



Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!!

My family and I have experienced the love of God through your most generous prayers and support during my cancer journey. Thank you for making me feel that this fight has not been mine alone. With your support, I have emerged stronger and more grateful than ever before. May God bless you and your family.

Love, peace and blessings,  
Mrs. and Deacon Harris

## ST. PATRICK'S

### SHAMROCK SILENT AUCTION

<https://shamrockauction.maxgiving.bid/items>

**Bidding Closes Sunday, March 9, 2025 | 12 PM**



When two of our littlest Irish, Ethan and Brinley, were heading toward the preschool building Monday morning, Ethan offered to carry Brinley's sleeping bag down a flight of steps for her. Way to be a good friend!



Thomas, Miriam, and Stephen help put all the chairs down in the preschool on Friday mornings while their mom is working door duty. Way to lend a helping hand!

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

**J O H N 1 3 : 3 5**

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



St. Pat's combined with Holy Family and St. Thomas bands for the Advanced Band Organizational Contest at Germantown Hills Middle School on Friday, February 28th. They scored a number "I" rating, the highest possible.

**We are so proud of you!**

Mark your calendars for the Spring Band Concert,  
Wednesday, 4/30/25, 6 PM.

You don't want to miss this talented group!





# Digestive System

Our 6th graders have been hard at work diving into the wonders of the human digestive system! As part of their Digestive Unit, they've created amazing models that showcase the incredible journey food takes through our bodies.





**Our Annual Read-a-thon was a huge success!**

















Thank you to our wonderful Parent Ministry for bringing in king's cakes for all of our students to celebrate Mardi Gras! They also gave each class a gift for the best dressed student and a crown for the student who found baby Jesus in the cake.

**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

**Best Dressed**



*Isabella*

**King/Queen**



*Watson*



## Best Dressed



*Elijah*

## King/Queen



*Lucas*



*Cayden*



*Isaiah*



## Best Dressed



*Charlotte*

## King/Queen



*Evan*



*Elias*



*Annie*



## Best Dressed



Genevieve

## King/Queen



Gavin



Henry



Gus



## Best Dressed



*Ellie*

## King/Queen



*Anneliese*



*Matthew*



*Brynn*



## Best Dressed



Grant

## King/Queen



Henry & Jessica



AJ



Gracie



## Stroke Awareness

Thank you to our visitors from the Stroke Alliance!  
Jan Jahnel taught our 5th graders about strokes, and Mr. Earl Lee  
shared his stroke story.

Then we tried tying our shoes, putting on a belt and putting hair  
into a ponytail “after a stroke”.





# This Season of Lent

As we embark on this journey through Lent together as a school family we are taking time to serve Him through penance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. There are plenty of opportunities for you to join us.

## **Stations of the Cross after All School Mass throughout Lent**

Everyone is welcome.

### **March 5-12 - Baby Food Drive**

Join our 7th graders in the collection of baby food, juice, and formula for area agencies that provide for those mothers and families who chose life.

### **March 31-April 4 - Blue Ribbon Book Fair**

What is your Lenten penance? Are you giving up screen time? How about getting some new books to fill that void while supporting our school library? See more information in this week's Irish Messenger.

### **April 7-11 - American Heart Association Kid's Heart Challenge**

Prayer connects us to God. We can take time to pray for all those afflicted with heart conditions.

Almsgiving is a way to show that we put God and others before ourselves. Donating to the AHA is one way to do that.

Penance is a way to deepen our relationship with God and to remove obstacles that keep us from loving God. Giving up unhealthy options helps us make healthier choices. Give up soda, drink more water. Give up candy, make healthier food choices. Go to bed earlier. Give up screen time and spend more time exercising or reading.

Fasting is a way to create self-discipline that can help us focus on God and practice self-control. This is also a great way to practice healthy habits.

More to come on Living Stations of the Cross presented by our 6th graders.





## 7th Grade Confirmation Project



# BABY FOOD DRIVE

As a class project the 7th grade is teaming up with Tazewell County Right to Life to collect baby food, juice, and formula for families in need in our area. The food that we collect will be donated to Catholic Charities, Neighborhood House, the Women's Pregnancy Center, and other charitable organizations that support families that chose life.



