



As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of the many blessings we enjoy as a school community. This season of gratitude gives us an opportunity to reflect on all the good in our lives and thank God for His continued guidance and grace.

We are deeply grateful for our incredible students, whose curiosity and enthusiasm inspire us daily. We are also thankful for our dedicated teachers and staff, who pour their hearts into nurturing and guiding our children. And, of course, we are blessed by the unwavering support of our families, whose partnership makes our mission possible.

May this Thanksgiving bring joy, peace, and the comfort of family and friends to each of you. As we celebrate, let us keep in our hearts the spirit of gratitude and faith, remembering to thank God for the blessings we share.

Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with love, faith, and cherished moments.



At a recent home basketball Emma D. and Maeve G. overheard a visiting fan saying she could not navigate the stairs to the concession stand due to her bad knees. These ladies jumped into action and offered to get concessions for her!



On Tuesday during dismissal, a kindergartener had spilled his backpack and coat on the steps. Beatrix S. stopped and helped him pick his things up and get his coat back on. She showed a great act of kindness!

**By this everyone will know
that you are my disciples, if
you love one another.**

J O H N 1 3 : 3 5

Parents, let us know if you catch someone being a Good Disciple. We would love to share it in a future issue!

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

Love • Learn • Lead

I scream, You scream...



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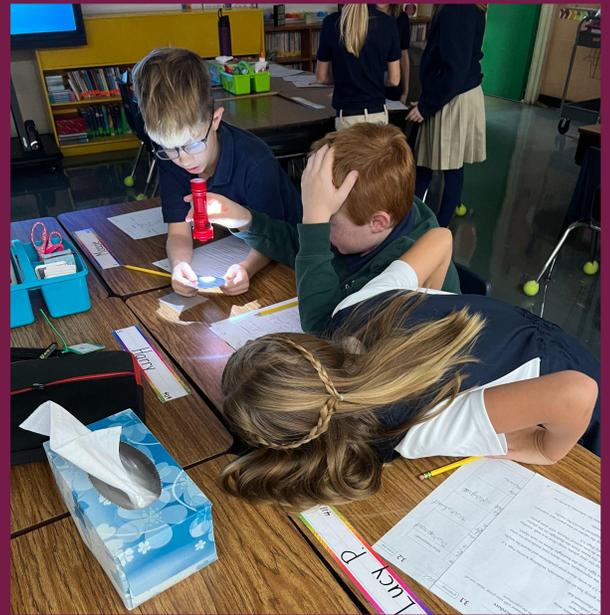
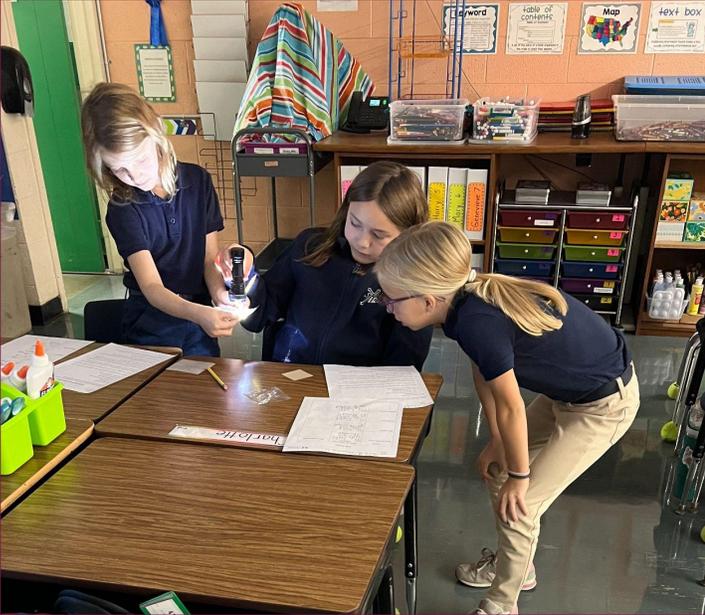
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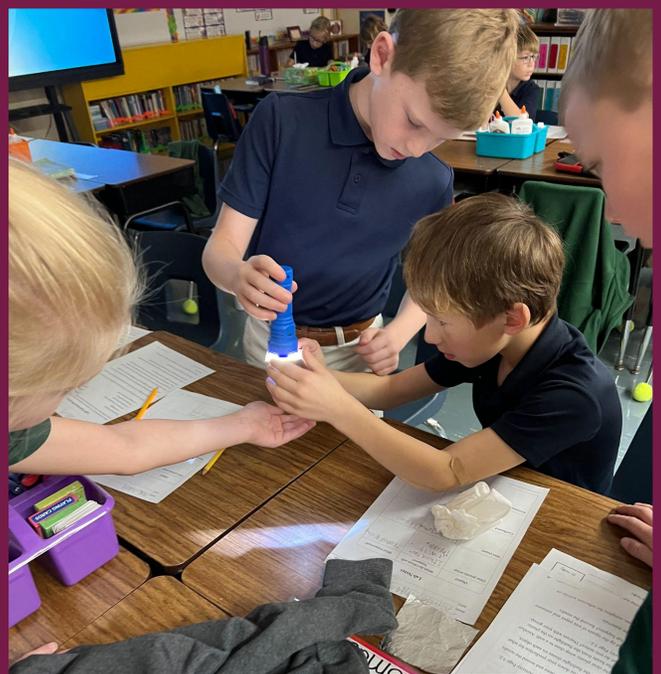
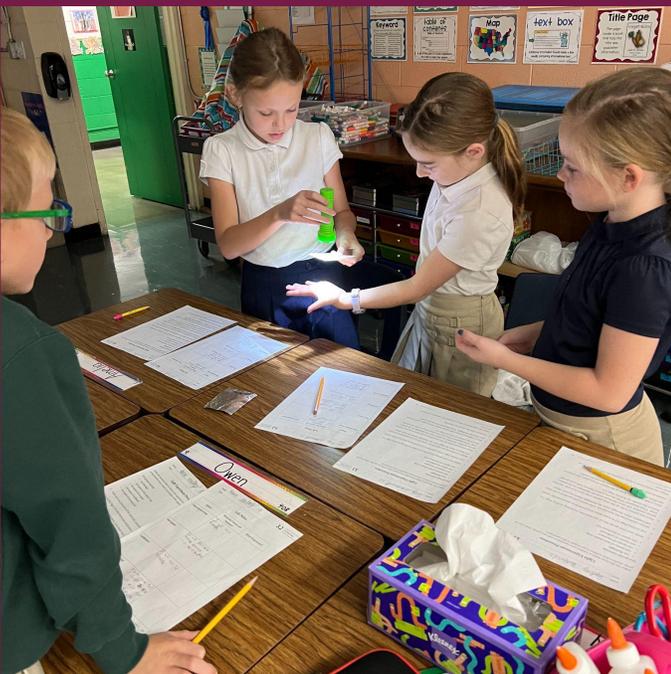
FOR ICE CREAM!

