

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 Finalsite. 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 Finalsite: If you make changes to your Finalsite 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.

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 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

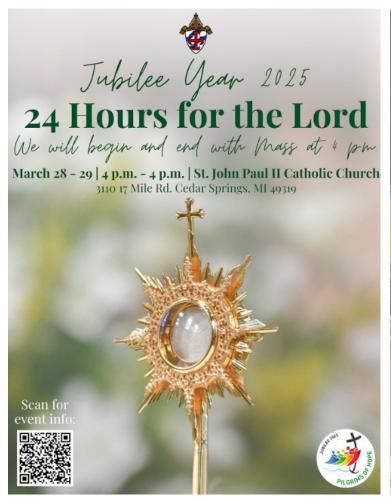
Reconciliation for 5th grade after Mass

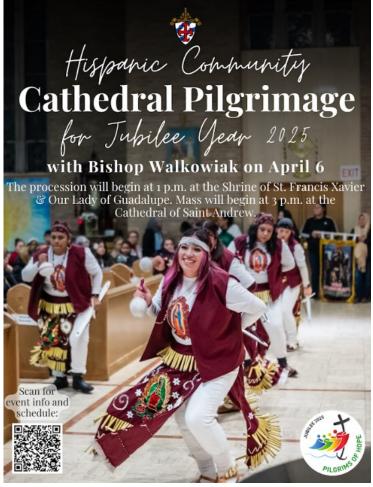
3/28 Jeans and spirit wear

Mass for grades 9-12 8a

Stations of the Cross led by 8th grade 1:35p









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 Aaron Thelen, Early Childhood Director

cortneysmith@portlandstpats.org aaronthelen@portlandstpats.org

517.647.7551 517.647.7551

The position will remain open until filled.



A NIGHT AT THE

MASTERS TOURNAMENT

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

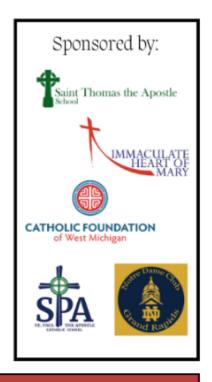


Calling All Parents: Join Us for our Speaker Series #2 Renewing the Catholic Family



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!*





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



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

2025-2026 School Calendar

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Votes	
Aug 2025	11	12	13	14	15	August 2025	
	18	19	[20	21	22	18 Welcome Back Open House (5:30-7:00p)	
	25	26	27	28	29	20 First Day of School: Grades DK-12 (full day)	
Sep 2025	1	2	3	4	5	25-26 First Day of School: Preschool	
	8	9	10	11	12	29 No School - Labor Day Break	
	15	16	17	18	19		
	22	23	24	25	26	September 2025	
	29	30	1	2	3	1 No School - Labor Day Break	
Oct 2025	6	7	8	9	10		
	13	14	15	16	17]	October 2025	
	[20	21	22	23	24	3 No School - Diocesan PD Day	
	27	28	29	30	31	17 End of 1st Quarter	
Nov 2025	3	4	5	6	7	23 Half Day (grades 6-12: 7:30-11:25a grades DK-5: 8	:40-11:40a)
	10	11	12	13	14	23 Parent/Teacher Conferences (gr 6-12: 12:00-3:00p and 4	4:00-7:00p gr DK-5: 12:30-3:30p and 4:30-7:30p)
	17	18	19	20	21	24 No School	
	24	25	26	27	28		
	1	2	3	4	5	November 2025	
Dec 2025	8	9	10	11	12	26-28 No School - Thanksgiving Break	
	15	16	17	18	19]		
	22	23	24	25	26	December 2025	
	29	30	31	1	2	19 Half Day - Christmas Break begins (7:30-11:30a/8:4	0-11:30a) End of 1st Semester
Jan 2026	[5	6	7	8	9	22-2JAN No School - Christmas Break	
	12	13	14	15	16		
	19	20	21	22	23	anuary 2026	
	26	27	28	29	30	5 School Resumes	
Feb 2026	2	3	4	5	6	19 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
	9	10	11	12	13		
	16	17	18	19	20	ebruary 2026	
	23	24	25	26	27	13 Half Day (7:30-11:25a/8:40-11:40a)	
Mar 2026	2	3	4	5	6	Parent/Teacher Conferences (gr 6-12: 12:00-3:00p gr I	DK-5: 12:30-3:30p all by appointment only)
	9	10	11	12	13	16 No School - Mid-Winter Break	
	16	17	18	19	20]		
	[23	24	25	26	27	March 2026	
	30	31	1	2	3	6 No School - Staff PD	
Apr 2026	6	7	8	9	10	20 End of 3rd Quarter	
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	20	21	22	23	24	April 2026	
May 2026	27	28	29	30	1	3 No School - Good Friday	
	4	5	6	7	8	6-10 No School - Spring Break	
	11	12	13	14	15	May 2026	
	18	19	20	21	22	May 2026	
Jun 2026	25	26	27	28	29	15 Last Day for Seniors (full day)	
	1	2	3	4]	5	17 Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony	May 201
	8	9	10	11	12	18-19 Last Day for Preschool (PS Promotion Ceremony on	iviay 20j
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eschool: 8:30a-11:30a and 12:30p-3:30p						4 Half day - Last Day for Students DK-11 (7:30-11:30a	/8:40-11:30a) End of 2nd Semester

 \cdot Up to 4 half days are allowed. Diocesan and State of Michigan criteria have been met. \cdot Inclement weather days beyond statutory limit of six (6) days will be virtual/remote learning days.

 \cdot St. Patrick School reserves the right to make calendar changes as necessary.

 \cdot This calendar contains 180 days of student instruction.

Q4: 47 180

Q1: 40

Q2: 41

Q3: 52