



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Irish Messenger



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Love • Learn • Lead

Upcoming Events



Sep 28-Oct 7
Fall Fundraiser

Sep 29
Pedaling Priests
Visit
Advanced Band
Homecoming Practice at
WCHS

Oct 1
6th and 7th Field Trip
Challenger

Oct 2
Half Day
Homecoming
11:30 Dismissal

Oct 6
4th Grade to Dickson
Mounds

Oct 7
Picture Day

Message from the Principal



What an exciting time to be an Irish! This week, we celebrated the beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, a wonderful moment for our Catholic community. His deep faith and commitment to sharing the Gospel remind us of our own call to live and share our faith each day.

We are also excited to kick off our Fall Fundraiser for our Science Lab! Our goal is to raise \$60,000 to create an updated space where our students can explore, experiment, and grow in their love of learning. Thank you to our amazing families for your generosity and support. Every donation and every effort brings us one step closer to making this vision a reality!

Faith, learning, and Irish pride! What a great way to start the fall! 🍀



This Week

WHAT IS SUBMISSION?

Submission is the strength to willingly surrender one's intellect and will to God's truth and authority. Submission means trusting God and choosing to follow what He teaches. It means accepting that God knows what is best, even when it is difficult to understand.

SUBMISSION

How to live it:

- Follow God's teachings even when it is hard
- Listen and respond to rightful authority
- Accept correction and guidance

Next Week

WHAT IS HUMILITY?

Humility is the strength to put God and others before ourselves. 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.

HUMILITY

How to live it:

- Pray and thank God, recognizing He is first
- Do your best without bragging or seeking attention
- Help others without expecting praise

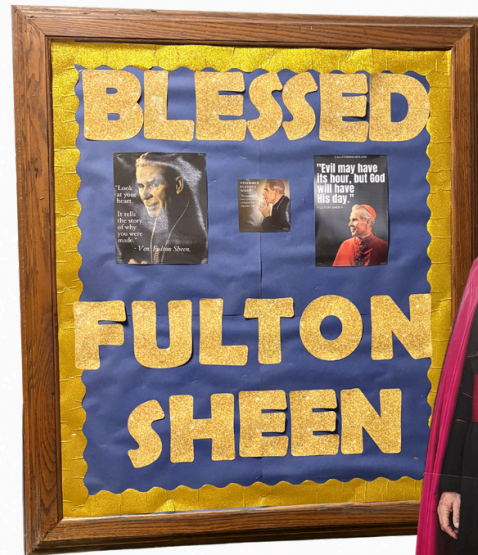


Faith Formation

World Mission Rosary for Blessed Fulton Sheen



1st grade pictured with Fr. O'Brien
after attending all school mass.





Faith Formation



1,000 World Mission Rosaries

In World Languages, we learned about the world mission rosary and along with parish families, our students helped make 1,000 rosaries for Fulton Sheen's Beatification!





Faith Formation



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen designed this rosary to invite us to pray for the world because we are all called to be missionaries wherever we are!





Faith Formation



7th Grade Confirmation Commitment Signing

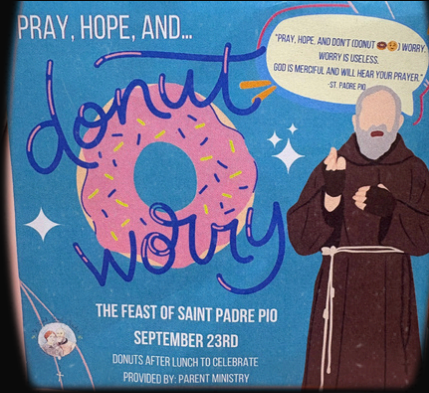


Mrs. Engstrom read her book, *Fulton Sheen and the Very Bad Week*, and talked to preschool about her family's miracle.





Faith Formation

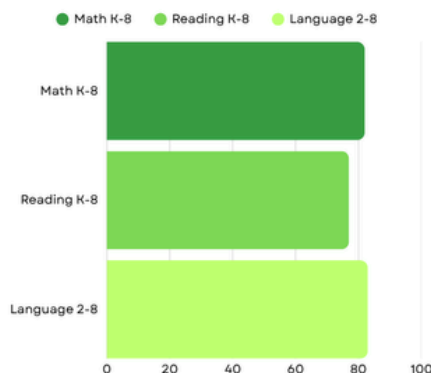


Pray, Hope, and "Donut" Worry
Our Parent Ministry shared donuts with us to celebrate the
Feast Day of Saint Padre Pio.