After gathering as a school to celebrate our fall fundraising success with an ice cream party, our final prizes were drawn. Gavin M. in 3rd grade won the \$100 gift card! And 3 lucky students were chosen to Pie the Principal: Grace R. 8th, Hunter K. 4th, and Evelyn K. 5th! Thank you to all of our friends and family who helped make this possible!





Third grade tested objects for transparency, translucency, or opaqueness! Our findings will help us learn about light in our new reading unit!





Our 7th and 8th graders shopped for and packed Operation Christmas Child boxes. Father John blessed the boxes before sending them off.



New this year, **5th-8th grade students** please consider signing up to clean up the gym after home basketball and volleyball games, and you will be allowed in that night's game for **free!** 7th & 8th grade students are allowed to use one of these as a confirmation project. We are looking for 3 students for each home game.

Sign up link is below. **Thank you!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4CAFAA2FA57-51529829-clean?useFullSite=true#/>



Families, please consider signing up to greet and bring up the gifts at **weekend masses**. This is a great opportunity to serve the parish together as a **family**. Sign up link is below. **Thank you!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45A9A822AAF58-53422476-greeter#/>

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK



“Loyalty is the backbone of any lasting friendship.”



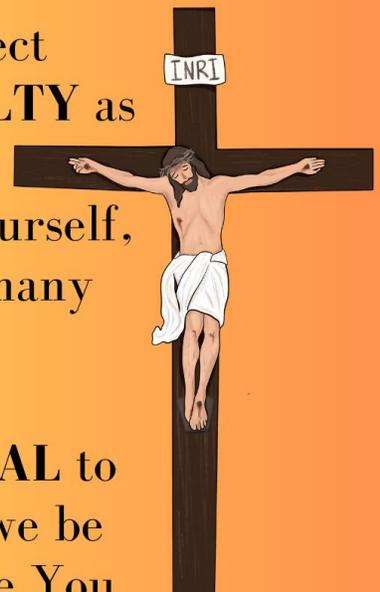
St. Francis de Sales



Lord,

You were the perfect example of **LOYALTY** as You made us more important than Yourself, and You made so many sacrifices for us.

Help us to be **LOYAL** to one another. May we be more and more like You each day.



Amen

NEXT WEEK'S VIRTUE

HUMILITY
IS NOT THINKING
LESS OF YOURSELF,
IT IS THINKING
OF YOURSELF LESS.
-C.S. Lewis

HOW TO BE HUMBLE

Instead of saying...

