



May 8, 2026

# Irish Messenger

Issue 19

## Upcoming Events

May 11  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sommer Park  
Field Trip

May 11  
Kona Ice 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Fundraiser

May 13  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party and Send  
off

May 15-16  
State Track Meet  
Sign up to Help

May 18  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass  
6PM

May 19  
Preschool Picnic and Last  
Day

May 21  
Philip Neri Fun Day

May 22  
Last Day of School  
dismissal at 10:30

## Message from the Principal

As we enter the final two weeks of school, our days are filled with finishing up units, continuing to grow in our understanding of God, and preparing for the excitement of summer vacation.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your thoughtfulness and generosity during Teacher Appreciation Week. Your kindness truly made a difference, and we felt incredibly supported and valued.

A special shout-out goes to our Parent Ministry for their dedication and hard work in making the week so meaningful.

**THANK YOU!**



# VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

VS.

*May 8th*

## DISCRETION

The strength to act with careful judgment weighing the potential consequences before making decisions or speaking.

*May 15th*

## REFLECTION

The strength to pause and thoughtfully evaluate one's actions and decisions before proceeding.

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*Welcome to the table of the Lord*



# TRACK



Wishing all the track athletes the best of luck as they head to sectionals this weekend!



GO  
**Irish**

## 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**



# Painting and Croissants with Mme Johnson

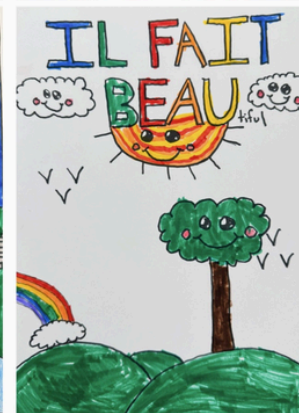


We enjoyed an afternoon full of creativity and délicieux treats while creating our own little Paris-inspired masterpieces together. So much fun!  
Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Patrick School!



We've been studying the weather in World Languages class, and our 5th and 6th graders created coloring pages for the K-2 students to help reinforce the vocabulary. The collaboration between our older and younger students has been absolutely génial! ☀️

### Il fait beau! — The weather is nice!



# Festival of the Arts at Peoria Riverfront Museum

Both beginning band and combined band performed with band members from Holy Family in a beautiful outdoor concert this past Monday.

Thank you to band directors, Mr. Booher and Mr. Gillett.



# SPRING BAND & *Chorus Concert*

St. Patrick and Holy Family Schools came together for an evening of beautiful music. Thank you to all our wonderful directors for their time, dedication and continued support.

Guest Emcee - Mr. Lee Wenger, Guest Conductor - Mr. Joshua Hopper (Holy Family Alum), Mrs. Clare Tschirn - Choir Director, Mr. Grant Gillett - Holy Family Band Director & Mr. Bill Booher - St. Patrick Band Director





5th Grade attended the Day of Prayer in the Washington Square.



5th-8<sup>th</sup> grade attended Education Day at Dozer Park!

field trip

Pre K 4 went to the Peoria Zoo!



# COACHING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR



St. Patrick School is currently seeking qualified and enthusiastic candidates to fill coaching positions in the following programs:

- Softball
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Track & Field

After many years of outstanding dedication and service to our students and athletic programs, several of our long-time coaches will be moving on from their roles. We are incredibly grateful for the impact they have made on our school community and wish them the very best in their next chapter. As we begin this transition, we are looking for individuals who are passionate about working with student-athletes and continuing the strong traditions of our athletic programs. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the school as soon as possible. Please contact Jeff Draeger via email: [jdraeger@stpatswashington.org](mailto:jdraeger@stpatswashington.org) to express interest or ask questions.

We look forward to welcoming dedicated leaders to our athletic programs!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be hosting a Kona Ice fundraiser to raise money for their class gift.

Monday, May 11  
1:30-3:30



Students will be able to purchase Kona Ice with their class at the end of the school day. Please send money to school! The Kona Ice truck will be here until 3:30 for parents enjoy at pick-up as well!

**KONA ICE**  
**IS COMING!**

**ST PAT'S 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER**

Monday 5/11/26, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM



KLASSIC  
\$4



KING  
\$5



COLOR CHANGING  
\$6



KOLLECTABLE  
\$7



BLENDED SMOOTHIE  
\$7



**MEGABAND**  
**\$70.00**

Good for all 5 days of Good Neighbor Days.  
Must keep armband on at all times.  
Sold for \$75.00 at Carnival.

**ONE DAY**  
**\$30.00**

Good for either Thursday, May 28 from 6-10pm  
or Saturday, May 30 from 11am-4pm  
Sold for \$35.00 at Carnival.

Return bottom portion with payment, in an envelope, no later than Monday, May 11, 2026 to your school office. Make checks payable to WCOC (Washington Chamber of Commerce).

Alternatively, visit [www.washingtonilcoc.com/gnd-armband](http://www.washingtonilcoc.com/gnd-armband) to purchase online with a credit card (nothing will need to be returned to the school with this option).

Armband cards will be sent home with your student the week of May 18, 2026.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Type	Total Cost
	\$30.00 One Day	
	\$70.00 Megaband	
<b>Total</b>		

# 15<sup>th</sup>



## **Diocese of Peoria**

PROCLAIMING CHRIST:  
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FOREVER

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FAMILY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE  
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MAKE SURE TO SHARE YOUR  
SERVICE HOURS TO HELP THE  
DIOCESE REACH 150 HOURS!

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Save  
the  
Date



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ARCHBISHOP

FULTON J.  
SHEEN

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

[CelebrateSheen.com](http://CelebrateSheen.com)



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Aftercare Monitor  
School Days 3:00-5:30

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[csmith@stpatswashington.org](mailto:csmith@stpatswashington.org)

Must be 21 or older with a high school diploma.

Starting at \$15