



Shamrock News

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

2/28/25

Congratulations: Congratulations to the winners of the Marriage Gala Mega Rock Raffle:

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| \$5,000 Ron Frazee | \$500 Christine Rockey |
| \$2,500 Mike Wilcox | \$250 Dan Lawless |
| \$1,000 Timothy Martin | \$250 Karen Vroman |
| \$750 Ron Frazee | \$250 Tom & Cindy Brown |
| \$500 Pauline Schafer | \$250 Mary Lue Brown |

The next grand prize winners will be announced at the Shamrock Auction on April 25th.

Congratulations:

- To the girls bowling team for being named regional champions last Thursday. They are competing at States on Feb. 28.
- To Charlotte Frazee for placing 6th at individual regionals. She will be competing in individual competition at states on Mar. 1.

NHS Blood Drive: The American Red Cross blood drive is being hosted by St. Patrick School on Tuesday, March 18 starting at 8 AM and going to 1:45 PM in the Parish Hall. Visit Red-CrossBlood.org to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment to save time signing in.

Join us for the Shamrock Auction! It's a night of fun and fellowship. For only \$30 per ticket you get a meal, unlimited drinks, and a great time. See the auction website to purchase tickets and find out more! [Shamrock Auction Tickets](#)

Kindergarten Round Up: Kindergarten Round Up will take place on Friday, March 21. One hour sessions will take place between 9am - 12pm. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information. All kindergarten and developmental kindergarten students will not attend school on this day.

2025-2026 School Calendar: Please note that we have changed the calendar. Mid-winter break and February parent/teacher conferences have been moved to the following week. Please replace the previous calendar that was sent out.

Wine and Wills: St. Patrick School is sponsoring Wine and Wills! Join Madarang Hoort & Associates to learn the basics of estate planning, so you can best plan for, protect, and prioritize your loved ones. We will discuss Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorneys (Financial and Medical) and Deeds. Monday, March 10th at 6:30 pm at The Port.

Friday, March 7
No School - Staff Professional Development

Wednesday, March 19
OPEN HOUSE - 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Friday, March 21
No afternoon busing - PPS half day

Friday, April 4
No busing - PPS not in session

April 7 - 11
Spring Break


2025-26 Financial Aid Applications: The deadline for round three is March 2, 2025. This applies for students in grades DK-11. **A new application must be filled out each year.** You can find the [application](#) and [instructions](#) here or on the school website under Prospective Families, Tuition/Scholarships. Please contact the office for assistance. The sooner you apply, the better!

LENT

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: The beginning of our Lenten journey towards Easter begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Mass times at St. Patrick Parish will be 8:00 am (grades 9-12 will attend), 10:00* am (grades DK-8 will attend), and 6:00 pm.
*time change

Lent Confession Opportunities: There will be additional opportunities for confession during the upcoming liturgical season of Lent:

- Tuesdays: 5:00 - 5:45 pm
- Fridays: 12:00 - 1:00 pm
- Saturdays: 12:00 - 1:00 pm and 3:00 - 3:45 pm

 **Good Luck at States!**

Girls Bowling Team on Friday
Charlotte Frazee on Saturday

 **Calendar of Events** 

<p>2/28 Var. Boys BB District Finals @ Vestaburg 7p</p> <p>3/1 Var. Girls Individual Bowling State Finals @ Norway Lanes</p> <p>3/5 Ash Wednesday Mass for Grades 9-12 8a</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Ash Wednesday Mass for Grades DK-8 10a</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Var. Girls BB Semifinals @ Potterville 5:30p</p>	<p>3/6 Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a</p> <p>Reconciliation for 8th grade after Mass</p> <p>3/7 No School - Staff Professional Development</p> <p>3/9 Daylight Saving Time Starts</p>
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ST. PATRICK SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Friday, March 21, 2025

Sessions: 9am - 12pm

Information
&
Registration
here!



Mental Health Week
Theme: Growing as a Community
March 10th-14th

Monday, March 10th

Dress up day: Green for mental health awareness, head to toe

Virtue of the day: Affability

Scripture: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." - Colossians 3:12

Tuesday, March 11th

Dress up day: Favorite team shirt, jeans

Virtue of the day: Justice

Scripture: Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." -
Thessalonians 5:11

Wednesday, March 12th

Dress up day 9-12: Sunday best, no jeans.

Virtue of the day: Fortitude

Scripture: "My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak." - 2nd Corinthians 12:19

Dress up day: DK-8: Comfy clothes from head to toe. No pajamas, no leggings, no hats.

Virtue of the day: Meekness

Scripture: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." - Matthew 5:5

Thursday, March 13th

Dress up day 9-12: Comfy clothes from head to toe. No pajamas, no leggings, no hats.

Virtue of the day: Meekness

Scripture: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." - Matthew 5:5

Dress up day DK-8: Sunday best, no jeans.

