



— October 24, 2025 —

Irish Messenger

Issue 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 24 - No School - Parent Teacher
Conferences
8:00-11:00AM

Oct 27-Oct 31 - Red Ribbon Week

Oct 26 - Fall Fundraiser
Celebrations - Sundae the Principal
Assembly and Movie and Popcorn

Oct 28 - Teal out Tuesday - Wear
Teal with free dress bottoms for a
donation for Mrs. Harris

Oct 30 - Preschool Halloween
Parade/Party

Oct 31 - All Saints Day Mass and 1st
Grade Presentations

Nov 1 - Parish All Saint's Day Party

Nov 3 - No More Shorts until March
1!

Nov 10 - Picture Retake Day

Nov 12 - Second Wednesday Early
Dismissal at 2:00

Nov 15 - St. Patrick School Vendor
Craft Sale

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,
Autumn is here, and we're grateful for the energy your children bring to school each day. As temperatures drop, please remember that only approved school-uniform outer layers may be worn in classrooms, but students should bring cozy options for outdoor recess and PE.

Please come to our Parish All Saints' Day Party! Bring the whole family for fun, community, and a chance to honor the holy men and women who inspire us.

If you haven't already checked it out, take a look at our new website!
www.mmgparish.com/school

Peace and blessings,
Mrs. Smith



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.™

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.

This Week

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



WHAT IS LOVE FOR NEIGHBOR?

The virtue of Love for Neighbor, or Charity, is a divinely infused virtue, that gives us the strength to love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

Love for neighbor means being kind and caring to everyone, just like Jesus taught us. It's about sharing, helping, and being a friend to those in need.

Examples of Love for Neighbor:

1. Smiling at others as you greet them.
2. Speaking positively of others and avoiding negative comments in person, online, behind their back, etc.
3. Looking for opportunities to serve or help others.
4. Sharing what you have with others.

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WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

The strength to release resentment and pardon others for their wrongdoings.

Forgiveness means letting go of hurt and saying "I forgive you" when someone does something wrong. It helps us heal and grow in love, just like Jesus forgives us.

Sample Steps of Forgiveness:

1. STOP & CALM DOWN

- Before you react, take a deep breath and calm your heart.

2. TALK TO GOD & EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS

- Pray and tell God how you feel. It's okay to feel sad, angry, or upset.

3. CHOOSE TO FORGIVE

- Forgiveness is a choice, not a feeling. You might not feel ready, but you can still decide to let go of the hurt.

4. MOVE FORWARD WITH LOVE

- If possible, be kind and try to make peace with the person who hurt you.

**NEXT
WEEK**



Our second grade students had their First Communion pins blessed by Father Matt.

This beautiful moment marks an important step on their journey toward receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the very first time. As they prepare for this sacred sacrament, we pray that their hearts continue to grow in faith, love, and understanding of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. May this time of preparation draw them closer to God and deepen their desire to live as His disciples. Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they continue this joyful journey toward their First Holy Communion!



MANY THANKS

A huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Athletic Committee's Cash Bash! Your generosity and enthusiasm made the event a great success.

Whether you bought a ticket, volunteered your time, or just prayed for our success you played an important part in helping us raise funds for our student-athletes and athletic programs.

Your support helps ensure that our athletes have the equipment, facilities, and opportunities they need to succeed — both on and off the field.

We're grateful to be part of such a supportive community. Here's to another great year of teamwork, sportsmanship, and success!

Jeff Draeger, St. Pat's Athletic Director



**THANK
YOU!**



CROSS COUNTRY



Congratulations to
our Runners who
qualified for and
ran in the State
Competition!

Girls Team:

Brynn Reed

Sadie Gorsage

Anneliese Schlack

Teresa Engstrom

Cecelia Hatton

Isla Cardillo

Kiersten Nolte

Zoey Geisz

Lydia Matsko

Emma Draeger

Mason Schlack

Traver Strauser



Lady Irish

Upcoming Dates

8th grade tournament
Oct 24th - 4:30 p.m.
at Home vs St. Thomas

Tournament continues
on Oct 25th Time - TBD

Oct 27th - 5:30 p.m.
at Home vs St. Vincent

Oct 28th - 5:30 p.m.
at Home vs Blessed
Sacrament

Oct 29th - 5:30 p.m.
at Home vs Lowpoint
Washburn

Nov 3rd - 5:30 p.m.
at Home vs Bartonville
Monroe

Nov 7th/8th - TBD
5th - 6th grade tourney
at St. Philomena



5th/6th grade Shootout Champions





Go, Fight, Win!

