

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

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

Attention all parents! If at all possible, please plan to attend the Town Hall meeting in support of the tax credit scholarship program, Invest in Kids.

Senator Koehler and Representative Gordon-Booth have both agreed to meet with us to discuss this program.

It is crucial that we pack the gym to show our legislators the great support for the tax credit scholarship program!

We need as many people as possible to turn out to add your voice to the support for this program that is vital to our school.

Bring your children too! Please help us,
SAVE OUR SCHOLARSHIPS!

October 12th at 6:30pm
St. Mark School, Peoria

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 10/9



Picture Day is coming!

Free Dress Day

Get those smiles camera ready!

Thur, Oct. 12

Lifetouch

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Picture Day ID: EVTCSCTDZ



Save My Scholarship

Tell your lawmaker to be a champion for kids and extend the Tax Credit Scholarship Program!

VISIT SAVEMYSCHOLARSHIP.ORG TODAY



2023
**PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES**

SIGN UP NOW

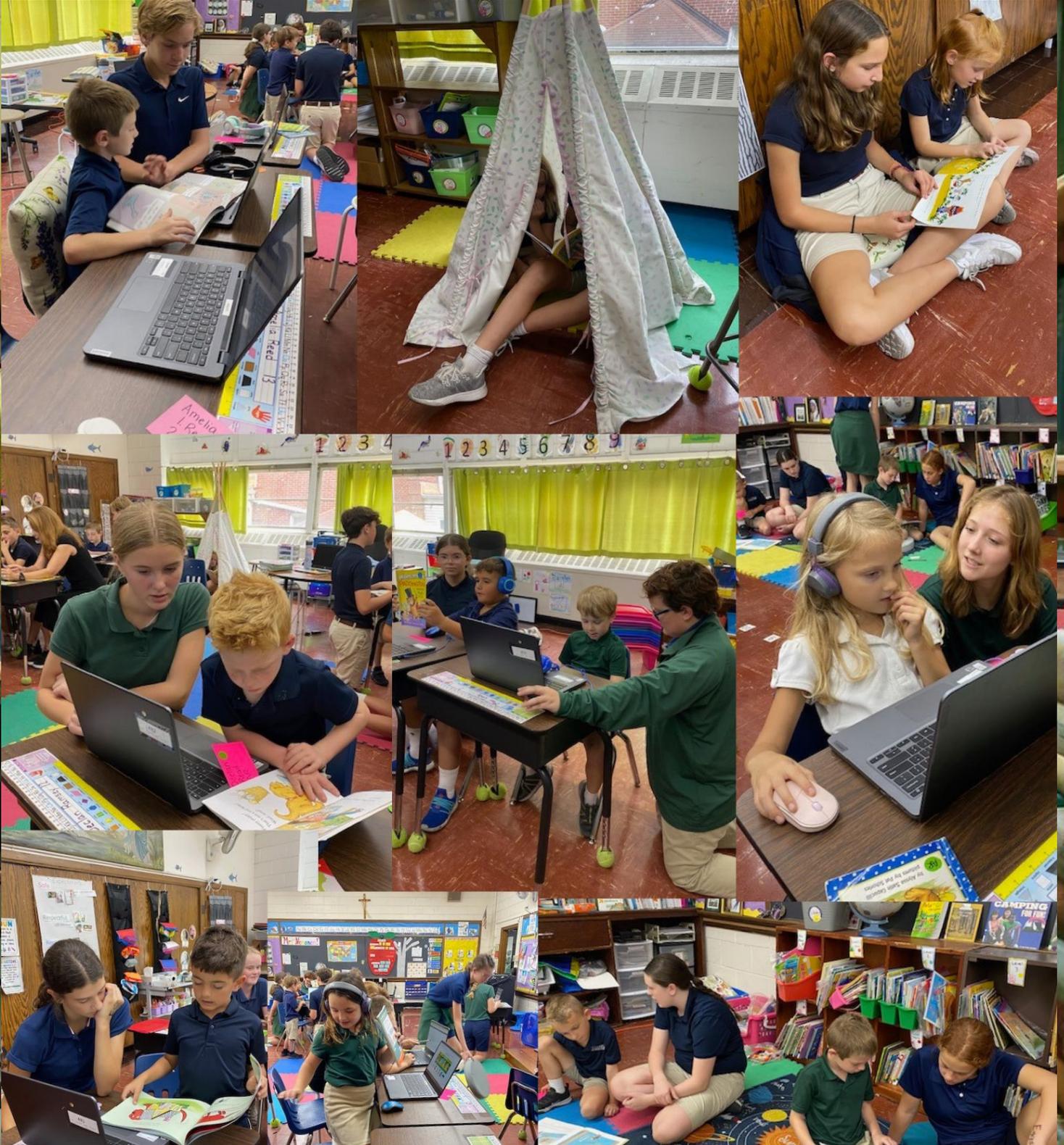
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 OCT 19 & 20