Virtue of the day: Fortitude

Scripture: "My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak." - 2nd Corinthians 12:19

Friday, March 14th

Dress up day: Spirit Wear, jeans

Virtue of the day: Magnanimity

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

****We encourage you to look up the virtues and scripture verses and discuss them with your children! ****



March is Reading Month

Jonah and the Whale:

Go Overboard with Reading

Dear Parents,

Our theme for reading month is Jonah and the Whale: Go Overboard with Reading. We have several events taking place centered around Jonah and the Whale. Please see below for descriptions and details.

DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read): Students will participate daily in the classroom.

Dress Up Days: Each Monday has a different dress up theme. (No pajamas, leggings)

- Monday, March 3rd
 - Getting Cozy for the Storm: Come in your comfy clothes
- Monday, March 10th
 - Seasick: Wear Green from head to toe
- Monday, March 17th
 - Saint Patrick's Day: Wear Green from head to toe
- Monday, March 24th
 - Peaceful Message: Wear a shirt with a peaceful message with jeans or joggers.

All grades DK-12 can participate in the dress up days.

Bring items for:

- Friday, March 14th
 - Storm Blackout: Bring a flashlight for reading in the classroom.
- Friday, March 21st
 - Book to read with Big Rock
- Friday, March 28th
 - Stuffed animal to celebrate and watch a movie with.

Each student will come home with a "Passport to Ninevah" to track their reading this month. Each grade has set a different goal for the amount that needs to be read. These should come to school every Friday and will be put back into their Friday folders so they can continue to log their minutes. If the goal is met, a small prize can be earned each week.

This year we will be collecting items to replenish the hygiene closet at Epic Church. Listed below are the items needed. We will be collecting items all month. We will deliver our donations at the end of the month. Thanks so much for helping your child learn to be Jesus' hands and feet.

Grade	Item
Developmental Kindergarten	Body Wash
Kindergarten	Body Wash
First Grade	Conditioner
Second Grade	Shampoo
Third Grade	Kleenex
Fourth Grade	Toilet Paper
Fifth Grade	Deodorant



MARCH

**Jonah and the
Whale:
Go Overboard with
Reading**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Passport to Ninevah coming home	1
2	3 Getting cozy for the storm: Wear your comfy clothes	4	5 Story walk: Students will walk the halls and learn about Jonah	6 Passport to Ninevah: Week 1 Due tomorrow	7 No school	8
9	10 Seaside: Wear green head to toe	11	12 Jonah and the whale craft in classroom Comfy Clothes Day	13 Passport to Ninevah: Week 2 Due tomorrow Sunday Best	14 Storm Blackout: Flashlight Reading in the classroom Spirit Wear Day	15
This week is Mental Health Week Extra Dress up days						
16	17 St. Patrick's Day: Wear Green!	18	19 Jonah and the whale story time in the classroom	20 Passport to Ninevah: Week 3 Due tomorrow	21 Big Rock/Little Rock read together	22
23	24 Peaceful Message Day: Wear a shirt with a peaceful message	25	26 Jonah and the whale activity in the classroom	27 Passport to Ninevah: Week 4 Due tomorrow	28 CELEBRATE: Bring a stuffed animal from home	29
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PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12

WE PRAY! WE LEARN! WE ACHIEVE!

Before School Childcare Supervisor

Before School Childcare (6:30 am - 8:45 am)

Job Description:

St. Patrick Childcare in Portland, is seeking a part-time **childcare supervisor** All candidates must be highly energetic, enthusiastic, a team player, and possess a love for early childhood. This role supports our child care programming, filling in where needed, and helping maintain a safe, nurturing environment for children. This position is Monday through Friday, and currently follows the school calendar.

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- At least 18 years of age.
- A solid understanding of age-appropriate activities for young children and child development.
- First Aid and Adult/Child CPR (training will be provided if needed).
- Caring and nurturing attitude towards children.
- Commitment to fostering the faith of children.
- Excellent classroom management skills.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Commitment to lifelong learning as demonstrated by attendance at seminars, in-services, and training.
- Must have or be willing to take Virtus - Protecting God's Children training.
- The candidate should be a practicing Catholic and uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Please send electronic letters of interest and resumes to:

Cortney Smith, Principal

cortneysmith@portlandstpats.org

517.647.7551

Aaron Thelen, Early Childhood Director

aaronthelen@portlandstpats.org

517.647.7551

The position will remain open until filled.



All Are Welcome!



