ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Irish Messenger

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Upcoming Events

November 21
Vendor and Craft Sale
9am-2pm

November 23-24
Preschool Conferences

November 24
Sheen Day Activitites
2PM Dismissal
No Aftercare

November 25-29
Thanksgiving Break

December 4
St. Nicholas Day Celebration

December 9
Christmas Program
Five Points 6PM

Message from the Principal

Happy Thanksgiving!
I am so grateful for the wonderful families who make our school community so special. Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and the many ways you help us live out our mission each day. May your Thanksgiving be filled with family, blessings, laughter, and gratitude.
Wishing you all a beautiful Thanksgiving!

God bless!
Mrs. Smith



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This Week

OBLATION

Offering yourself to God

Definition: The strength to offer one's works, sacrifices, and daily life to God in loving service.

Next Week

Hope

Expecting good will come

Definition: The virtue of hope is a gift from God, placed or infused in our souls at Baptism, that gives us the strength to firmly trust that God will give us the endless happiness of Heaven and the means to obtain it, if we do what He requires of us.

Faith Formation





Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Comes to St. Patrick Preschool!

St. Patrick School is excited to introduce Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) to our preschool students! CGS is a Montessori-based religious formation program that helps children deepen their relationship with God through prayer, Scripture, and hands-on activities that invite them to respond to God's love.

We are grateful to Mrs. Heather White for generously volunteering her time and talents to lead this program and provide our youngest learners with a beautiful opportunity to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus!

To learn more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, visit cgsusa.org.



CGS
CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Faith Formation

Our 7th and 8th graders put their faith into action by participating in Operation Christmas Child as a service project!

Through their generosity and willingness to serve, our students helped fill shoeboxes with gifts that will bring joy and hope to children around the world. What a wonderful reminder that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference!



Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

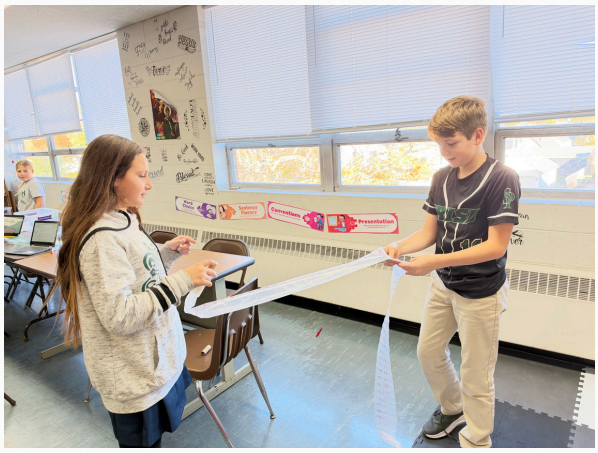


Congratulations!

Congratulations to 4th grader, Rylee, who recently received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion! What a blessing to welcome her more fully into our Catholic faith community and celebrate her growing relationship with Jesus.

Academics







OUR SIXTH GRADERS TOOK A DEEP BREATH AND PUT SCIENCE INTO ACTION!

STUDENTS TESTED THEIR VITAL CAPACITY, MEASURING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AIR THEY COULD EXHALE AFTER TAKING THEIR DEEPEST BREATH.

A GREAT HANDS-ON LESSON IN LEARNING HOW WONDERFULLY GOD DESIGNED OUR BODIES! FROM THE SMALLEST BREATH TO THE BIGGEST DISCOVERIES, WE ARE REMINDED TO GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE AND THE AMAZING WAYS GOD CREATED US.

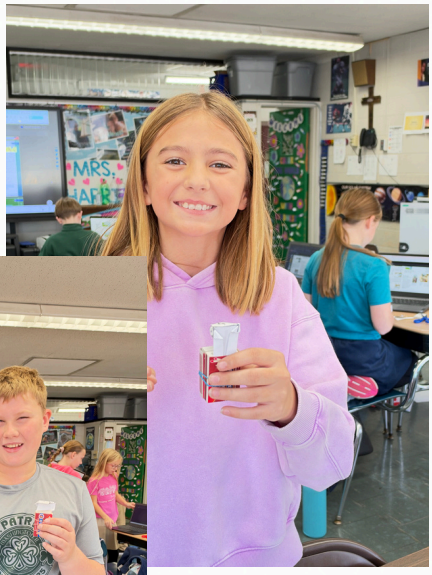




Academics

OUR 5TH GRADE SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED THAT GREAT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES DON'T ALWAYS REQUIRE FANCY EQUIPMENT! STUDENTS CONSTRUCTED THEIR OWN WORKING MICROSCOPES USING MATCHBOXES, PETROLEUM JELLY, AND WATER. BY USING A CURVED WATER DROPLET AS A MAGNIFYING LENS, THEY BROUGHT THE MICROSCOPIC WORLD INTO FOCUS!