**Bring baby  
food, juice,  
or formula  
to school  
by  
Wednesday  
March 12!**

**The class that  
brings in the  
most food will  
receive a  
special treat!**

**The  
Class of  
2026 and  
Mrs.  
Kapraun  
thank you!**

**We truly appreciate your prayers and support in  
our efforts to provide for the nutritional needs of  
infants and the mothers who chose life.**





# BOOK FAIR

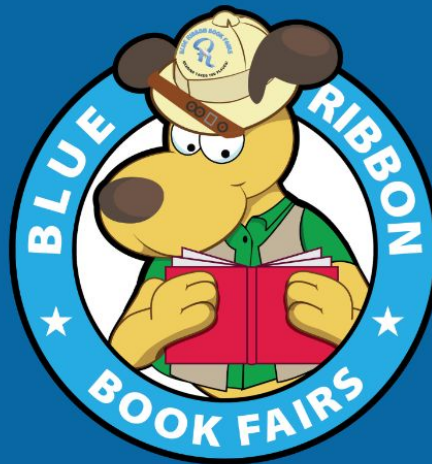
MARCH 31-APRIL 4

STUDENTS CAN SHOP DURING  
LIBRARY TIMES AND DURING  
SCHEDULED TIMES DURING THE  
SCHOOL DAY.

**Extended family hours on  
Wednesday, April 2nd  
4pm-6pm**

CASH, CHECK (MADE OUT TO THE SCHOOL)  
AND CHARGE (INCLUDING APPLE PAY AND  
GOOGLE PAY) ACCEPTED. PROCEEDS  
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

**You can prepay at  
[BlueRibbonBookFairs.com](http://BlueRibbonBookFairs.com)**





SUPPORTING MRS. HARRIS



**THURSDAYS  
ARE  
WEAR  
TEAL DAYS**



STUDENTS CAN WEAR THEIR MRS. HARRIS  
SHIRTS OR TEAL SHIRTS WITH UNIFORM PANTS  
ON THURSDAYS FOR THE REST OF THE  
SCHOOL YEAR.





**ACCEPT THE  
CHALLENGE:**

Be **COURAGEOUS**  
enough to **PRAY** in  
public!

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

VS.

# FORTITUDE

“STRENGTH IN ADVERSITY.”

**ACCEPT THE  
CHALLENGE:**

A sign of the cross  
can be your public  
prayer!

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.™



### HOW TO STRENGTHEN

#### How do we grow this virtue of FORTITUDE?

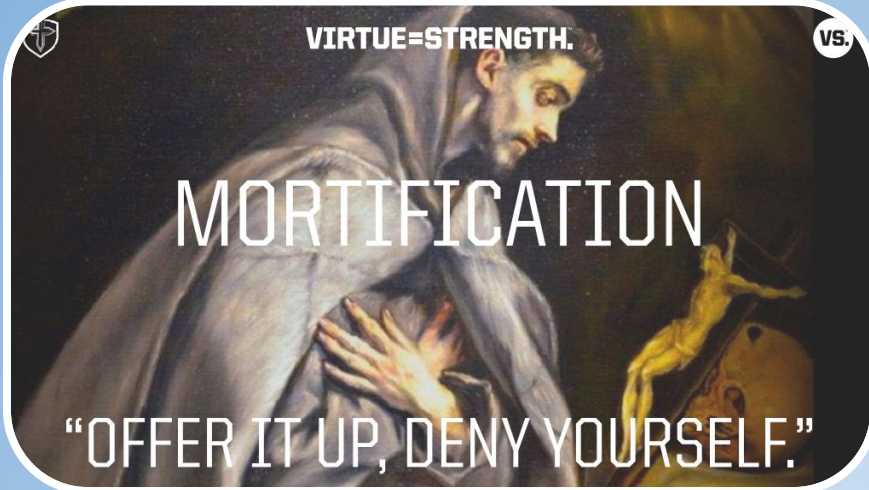
We need practice. We need opportunities to rise above fear and do the right thing.