St. Patrick Catholic School Open House

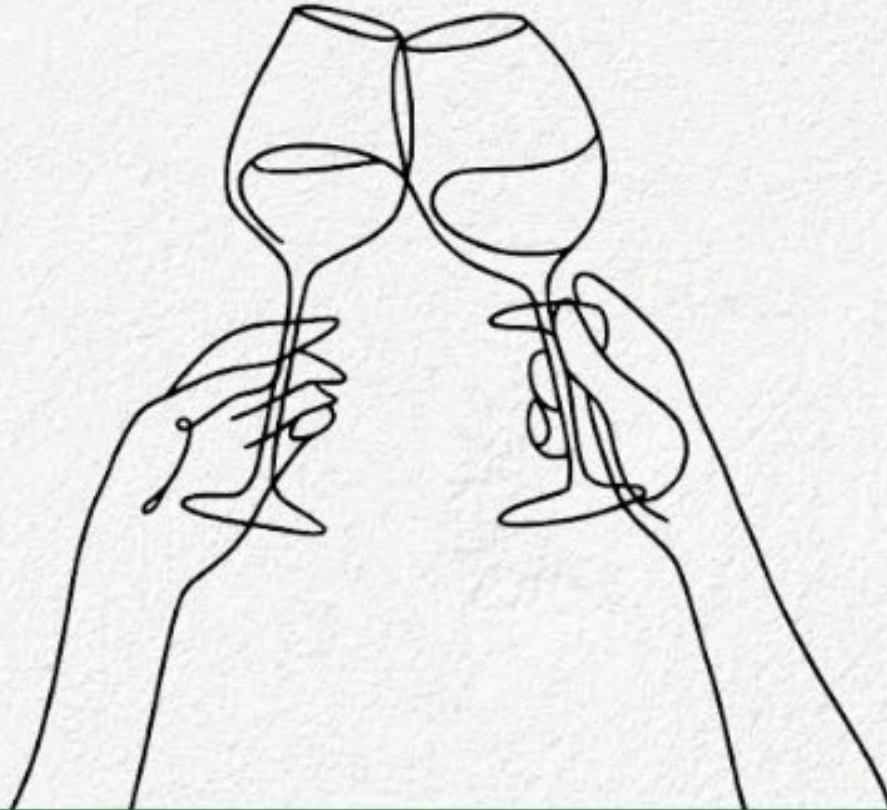
Daycare/Preschool-12th Grade

**Wednesday, March 19th
4:30-6:00 pm**

- Apply Now for New Families • Everyone Welcome
- Dress Code Info & Resources • PTO Book Fair

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!

Wine & Wills



Join Madarang Hoort & Associates
March 10th | 6:30 pm | The Port

Wills | Trusts | Power of Attorneys | Deeds



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SAVE *the* DATE

SHAMROCK AUCTION

2025

FRIDAY
APRIL 25

*Doors open at 6pm
Knights Hall, Portland*



- DINNER & DRINKS
- RAFFLES & 50/50
- SILENT / LIVE AUCTIONS
- ENTERTAINMENT

A NIGHT AT THE
MASTERS TOURNAMENT

Buy tickets and follow updates on the auction website:
www.bidpal.net/shamrockauction2025





2025-2026 School Calendar

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Aug 2025	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	[20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
Sep 2025	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	1	2	3
Oct 2025	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	[20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31
Nov 2025	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28
Dec 2025	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31	1	2
Jan 2026	[5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30
Feb 2026	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
Mar 2026	23	24	25	26	27
	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	[23	24	25	26	27
Apr 2026	30	31	1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
May 2026	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	1
	4	5	6	7	8
Jun 2026	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
Jun 2026	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12

Notes	
August 2025	
18	Welcome Back Open House (5:30-7:00p)
20	First Day of School: Grades DK-12 (full day)
25-26	First Day of School: Preschool
29	No School - Labor Day Break
September 2025	
1	No School - Labor Day Break
October 2025	
3	No School - Diocesan PD Day
17	End of 1st Quarter
23	Half Day (grades 6-12: 7:30-11:25a grades DK-5: 8:40-11:40a)
23	Parent/Teacher Conferences (gr 6-12: 12:00-3:00p and 4:00-7:00p gr DK-5: 12:30-3:30p and 4:30-7:30p)
24	No School
November 2025	
26-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 2025	
19	Half Day - Christmas Break begins (7:30-11:30a/8:40-11:30a) End of 1st Semester
22-2JAN	No School - Christmas Break
January 2026	
5	School Resumes
19	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 2026	
13	Half Day (7:30-11:25a/8:40-11:40a)
13	Parent/Teacher Conferences (gr 6-12: 12:00-3:00p gr DK-5: 12:30-3:30p all by appointment only)
16	No School - Mid-Winter Break
March 2026	
6	No School - Staff PD
20	End of 3rd Quarter
April 2026	
3	No School - Good Friday
6-10	No School - Spring Break
May 2026	
15	Last Day for Seniors (full day)
17	Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony
18-19	Last Day for Preschool (PS Promotion Ceremony on May 20)
25	No School - Memorial Day
June 2026	
4	Half day - Last Day for Students DK-11 (7:30-11:30a/8:40-11:30a) End of 2nd Semester

no school half day

Daily Schedule

Preschool: 8:30a-11:30a and 12:30p-3:30p
 Grades KG-5: 8:40a-3:45p (lunch 11:50a-12:35p)
 Grades 6-12: 7:30a-2:20p (lunch 11:06/09-11:37/39)
 Mass DK-8: Thursday at 9:30a
 Mass 9-12: Wednesday at 9:30a

- St. Patrick School reserves the right to make calendar changes as necessary.
- This calendar contains 180 days of student instruction.
- Up to 4 half days are allowed. Diocesan and State of Michigan criteria have been met.
- Inclement weather days beyond statutory limit of six (6) days will be virtual/remote learning days.