Teachers Make Learning Magical"

Teachers & Staff

Sign up for a relaxing chair massage.

Free Dress Day

Fairy tale attire - Think prince/princess, knight, fairy, wizard, or even Harry Potter!

Friday 5/8

Book Genre: Mystery / Suspense

"The Case of the Incredible Teachers"

Teachers & Staff

Chick-Fil-A for lunch! Classrooms will be covered by St. Patrick parents.

Pick up "Blind Date With a Book" gift.

Free Dress Day

"Clue" themed! Red, green, yellow, white, purple, or blue shirts with uniform bottoms.



♥ TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK ♥

HELP NEEDED!

Your help is needed to make our teachers truly feel appreciated for Teacher Appreciation Week! Help us turn the page on gratitude and write the next chapter of appreciation for our amazing staff. Click on the [SignUpGenius](#) to see how you can help!



Teacher & Staff Appreciation May 4th-8th: 'A Novel Week of Thanks'

We're excited to celebrate our incredible St. Pat's teachers and staff with "A Novel Week of Thanks" inspired by book...

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15th



Diocese of Peoria

PROCLAIMING CHRIST:
YESTERDAY, TODAY,
FOREVER

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

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the
Date



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SHEEN

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