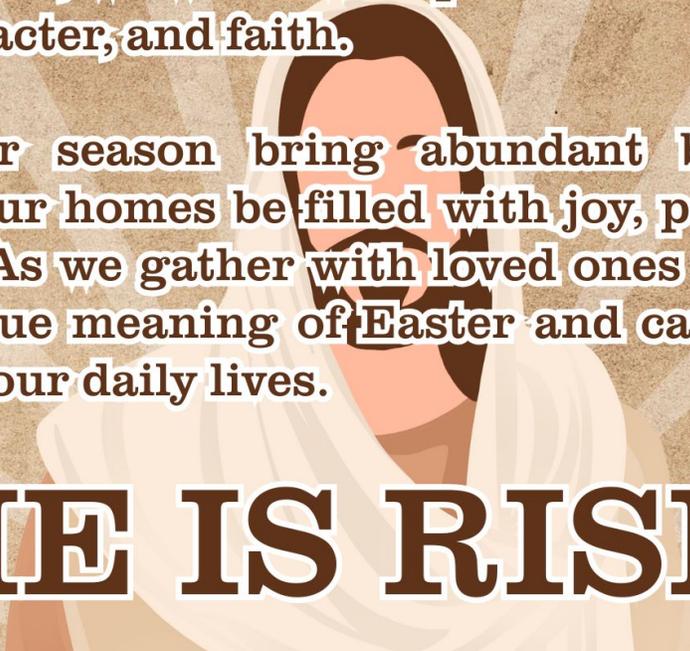


As we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ this Easter season, we are filled with joy to send warm greetings to our entire school community. Easter reminds us that even in our darkest moments, hope prevails and new life emerges.

The Easter story speaks profoundly to our Catholic faith journey. From the sorrow of Good Friday to the wonder of Easter Sunday, we witness God's transformative love and the promise of redemption. This sacred narrative reminds us that with faith, what seems impossible becomes possible.

At St. Patrick School, we strive to nurture this same spirit of hope and renewal in our students every day. Just as spring brings forth new blossoms, we watch with pride as our children grow in knowledge, character, and faith.

May this Easter season bring abundant blessings to your families. May your homes be filled with joy, peace, and the light of Christ's love. As we gather with loved ones to celebrate, let us remember the true meaning of Easter and carry its message of hope forward in our daily lives.



**HE IS RISEN**

**VIRTUE=STRENGTH.**<sup>TM</sup>  
**SPORTSLEADER**



We received an email from a parishioner who witnessed these Good Disciples (Grace Parker, Zoey Geisz, Cecilia Hatton, Anneliese Schlack, Lydia Matsko, Kiersten Nolte & Teresa Engstrom) in action...

*“Tonight I was at the track meet supporting my daughter who was doing high jump. I wanted to send you all an email of how amazing this group of girls was who were sitting by me! They were so encouraging and supportive of EVERYONE who was doing high jump! It was so amazing to see how they have amazing sportsmanship. Their positivity was contagious, soon others were cheering people on! It was phenomenal!”*

We are so proud of this amazing display of sportsmanship!

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

Our 2nd grade students had a beautiful moment as they received a special blessing from Father Bazi for their First Communion chalices. It was such a meaningful experience for our young learners as they prepare to take this important step in their faith journey. We are so proud of each of them !