Academics



Fall Testing Performance Highlights

Our students are off to a strong start this fall!

Across K-8, students performed well above national averages in all tested areas.

Math – 82nd Percentile

Our K-8 students demonstrated strong mathematical skills, performing well above the national average.

Reading – 77th Percentile

Students are showing strong reading comprehension and literacy skills across the grade levels.

Language Usage – 83rd Percentile

Grades 2-8 demonstrated impressive skills in grammar, punctuation, and writing conventions.

We are proud of our students' and teachers' hard work!

These results reflect the dedication happening in our classrooms each day. We look forward to building on this success throughout the school year!





Academics



Congratulations to Ellie (7th) and Genevieve (5th) on earning their Accelerated Reader Posters!

Students who complete the program get a poster hung up in the hallway! AR requirements can be found on our website under resources.

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ELLIE DRAEGER

7TH GRADE
2026



ReAD

GENEVIEVE JOHNSON

5TH GRADE
2026

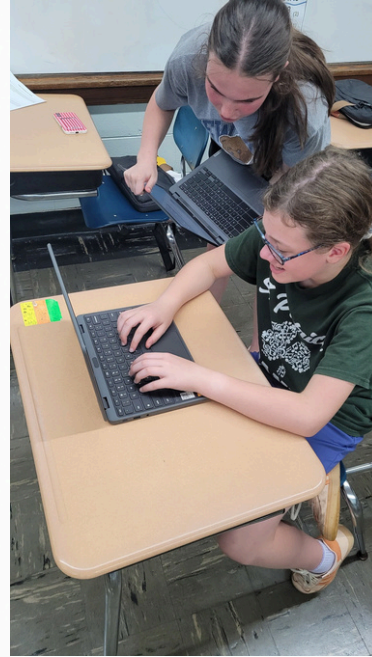




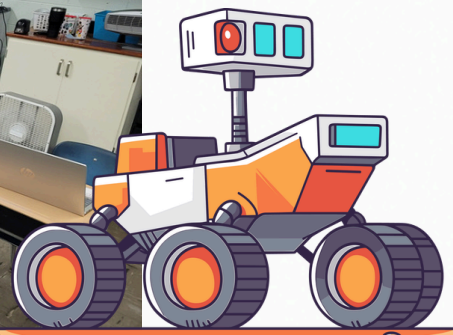
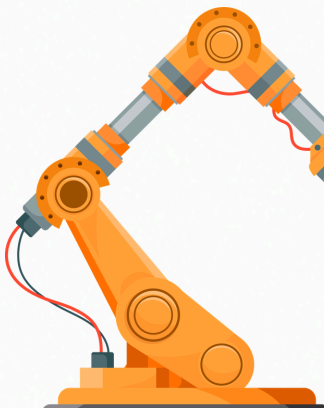
Academics



The Robotics Team is up and Running!
Thanks Coach Toohill!



During this season teams will focus on biodiversity and exploring how technology, creativity, and research can protect natural habitats.



Athletics

Anneliese Schlack received a blessing from Father O'Brien before her state golf appearance!



Girls' basketball players and their families volunteered at Midwest Food Pantry



Anneliese pictured with Coach Stein and Coach Briggs. Congratulation on making it to State!



Irish baseball finished with a record of 6 - 6. Thanks for a great season boys!



Athletics



The Irish XC teams battled through brutal weather and running conditions today at the Mini Yeti Meet at Donovan —and they showed incredible toughness from start to finish! The girls fought their way to a 4th-place team finish and brought home a plaque! Four girls, along with Quin on the boys side, also earned the meet's special Yeti T-shirts.



Around the Campus



Check out our grade levels intermingling on the playground!
Jump rope and kickball are favorites!



2nd & Kindergarten
at the play yard.



K - 8th were welcomed back
to the library! Thank you
to our librarians!



Around the Campus



Thanks, Mr. Jones!
A special shout-out to our maintenance man for all he does to keep our school and parish running smoothly! From installing new potties in our preschool to the continued work on our boilers, updating lighting, painting walls, and installing gates, he is always taking care of the little things and the big things around campus.
And did you know he also helps maintain both of our churches? Talk about keeping busy! We are so grateful for all the work he does behind the scenes!





VIRTUE=STRENGTH.™

Forming Hearts. Building Strength. Living for Heaven.

