



# Shamrock News

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February 27, 2026

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to the girls bowling team for being regional champions last Friday! They are bowling at states today. Congratulations also to the bowling team members who made it to state finals as individual bowlers: Francis Austen, Katrina Chen, and Reese Chamberlain. They will be bowling at states on Saturday. Good luck!

**Save the Date:** St. Patrick School Open House will take place on Wednesday, March 25 from 4:30 - 6:00pm. All are welcome!

**NHS Blood Drive:** The American Red Cross blood drive is being hosted by St. Patrick School on Tuesday, March 17, from 8 am to 1:45 pm in the Parish Hall. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to sign up and to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment to save time signing in. If a student or faculty member donates blood, they will get an out-of-dress-code slip!

**2026-27 Financial Aid Applications:** The deadline for round three is March 1, 2026. This applies for students in grades DK-11. A new application must be filled out each year. You can find the [application](#) and [instructions](#) here or on the school website under Prospective Families, Tuition/Scholarships.



## GOOD LUCK AT STATES!

- To the girls bowling team: Bree Chamberlain, Addison Knoop, Katrina Chen, Charlotte Frazee, and Reese Chamberlain.
- To the individuals: Katrina Chen, Reese Chamberlain, and Francis Austen.

### Special Days

**Friday, March 6**

No School - Professional Development Day

**Friday, March 13**

No DK or Kindergarten - Kindergarten Round-Up

**Friday, March 20**

No afternoon busing - PPS ½ day

**Wednesday, March 25**

Open House 4:30 - 6:00 pm

**Friday, April 3**

No School - Good Friday

**April 6 - 10**

No School - Spring Break



**Congratulations:** Congratulations to the winners of the Marriage Gala Mega Rock Raffle:

\$5,000	Allen Pline	\$500	Tony Pung
\$2,500	Dorothy Keusch	\$250	Scott Peake
\$1,000	Dave/Mary Campbell	\$250	Sara Smith
\$750	Mark Simpson	\$250	Matt Pline
\$500	Ryan Lay	\$250	Jim Quimby

The next grand prize winners will be announced at the Shamrock Auction on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

 Shamrock Pride 

## Calendar of Events

- 2/27 Var. Girls Bowling MHSAA State Team Finals @ Skore Lanes  
Var. Boys BB MHSAA District Final @ Fowler 7p
- 2/28 Var. Bowling MHSAA State Individual Finals @ Skore Lanes
- 3/2 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Girls BB vs. New Covenant Christian @ SPS 5p  
Var. Girls BB MHSAA District @ Carson City-Crystal 5:30p
- 3/4 MS Esports Club 4p  
Var. Girls BB MHSAA District @ Carson City-Crystal 5:30p

- 3/5 Talent Show
- 3/6 No School - Teacher Professional Development  
Var. Girls BB MHSAA District @ Carson City-Crystal 7p
- 3/8 Daylight Savings Time starts  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation @ St. Andrew Cathedral 3p

# Virtue Corner

## **Virtue of the Week: Magnanimity**

Magnanimity falls under the Cardinal Virtue of Fortitude. Fortitude enables one to endure difficulties for the sake of what is good.

### **Definition:**

Seeking with confidence to do great things in God; literally having a “large soul.”

### **Opposing Trait:**

- Seeking to do great things for self-promotion - not seeking to do the good that is possible - spinelessness

### **Ways to Cultivate:**

- Having an awareness of the goodness of God in yourself
- Complimenting someone else when you wanted to be recognized
- Offering every action to God for His glory
- Making sacrifices for God
- Seeking with confidence to do great things for God
- When faced with obstacles, I confidently rely on God’s grace. When something shakes me, I remember that God won’t give me anything I can’t handle with His help.
- I build others up; I readily compliment others and acknowledge their goodness and gifts.
- I am able to “let go”—overlooking discourtesies, slights, being forgotten, etc. The pettiness of others does not disturb my resolve to pursue goodness.

### **Family Discussion Challenge:**

How can we be more magnanimous as a family?



# March is Reading Month



Growing in Faith and Wisdom with Saint Patrick

<b>Grow in the Virtue of Faith:</b> Pray the Act of Faith	2 Read a Bible Story	3 Read about a Saint  Dress up Day- Dress up as a Biblical Character/Saint/Inspirational Message	4 Quiet Reading- Be still	5 Write One Thing You learned about God	6 Pray for Missionaries NO SCHOOL
<b>Grow in the Virtue of Hope:</b> Pray the Act of Hope	9 Read about a brave character	10 Share a challenge you overcame  -Dress up Day- Colors of the Rainbow DK-Red, K/1- Orange, 2- Yellow, 3- Green, 4 - Blue, 5- Violet & Indigo	11 Read Silently for 20 minutes	12 Write about a time you were courageous.	13 Offer to read to someone in need
<b>Grow in the Virtue of Love:</b> Pray the Act of Love  Mental Health Awareness Week	16 Read about Kindness  Jesus the Healer- Dress up in one color from head to toe- Ex. White (healing, restored, new life)	17 Do one secret act of Kindness  Dress up Day - Super Spirit Day - Wear as much Green as you can	18 Partner Read- Read to someone  Wear Teal & Purple for Mental Health Awareness - Joggers and Jeans acceptable	19 Write a Thank You Note  Faith/Inspirational Shirts- Joggers and Jeans acceptable	20 Class Gratitude Prayer  Community- Comfy clothes (No leggings or Pajamas)
<b>Grow in your Mission to get to Heaven:</b> Pray the Rosary as a Family	23 Learn how St. Patrick shared the Gospel	24 Read about a Missionary  Dress up Day -We are all God's Treasures- dress up in Gold/yellow/Sparkles	25 Reflect: How can I share about Jesus?	26 Complete Shamrock Tracker and Return to your Teacher!!	27 Celebration Day!!  Please see the classroom newsletter for details.