A LITTLE CREATIVITY, CURIOSITY, AND HANDS-ON LEARNING GO A LONG WAY AT ST. PATRICK SCHOOL! 🔬☘️









Athletics



8TH GRADE night









Around the Campus

PIZZA PARTY









Our Kindergarten class got to enjoy pizza with Father O'Brien and Father Matt for being our top fundraising class in this year's Fall Fundraiser!




this weekend
dont forget!
ST PATRICK SCHOOL
Vendor & Craft Show
FUNDRAISER
Saturday November 21
9:00am-2:00pm
Bake Sale
Vendors Crafts
St Patrick School
100 N Harvey
Washington, IL 61571

St. Patrick School

Knit Winter Hats for St. Jude!



Let's share the warmth this Thanksgiving by donating **new** (not handmade) knit winter hats to St. Jude!

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®

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When:

Monday & Tuesday, November 23 & 24

Drop Off:

Turn hats into the box by the office.

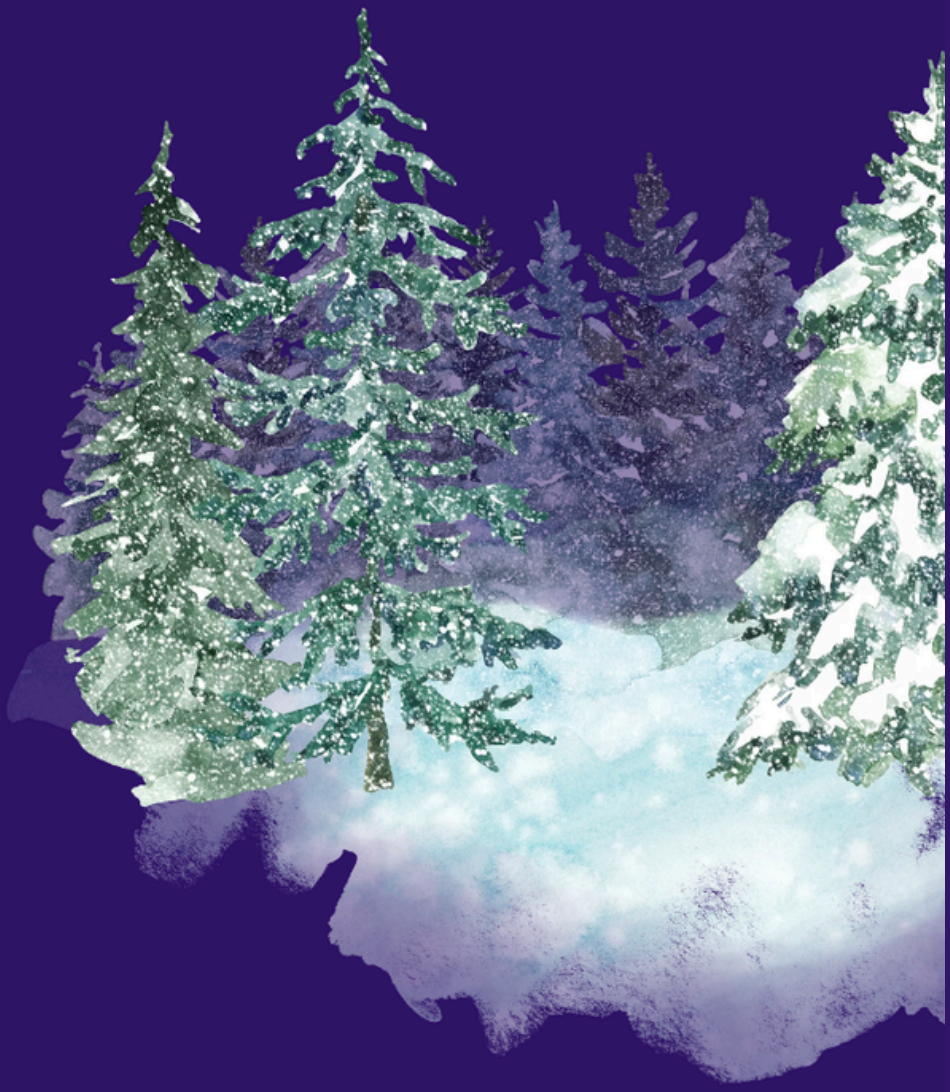


A special thank you to **8th Grader, Matthew** for bringing this idea to our school!

Together, we can make a difference!