At our school, we are committed to helping our students grow in holiness by forming strong virtues, avoiding vices, and deepening our relationship with Jesus and Mary through prayer and devotion.

OCTOBER



VIRTUES TO LIVE



HUMILITY

Knowing you need God



DEFERENCE

Showing respect to authority



AFFABILITY

Friendly and pleasant with others



GENTLENESS

Kind strength toward others



VICES TO AVOID



ARROGANCE

Thinking I'm the greatest



CONTEMPT

Dismissing others



HARSHNESS

Cold toward others



ROUGHNESS

Hurting without caring

NOVEMBER



VIRTUES TO LIVE



LOVE FOR GOD

Loving God above all



FERVOR

Serving God with zeal



CONSECRATION

Giving your life to God



OBATION

Offering yourself to God



VICES TO AVOID



INDIFFERENCE

Ignoring God



LUKEWARMNESS

Faith without passion



WORLDLINESS

Chasing empty things



SELFISHNESS

Living only for me



OCTOBER FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION



HUMILITY

→ How can you put God and others first more often?



NOVEMBER FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION



LOVE FOR GOD

→ How have you experienced God's love?

OCTOBER 3RD–11TH NOVENA



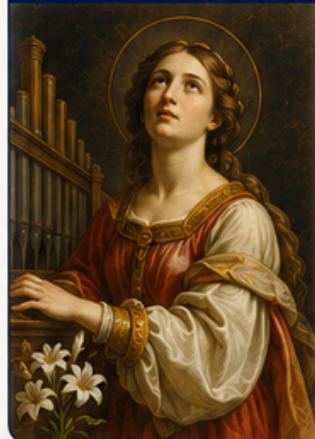
ST. CARLO ACUTIS

📅 October 3–11

Feast Day: October 12

Carlo was a teenager in Italy who loved video games and soccer but spent his free time serving the poor and documenting Eucharistic miracles. He showed that holiness is possible for young people today.

NOVEMBER 13TH–21ST NOVENA



ST. CECILIA

📅 November 13–21

Feast Day: November 22

Cecilia was a young Roman noblewoman who gave her life for her faith in the early Church, singing hymns to God even as she faced death. She is the beloved patron saint of musicians.



INSPIRE. ENGAGE. ♥ STRENGTHEN.

Learn the Virtues. Love our Lord. Live the Faith.



Faithful Readers PROGRAM

ACCELERATED READER INCENTIVES



At St. Patrick School, we believe reading is a gift from God that helps us grow in wisdom, knowledge, and faith. Students who meet their quarterly reading goal will become Faithful Readers and earn an invitation to a special quarterly celebration.



Quarter 1 – Read-In with the Principal



K-4

- Read aloud by the principal
- Popcorn
- Faithful Reader certificate

Grades 5-8

- Bring your favorite book
- Popcorn
- Time to read, relax, and visit with the principal



Quarter 2 – Cozy Reading Celebration



K-4

- Wear pajamas
- Read with a stuffed animal or blanket
- Bookmark

Grades 5-8

- Hot chocolate or Cider
- Quiet reading time
- Book recommendation card



Quarter 3 – Outdoor Reading Celebration



K-4

- Read outside
- Sidewalk chalk after reading
- Popsicle

Grades 5-8

- Outdoor reading time
- Outside games
- Popsicle



Quarter 4 – Readers' Choice Party



K-4

Students vote for one:

- Read a favorite picture book
- Coloring while listening to a story
- Bubble time outside

Grades 5-8

Students vote for one:

- Quiet reading
- Card games
- Outdoor free time

Good Books = Big Dreams



Principal's Faithful Readers Celebration

Students who meet all four quarterly reading goals will be invited to the Principal's Reading Celebration!

- 30-minute Extra Recess
- Popsicle or ice cream treat
- Faithful Reader Certificate and Group Photo in Bulletin and Social Media



"Readers grow in wisdom, faith, and kindness,
one Book at a time."





ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

LOVE • LEARN • LEAD

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LOOK GOOD • FEEL GOOD • SHOW YOUR IRISH PRIDE!



