



Shamrock News

The yearly St. Patrick School Calendar is [here](#).

9/13/24

Free and Reduced Lunch/E-Rate School Discounts: All parents: please apply for free and reduced lunch on the [Meal Magic Family Portal](#) **regardless of need**. Important school discounts are determined using this data. You can also manage your child's meal account from here.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be held on Thursday, September 26 from 4:30-7:30pm and on Friday, September 27 from 12:30-4pm. High School conferences are on a walk-in basis in the teacher's classrooms. Middle School conferences are also on a walk-in basis with parents and student in attendance in the cafeteria. DK-5 parents need to sign up for a conference time at this [link](#).

After School Bowling: Flyers were sent home this week for the program at the Wagon Wheel. Sign up is through the Wagon Wheel, but please notify the office or teachers if your child will be bowling each session. This will allow your child to ride the bowling bus.

NHS Blood Drive: EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE!
St. Pat's NHS is hosting our first blood drive of the year on September 24th from 8AM to 2PM in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to donate today at [redcrossblood.org](#) The need is urgent!

Sports Calendar Synch: With school and sports in full swing, it is sometimes a challenge to keep everything straight. Consider syncing your personal calendar with the St. Patrick School athletic calendar:

1. go to the school website, select students, athletics, and the sport you are following
2. at the bottom right hand corner of your sport's calendar, click on the +Google icon (this will add it to your personal calendar)
3. in your phone/calendar settings, sync your sport calendar (when you are finished following this sport, you can remove it from your calendar)

If a change is made to the athletic calendar, it will automatically update on your personal calendar.

We hope this will save you some time and help keep you organized!

Friday, Sept. 27
1/2 Day of School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
No Preschool, No After-School Childcare

MAPS Testing: Fall MAPS testing for students in grades 1-8 will be taking place from Sept. 16 - Oct. 11. Please make sure students eat a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep.

Mega Rock Raffle Tickets: Tickets were sent home to school families. Please consider purchasing the tickets. This is our main fundraiser for the parish, school and athletic programs. Students receive an out of dress code slip for every 4 tickets that are sold. You can purchase tickets online [here](#). The first monthly drawing will take place on Sept. 27.

New! Weekly School Wide Adoration: This year, our students have been given the amazing opportunity of being able to sit before the Lord in adoration every Tuesday. He is exposed in the monstrance on the altar for all to see, honor, and adore. We know that at the end of the day, what we are doing in this school is planting and watering seeds. God is the one who does the work of converting hearts, so why not take advantage of every opportunity to sit before our Eucharistic Lord?

If you find yourself around on Tuesday afternoons from noon – 3:00 pm, pop into the church and pray with (and for) our students who are present in adoration! Otherwise, check out the St. Patrick Parish website (insert link: <https://portlandstpats.com/church/eucharistic-adoration/>) to find a time that works for you and your family to go together to pray before the Lord!

Are you unsure as to what to do when you are there? There is no right or wrong answer when we are entering with a heart of love for Jesus. You can sit in silence, have a conversation with the Lord through prayer, pray the rosary, read scripture, prepare for the next Sunday readings you will hear proclaimed at Mass, etc. The Lord isn't looking for lofty prayers and perfect holiness. The truth is, we can't reach holiness without Him so spending time before Him truly present to us on the altar is such a gift!



