



Shamrock News

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

10/31/25

Congratulations:

- To the boys cross country team who came in second place at regionals earning the right to run at states as an entire team for the first time in 60 years.
- To Marian Davlin who will also be going to states for cross country for the second year in a row. Good luck on Saturday!
- To the high school students of the month for:
September - Augustus Lewanski October - Gracelyn Rockey

Cross Country State Meet Tickets: [Here is the GoFan link](#) for tickets to attend the cross country state meet on Saturday, Nov. 1 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. The girls run at 9:30am and boys at 10:50am.

Varsity Football Game Tickets: [Here is the GoFan link](#) for the football game on Saturday, Nov. 1, St. Patrick vs. Marion at PHS at 5pm. Come on out and support the team. Make some shamrock shakers to bring to the game. Instructions are attached.

City of Portland Scheduled Power Outage: This power outage is scheduled for Saturday, November 1 at 11:00 pm and should conclude by Sunday, November 2 at 8:00 am. Because of the power outage, the heating system in the Church will not be running during the night so the morning Masses may be chilly. Please dress appropriately.

Socktober Results: Thank-you all for your help with Socktober! St. Patrick School and the Michigan State Police Training Division collected over 2,768 pairs of socks - just over 1,000 of those from SPS families! The socks were delivered to the Homeless Angels Shelter by four of our students.



*Let's go **SHAMROCKS!***

Monday & Tuesday, November 24 & 25

No Busing - PPS not in session

Wednesday-Friday, November 26-28

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Veterans Day: St. Patrick School will have a ceremony to honor local Veterans on Nov. 11 at 10 am. The ceremony and reception is open to Veterans and their families. Students may wear a red, white, and blue shirt with dress code bottoms.

Please Dress for the Weather: Please be aware of the weather each morning. Students should wear jackets on colder mornings. Students are required to go outside with the rest of the class regardless if they have a jacket or not.

School closing phone calls: Portland Public Schools has an automated phone system that automatically calls parents to inform them of school closings. St. Patrick students enrolled in shared time classes (gym, art, music) are automatically placed in their system and will receive a text and call when Portland Public Schools will be closed. If the call is due to inclement weather, St. Patrick School is automatically closed as well. Please be aware that there may be occasions when you may receive a call when it does not affect our students. For example, if St. Patrick School is not in session and PPS cancels due to a snow day. Or PPS is closed for a reason that would not close St. Patrick School such as a power outage. Please be conscious of what the closing is for and if it affects St. Patrick School. Phone calls will go out to all people in their system. St. Patrick School also sends an email and text message in the event of any closing after we are notified. You may receive more than one notification.



Good Luck at States!

- * To the boys cross country team: TJ Chamberlain, Isaac FoxElster, Francis Austen, Logan Howe, Levi Knoop, and Patrick Austen.
- * Marian Davlin



Calendar of Events



11/1 Var. CC MHSAA Finals @ MIS 8a
5/6 Boys BB vs. St. Mary @ SPS 10a
Var. FB MHSAA Regional Semi-Final vs. Marion @ PHS 5p
11/2 Daylight Saving Time ends
11/3 Var. VB MHSAA District vs. Vestaburg @ Fulton 7p
11/5 Esports Club in room 211 4p
Var. Quiz Bowl @ Perry 4:30p
Var. VB MHSAA District vs. Fulton @ Fulton 7p

11/6 Michigan March for Life @ State Capitol
7/8 Boys BB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5p
Var. VB MHSAA District Final @ Fulton 6p
6th gr. Boys BB @ St. Joseph 7:20p
11/7 Senior Open Campus Lunch
11/8 5/6 Boys BB vs. Resurrection @ SPS 10a

Virtue Corner

Virtue of the Week: Gratitude

This falls under the cardinal virtue of justice, which enables us to give to each, beginning with God, what is due to them.

Definition: Thankful disposition of mind and heart.

Opposing Trait:

- Not expressing appreciation; taking other people and things for granted.

Saint/Blessed: Blessed Solanus Casey

Solanus was a Capuchin friar in the United States who spent most of his life as a porter (or doorkeeper) at the Midwestern friaries in which he lived. Although many people considered him unintelligent, he never allowed this to make him angry. Instead he was always grateful to God for His many blessings. Fr. Solanus frequently said, "Thank God ahead of time," because he knew God would always do good to those who love Him.

Family Discussion Challenge:

Each day before you get out of bed, thank the Lord for three things He has blessed you with. When we begin our day with gratitude, it can change our whole perspective!

Invite a Veteran to attend!



*St. Patrick Catholic School
Faculty, Staff, and Students
Cordially Invite You to our annual ...*

Veterans Day

Observance

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

10:00 AM

School Gymnasium

Cookies and Coffee reception



St. Patrick Catholic School, 122 West St Portland, Michigan 48875 (517)647-7551

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!