Read stories about saints who were martyred or persecuted.

Find a Bible verse about fortitude or courage and memorize it.

Pray for the gift of fortitude. It is a grace, a gift that many martyrs of the Catholic faith received from God so they could give their lives for Him. That is the courage that comes from God.





“If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me” (Luke 9:23).



## CHALLENGE



Choose one way to practice mortification out of love for Jesus.

Here are some options:

- Get up when alarm goes off or Mom wakes you.
- Make a small sacrifice at meals.
- When you feel tempted to say something nasty or negative - zip it!
- Exercise.
- If you are tempted to look or stare inappropriately, don't.



Still  
**UNDEFEATED!!!**

**IRISH SCHOLASTIC  
BOWL**



**Upcoming Matches**

**3/11 Vs Central 3:45 PM**

**3/19 @ East Peoria 4:00 PM**

**3/20 @ WMS 3:45 PM**





ALL 5th-8th grade students  
that have participated in  
extracurricular activities  
at St Pat's in the 2024-2025  
school year

**DO NOT SCHEDULE ANYTHING**  
that would prevent PARENT  
or ATHLETE from signing up  
for a shift at the  
**IESA State Track Meet**  
**May 16th-17th**

*Thank  
you!*

*By participating in extracurricular activities this  
year, you have already agreed that both parent and  
child will work at least one shift at this meet.*

When the sign-up is sent out in April, if you don't sign up  
for one child and one adult shift, you will be assigned  
shifts, and you will be required to fill those spots.

By working only a few hours, you get to help raise \$15,000+ for St Pat's!





# ST PATRICK SCHOOL

# IRISH Athletics

*Congratulations to the  
7th grade team on a  
hard-fought loss to the  
#1 ranked Blessed  
Sacrament Tars after  
winning their first  
regional game.*

*We are proud of you!*





# ST PATRICK SCHOOL

# IRISH Athletics



**IESA 8th Grade**  
*Regional Tournament*  
*@ Blessed Sacrament in Morton*

**Game #1 Tuesday 3/11 @**  
**5:30pm vs the winner of**  
**Rankin vs Robein**

**Championship Game Thursday**  
**3/13 @ 4:30pm**

*Sectional Championship*  
*@ Blessed Sacrament in Morton*

**Monday 3/17 @ 6:30pm**





# ST PATRICK SCHOOL

# IRISH Athletics

🍀 Returning State Champions and State Qualifiers 🍀



**TRACK  
&  
FIELD**

**STATE  
Qualifiers**

**2024**

3/19 Time Trials 4:30PM @ WCHS

4/9 City Meet 4:30PM @ WCHS

4/10 Morton Jr High Meet 4:30PM @  
Morton HS

4/12 Blessed Sac Meet 9:00AM @  
Morton HS



**2024  
STATE  
CHAMPS**

**7TH  
GRADE  
GIRLS**



**#1**





# Upcoming Dates

2025

March

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|        |        |         |           |          |        | 1        |
| 2      | 3      | 4       | 5         | 6        | 7      | 8        |
| 9      | 10     | 11      | 12        | 13       | 14     | 15       |
| 16     | 17     | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22       |
| 23     | 24     | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28     | 29       |
| 30     | 31     |         |           |          |        |          |