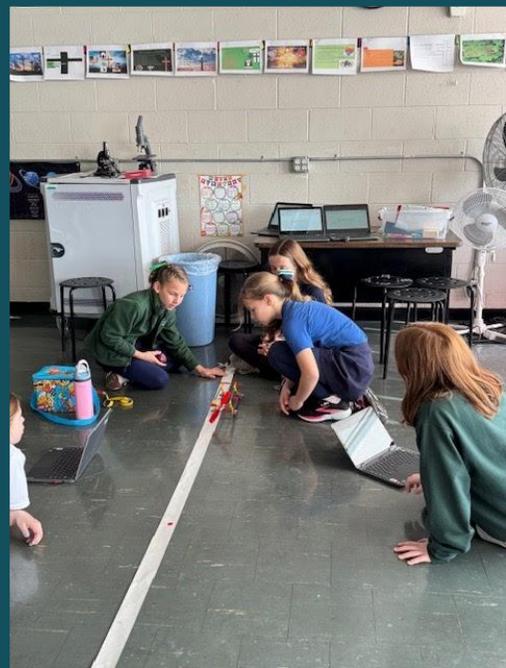
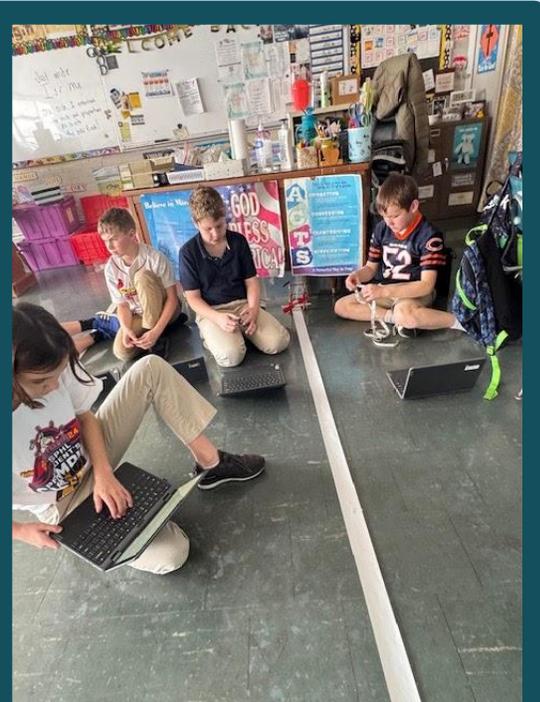
Our 7th Graders built Mouse Trap Cars during a recent Science Unit



# Propelled Cars

Our amazing 5th graders have been hard at work building propeller-driven cars out of K'NEX. Recently, they put their creations to the test!

It was an exciting day of hands-on learning as they raced their cars, tested their designs, and explored the science behind motion, energy, and engineering. From trial and error to high-speed fun, these future scientists were on a roll!



In Mr. Jeff Draeger's 5th grade social studies class, they have been traveling the world in their study of geography.

Recently, groups shared a closer look at a country of their choice. They learned about government, tourist attractions, , and much more!



In Spanish class this week we learned about the beautiful tradition of making sawdust rugs, or *alfombras*, for Holy Week religious processions in Guatemala. We took inspiration from the stenciling used to make the *alfombras* and designed our own sawdust rugs.

Also, St. Patrick School parent Fernando Morales shared with our 7th and 4th grade classes about his experience growing up in Guatemala making *alfombras* with his family and the great honor it was to participate in the *procesiones*. The students were fascinated! Thank you, Mr. Morales!



Before leaving school for Easter Break, we gathered together for our 6th Graders' annual production of the Living Stations.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our newest  
**CLASSIC READER!**

Classic Readers have completed the Accelerated Reader program by receiving all certifications. Certification criteria can be found on our school website under resources.

Way to go **Evelyn!**



**Evelyn Kosiara  
5th Grade**

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.



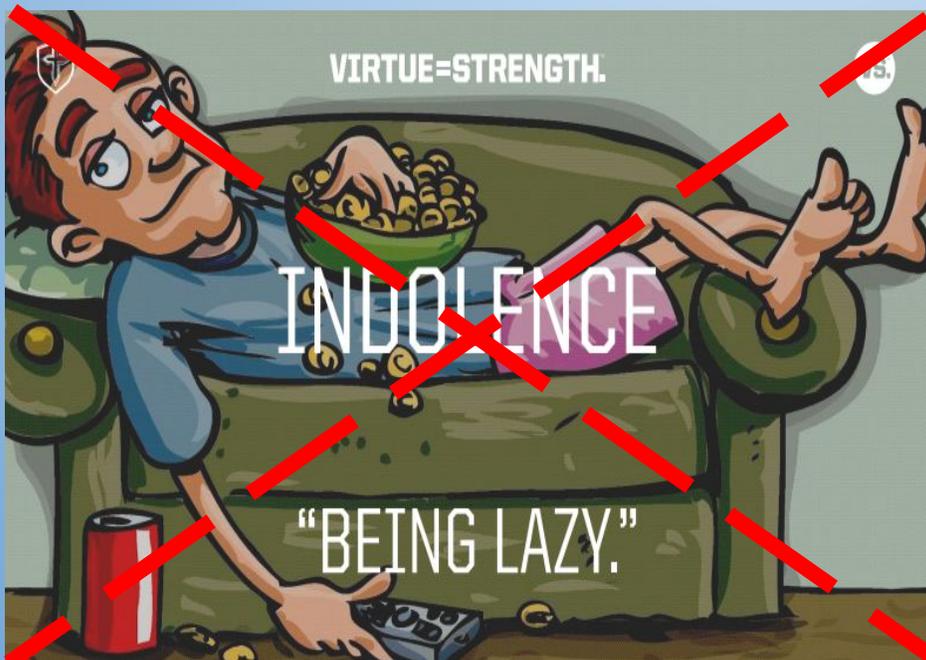


VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



**DILIGENCE**

“DOING THE JOB RIGHT.”



