



# Shamrock News

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

4/4/25

We wish all of our school families a relaxing and safe spring break. See you on Monday, April 14.



**Congratulations:** Dennis Schneider is the winner of the March \$500 monthly drawing of the Mega Rock raffle.

**Shorts Season:** Short season began on April 1, students are allowed to wear dress code shorts to school. Shorts may not be worn to Mass.

**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.)

**2025-26 Enrollment at St. Patrick School:** Enrollment is open. Enrollment letters were recently emailed to all families through Finals. The letters included the directions for continuous enrollment with links. All items on the enrollment checklist for returning students must be completed by May 1. 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:** If you make changes to your Finals 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.

**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! Buy your tickets now! [Shamrock Auction Tickets](#).

GO GREEN! GO WHITE!

**April 7 - 11**

Spring Break

**Friday, April 18**

No School - Good Friday  
Daycare closed

**Monday, April 21**

No School - Easter Monday  
Daycare closed



## St. Patrick Rice Bowl Project 20245

A hot dog lunch will be served to all students on

**Wednesday, April 16.**

This is the only hot lunch choice available on this day. Please bring a sack lunch if your child is unable to have the hot dog lunch.

In the spirit of Lent, we ask that a free will donation be contributed to the large rice bowl on this day in place of your normal hot lunch expense. The proceeds of the project will be contributed to Catholic Relief Services.

## St. Patrick Parish Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, April 15 - NO PM MASS (Church closed for waxing)

Wednesday, April 16 - NO AM MASS

Thursday, April 17 - NO AM MASS

The Last Supper Mass - 7pm

Friday, April 18 - Stations of the Cross - 12:00pm

Passion Liturgy - 3:00pm

Saturday, April 19 - Easter Vigil - 9:15pm

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday - Masses at 8:00am & 10:00am



## Calendar of Events



4/7-11 Spring Break

4/13 CMAC Senior-Scholar Athletic Banquet @ Eagle Eye 4p

4/14 Var. BB vs. Lansing Christian @ FFF 4p

MS Track vs. Saranac/Pottersville @ Pottersville 4:30p

4/15 Var. Golf vs. Dansville @ Wheatfield Valley 2:45p

Var. SB @ Martin 4p

JV BB & SB @ Saranac 4:30p

4/16 No School Mass

Reconciliation for 3rd grade 9:30a

Operation Rice Bowl hot dog lunch

Var. Golf vs. Fowler @ Willow Wood 3p

Var. BB & SB @ Perry 4p

Var. Track vs. Saranac/Laingsburg @ Laingsburg 4:30p

4/17 No School Mass

Reconciliation for 4th grade 9:30a

High School Earth Day Assembly 10a

4/18 No School - Good Friday

4/21 No School - Easter Monday



## **St. Patrick Rice Bowl Project 2025**



Each year St. Patrick middle school students assemble rice bowls for St. Patrick Parish. We are holding our 12<sup>th</sup> annual school wide Operation Rice Bowl project.

The students will be provided a hot dog and chip lunch. This will be overseen by the staff and student council of St. Patrick School. In the spirit of Lent we ask that a free will donation be contributed to the large rice bowl created for the project. One of the suggested Catholic Relief Services activities is eating a conservative family meal and giving the saved portion to the project. We are taking this idea and doing it as a school family.

The recommended donation is what you would “normally spend” on your school lunch. Please bring your donation to school on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, when the hotdog lunch will be provided in the cafeteria. At the beginning of the lunch line, you can place your donation in the rice bowl and enjoy your lunch knowing that you have made a difference for many needy families. The hot dog lunch is the only hot lunch choice available on this day. If your child is unable to have a hotdog lunch, please bring a sack lunch.

The proceeds of the project will be contributed to Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Patrick Russman

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St. Patrick School

Operation Rice Bowl Coordinator

# 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 Schrauben  
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](mailto:cortneysmith@portlandstpats.org)

517.647.7551

Aaron Thelen, Early Childhood Director

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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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ST. PAUL'S APOSTLES  
GRAND RAPIDS



**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

  
*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:





**ST. PATRICK**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# 2025-2026 School Calendar

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Notes
Aug 2025	11	12	13	14	15	<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
	18	19	[20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	
Sep 2025	1	2	3	4	5	<b>September 2025</b> 1 No School - Labor Day Break
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
Oct 2025	22	23	24	25	26	<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
	29	30	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
Nov 2025	13	14	15	16	17	<b>November 2025</b> 26-28 No School - Thanksgiving Break
	[20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	
Dec 2025	3	4	5	6	7	<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
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
Jan 2026	24	25	26	27	28	<b>January 2026</b> 5 School Resumes 19 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
Feb 2026	15	16	17	18	19	<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
	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30	31	1	2	
Mar 2026	[5	6	7	8	9	<b>March 2026</b> 6 No School - Staff PD 20 End of 3rd Quarter
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
Apr 2026	26	27	28	29	30	<b>April 2026</b> 3 No School - Good Friday 6-10 No School - Spring Break
	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
May 2026	16	17	18	19	20	<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
	[23	24	25	26	27	
	30	31	1	2	3	
Jun 2026	6	7	8	9	10	<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
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	1	· 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.
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	Q1: 40 Q2: 41 Q3: 52 Q4: 47
	25	26	27	28	29	
	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	180

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

Q1: 40

Q2: 41

Q3: 52

Q4: 47

180