



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Irish Messenger



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Love • Learn • Lead

Upcoming Events



October 12
Columbus Day
No school

October 13
Teacher In-Service
No School

October 14
2PM Dismissal
No Aftercare

October 16
1st Quarter Ends

October 22
11:30 Dismissal
K-8 Conferences 1-6

October 23
No School
K-8 Conferences 8-11

Message from the Principal



What a wonderful way to kick off October! I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our St. Patrick School families, parishioners, friends, and supporters for your incredible generosity during our Fall Fundraiser. Your support has brought us closer to making our new science lab a reality, and we are so excited to get to work! This project will provide our students with an amazing space to explore, experiment, and grow in their love of learning.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are just around the corner! Sign-up links have been sent out, so please take a moment to reserve a time to connect with your child's teachers. We are grateful for the partnership between our families and teachers and look forward to these conversations about your child's growth and success.

And finally, we are looking forward to some beautiful fall weather! After the warm start to October, we are ready for cooler temperatures, changing leaves, and all the wonderful signs of autumn around campus. 🍁

Thank you for all you do to make St. Patrick School such a special place. We are blessed by your continued support, prayers, and partnership.



This Week

DEFERENCE

What is Deference?

Deference is the strength to respectfully yield to the rightful authority or dignity of others.

Deference means showing respect to those who have authority or deserve honor.

It is choosing to listen, learn, and respond with respect.

How to live it:

- Show respect in prayer and at Mass
- Listen to teachers and coaches and follow directions
- Speak respectfully to parents and adults

Next Week

AFFABILITY

What is Affability?

Affability is the strength to relate to others with graciousness and pleasantness.

Affability means being kind, friendly, and easy to be around.

It is choosing to treat others in a warm and welcoming way.

How to live it:

- Pray with a thankful and open heart
- Speak kindly and include others
- Be friendly, polite, and welcoming





Faith Formation



Priests Pedaling for Vocations



Please join us in thanking Sister Gemma and Sister Magdalena for the many ways they live out the Franciscan spirit at St. Patrick School. May St. Francis continue to inspire us to love Christ, serve others, and joyfully live our Catholic faith!



Celebrating 800 Years of St. Francis!





Faith Formation



Our 6th and 7th graders attended Mass together on the feast day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower! They beautifully recited the Hail Mary in French! And thank you to all the students who brought in flowers for the altar. A special merci beaucoup to Madame Johnson for helping our students grow in their faith while embracing the beauty of another language and culture!

Good Disciple
This 4th grader stopped to help a younger friend tie his shoe during recess.





Academics



Sectionals

Our Pre-K Community Helpers Unit teaches our littlest Irish about the people in our community who help keep neighborhoods safe, clean, healthy, and functioning. This unit helps our children recognize everyday heroes: firefighters and police officers, doctors and nurses, mail carriers, priests and religious orders, and librarians, too! Thank you to all of our helpers!



Athletics



Good Luck
at **SECTIONALS**



Girls: Kiersten Nolte, brynn Reed, Cecilia Hatton, Lydia Matsko, Zoey Geisz, Evelyn Berberich, Mary Hatton, Alternates: Evie Gabehart, Joselyn Fisher
Boys: Quinn Toohill, John Gorsage, Ansel Strauser, Leo Nolte, Xavier Williams



Athletics



Students Zoey G. and Cecilia H, sang the national anthem.

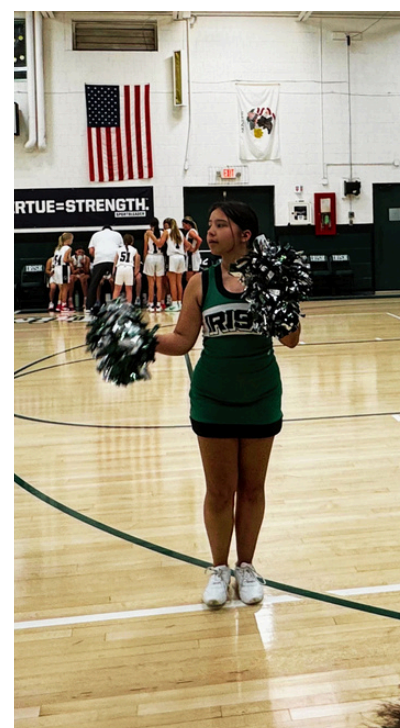


The Irish brought the heat during their first home opener of the season against Roanoke-Benson. The BIG W for both 7th (34- 3) and 8th (34 - 24.)



Congratulations to the Lady Irish! They went 2-1 and took 2nd place in this past weekend's tournament at St. Vincent de Paul.