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



**INDOLENCE**

“BEING LAZY.”

**RESOLUTION**

Make a special effort to complete your homework or other special task with tireless dedication.

Pay attention to all the details.

Really give your best effort.



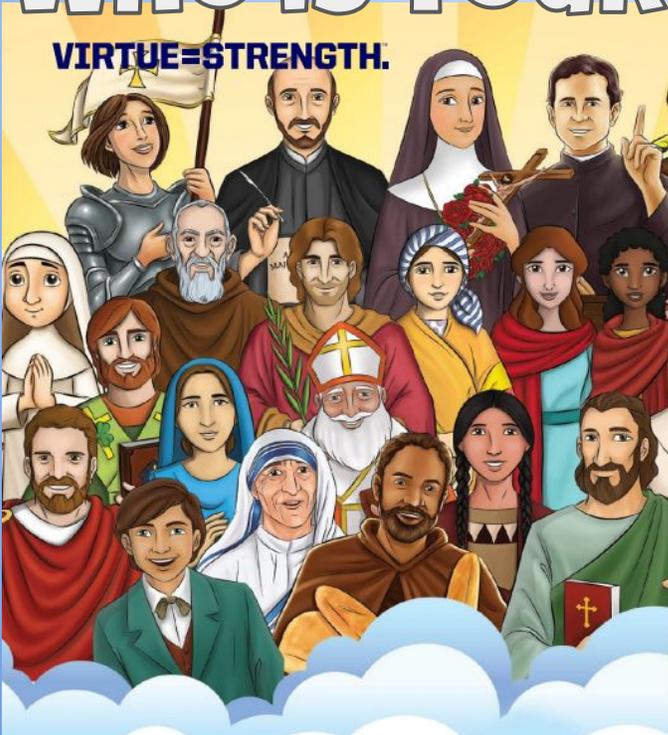
VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

VS.

**GENEROSITY**

“HAPPY TO HELP.”

**WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT?**



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

GENEROSITY

DEFINITION

This week our strength building on the virtue of JUSTICE is GENEROSITY.

*The strength to go beyond the call of duty.*

The Saints are outstanding examples of living and giving of themselves beyond the call of duty.

They truly put God first in everything they thought, said and did.

Let's strive to imitate their example.

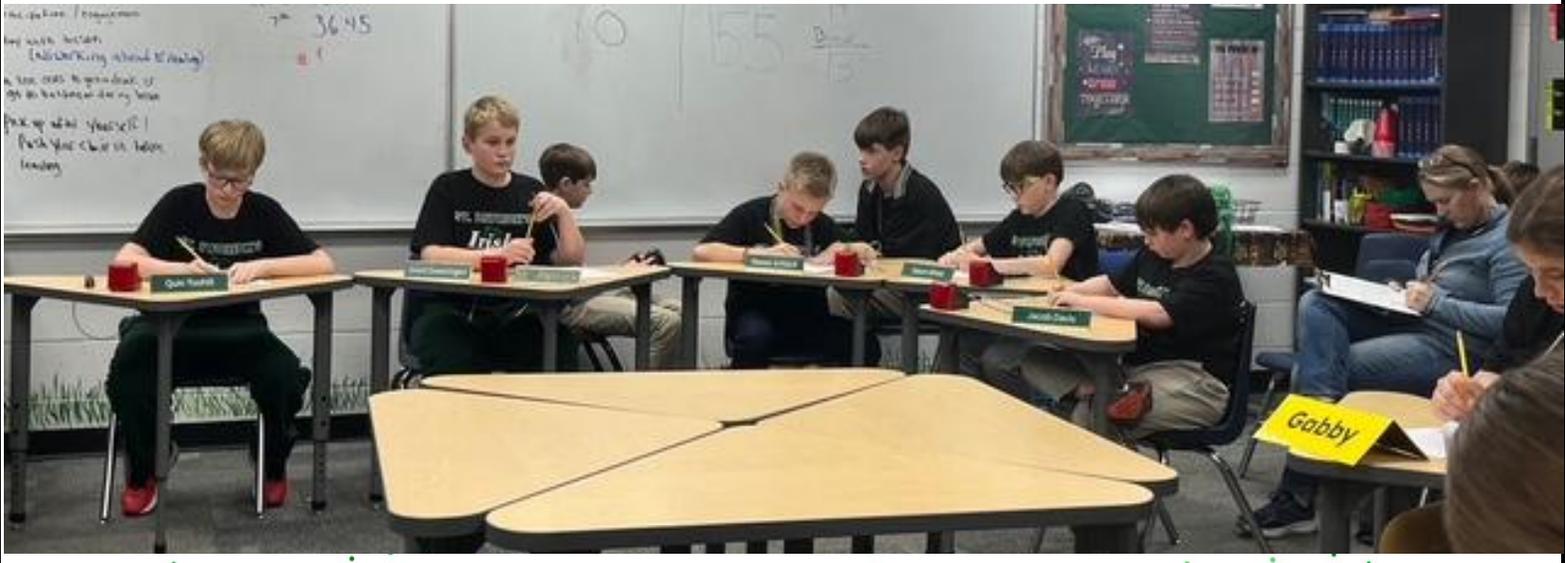
**How can you be more generous like he/she was?**



