



Shamrock News

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

3/28/25

Congratulations: To Isaac FoxElster for being selected as the March high school student of the month.

School Emails: If you are not finding your newsletter or other emails sent from the school, please check your "all mail" folder. It has come to our attention that emails are going into "promotions" or "spam" inboxes. (We hope that these parents are looking at the newsletter from the website.)

Report Cards: An email was sent out this week informing you that report cards for the third quarter (grades DK-12) are available on the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal.

2025-26 Enrollment at St. Patrick School: Enrollment is open. Enrollment letters were recently emailed to all families through Finalsity. 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 Finalsity: If you make changes to your Finalsity 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.

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](#).

Let's go SHAMROCKS!

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 a water bottle. 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



3/31 Var. BB & SB vs. Webberville @ FFF 4p

4/1 JV SB vs. Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart @ FFF 5p

4/2 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a

Reconciliation for 10th grade after Mass

Var. SB vs. Fulton @ FFF 4p

4/3 Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a

Reconciliation for 4th grade after Mass

Var. BB vs. Fulton @ FFF 4p

4/4 No busing - PPS not in session/ICCC not in session

Jeans and spirit wear

Mass for grades 9-12 8a

Stations of the Cross led by the Campus Ministry Team 10:20a

Senior Open Campus Lunch

4/7-11 Spring Break

St. Patrick High School and Middle School

Honor Roll for Third Quarter 2024-2025

12th Grade

Maggie Bengel
Clara Corbeil
Kenzie Fedewa
Olivia Rockey
Isabella Russman
Brayden Simon
Landon Simpson
Gabriel Wernet
Simon White

11th Grade

Brody Beckhold
TJ Chamberlain
Isaac FoxElster
Gavin Groothuis
Mattie Honsowitz
Hudson King
Logan Krieger
Brady Leonard
Aiden Mosser
Maizie Pelc
Nicholas Pung
Lily Sandborn
Charles Thelen
Eden Zimmerman

10th Grade

Lillian Anthony
Francis Austen
Brandsen Brown
Kaeden Brown
Katrina Chen
Marian Davlin
Sean Fedewa
Naomi Hass
Alexis Knoop
Emma Martin
Caleb Pline
Gracelyn Rockey
Isaiah Rockey
Siena Schafer
Jerryd Scheurer
Tyler Schneider
Mason Simon
Macie Smith
Tyler Thelen
Benjamin White

9th Grade

Maria Austen
Charles Bozung
Theodore Brown
Reese Chamberlain
Ivan Chen
Gavin Darling
Kennedy Drake
Joanna Dugan
Charlotte Frazee
Darren Hengesbach
Aislynn King
Levi Knoop
Morgan Krieger
Olivia Martin
Alice Newman
Peyton Schafer
Maximus Schellberg
Shane Smith
Julia White

8th Grade

Isabel Anthony
Patrick Austen
Reed Boyd
Simon Fedewa
Evelyn Hager
Stephanie Huffer
Amelia Lansdell
Jordyn Lansdell
Olivia Lansdell
Macie Leonard
Adelle Martin
Maci Morris
Liam Mosser
Kerrigan Newman
Tanner Owen
Vivian Rockey
Evan Ryder
Nolan Schafer
Benjamin Smith
Olivia Stahl

7th Grade

Emerson Brown
Bree Chamberlain
Hallie Davis
Ian Fandel
Jackson Geissler
Kiley Hengesbach
Bella Hinds
Rhett Honsowitz
Kinsley King
Addison Knoop
Morgan Miller
Josie Pung
Titus Rockey
Joesie Russman
Olivia Schafer
Easton Scheurer
Lucian VanderMey

6th Grade

Maeve Dailey
Mason Forist
Lawson Graszler
Claire Haskin
Faith Higbee
Blair Lafferty
Owen Leik
Ainsley Martin
Audrey Martin
Jameson Miller
Gentry Rockey
Lawrence Rogers
Noah Schneider
Westin Schraubert
Harper Smith
Henry Smith
Brooke Thelen
Jane Tichvon
Brody Trierweiler
David White
Elizabeth Wight

Peanut Butter With A Purpose

Ionia County Youth Advisory Council

is collecting peanut butter for **IM Kids 3rd Meal**.

Our goal is to collect 3,000 pounds of peanut butter.

St. Patrick School will be holding its drive **March 31-April 18!**



IM Kids 3rd Meal is a nonprofit organization that provides close to 700 meals daily for children in need who are residents of Ionia and Montcalm counties.

Without IM Kids, they often would *not get a third meal*.

The grade level group (K-2, 3-5, 6-8 & 9-12) that collects the most will receive an out-of-dress code slip and donuts!

Thank you for your support!



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.



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



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!*



Sponsored by:

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

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

Scan for 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:



2025-2026 School Calendar

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| Aug 2025 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
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| | 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 |
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| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Dec 2025 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| Jan 2026 | [5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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| Feb 2026 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| Mar 2026 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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| Apr 2026 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| May 2026 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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| Jun 2026 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
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| Notes | |
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| 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.