Irish Cheer made it's debut on Tuesday night. They were an awesome and energetic addition to the girl's white out night. Way to come out strong ladies and bring the Irish fans to their feet! We look forward to seeing the entire squad soon!



Thanks to your incredible generosity, our school fundraiser raised \$54,584.46 — and with matching donations from the Washington Knights of Columbus and anonymous parishioners, we reached a **GRAND TOTAL** of \$104,584.46! These funds will go directly toward purchasing a new school boiler.

We surpassed our \$50,000 goal — which means:
 **MOVIE & POPCORN PARTY** for the entire school!

 **Top Class Participation:**

100% sign-up from grades 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7!

 **3rd grade** was first to reach 100% — earning a Free Dress Day!

 **Top Fundraising Classes (Per Student Average):**

 **7th Grade** – \$427.49

 **3rd Grade** – \$345.03

 **1st Grade** – \$336.41

Special thanks to the Engstrom family for donating the 7th grade pizza party!

 **Top Student Collectors:**

 **Charlotte Pierce** (2nd grade) – \$2,163.34

 **Jacob Davis** (7th grade) – \$2,360.04

 **Rylee Engel** (3rd grade) – \$2,800

These three will get to Sundaе the Principal at our assembly on Tuesday!

 **More to Celebrate:**

93% of families participated!

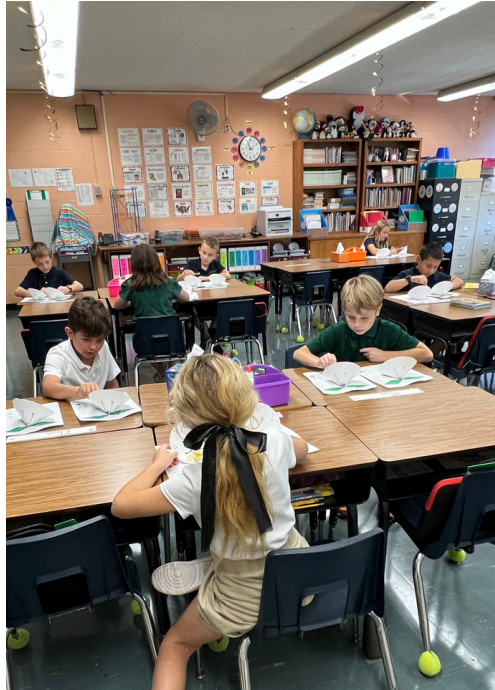
153 students received glow-in-the-dark rosaries

Thank you to the Gabeheart family for donating them!

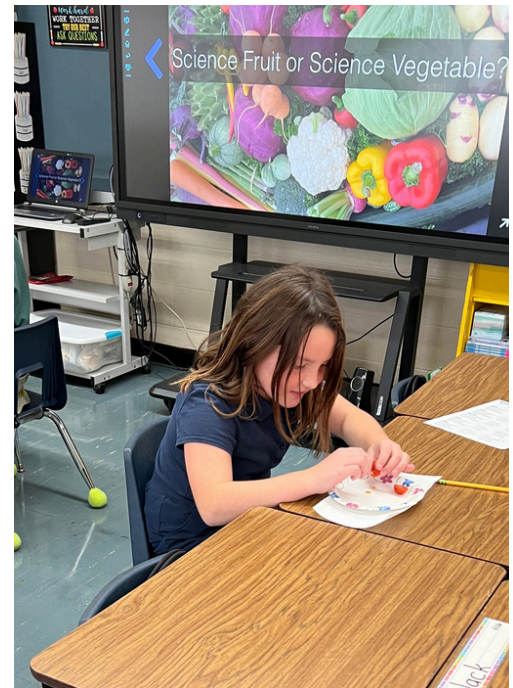
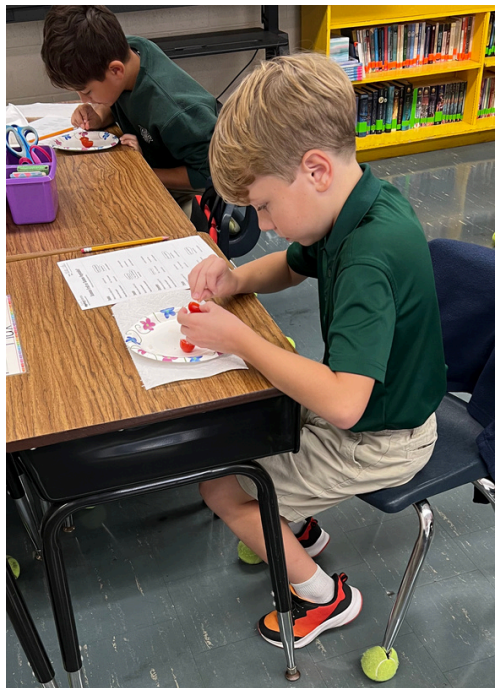
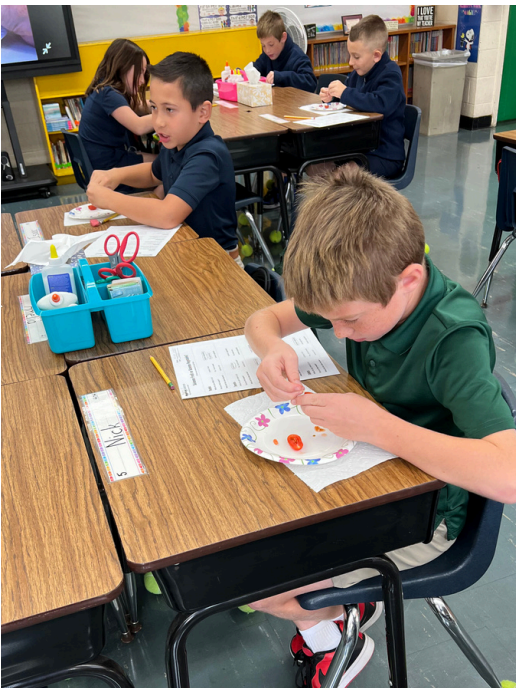
“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