## St. Patrick's



# Scholastic Bowl

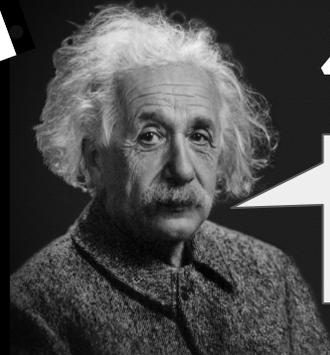


**Current Record**  
**8-2**

## Upcoming Matches

4/24 @ Broadmoor Jr High

4/30 REGIONALS @ Home



*Education is what remains after one  
has forgotten what one has learned in  
school.*



**CLICK FOR THE ADULT SIGN UP LINK!**

# REMEMBER

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 for one child and one shifts, and you will you don't sign up will be assigned those spots.

**STUDENT SIGN UP COMING SOON!**



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

Irish



Track & Field



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
**Philippians 4:13**

## Stations of the Cross

### Workout

14 exercises for Stations of the Cross

Growing closer to Christ, we will see the truest FRACTION of a percentage of the suffering, pain, and effort that our Lord suffered for our redemption, Passion and Death. Just as he was thinking of you during His Passion, so you should be thinking of Him during this workout.

**Click to do this workout at home with your family on GOOD FRIDAY**



**HAPPY  
EASTER!**

NO SCHOOL  
FRIDAY 4/18/25  
MONDAY 4/21/25

**Upcoming Dates**

<b>4/18/25</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL Good Friday</b>
<b>4/21/25</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL Easter Monday</b>
<b>4/22/25</b>	Track Conference Meet @ Eastside 3PM
<b>4/24/25</b>	Scholastic Bowl @ Pekin Broadmoor 4 PM
<b>4/26/25</b>	Track All Saints Meet @ WCHS 9 AM
<b>4/30/25</b>	Scholastic Bowl Regionals @ Home
<b>5/2/25</b>	May Crowning following 8:15 Mass
<b>5/2/25</b>	County Track Meet @ WCHS 1 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.*