Women's Advent Sip & Paint

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 29
5:00 - 8:00 PM
ST. PAT'S GYM





Join us for a cozy, creative gathering!
Enjoy a reflection on Blessed Mother Mary, Snacks, Sips, & Painting.

Registration requested, use the QR code or call the office.
$20 Registration fee. Pay at door available.

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YOUNGER & LESS EXPERIENCED
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
5:30 – 6:30 PM

OLDER & MORE EXPERIENCED
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
5:30 – 6:30 PM

BOYS & GIRLS WRESTLING
AGES 4–14

PRACTICES AT PEORIA NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTRATIONS FOR PRACTICE ONLY
(Competition can be discussed with coaches)

NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL GEAR NEEDED!

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!
Practices are going on now!

Come try it out for a few sessions before signing up!

For more information, reach out to:
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Photo Share

We're excited to partner with Jostens this year!



Families can upload photos from school events, activities, and special moments throughout the year.

Visit:
https://photos.jostens.com/9ND6LB
to share your photos!

- Not every photo will be used in the yearbook.
- You can submit photos from a phone, tablet, or computer.
- Share your photos whenever you have a great school moment!

Thank you for helping us capture the memories of our school year!

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.

DECEMBER

VIRTUES TO LIVE

- **HOPE** — Expecting good will come
- **LONGANIMITY** — Patient through long trials
- **JOYFULNESS** — Glad heart in all things

VICES TO AVOID

- **DESPAIR** — Losing hope
- **DISCOURAGEMENT** — Losing enthusiasm and drive
- **GLOOM** — Rejecting joy

JANUARY

VIRTUES TO LIVE

- **PRUDENCE** — Choose wisely
- **SHREWDNESS** — Seeing the best move
- **PERCEPTIVENESS** — Notice what matters
- **CAUTION** — Recognize risks

VICES TO AVOID

- **IMPRUDENCE** — Act without wisdom
- **NAIVETY** — Too easily fooled
- **SUPERFICIALITY** — Miss important things
- **RECKLESSNESS** — Act without caution

DECEMBER FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION



HOPE

→ How can hope help you endure struggles?

JANUARY FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION



PRUDENCE

→ Do you think before you act?

DECEMBER 3RD–11TH NOVENA



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

December 3–11

Feast: December 12

In 1531, Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego in Mexico, leaving her image miraculously on his cloak as a sign of her love for all people. She is the patroness of all the Americas.

JANUARY 6TH–13TH NOVENA



INFANT OF PRAGUE

January 6–13

Feast: January 14

A beloved statue of the child Jesus in Prague, Czech Republic has been venerated since the 1600s, with countless miracles reported by those who prayed before it. We honor Jesus who cares for us from his very first moments of life.

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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."

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3 Colors

$22.00

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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

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



3 Colors

$40.00

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Questions?

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 51

Encourage Excellence Every Day with Compassion, Commitment, and Community

Dear Families,

We invite you to join us for an important and informative presentation dedicated to the safety and well-being of students and families of our community. Central School District 51 has partnered with FBI Special Agent Griffin who will be presenting on the topic of **Nihilistic Violent Extremism** and how we can work together to protect and support our children. Area administrators had the opportunity to view this presentation this year and found the information valuable for families.

Content of the Presentation

Please be aware that the material covered in this session is quite sensitive and heavy in nature. While these topics can be challenging to discuss, understanding them is essential for recognizing potential risks and keeping our children safe. We believe this information is critically important for all families to hear.

This presentation will cover critical insights and practical tools for families, including:

- **Early Warning Signs:** Recognizing behavioral changes, indicators of distress, or concerning social shifts.
- **Online Safety:** Understanding how online spaces, social media, and digital platforms can expose young people to harmful content or recruitment, and how to help them navigate the digital world safely.
- **Open Communication at Home:** Strategies for fostering strong, trusting dialogues with your children about sensitive and complex issues.
- **Community Collaboration:** How families, schools, and local organizations can partner together to create a supportive and proactive network for our youth.

Attendance Guidelines

- **Adults-Only Presentation:** Due to the sensitive and serious nature of this topic, **children are not permitted** in the presentation room.
- **Privacy Policy:** To protect the privacy of all attendees and speaker security, **photos and videos of the presentation are strictly prohibited.**

Event Details

- **When** : December 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM
- **Where:** Central Gym, 1301 Eagle Ave

Your involvement and awareness play a vital role in keeping children safe. We strongly encourage all parents and guardians to attend this important session.

Please click **HERE** to RSVP so we can prepare accordingly.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting the safety and strength of our community.

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save the date

SATURDAY

March 6, 2027