THANK YOU for your prayers, your support, and your love for our school!

Learning is FUN



Third Grade is learning about pollination! We learned how to move pollen in plants so the plants produce seeds!

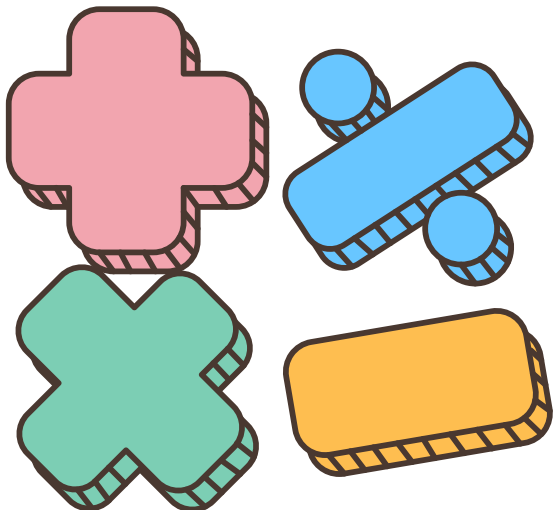
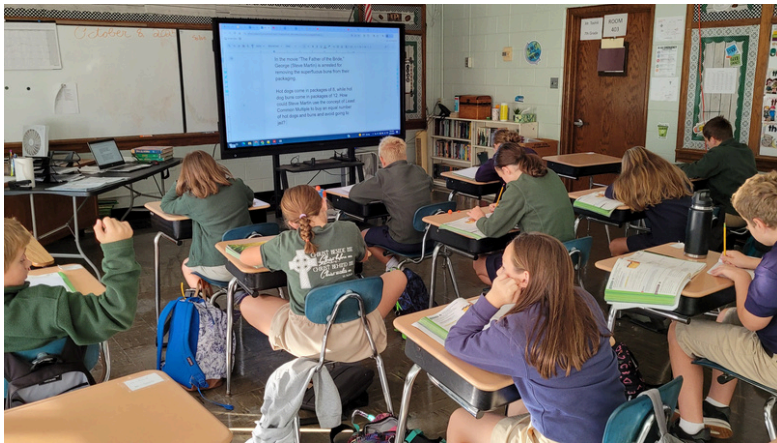


Third Grade experimented with food to find out if the food was a science fruit or a science vegetable.

More Fun Learning

The 6th grade explored the concept of Least Common Multiple.

They watched a clip from *Father of the Bride*, then used their new knowledge of Least Common Multiple to help Steve Martin buy the correct number of hot dogs and buns and avoid going to jail. As a bonus, they also learned the meaning of the word "superfluous"



In the movie "The Father of the Bride," George (Steve Martin) is arrested for removing the superfluous buns from their packaging.