**3/12 2PM Dismissal**

Teacher Professional Development

**3/17 No School**

St. Patrick's Day

**3/24 - 3/28 No School**

Spring Break

## Upcoming Dates

**3/8/25** 6th Volleyball Tournament @ St. Philomena 12 PM, 1:30 PM & TBD

**3/9/25** Mother Son Bowling @ Plaza Lanes 1/3 PM

**3/11/25** Scholastic Bowl vs Washington Central @ Home 3:45 PM

**3/11/25** 8th Volleyball Regional SemiFinal @ Blessed Sacrament 5:30 PM

**3/12/25 2PM Dismissal Teacher Professional Development**

**3/13/25** 8th Volleyball Regional Final @ Blessed Sacrament 6:30 PM

**3/14/25 3rd Quarter Report Cards Published in FACTS**

**3/15/25** Daddy Daughter Dance Sr. Mary Ann Gym St. Patrick School 6-8 PM

**3/17/25 NO SCHOOL St. Patrick's Day (Join us in the Parade)**

**3/17/25** 8th Volleyball Sectional @ Blessed Sacrament 6:30 PM

**3/18/25** Declamations @ St. Vincent de Paul

**3/19/25** Scholastic Bowl @ East Peoria Central Junior High 4 PM

**3/19/25** Track Time Trials @ WCHS 4:30 PM

**3/20/25** Scholastic Bowl @ WMS 3:45 PM

*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.*





## **80's Daddy/Daughter Dance**

**St. Patrick's Gym**

**March 15th from 6 - 8 pm**

**Girls Kindergarten - 8th Grade**

**RSVP to [ezzy.ozella@gmail.com](mailto:ezzy.ozella@gmail.com) by March 12<sup>th</sup> with the names of all attendees.**

**The cost is \$25.00 per couple, with an additional \$5 for each daughter. Please bring payment on the night of the event. Checks should be made payable to St. Patrick's School, with Parent Ministry in the memo line, or you can pay by cash.**

**Contact Ezzy Ozella at [ezzy.ozella@gmail.com](mailto:ezzy.ozella@gmail.com) with any questions.**





March 2025



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## DID YOU KNOW?

The following summer programs have deadlines coming up.

## SIGN UP NOW!!

Tee Ball  
In-House Baseball  
In-House Softball

Joe the Art Guy Classes

Tuesday, March 4 at 6 pm  
PAINT DOOR COUNTY IN THE SPRING  
\$18R/\$24NR

Tuesday, March 18 at 6 pm  
PAINT POURING  
\$18R/\$23NR

Sign up at [washingtonparkdistrict.com](http://washingtonparkdistrict.com)

## SOFTBALL

DEADLINE: APRIL 5

| LEAGUE       | PITCH | GRADE    | FEE   |
|--------------|-------|----------|-------|
| PINTO        | COACH | K (COED) | \$110 |
| PIXIE        | COACH | 1ST-3RD  | \$110 |
| JUNIOR       | KID   | 4TH-5TH  | \$120 |
| INTERMEDIATE | KID   | 6TH-8TH  | \$120 |

SIGN UP AT  
[WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM](http://WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM)

SUMMER CAMP  
INFORMATION  
COMING SOON

## SIGN UP NOW!!!



VISIT [WWW.WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM](http://WWW.WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM) TO  
SEE ALL OF THE OPTIONS.

MUST SIGN UP IN PERSON AT OUR MAIN FACILITY!

## TEE BALL

DEADLINE: MARCH 1

SUNDAYS

MAY 4-JUNE 29

\$60R/\$65NR

4 + 5 YEARS OLD

SIGN UP AT  
[WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM](http://WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM)



## INDIVIDUAL BATTING CAGE MEMBERSHIP

|          |       |          |
|----------|-------|----------|
| DECEMBER | \$175 | 4 MONTHS |
| JANUARY  | \$150 | 3 MONTHS |
| FEBRUARY | \$125 | 2 MONTHS |
| MARCH    | \$75  | 1 MONTH  |

GET TWO HOURS EACH WEEK

## BASEBALL

DEADLINE: APRIL 5

| LEAGUE  | PITCH | GRADE    | FEE   |
|---------|-------|----------|-------|
| PINTO   | COACH | K (COED) | \$110 |
| FARM    | COACH | 1ST-2ND  | \$110 |
| MUSTANG | KID   | 3RD-4TH  | \$120 |
| BRONCO  | KID   | 5TH-6TH  | \$120 |
| PONY    | KID   | 7TH-8TH  | \$120 |

SIGN UP AT  
[WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM](http://WASHINGTONPARKDISTRICT.COM)

## DAYQUESTS

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

MARCH 24

OAK RIDGE

MARCH 25

NICK N WILLYS

MARCH 26

MEADOW VALLEY

MARCH 28

MOVIE: NIGHT OF THE ZOOPOCALYPSE

MARCH 27

TBD

Sign up at [washingtonparkdistrict.com](http://washingtonparkdistrict.com)