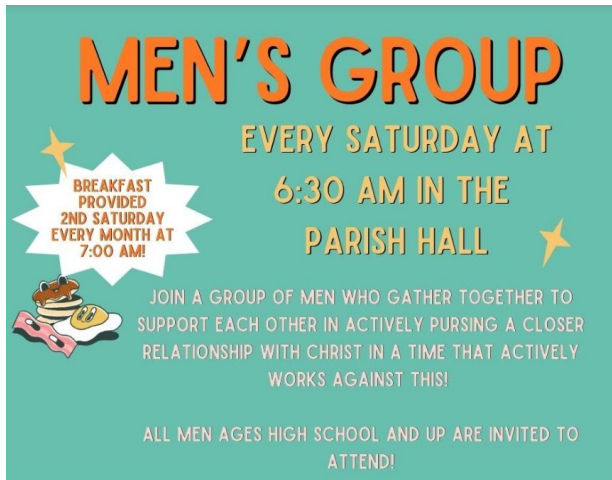
Calendar of Events



9/13	Var. FB @ Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 7p	7/8 gr. VB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5p	
9/14	Var. VB @ Webberville Inv. 9a 5/6 VB (white) vs. New Covenant & St. Mary @ SPS 10a 5/6 FB vs. Morrice @ Coleman 1:30p	5/6 VB (green) vs. St. Mary & St. Paul @ St. Paul 5:30p 5/6 VB (white) vs. St. Mary & St. Mary @ St. Mary 5:30p PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p	
9/16	7/8 gr. VB vs. P-W @ SPS 5p	9/20	HS Men's Retreat - bike to Ionia 7:30a-2p HS Women's Retreat - St. Francis Retreat Center 7:30a-2p Var. CC @ Lansing Christian 4:30p
9/17	MS FB @ St. Charles 6p	9/21	JV VB @ Perry INV 9a 5/6 FB @ Breckenridge 11:45a Var. FB vs. Morrice Home @ PHS
9/18	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a Var. CC CMAC Jamboree @ Laingsburg HS 4:30p JV & Var. VB @ Fowler 5:30p		
9/19	Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a		

Adult Ministry

Parents! Are you interested in growing in your Catholic Faith? Are you not Catholic but wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith? Are you wanting to grow in a community that supports you on your faith journey? See below for opportunities within our Parish to get involved and grow even stronger in leading your family to heaven!



MEN'S GROUP
EVERY SATURDAY AT
6:30 AM IN THE
PARISH HALL

BREAKFAST PROVIDED
2ND SATURDAY
EVERY MONTH AT
7:00 AM!

JOIN A GROUP OF MEN WHO GATHER TOGETHER TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN ACTIVELY PURSUING A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST IN A TIME THAT ACTIVELY WORKS AGAINST THIS!

ALL MEN AGES HIGH SCHOOL AND UP ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!



YOU'RE INVITED

ST. PATRICK
CHURCH WOMEN'S
GROUP
LADIES IN TRUTH
(LIT)

LIT MEETS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 8:30 - 10 AM
STARTING SEPTEMBER 7, 2024
PARISH HALL

WOMEN OF ALL AGES WELCOME, FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND UP. COME GROW IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHER WOMEN ALL WORKING TOWARDS A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD. BREAKFAST PROVIDED THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Parents: Are you looking to understand your beautiful Catholic faith on a deeper level? Are you not Catholic but interested in exploring what Catholicism is all about? Join Fr. Mike and the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) crew on Tuesday evenings beginning September 10 immediately following the 6:00 Mass. They will discuss topics such as:

- What is faith?
- The Holy Trinity
- The Sacraments
- The Bible and Divine Revelation
- The Mass
- Mary and the Saints

Call the parish office with questions or for more details! 517-647-6505.



**ST. PATRICK PARISH
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
2024-25 SEASON KICKOFF**

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
TIME: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
WHERE: PARISH HALL
**WHAT: TAILGATE DINNER FOLLOWED BY A
NIGHT OF FRIENDLY TEAM COMPETITION**

**TEST YOUR COMPETITIVE SPIRIT IN A
SERIES OF TEAM ACTIVITIES AND BE THE
FIRST TO FINISH THE RACE! PLAY FOR THE
TROPHY BUT LEAVE WITH THE BAGGING
RIGHTS!**



ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12

WE PRAY! WE LEARN! WE ACHIEVE!

🎮 Calling All Video Gamers! 🎮

Are you passionate about gaming? Do you want to be part of an exciting team and compete in sports against other schools? Join our middle school esports team and take your gaming skills to the next level!

Why Join?

- **Teamwork & Strategy:** Learn to work as a team and develop strategic thinking.
- **Competitive Play:** Compete against other middle schools in Michigan.
- **Skill Development:** Improve your gaming skills and gain new ones.
- **Fun & Community:** Make new friends and be part of a supportive community.

Games We'll Play:

- Rocket League
- NBA 2K25
- Mario Kart 8 Deluxe
- Super Smash Bros
- ChessKid

How to Join:

- **Sign Up:** Contact Ross Schneider at rossschneider@portlandstpats.org or 517-526-3943
- **Practice Sessions:** Mondays and days designated for each game after school
 - Times TBD (tentatively 3pm - 5:00pm)
- **Location:** Room 211
- **First Competition:** Week of September 23rd, pending equipment arrival

Don't miss out on the fun and excitement!