Hot dogs come in packages of 8, while hot dog buns come in packages of 12. How could Steve Martin use the concept of Least Common Multiple to buy an equal number of hot dogs and buns and avoid going to jail? |



RED

2025

RIBBON WEEK



**COLORING PAGE
CONTEST**

**MON
27**



**MOVIE
AFTERNOON**

**TUE
28**



**WEAR RED TOP WITH
SCHOOL BOTTOMS**

**WED
29**



CRAZY SOCKS

**THURS
30**



RED RIBBON TREAT

**FRI
31**

2025-2026

1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6TH GRADE

STRAIGHT A'S
EVELYN BERBERICH
ELLIE DRAEGER
ADELYN FREEHILL
EVELYN KOSIARA
, ANNELIESE SCHLACK.

HIGH HONORS
JOSEPH ENGSTROM
KIERSTEN NOLTE
JILLIAN PEEK
XAVIER WILLIAMS

HONORS
MADDAX EHRGOTT
LYDIA MATSKO
LEO NOLTE
GRACE PARKER

7TH GRADE

STRAIGHT A'S
JACOB DAVIS
ZOEY GEISZ
MATTHEW STEVENART
GRANT SWEARINGEN

HIGH HONORS
ROSE BERBERICH
AIME BLANKENSHIP
CECILIA HATTON
BRYNN REED
GIANNA RUPPEL
QUIN TOOHILL.

HONORS

8TH GRADE

STRAIGHT A'S
SAMANTHA ARBOGAST
ISLA CARDILLO
, JUDE CODY
, SADIE GORSAGE
MAEVE GREENE
GRANT JOHNSON,
LILY KOSIARA,
GRACE MESSMER
JESSICA RADEMACHER
MASON SCHLACK

HIGH HONORS
MAYA ANTHONY
THOMAS BRIGGS
KELLAN CADWALADER
HENRY CHIRAS
JACOB CLIFT
EMMA DRAEGER
TERESA ENGSTROM
TRAVER STRAUZER
CHRIS TENUTA
CONNOR TOOHILL.

HONORS



TEAL OUT TUESDAY

BASKETBALL GAME



JOIN US TO SUPPORT
MRS. HARRIS AND
RAISE FUNDS

**OCTOBER
28th**

**ST PATRICK
SCHOOL @
5:30 PM VS
BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

**HALFTIME FUN,
RAFFLE, BAKE SALE,
AND PRAYER**

Free dress bottoms at
school with teal shirt
with any donation



BRING CASH!





ALL SAINTS' DAY PARISH PARTY

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

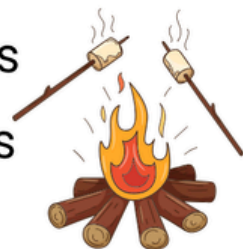
Hot Dogs & Snacks

Hot Apple Cider



Games & Activities

Bonfires & S'mores



The evening will end with a beautiful candlelit
Eucharistic Procession & a short talk by Fr. John.

Kids, bring your
Halloween candy for a
Candy Buyback Booth!



Saturday,
November 1st
5-8pm

St. Patrick Church



Special thanks to Jennings Dentistry, the Engel Family, K of C councils 7580 & 6707, St. Monica's Ladies Guild, That Man Is You, St. Patrick School, the High School Youth Group, & our many volunteers!



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
Every Tuesday and Thursday
we show our Irish pride!

SPIRIT WEAR TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS



STUDENTS CAN WEAR SPIRIT
WEAR TOPS (OR MRS. HARRIS
TOPS ON THURSDAYS) WITH
UNIFORM BOTTOMS.

Contact Chris Kapraun at kapraun77@aol.com.

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

Vendor & Craft Show

FUNDRAISER

Saturday November 15

9:00am-2:00pm

**Food Bake Sale
Vendors Crafts**

St Patrick School

100 N Harvey

Washington, IL 61571



APPROVED UNIFORMS

St. Patrick Approved Uniforms

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://st-pats-washington.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

BLANK Sport-Tek Youth Posicharge Polo  3 Colors \$13.00	EMBROIDERED Sport-Tek Youth Polo  3 Colors \$21.00	Port & Company Youth Core Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$23.00	Port Authority Youth Value Fleece Jacket  2 Colors \$33.00	BLANK Sport-Tek Polo  3 Colors \$14.00	EMBROIDERED Sport-Tek Polo  3 Colors \$21.00
Port & Company Essential Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$21.00	Port Authority Value Fleece Jacket  2 Colors \$33.00	Sport-Tek 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$36.00	Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Stretch 1/4-Zip Pullover  3 Colors \$40.00		

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