## **ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 5**

7:00AM - 8:15AM - 6:00PM

## **THURSDAY CONFESSIONS/HOLY HOUR**

ADORATION 4:30-6:00PM

CONFESSIONS 5:00-6:00PM

Confessions Begin on on 3/6/25-4/10/25

## **FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

MARCH 7-APRIL 11: 5:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY (4/18/25) 12:00PM

## **PASCHAL TRIDUUM: APRIL 17-19**

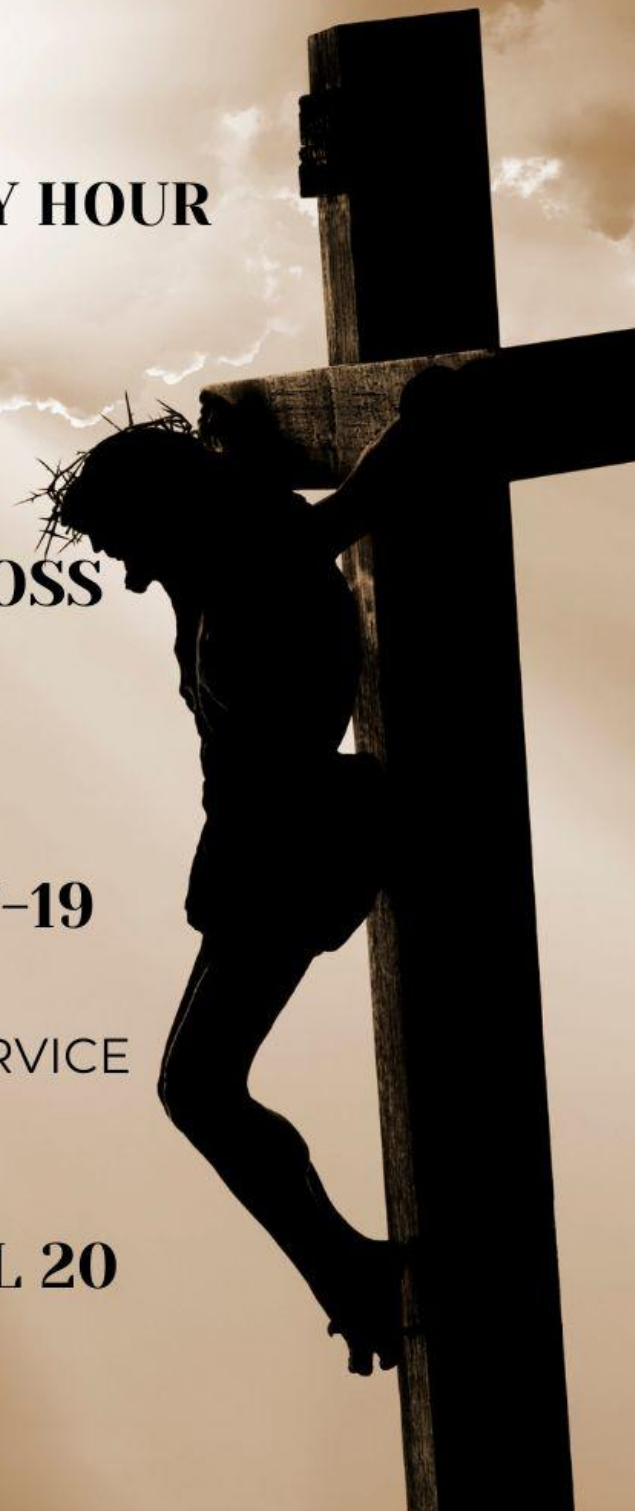
HOLY THURSDAY (4/17/25) 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY (4/18/25) 3:00PM SERVICE

EASTER VIGIL (4/19/25) 7:30PM

## **EASTER SUNDAY MASS: APRIL 20**

7:00AM - 8:30AM - 11:00AM







Mechanical Monarchy Robotics Team

# OPEN HOUSE



**MARCH 15TH, 2025**



**10AM-12PM**



**WASHINGTON  
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**



**ENTER THROUGH  
DOOR 11**

