ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Irish Messenger

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Upcoming Events

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

October 23
No School
K-8 Conferences 8-11

October 26
Faithful Readers
First Quarter Celebration

October 27
Slime Time!

October 29
Preschool Halloween Parties

October 30
All Saints' Day Presentation at Mass

November 1
No More Shorts
Leggings must be worn with skirts and jumpers

Message from the Principal

Thank you to our school and parish community for helping us raise $60,600 toward our new science lab!

Congratulations to our winning classes!

Extra Recess: Kindergarten and 5th Grade

Free Dress Day: 5th Grade

Pizza with the Priests: Kindergarten, raised $6,219!

All School Movie & Popcorn Party

💚 Slime Time — Tuesday, October 27, at 2:15 p.m.!

Congratulations to our top fundraisers who will slime Mrs. Smith: Viola (Kindergarten), $1,739; Eleanor (Kindergarten), $1,725.65; Charlotte (3rd Grade), $1,725.65; and Gianna (8th Grade), $1,644. Eleanor and Charlotte tied, that means extra slime!

🍿 Movie & Popcorn Party — Monday, November 2, at 12:55 p.m.!

Thank you for helping us make this exciting new learning space possible. Go Irish! ☘

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INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.

This 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

Next Week

gentleness

What is Gentleness?

Gentleness is the strength to moderate anger and treat others with patience and kindness. Gentleness means staying calm and kind, even when you feel upset. It is choosing to respond with care instead of reacting harshly

How to live it:

- Pray calmly and trust God when you feel frustrated
- Respond kindly when something goes wrong
- Speak and act with care, especially when upset

Faith Formation





Our First Communicants received blessed pins in preparation for their First Communion.







Academics

Congratulations to our 1st Quarter Faithful Readers!

These students met their Accelerated Reader Goal and get to have book time with Mrs. Smith on Monday.

1st

Lucas, Rose, Elli

2nd - All

3rd - All

4th - All

5th

Ashton, Mary, Genevieve, Maggie, Owen, Charlotte, Hank

6th

Gus, Joselyn, Evie, Devon

7th

Evelyn K, Anneliese, Xavier

8th

Rose, Aime, Jacob, Zoey, Cecilia, Bobby, Gianna, Matthew, Ansel, Grant, Quin, Tatem





Athletics



Kiersten (7th)
State Medalist
in Cross Country

Halloween Theme Night cheering on our Lady Irish!



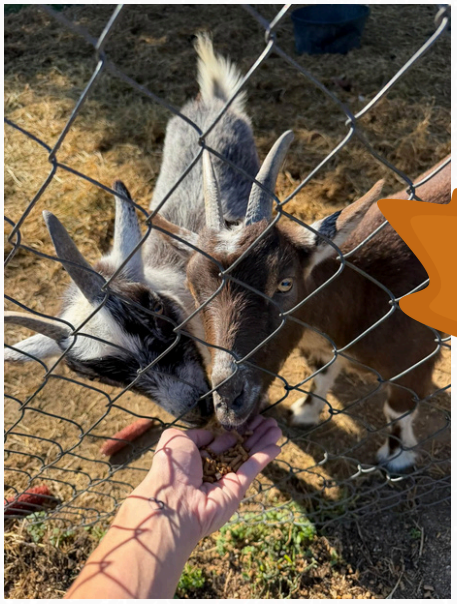






Around the Campus

Preschool visited Roth's Pumpkin Patch!









All Saints Day
PARISH PARTY



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

Hot Dogs & Snacks
Hot Apple Cider
Candy Buy-Back Booth
Games & Activities
Bonfires & S'mores
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
- **OBLATION** — 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.

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

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Faithful Readers PROGRAM

ACCELERATED READER INCENTIVES



At St. Partick 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

A FUN EVENING!

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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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Quality Uniforms

Multiple Styles & Sizes

Show Your Irish Pride

Easy Online Ordering

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

Questions?

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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.

OPT IN for 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 receivestax creditfor 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