## **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**

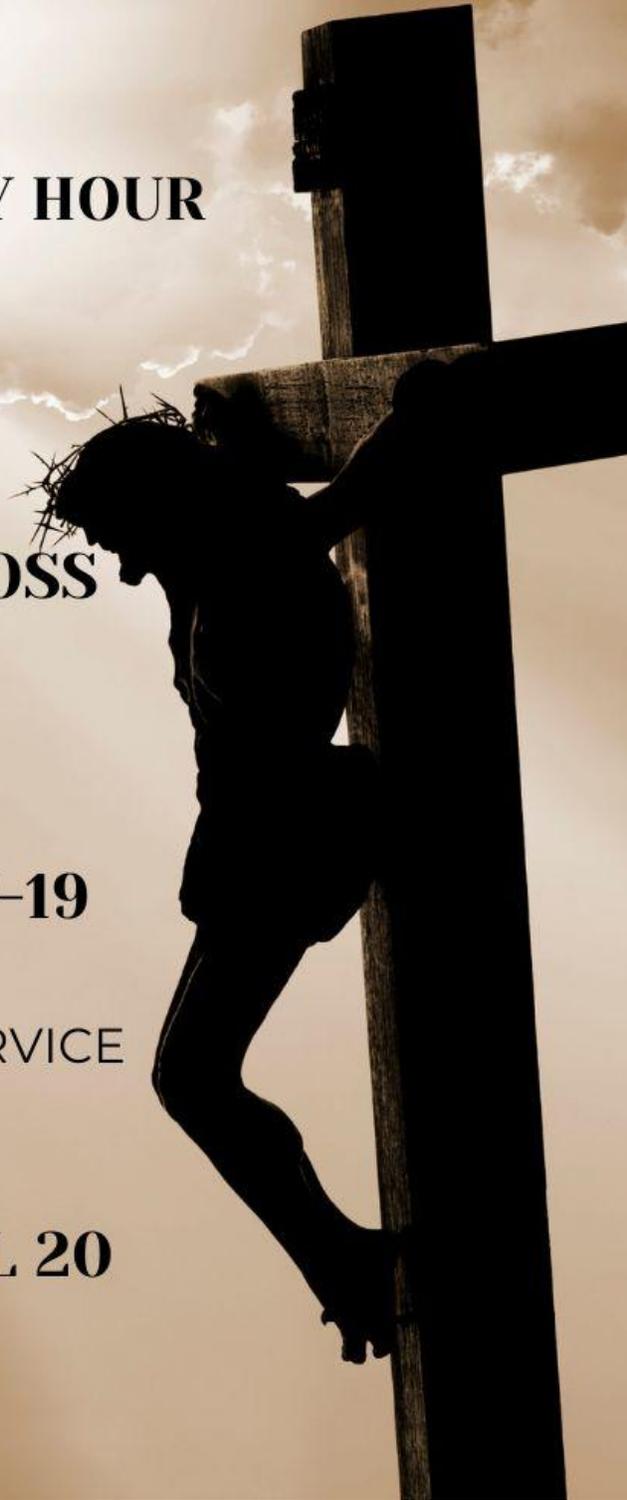
HOLY THURSDAY (4/17/25) 7:00PM

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



In connection with the Caterpillar Centennial Celebration, the Caterpillar Foundation will provide a limited-time 10:1 match through our Caterpillar Foundation Matching Gifts Program. This special match is for current global employee gifts paid directly to eligible organizations and submitted for a match from April 21 – May 2, 2025 (or once the 10:1 match total reaches \$10 million USD).

Please encourage your colleagues, family, and friends to join in and spread the word! St. Patrick School is an eligible recipient. Get more information [here](#).



CATERPILLAR  
FOUNDATION  
CATERPILLAR

**10:1 MATCH\***  
OPEN APRIL 21 – MAY 2



\*Current Employees Eligible

The graphic features the Caterpillar Foundation logo at the top left. Below it, the text '10:1 MATCH\*' is prominently displayed in large yellow font, with 'OPEN APRIL 21 – MAY 2' in a smaller black font underneath. Below the text are two yellow gift icons with black bows, separated by a black plus sign. At the bottom left, there is a small asterisked note: '\*Current Employees Eligible'. The background of the graphic is a light blue and white keyboard, with a key featuring a red hand holding a heart icon.

Help our Parish



# "Fill the Crib"

for St. Gianna Baby Pantry  
at Catholic Charities!



The pantry helps children sized newborn to 2T.  
These are the items REALLY needed at this time:

- Wipes
- Pull-ups (any size)
- Diapers (sizes 4,5,6)
- Formula
- Baby lotion, shampoo & wash
- Infant sleepers, onesies & clothes
- Cereal
  - *(Please, no jar baby food)*
- Blankets & other baby items are also appreciated.



Students can bring items into the school the week  
of Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Saturday, April 19**  
**9am**  
**\$5/person**  
**\$7/person at the door**  
**Five Points Banquet Room**

# BUNNY BREAKFAST



# EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

**ROTARY SHELTER - WASHINGTON PARK**

**11 AM**

**EVENT IS FREE**



Please share with your  
Academy/Spalding  
alumni friends and family!

Academy of Our Lady  
Spalding Institute

All-Class Reunion

October 11, 2025

St. Mary's Cathedral    Embassy Suites  
4:00PM                      5:30PM

**RSVP TODAY!**