Practice humility by...

*I can make
myself important.*

*Believing your worth
comes from the Lord
(James 4:10).*

*I can do it
on my own.*

*Recognizing when to
accept help (1 Peter 5:5).*

*I know
everything.*

*Humbling yourself with
childlike faith
(Matthew 18:4)*

*I deserve
it.*

*Considering others'
interests as more
significant than yours
(Philippians 2:3).*

*I have a right to
do as I please.*

*Obedying God's word
with sacrificial
service (Philippians 2:8).*



Boys Basketball



Current Records

8th Grade: 6-3
7th Grade: 7-1





Boys Basketball



UPCOMING HOME GAMES

Tuesday 12/3 vs DeeMack @ 5:30PM

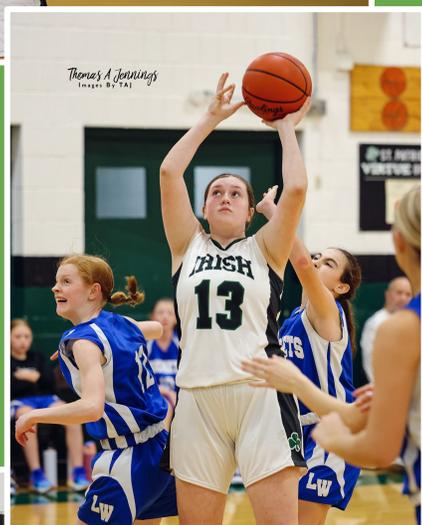
Thursday 12/5 vs Monroe @ 5:30PM

Tuesday 12/10 vs St Jude @ 5:30PM

JUST
BE
THERE



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IRISH GIRLS BASKETBALL



The **girls' basketball teams** are having outstanding 2024-25 seasons. The **7th grade team** became regional champs last week, beating Flanagan to advance to the **Sectional Championship** game vs the 25-1 **Normal Epiphany Knights**. They will face Epiphany at Flanagan Jr High on **Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30PM**. The **8th grade team** began post-season play this weekend and, with a decisive win over **Woodland**, will now play in the **Regional Championship** game vs **Flanagan** in the **Sister Mary Ann Gym TONIGHT at 5PM**. Thank you for your support as both teams look to make a state run again this season!

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

IRISH Athletics

Thank you.

STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF, ALUMNI, FAMILY & FRIENDS
for your support of our 7th grade girls basketball team during regional play.



Sectional Championship is December 4th 6:30pm at Flanagan Jr High
★ Let's bring the NOISE!!! ★

REGIONAL CHAMPS

7th Grade Girls defeated Flanagan 21-15



TONIGHT!!

8TH GRADE IESA
CLASS 1A REGIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP



FLANAGAN

VS



ST. PATRICK

5 ⁰⁰
PM

11.26.2024

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

BE THERE!
BE LOUD!!
GO IRISH!!!

Winner advances to the **SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**
game on 12/11 @ St Mary's Pontiac!



IESA Admission: \$5/person

Important Dates

11/27 - 11/29/24	NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
12/11/24	2 PM DISMISSAL (NO AFTERCARE)
12/17/24	K-8TH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 5 POINTS 6PM
12/18/24	PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 8:30AM
12/20/24	11:30 DISMISSAL (NO AFTERCARE)
12/23 - 1/3/25	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK
1/5/25	SCHOOL RESUMES

Upcoming Dates

11/26/24	2PM DISMISSAL Thanksgiving Break
11/26/24	8th Girls Basketball Regional Final @ Home 5 PM
11/27-11/29/24	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
12/3/24	Boys Basketball vs DeeMack @ Home 5:30 PM
12/4/24	7th Girls Basketball Sectional @ Flanagan 6:30 PM
12/5/24	Boys Basketball vs Bartonville Monroe @ Home 5:30 PM
12/7/24	Boys Basketball @ St. Phils TBD
12/7/24	7th Girls Basketball State Quarter & Semi-finals @ Assumption Central A&M
12/9/24	Boys Basketball @ Hollis 5 PM
12/10/24	Boys Basketball vs St. Jude @ Home 5:30 PM
12/11/24	8th Girls Basketball Sectional @ Pontiac St. Mary 6:30 PM
12/12/24	Boys Basketball @ Kickapoo St. Mary TBD
12/12/24	7th Girls Basketball State Finals @ Assumption Central A&M

The mission of St. Patrick School is to foster the spiritual growth and academic life of its students, faculty, and staff and to teach children, with the cooperation of parents, a Catholic way of life.