October 6, 2023

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

Reading Buddies



7th Grade partnered with 1st Grade to read and take AR quizzes



5th graders came to visit the Kindergarten Class to help them work on their sight words with a game of memory.

Current Virtue



“Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God’s hands, and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child.”

- Saint Edith Stein



“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”

- St. Augustine



Happy Feast of Our Lady of Victory

In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear.

- St. Therese of Lisieux

October 7

Up Next...



CHALLENGE

Honor our Blessed Mother by **carrying** a rosary in your pocket, bag or purse. This will remind you to pray often.

The month of October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary.

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

IRISH Athletics

Girl's Basketball

Season is WELL underway and the girls are still undefeated at 9-0



IRISH defeat ST PAT'S at the PND ALL SAINTS SHOWCASE



Congratulations Baseball
OUTSTANDING SEASON



Cross Country

Sectional Meet THIS SATURDAY
More info on the next page!

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
ATHLETICS

RUNNING IRISH XC



The **cross country boys and girls teams** have had a VERY successful year, full of *personal bests*, multiple *medal-winners*, and the girls' team taking home *second place at the City meet* behind **Central**.

Throughout the various Irish sports seasons, a main focus is on building **virtue** by focusing on each **virtue of the week**. One of our girl's XC athletes exemplified a multitude of virtues by giving up her hard earned spot on the sectional roster for an eighth grader that just missed the cut. Thank you **Teresa E** for teaching us all how to grow closer to Christ through virtue!

MEDAL WINNERS

Sadie G, Isla C, & Jayce H earned top ten varsity medals at the City XC Meet



BEST OF THE BEST

With 26 schools competing, including the BIG ONES (like Metamora & Morton) **Jayce H** brought home a top finisher medal placing 16th out of 120 varsity boy runners

PERSONAL RECORD

From a first race of 20:05.0 to a personal best last week of 16:46.8, **Grant S** is the most improved XC athlete of 2023



ALL TIME LIST

Sadie G, Isla C, Jayce H, & Traver S have all earned their spots on the top 15 all time St Pat's XC Records list



STATE CROSS COUNTRY SERIES



Sectional F

Hosted by St Jude

SATURDAY October 7th

@ Donovan Park, Peoria

Girls Race: 10AM

Boys Race: 10:45AM

Come CHEER on the IRISH!

[Click for more info](#)



City Meet



2023 Irish Cross Country

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

PARISH MEETING

Sunday, October 15, 2023
At 6:00 p.m.
All are welcome

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
ATHLETICS

6 PM
NOVEMBER 4TH

FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON

CASH BASH

TICKETS AVAILABLE
IN SCHOOL OFFICE
OR FROM ANY ATHLETIC COACH

FIRST COMMUNION

Parent Meeting

2nd Grade Parents,
this is a required informational meeting for you. Children need not attend.

Contact Linda Pratt with any questions, (309) 369-3993.