Around the Campus



Our 6th and 7th graders took their learning beyond the classroom with an exciting Mars Expedition at the Challenger Learning Center!



Around the Campus



Kindergarten, First, and Second graders went to the Washington Fire Department to learn about Fire Safety for Fire Prevention Week!



Around the Campus



St. Patrick School Rosary Walk



Our St. Patrick School students and staff came together for a Rosary Walk, praying for our generous donors and lifting their intentions to Our Blessed Mother.

We are so grateful to our School and Parish community for helping us raise \$55,000 toward updating our science lab! Your generosity supports our students and the future of Catholic education at St. Patrick School.

May Our Lady of the Rosary intercede for all our donors, and may God bless them abundantly for their generosity and support!

Thank you for helping us Love, Learn, and Lead! ❤️



HOMECOMING

Our School • Our Community • Our Pride



All Saints Day PARISH PARTY



Bring a chair & join us for this fun, free event featuring:

Hot Dogs & Snacks

Games & Activities

Hot Apple Cider

Bonfires & S'mores

Candy Buy-Back Booth

Eucharistic Procession

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

12:00 - 2:00 PM



POT OF GOLD

save the date

SATURDAY

March 6, 2027





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



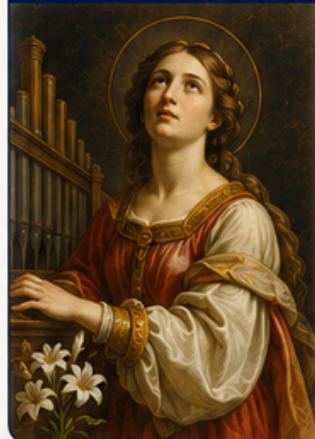
ST. CARLO ACUTIS

📅 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."





USA 250 Trivia

Benefitting the

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Monica & St. Patrick

St. Monica Hall - 303 Campanile Dr. - East Peoria, IL

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Doors open at 5:00pm. Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-6:30. Trivia begins at 6:30.

(Gluten free bread & pasta available - please note on registration form if needed)

\$25 per person, \$200/table. BYOB.

Sign up as a Team of 8 or let us craft an awesome team for you with other brilliant people.

Reservation Deadline 11/2. See below for options to register.

Amazing basket raffle, 50/50 & other fun.

Names:

Team Captain Name _____ Email: _____

☐ I have an existing team _____ (captain name) or ☐ Craft a brilliant team for me

_____ number attending @ \$25 per person

Registration form with money can be turned in by any of the following ways:

1. Put in church collection basket. Please put TRIVIA NIGHT on envelope.
2. Mailed to: Steve Driscoll 112 Royal Vista Dr, East Peoria, IL 61611
3. Emailed to: steve.driscoll1996@gmail.com
4. Called to: Steve 309-208-4208

Please may checks payable to: **St. Vincent de Paul Society** with Trivia on the memo line.

Questions or phone reservations: Call Steve at 309-208-4208



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

LOVE • LEARN • LEAD

Approved Uniforms



LOOK GOOD • FEEL GOOD • SHOW YOUR IRISH PRIDE!



BLANK Sport-Tek
Youth Polo



3 Colors



\$13.50

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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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

PARK PLAY



Click the picture for more info.



TUMBLING
with Ashley Thurm

Pre School ★ Mondays 6 PM Tuesdays 5 PM	Progressions ★ Mondays 7 PM Wednesdays 5 PM
Basics ★ Mondays 5 PM Wednesdays 6 PM	Intermediate ★ Wednesdays 7 PM

▶▶▶▶ **\$64 Resident**
\$72 Non-Resident



Discovery Lab

October 8 - 29

AGES: 4-5 YEARS

1-2 PM
Thursdays

COST: \$30R/\$35NR

Sign up at washingtonparkdistrict.com
or in person at our main facility!



Joe the Art Guy Classes

\$15(R) / \$20(NR)

Wednesday, October 14 at 6 pm
Wednesday, October 21 at 6 pm

Kid's Drawing Spectacular with Joe Part I & 2

Sign up at washingtonparkdistrict.com!



YOUTH CHEERLEADING PROGRAM

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

K - 5TH GRADERS

COST: \$60R/\$70NR

SIGN UP AT WWW.WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM!

Kids in the Kitchen (3-5 year olds)

Young chefs will measure, mix, and create delicious treats while learning new recipes and having fun in the kitchen!

Dining Etiquette & Table Manners (7+)

Learn proper table manners, etiquette, and social skills while building confidence through fun, hands-on activities.

Happy Feet (2-4 year olds)

Little ones will kick, dribble, and play while developing soccer skills, coordination, and confidence through fun games and songs.

More Programs
to explore

Click the program name for details and registration.



#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