BLANK Sport-Tek
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3 Colors



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EMBROIDERED Sport-
Tek Youth Polo



3 Colors



\$22.00

Port & Company
Youth Core Fleece
Crewneck Sweatshirt



4 Colors



\$23.00

Port Authority Youth
Value Fleece Jacket



2 Colors



\$35.00

BLANK Sport-Tek Polo



3 Colors



\$15.50

EMBROIDERED Sport-
Tek Polo



3 Colors



\$22.00

Port & Company
Essential Fleece
Crewneck Sweatshirt



4 Colors



\$23.00

Port Authority Value
Fleece Jacket



2 Colors



\$35.00

Sport-Tek 1/4-Zip
Sweatshirt



4 Colors



\$38.00

Sport-Tek Sport-Wick
Stretch 1/4-Zip
Pullover



3 Colors



\$40.00

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Uniforms build
confidence, create unity,
and keep our community strong!



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SLIME
MRS. SMITH! ♥

Top 3
Students

in our
Fall Fundraiser
will get to

SLIME
Mrs. Smith!



Sign up
Here

Principal
♥

Help support
our school!
♥

Get ready for
picture day!

SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

OCTOBER 07, 2026

ALL STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 12, 2026 - Retake

Students wanting retakes or who were absent on Picture Day.

**Please, don't wear green.**

Our green screen lets you choose your background when ordering your photos, but it also makes green clothing disappear.

YOUR EVENT CODE IS: FE210026

OPT IN FOR OUR KIDS

A federal tax credit scholarship program for K-12 Education

- Benefits ALL types of schools. Can add up to almost \$2 billion in new resources to public and private schools. It doesn't take from existing funding.
- Supported by Illinoisans. Nearly 7 in 10 Illinoisans support opting into this program.
- Keeps Illinois dollars here. If Illinois doesn't opt in, it has been reported that people

will donate up to \$1 billion to schools in other states to receive the tax credit.

- Opportunity for public and private school families to work together for a common goal – to support ILLINOIS kids.



It's a tax credit. It's voluntary. It's popular. It works.

HOW IT WORKS

- Taxpayer contributes to a scholarship granting organization which uses the funds to support scholarships for K-12 students.
- Taxpayer receives tax credit for their donation.

WHO BENEFITS

- Students from ALL backgrounds
- Kids in public, private and faith-based schools.

Call Governor Pritzker today!

or visit gov.illinois.gov/contact-us/voice-an-opinion.html



Learn more about the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit and how it helps Illinois families.



Catholic Conference
of Illinois

PRIESTS PEDALING FOR PRAYERS



**PRIESTS
PEDALING**



 **FOR
PRAYERS**

**SEPT 28TH-
OCT 1ST**

***HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS WITH
TESTIMONIES FROM OUR RIDERS:***

FR. NICK CONNER, FR. BEN SCHOONMAKER & FR. JOHNPAUL STEDWILL

SEPT. 28TH LA SALLE VICARIATE: ST. HYACINTH 7PM

SEPT. 29TH PEORIA VICARIATE: ST. MARKS 6:45PM

SEPT. 30TH BLOOMINGTON VICARIATE: ST. PATS OF MERNA 7PM

OCT. 1ST CHAMPAIGN VICARIATE: ST. MATTHEWS 5:30PM

ST. THERESE, PATRONESS OF VOCATIONS, PRAY FOR US!



#ADVENTURE ON!



Upcoming Pack 168 Events

The Pack offers events for your scout year round. You can attend all of them or the events that work within your schedule. During the school year, dens (grade level specific) meet once a month for about an hour to work on advancements.

In addition to den meetings, the Pack offers an event every month that can last between one and three hours. All family members are welcome to attend either the den or pack meetings.

The calendar to the right is what our Pack has planned for the upcoming year.

Want to know more? SCAN ➡



2026-2027 Calendar

Sep 27: Raingutter Regatta
 Oct 10-11: Overnight camping
 Nov: Ornament Making
 Dec 11: Bowling
 Jan 24: Pinewood Derby
 Feb 21: Blue and Gold Banquet
 March 20: Dickson Mounds Museum
 April 16-18: Overnight camping-ISR
 May 21: Nature hike
 June - Aug: TBD

for more info
 visit pack168.org

Open
House



PEORIA NOTRE DAME

📞 309-691-8741

🌐 pndhs.org

**DATE &
TIME**

September 30, 2026
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

WHO?

Junior high students &
parents-guardians are invited
to attend!

AUDITORIUM

Brief presentation for all followed
by tours with student
ambassadors

Parent Information Night

North Peoria
Wed, Sept. 30th
6:30-8:00
Scan here:



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
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Washington
Wed, Oct. 7th
6:30-8:00
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