6:30 PM

OCTOBER 18, 2023

St. Patrick Church

Upcoming Dates

10/7/23	Cross Country Sectionals 10 AM @ Donovan Park
10/9/23	NO SCHOOL - Columbus/Indigenous People's Day
10/11/23	Girls Basketball 5 PM @ Elmwood
10/12/23	SCHOOL PICTURE DAY - Free Dress
10/12/23	Girls Basketball 5:30 PM vs South Pekin @ Home
10/14/23	Cross Country State 9:15 @ Maxwell Park, Normal
10/15/23	Parish Meeting 6 PM @ Church (Growing Disciples Update)
10/16/23	Girls Basketball 5:30 PM vs Tremont @ Home
10/17/23	Girls Basketball 5:30 PM vs Rankin @ Home
10/18/23	First Communion Parent Meeting 6:30 PM @ Church
10/19/23	11:30 RELEASE - Parent Teacher Conferences
10/20/23	NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences
10/19-21/23	Girls Basketball 7th Grade Tournament @ 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.

OCTOBER 23-27

STOCK THE BOX STUDENT DRIVE

SVPD Household Products Drive

Our St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Monica's and St. Pat's take emergency supply boxes to the needy on our home visits. These boxes include both personal care and household products, which are not covered under LINK or food stamps. Similar to what other Conferences in the area do, our parish and school children will collect these items in order to "STOCK THE BOX" as a service project once a year.

Each grade level is assigned a specific item:

Preschool: All Purpose Cleaning Spray

Kindergarten: Toothbrushes

1st: Toothpaste

2nd: Bar Soap

3rd: Shampoo

4th: Paper Towels

5th: Deodorant

6th: Kleenex

7th: Toilet Paper

8th: Laundry Detergent

Please bring your donations to St. Pat's during the school week of October 23-27, or to your CCD class on October 22 or 29.

On behalf of our friends in need, thank you for your support and God bless you.

Questions: Call Gail Petravick, SVDP Past President
309-444-8878 or gailp@bradley.edu



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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

October 2023

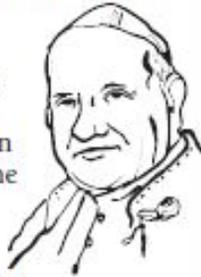
St. Patrick School
Cassi Smith, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

St. John XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born to a poor farming family in Bergamo, Italy. His ordination as a priest in 1904 began a lifetime serving the Church as: the bishop's secretary, a military chaplain, cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and finally, as "Good Pope John." He often visited the poor, the sick and prisoners. He worked to uphold their dignity and improved relations with the Eastern Church. He is remembered for opening the Second Vatican Council. He died in 1963.



The Guardian Angels

Guardian angels are "angels assigned to protect and intercede for each person" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #336). The intervention of the angels on our behalf is one way God takes care of us. Pray the Guardian Angel prayer with children often.

"Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy." Pope Francis



Fall saints for a good school year

The saints in heaven help us on Earth with their prayers. We can also follow their examples to heaven. Through the autumn months, these saints can be beacons of light for children:

St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron of students. Brilliant but humble, he became one of the greatest minds of the Church, studying, teaching, and defending the Faith. He began study with a prayer: "Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in completion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

St. Sebastian, named patron of athletes, bravely endured suffering for the Faith. Young athletes can ask him to inspire their strength, good sportsmanship, and self-discipline in

their faith and on the field.

St. John Paul II, patron of World Youth Day and Catholic Sports, was born Karol Wojtyła in Poland. He lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. His promising academic career was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. After enrolling in a secret seminary in Kraków, he was ordained a priest in 1946 and eventually became one of the longest serving popes in Church history.

St. Philip Neri is patron of holy friendships. A valuable part of our school experience is learning to make friends. Call on the intercession of St. Philip Neri when navigating friendship challenges and to find holy friends.

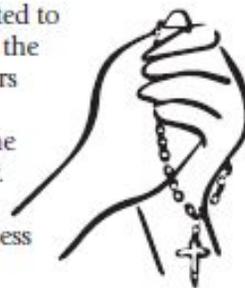


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Traditionally attributed to the Dominican Order, the Rosary is a set of prayers that focuses on the mysterious events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. Several Marian apparitions and countless saints and popes have

Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?

recommended the Rosary as the "powerhouse" of devotions. Many mistake it as Marian devotion, but the prayer is actually a meditation on Jesus' life through Mary's eyes. Meditating on the prayers and mysteries of our Faith opens us to graces that make us more Christ-like.