In support of Giving Tuesday, the Caterpillar Foundation is providing a limited-time 2:1 match through their Matching Gifts Program for global employee and U.S. retiree gifts made December 2-6, 2024. If you or someone you know are an employee or have been an employee of Cat and would like to make a meaningful impact on St. Patrick School this Giving Tuesday please consider participating in the 2:1 Foundation Match. Please encourage your colleagues, family, and friends to join in and spread the word! Thank you for considering supporting this incredible cause. Get more information [here](#).



CATERPILLAR
FOUNDATION
CATERPILLAR

\$35 REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- CLINIC
- ADMISSION FOR 1 CHILD AND 1 ADULT INTO THE GAME
- CLINIC SHIRT
- BOW



<https://wacohi.revtrak.net/cheer-store/#/list>

REGISTRATION CLOSING NOVEMBER 30TH



FUTURE PANTHER CHEERLEADER CLINIC

LEARN CHEERS, JUMPS, MOTIONS, AND PERFORM AT A BASKETBALL GAME

Date & Time:

**SATURDAY:
DECEMBER 7, 2024**

**PERFORMANCE IS TUESDAY
DECEMBER 10TH! PLEASE BE AT
THE SCHOOL BY: 6:30PM**

**KINDERGARTEN - 3RD GRADE
11-2:00PM**

**4TH-8TH GRADE
3-6:00PM**

Location: Tory Gym

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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December 2024

WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM
#smalltownBIGFUN



Visit with Santa

December 7
1 - 4 pm

\$45

Must sign up by November 25

Sign up at washingtonparkdistrict.com

Joe the Art Guy Classes
\$25(R)/\$30(NR)

Holiday Snowman

Kids and Adults Paint Together

Wednesday, December 4 at 6 pm

Sign up at washingtonparkdistrict.com

SANTA

BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 7
9 - 11 am

\$5 per person (age 1 and up)

\$7 per person at the door

Five Points Banquet Rooms



Sign up at washingtonparkdistrict.com



Royal Affair Daddy Daughter Dance

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 1, 2025
6 PM

\$70/\$75 a couple (\$35 for each additional daughter)
A royal night for the special little girl in your life.

SIGN UP NOW!!!



VISIT WWW.WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM TO
SEE ALL OF THE OPTIONS

MUST SIGN UP IN PERSON AT OUR MAIN FACILITY!

DAYQUESTS

\$32(R)/\$37(NR)

DECEMBER 23
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DECEMBER 27
SWIMMING AT STONEY CREEK INN

DECEMBER 30
MCDONALD'S

Sign up at washingtonparkdistrict.com

INDOOR SOCCER ACADEMY

SUNDAYS: JAN 5-FEB 9

\$50/\$55 K-6 3-4 PM

Sign up at WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM



Friday, December 13th
6 - 9 PM
Ages: 5-12
\$20 (R) / \$25 (NR)

Parents, take the night off while your kids have an amazing time! They'll enjoy a night full of fun activities like a bounce house, dodgeball, giant Jenga, large Connect Four, a tic-tac-toe relay and more! Plus, they'll get to create their very own marshmallow snowman!

DINNER PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON MCDONALD'S



Sign up online:
www.washingtonparkdistrict.com



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025 SEASON IS NOW OPEN!

There is a discount for
registering early, so don't wait!!



DECEMBER 7, 2024

9:00 AM TO 12:30 PM

PEORIA NOTRE DAME COMMONS

Performance for friends and family begins at 12:00 in the gymnasium.

\$40 per student

Every child registered by November 29 will be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Registration link:

https://students.arbitersports.com/programs/2024-peoria-notre-dame-kids-christmas-camp-dance?fbclid=IwZXh0bG9hZWM0CMTAAAR2wwT6Za1a13KN9hjidzT7nHRmkQXJg1pxlm9sdiDE18VcGiqB6qj5C4b4_aem_MDUGq8Qq8dDQahhdp3Z9Ag

EXPLANATORY MASS



Father will
share his
personal
journey to the
Catholic faith
& the
Priesthood

Come rediscover the
role the Eucharist
plays in our faith life
with Fr. John

Mass Fulfills
Sunday Mass Obligation

Light Meal
in Gym after Mass
Please RSVP for the meal
at 309-444-3524

**4PM MASS @ ST. PAT'S
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
2024**



St. Patrick Church Presents

Lessons & Carols

Join us for an evening of joyful
expectation to prepare our hearts for
the coming of Christ at Christmas.

December 18, 2024 | 6PM

This event is free & open to the public.

STAY afterwards

for a

Hot Cocoa Bar
in the vestibule!



MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Tuesday, December 24

4:30pm Mass

9:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

9:00am Mass

PLEASE NOTE: NO 7:00am Mass on
December 24th, and no morning Mass on Dec. 26th or 27th.

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, December 31, 2024: No 7am Mass
4:30pm Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2025: No 7am Mass
9:00am Mass