



# Shamrock News

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

3/21/25

**2025-26 Enrollment at St. Patrick School:** Enrollment is open. Enrollment letters were recently emailed to all families through Finals site. The letters included the directions for continuous enrollment with links. If your family will not be continuing at St. Patrick School, please complete the Intent to Withdraw before May 1. View the [2025-26 Parent/Student Handbook](#) with the updates listed on the second page.

**Changes in Finals site:** If you make changes to your Finals site account, these do NOT transfer to Infinite Campus. Please notify the office of any changes (address, phone number, email, emergency contacts, health information, employment, etc). Thank you.

**New Superintendent of Catholic Schools Announced:** Bishop Walkowiak is pleased to announce the appointment of Sarah Grey as the next superintendent of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. She will begin on July 1 following the retirement of Dave Faber who has served as superintendent of Catholic schools for 15 years.

**ROCKS Ticket Winners:** The ROCKS ticket winners for the third quarter are developmental kindergarten, 8th grade and 11th grade. These grades will receive an out of dress code day on Tuesday, March 25.

**Blood Drive Results:** The recent blood drive hosted by St. Patrick National Honor Society brought in 24 units of life saving blood! Thank you to all the donors who rolled up their sleeves to help their neighbor. Our last drive for the school year will be May 20th. You can register to give now at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**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! Sign up before March 31 to be entered in a drawing for a \$250 Meijer gift card. [Shamrock Auction Tickets](#).

**Elementary Yearbooks:** The yearbook for elementary school will contain pictures for grades DK-8. There will only be one book this year. The yearbooks are on sale from March 5-28. Order forms were sent home to all students or you can order online at [interstate.com/order](http://interstate.com/order) use order code: 91543V. Cost is \$20.

**Friday, April 4**  
No busing - PPS not in session

**April 7 - 11**  
Spring Break

**Friday, April 18**  
No School - Good Friday

**Monday, April 21**  
No School - Easter Monday

**Lost and Found:** Our lost and found table is growing. There are sweatshirts, St. Pat's & winter jackets, boots, hats, gloves/mittens, and water bottles. The lost and found is located on a table in the elementary hallway. Items left in the lost and found after school on April 4 will be donated to the uniform room or a local charity.



**Lenten Opportunities at St. Patrick Parish**

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

**Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper**  
Friday evenings during Lent at 6:00 pm



## Calendar of Events



- 3/22 Var. Track @ Aquinas INV 9a
- 3/24 Wear a shirt w/peaceful message for reading month  
Var. BB & SB vs. Morrice @ FFF 4p
- 3/25 Touching Safety Lesson  
National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in Gym 7p
- 3/26 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a  
Reconciliation for 11th grade after Mass

- Var. BB & SB vs. Ionia @ FFF 4p
- JV BB & SB @ Ionia 4p
- 3/27 Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a  
Reconciliation for 5th grade after Mass
- 3/28 Jeans and spirit wear  
Mass for grades 9-12 8a  
Stations of the Cross led by 8th grade 1:35p



# MARCH

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<b>Peaceful Message Day: Wear a shirt with a peaceful message</b>		<b>Jonah and the whale activity in the classroom</b>	<b>Passport to Ninevah: Week 4 Due tomorrow</b>	<b>CELEBRATE: Bring a stuffed animal from home</b>	
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*Jubilee Year 2025*

## 24 Hours for the Lord

*We will begin and end with Mass at 4 p.m.*

March 28 - 29 | 4 p.m. - 4 p.m. | St. John Paul II Catholic Church  
3110 17 Mile Rd. Cedar Springs, MI 49319



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event info:



## Hispanic Community Cathedral Pilgrimage

*for Jubilee Year 2025*

**with Bishop Walkowiak on April 6**

The procession will begin at 1 p.m. at the Shrine of St. Francis Xavier  
& Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will begin at 3 p.m. at the  
Cathedral of Saint Andrew.



Scan for  
event info and  
schedule:





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](mailto:cortneysmith@portlandstpats.org)

517.647.7551

Aaron Thelen, Early Childhood Director

[aaronthelen@portlandstpats.org](mailto:aaronthelen@portlandstpats.org)

517.647.7551

The position will remain open until filled.





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](http://www.bidpal.net/shamrockauction2025)



# Calling All Parents: Join Us for our Speaker Series #2 **Renewing the Catholic Family**



For the second speaker in our series, we welcome nationally-acclaimed Brooke Shannon, the Executive Director and founder of *Wait Until 8th*. Brooke works with parents and communities across the country to help them establish a healthy relationship with technology. She is a national speaker on how to parent in the digital arena, having appeared on the Today Show, Good Morning America, NPR and many other outlets. *You don't want to miss this!*



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## Save the date: Monday, May 5

6-6:30pm: Complimentary Wine, Beer & Appetizers

6:30-7:30pm: Presentation

7:30-8:30pm: Q&A, Conversation & Fellowship

Childcare available



Admission is FREE  
but please RSVP



Cathedral Square: 360 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, MI 49503



# 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**

<b>August 2025</b>	
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
<b>September 2025</b>	
1	No School - Labor Day Break
<b>October 2025</b>	
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
<b>November 2025</b>	
26-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
<b>December 2025</b>	
19	Half Day - Christmas Break begins (7:30-11:30a/8:40-11:30a)   End of 1st Semester
22-2JAN	No School - Christmas Break
<b>January 2026</b>	
5	School Resumes
19	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
<b>February 2026</b>	
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
<b>March 2026</b>	
6	No School - Staff PD
20	End of 3rd Quarter
<b>April 2026</b>	
3	No School - Good Friday
6-10	No School - Spring Break
<b>May 2026</b>	
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
<b>June 2026</b>	
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.