The family that prays together...

Praying together as a family is a source of spiritual strength, protection, nourishment, and much-needed grace for families. Use these tips to strengthen a family prayer habit in your home:

Set reasonable expectations: Based on children's ages and abilities, develop a mix of formula prayer, Scripture reading, and spontaneous prayer that will make up your family prayer routine.

Practice: Prayer is a conversation. Teach children how to have a warm, sharing, prayerful conversation with God. Demonstrate how it can be done.



Be consistent: Meet in the same place and same time every day for a specific amount of time. Children will learn that regular prayer is a priority and a vital habit.

Be generous: Allow each member to choose an intention – someone or something for which to pray. That way, prayer becomes even more personal.

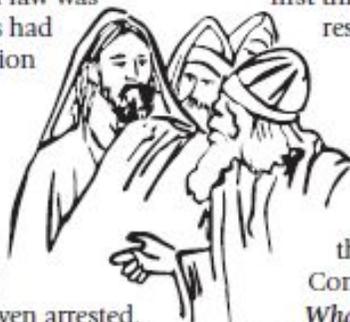
Keep it simple: God wants to encounter our hearts with His grace. If family prayer is as simple as offering intentions before a Crucifix and closing with a hymn of praise, that's good prayer.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40, It all comes down to love

In this Gospel passage, a lawyer starts a debate with Jesus on which of the 613 commands in Jewish law was the most important. Jews had been debating that question for generations without coming to agreement. Egged on by the Pharisees, the lawyer hoped to get Jesus to say something against Jewish law so He could be discredited or even arrested.

Jesus silenced them all by saying that everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of neighbor. Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that. The Ten Commandments can be



divided into two categories: those recommending respect for God (the first three) and those detailing responsibilities toward neighbors (the last seven). In the end, it is about love. The lawyer was brought to silence. The debate resulted in the gift of the Two Greatest Commandments.

What can a parent do? Talk with children about how easy it is to love people who are nice to us but loving everyone, even if they're not nice, is what God really wants us to do. It's how God loves us.

Feasts & Celebrations

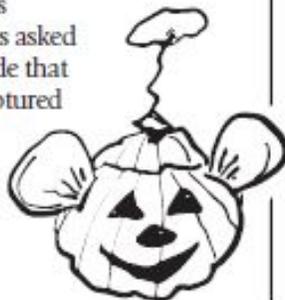
October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel in charge of protecting us and watching over us day and night. Today, remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 5 – St. Faustina Kowalska (1938). Born Helena Kowalska, St. Faustina joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy against her parents' wishes. In 1931, Jesus appeared to her and told her to paint an image of the Divine Mercy and to spread devotion to His mercy.

October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist

(1st Century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between A.D. 70 and 85.

October 23 – St. John of Capistrano (1456). Born in Capistrano, Italy in 1386, St. John studied law at Perugia. He eventually joined the Franciscans. Renowned for his preaching, he was asked to lead the crusade that successfully recaptured Constantinople from the Ottomans and saved Christendom.



Parent TALK

Tessa wanted to be Maleficent for Halloween - a strong female character who used powerful magic to subjugate a kingdom. Glamorous but horrible. I wasn't thrilled with my daughter imitating a villainess



who cursed a kingdom.

"You know, saints have amazing powers, too," I said. "St. Padre Pio read souls and St. Clare of Assisi turned away an army attacking her monastery."

Tessa thought for a few minutes. "Did St. Clare do that all by herself?" she asked.

"As an answer to prayer," I said. "She put the Eucharist in a monstrance on the convent walls and prayed for protection. The attackers fled."

"I'll be St. Clare," Tessa decided. "Faith was her super power. Courage, too." On Halloween, Tessa wore a brown tunic with a rope belt and a black veil. We made a monstrance out of pipe cleaners, glitter, and aluminum foil. And there was no sign of Maleficent!

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