

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

*Reverence, Respect,
Responsibility... What
starts here can change
the world.*



Has it been a while since your family has attended mass?

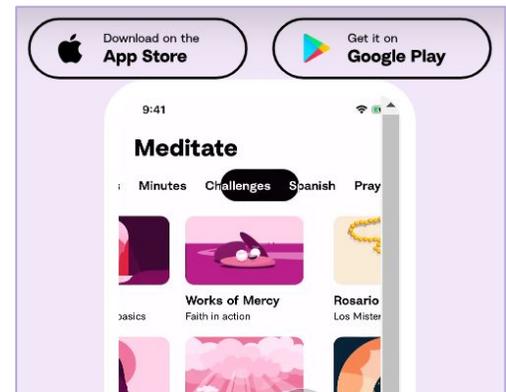
5 REASONS TO COME HOME

- We hunger for meaning and purpose in our lives.
- We need God's forgiveness and healing for our failings and God's mercy to help us become better people.
- Our families need to be built on a strong foundation of faith, and we need to live in community with others.
- The Catholic Church has the Sacraments —and we especially long for the Eucharist.
- Catholicism is TRUE!

Find more information at the site below:

<https://www.catholicscomehome.org/>

Are you looking for something to help guide your prayer life?



Check out the **HALLOW** app

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Sunday Mass

*Mass Times will change
beginning the weekend of
September 9th/10th:*

SATURDAYS

4:30pm

SUNDAYS

7:00am, 8:30am & 11am



September 8, 2023

6th, 7th & 8th Grade Visit to the Museum



Kindergarten Prayer & Playtime in the Atrium of the Good Shepherd



Last year the 7th grade participated in a writing contest for the Central State Water Environment Association, called Water's Worth It. This summer we found out that one of our students won 1st place in our region's-Central Illinois- research category! David Johnson, now in 8th grade, received a cash prize of \$50, gift bag, and a certificate of achievement. His essay was also featured in the summer edition of the *Central States Water Magazine*.

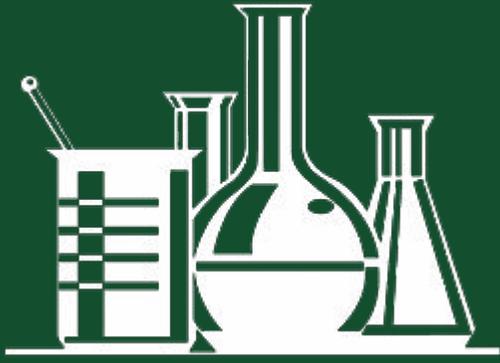
Way to go David! Congratulations!



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Finally Friday!





Science Experiments

1st grade completed a color mixing activity with food coloring!



6th grade used the scientific method to determine which paper airplane will fly the furthest.



1st grade learned how bird beaks help the animals collect food.



Does it sink or float? 5th grade predicted and then tested whether various objects would sink or float.



6th grade began their weather unit by creating vortices.

Aftercare is BLOOMING!



THANK YOU MRS NUNLEY

Mrs. Nunley now runs our aftercare program. She has updated the before and aftercare room using her kindergarten teacher powers and students are loving it! Our aftercare program runs from 3:00 until 5:30 pm each day. We love seeing so many students enjoying school even after it is dismissed!

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VIRTUE=STRENGTH.™

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.

Current Virtue

FAITH



The virtue of FAITH is a gift from God, placed or infused in our souls at Baptism, that gives us the strength to believe in God and everything that His Holy Catholic Church teaches us.

"To one who has FAITH

No explanation is necessary.

To one without FAITH,

No explanation is possible."

- St. Thomas Aquinas

RESOLUTION

Make the Sign of the Cross whenever you pass by the Chapel or a Catholic Church to express our **Faith** in Jesus present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

FAMILY RESOLUTION

Attend Holy Mass on Sunday and wear your **"Sunday Best"**.