Hallowtide

Did you know we as Catholics have great cause for celebration for THREE days this week?! Our Catholic celebrations are vastly different from what the secular world has turned Halloween into, but we have great reason to CELEBRATE!

Here is the breakdown of our three days of Hallowtide:

- October 31: Halloween, or All Hallow's ("hallow" meaning "holy") Eve is when the church begins celebrating All Saints Day, similar to Christmas Eve, the time in which the Church begins celebrating Christmas Day!
- November 1: All Saints Day is a major feast day, a holy day of obligation- which is meant to be celebrated with joyful celebration! On this day, we honor all of the Saints (canonized) and saints (not canonized) living in heaven with our Lord. The Saints provide us with immense hope for our own eternity! Most years this is a Holy Day of Obligation (which means we attend Mass to worship our Lord) but because of the day it falls on, it is not for 2025.
- November 2: We celebrate All Souls Day where we commemorate and pray for the souls in purgatory. We pray that their time of purification will be complete and they can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven with our beloved saints we honored the day before!

Ideas when celebrating All Hallows Eve and Hallowtide:

- Pray for those whose doors you are walking up to for trick or treating. Pray for the dead family members who may still be in purgatory.
- Take a walk through the cemetery praying the Rosary for the souls in purgatory there.
- Simply remember what it is we are actually celebrating and spread His hope through our costumes, our speech, and the joy we have that night!



This is a great time to remember that this life we are living here on earth is but a fraction of time compared to our eternity. We have been given a gift of being born at this time, in this moment and we shouldn't waste it! There is a saying you will hear in many Catholic spheres, "Memento Mori" – which means "remember your death." How we show Christ's love to those He puts in our path matters. Make each encounter and each moment count!

LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE!

School-approved and MHSAA-compliant DIY noisemaker



SHAMROCK SHAKER



Fill an empty 8-20 oz. plastic water or pop bottle (washed and label removed) with a 1/4 cup of rocks, pebbles or stones. Add things like glitter, confetti, ribbon and paint, etc. Glue and screw cap on to secure.

Get creative and show your school spirit at the game. Come cheer our Varsity Shamrocks on to victory!

Dress warm—hot chocolate will be available at concessions to help.

2025 Regional Semi-Final Tournament Game hosted at PHS Stadium

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 @ 5PM

ST. PATS vs MARION

CHRISTMAS CHOIR



ALL Singers Grade 4 thru College

Christmas Choir rehearsal begins Saturday - Nov 8th

Rehearsals will be held in Room #211 at St. Patrick School

(Enter thru door #6, from West Street)

Please reserve the following dates and times:

11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13 from 10:00am - 11:30am

and 12/20 from 10:00am - NOON

We will be singing at the 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Registration NOT required

Questions? Call Dr. James Tavadze at 647-6505 ext. 423

**NOTE: College Age Singers must have attended a
Protecting God's Children Awareness Session**



NEW Campus Ministry Shirts Now Available!

Start your Christmas shopping early! The Campus Ministry Team is hoping you will help spread the Gospel to all those that see you by purchasing and wearing the newest Campus Ministry shirts! They come in both youth and adult sizes for both t-shirts and crewneck sweatshirts, and in multiple different colors. Orders close November 21st at 8pm so you can have them in time for Christmas! [Order now.](#)



Keeping Our Kids Safe

Protecting God's Children for Adults training is conducted by the VIRTUS certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. It is our duty to ensure that all children live in a safe environment. To do so, we need to be armed with knowledge on how to recognize the signs of abuse and what to do if we suspect abuse.

All parish/school staff are **required** to take a safe environment training session. All parish/school volunteers are **required** to take a safe environment training session. This training session can be done online at www.virtus.org. It takes about two hours to complete and is a one time training. You will be asked to register and set up a new account. The forms that are required to be signed can all be done electronically.

If you have school students and would like to attend field trips/school events, this training needs to be completed two weeks prior to the event, **no exceptions**, so don't delay and do it now!

If you have any questions, please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator, Lori Thelen at 517-647-6505 X 419.

ST. PATRICK APPAREL FROM FABRICATED CUSTOMS

New White Apparel Collection

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Keep warm this winter and show Catholic pride all year long at games and on spirit days.



001 Adult Crewneck Sweatshirt

002 Beanie

003 Beanie with Faux Fur Pom

004 Relaxed Twill Dad Hat

005 Adult & Youth Hooded Sweatshirt

006 Adult & Youth T-Shirt

007 Adult Long Sleeve Tee

In case you missed it...

*Alumni shirts
available too!*



[SHOP THE COLLECTION NOW.](#) SCAN QR CODE TO ACCESS ONLINE STORE. CLOSING 8PM 11/2/25.