A Man of Faith:
The Story of St Padre Pio
[PART 1](#) & [PART 2](#)

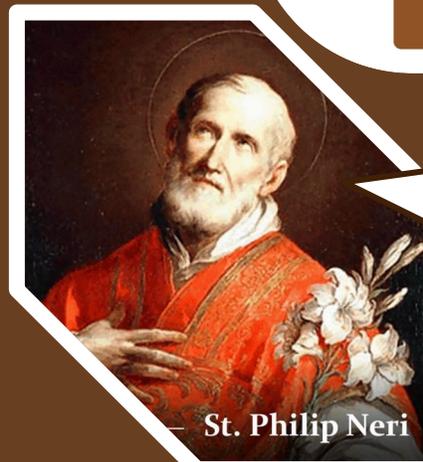


THAT parent

Up Next...

OBEDIENCE

"DOING WHAT WE ARE TOLD WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE."



St. Philip Neri

Obedience is the shortcut to perfection.

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

IRISH Athletics

Baseball WITH ANOTHER **W**



Cross Country CITY MEET & 8TH GRADE NIGHT



Congratulations

SECTIONAL GOLF ATHLETES



2023 STATE CHAMPS

preparing to defend their title



#1 RANKED IRISH SOFTBALL



The Irish Softball team held their Father/Daughter jersey ceremony on August 1st. followed by a **big win** against Dunlap.

Next up was the **City tournament**. Although the City tournament was rained out for most of the games, they won their lone game against District 50 During the skills competition, **Miranda Windsor** won the city bunting contest, and **Hayden Cadwalader** tied for 1st in the home run contest.

The Irish are the **#1 seed** in their Regionals. **COME AND SUPPORT THE LADY IRISH** as they enter the **POST SEASON!!**



LET'S GO IRISH!

RECORD **16-1**



NO HITTER?!?

Hayden C has had TWO already this season!!

HOME RUN!!!

Petra C had TWO in one night against Dee Mack 😬



CONGRATULATIONS 8th GRADERS:

Petra C, Hayden C, Miranda W, Lily L, & Blythe B

UP NEXT...

REGIONALS GAME #1

@ Metamora HS

Saturday, August 9th, 10AM

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

@ Metamora HS

Tuesday, August 12th, 4:30PM



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Upcoming Dates

Save the Date!



JOIN US
for the first
Parent Ministry
gathering
of the 2023/24
school year!

Thursday,
September 14 @ 6pm

Find us downstairs in
the Social Room!



St. Patrick Parish, Washington Presents Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World

"The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven."
-Blessed Carlo Acutis

Display Viewing times

Friday, Sept. 8 5 - 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 10 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Adoration on Saturday: noon - 3 p.m.
with confessions following.

For questions contact the Parish Office (309)444-3524
or churchoffice@stpatswashington.com



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**We begin our regular school DISMISSAL time on Monday, 9/11.
PRE-K - 4th Grade: 3 PM & 5th - 8th Grade: 3:05 PM**

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE PARENTS

There will be an informational meeting in regards to Confirmation. All 7th grade parents should attend. Wednesday, September 13th, 6:30 p.m. in the church. Contact Linda Pratt if you have any questions. (309)369-3993

Upcoming Dates

9/8-10/23	Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit (Sr. Mary Ann Gym)
9/8/23	Baseball vs. Morton Union @ Home
9/9/23	Softball Regional Semifinal 10 AM @ Metamora High School Field
9/11/23	Baseball @ Oak Grove
9/12/23	Cross Country @ Blessed Sacrament (Kennel Lake)
9/12/23	Baseball @ South Pekin
9/13/23	7th Grade Parents Confirmation Meeting 6:30 PM in Church
9/14/23	Parent Ministry Meeting 6PM Social Room
9/18/23	Cross Country St. Jude Meet @ Donovan Park
9/20/23	Cross Country Tazwood Conference Meet @ Black Partridge Park
9/20/23	Girls Basketball vs. Central @ Home

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.

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 4TH

FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON

CASH Bash is BACK

The St. Pat's Athletic
Committee will be selling 200
tickets to **support**
IRISH Athletics AND
win **BIG MONEY!**

Your \$100 ticket will admit you
and a guest to the live drawing,
free beer, water and food.

TICKETS
AVAILABLE
SOON

Saint Philomena School

•• **CHESS** ••
tournament



Saturday, October 21, 2023
Location: St. Philomena School

Check-in will take place from 8:00 until 8:45 am
Any registrations that happen after 8:45 am will result in a first-round bye

The first round will begin no later than 9:30, with subsequent rounds immediately following

Registration fee is \$5
Please make checks payable to St. Philomena school
US Chess Federation membership is required
(available at a discounted rate \$9 on-site).

USCF rules apply
Tournament will be limited to the first 150 registrants

Format: 5 Round Swiss; G30/5d • Only unrated players will be allowed to play in the unrated sections; only players ranked under the specified rating may play in the Reserve sections.
Five Sections:
K-5 Unrated • Players must be in 6th grade or above to play in the 6-12 sections
K-5 Reserve (U500) • Any player can enter to play the Championship Open section
6-12 Unrated
6-12 Reserve (U750)
K-12 Championship Open

Awards
* 1st through 5th place overall in each section
Top 3 teams overall (each team's score will consist of the school's top 5 individual scores across all sections)
Additional primary grade awards in the K-5 section *

Lunch and drinks will be sold on-site from La Gondola Spaghetti House

Register at peoriachess.com/tournaments.html



Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

September 2023

St. Patrick School
Cassi Smith, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

St. Padre Pio

Born to farmers in 1887 in Italy, Francesco Forgione joined the Capuchin Friars. In 1918, Fr. "Pio" received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) in his body. Renowned for his preaching, holiness, and charity, thousands sought him for Confession and spiritual guidance. His famous advice, "Pray, hope, and don't worry," consoles and inspires many today. Even in his sufferings, he cared for others' spiritual and physical well-being, founding a hospital that continues to operate today.



Raising good stewards

Stewardship means demonstrating that all we have and all we are belong to God. Children can be given opportunities to practice stewardship by participating in service projects, giving away excess possessions, and especially by giving to the Church. Our offerings enable our parishes to provide ministry to us and our communities.

"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you"
(Psalm 32:8).



Four healthy habits for a new school year

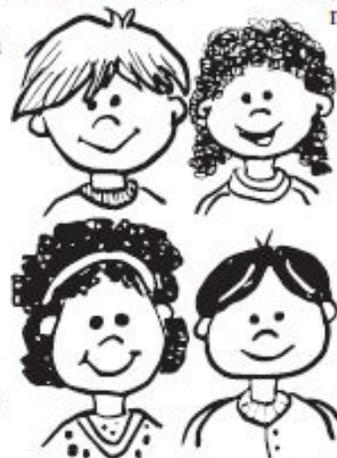
As people of faith, we know that our lasting happiness is found in a relationship with God. Help children develop these four soul-healthy habits in the new school year as a key to finding lifelong joy and lasting fulfillment in God-filled lives:

Prudence is a virtue that helps us consider decisions from a practical and Catholic viewpoint – choosing friendships, activities, and entertainment that flow from our Catholic values.

Justice encourages us to give others what they're owed. Attending Sunday Mass is just because we owe God our worship. Others deserve respect because all are made in God's image. Treat everyone with respect, honor, and charity, and children will follow your example.

Fortitude strengthens us to follow Christ faithfully. Model fortitude for your children by offering many saints as role models, helping children spot how God works in your lives, praying aloud together in good times and bad, consulting Scripture prior to acting.

Temperance properly prioritizes our desires. Good food, fashionable clothes, the latest technology are all blessings, but can't be a focus. As an antidote, reserve a day each week for penance – Fridays, from tradition – to help increase appreciation for those blessings. Spend extra time in family prayer, set limits for screens, abstain from meat or favorite foods. We deny ourselves small pleasures so we can appreciate the greatest Gift.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Blessing ourselves with holy water before entering a Catholic church recalls the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews who cleansed themselves by bathing before entering the holy temple.

In addition, when we bless

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

ourselves with holy water, we recall our baptism and renew our promises to God to live our faith. Because holy water is a sacramental, we receive graces when we use it with the right disposition, such as strengthening us against temptation and removing venial (small) sins.