All students in grades DK-12 are allowed to dress up for March is Reading month and Mental Health week.

### Act of Faith Prayer

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen.

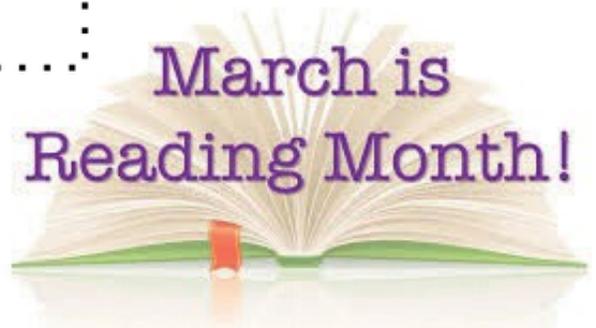
### Act of Hope Prayer

O Lord God, I hope by your grace for the pardon of all my sins and after life here to gain eternal happiness because you have promised it who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful. In this hope I intend to live and die. Amen.

### Act of Love Prayer

O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

# March is Reading Month!



*Senior Capstone Project*



# BABY DRIVE!

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**diapers, wipes, formula,  
baby food, etc.**

**All donations go to ISD  
early on program and  
PSIC**

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**March 16-22nd**



**Collection boxes in St. Patrick  
Elementary Hallway and St. Patrick  
Church**

# Mental Health Week 2026

## March 16th-20th

### Rest in Christ: Healing the Mind Through Faith, Hope & Love

#### **Monday March 16th**

- Theme: Jesus as the Healer
- Dress up day: Healed and Restored - Pick a color to wear from head to toe - White (healing, restored, new life), Blue (peace, calm & trust), Green (growth)
- Event: Mark Scheurer will be speaking to our Middle School students. A letter about this event was emailed to all Middle School parents on February 27th.

#### **Tuesday March 17th**

- Theme: Our Patron Saint
- Dress up day: Super spirit wear (Joggers or jeans may be worn; no leggings or pajamas)

#### **Wednesday March 18th**

- Theme: Prayer
- Dress up day: Wear teal and purple for mental health awareness (Joggers or jeans may be worn; no leggings or pajamas)

#### **Thursday March 19th**

- Theme: Faith over Fear
- Dress up day: Faith/Inspirational shirts (Joggers or jeans may be worn; no leggings or pajamas)

#### **Friday March 20th**

- Theme: Community
- Dress up day: Comfy clothes (No leggings or pajamas)
- Event: Ethan Getchell will be speaking to our High School students. A letter about this event was emailed to all high school parents on Friday February 27th.

## 2026 Spring Trap Open House Thursday, March 5th 6pm to 8pm



### 2024 Fall Trap Conference Champs

Join us at **Oakhill Gun Club**(1900 S. Pline Rd, Lyons MI 48851) and find out more about competitive trap shooting. Coaches will answer any questions you may have, see information below.

#### SPS Trap 2026 Spring Season

Open to students in grades 6-12. League info available at [miclaytarget.com](http://miclaytarget.com)  
New shooters will need to complete hunter's safety before the season starts.  
Sports physicals needed on record in the school office.

#### Shooting Days:

All shooting during the league takes place at Oak Hill Gun Club. Students must shoot 2 competition rounds of 25 shells each per week during the following available times:

**Thursdays 6pm-8pm (competition scored).**

(Minimum two practice rounds per week are encouraged to enhance skills)

Coaches: Craig Corbeil, Pete Hengsbach, Troy Smith

#### 2026 Spring League Schedule

- 2/3:** Team and student athlete registration opens
- 3/23:** Athlete registration closes – All Athletes must be registered by this date – NO EXCEPTIONS
  
- 3/5:** Practice & Open House with Parents Meeting
- 3/12:** Practice
- 3/19:** Practice
- 3/26:** Practice
- 3/31:** Practice
- 4/9:** Practice
- 4/16:** Practice/Reserve Week
- 4/23:** Competition Week 1
- 4/30:** Competition Week 2
- 5/7:** Competition Week 3
- 5/14:** Competition Week 4
- 5/21:** Competition Week 5
- 5/25:** Season Final Results Posted
- 6/20-21** State Trap Tournament, Mason MI

Contact Troy Smith if you have any questions (517) 526-1663

# ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

# OPEN HOUSE

- *Daycare*
- *Preschool*
- *Grades DK - 12*

**Wednesday,  
March 25, 2026**

**4:30 - 6:00 PM**

122 West Street  
Portland, Michigan

**DK & Kindergarten Round Up  
Friday, March 13**

We invite you to consider St. Patrick School for your child who will turn five on or before Sept. 1, 2026 (for our kindergarten program) or five before Dec. 31, 2026 (for our DK program). We offer an education where students can grow spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically in a loving, Christian environment.



To register for Round Up call:  
**517-647-7551**



Visit us:  
[portlandstpats.com](http://portlandstpats.com)



SHAMROCK AUCTION 2026

*A Night for the*

# GREEN & WHITE

- DINNER & DRINKS
- DRESS IN YOUR BEST SHAMROCK SPIRIT WEAR!
- RAFFLES & 50/50
- SILENT/LIVE AUCTIONS
- ENTERTAINMENT

**FRIDAY**  

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**APRIL 24**  

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Doors open at 6:00pm  
Knights Hall, Portland

Buy tickets and follow updates on the auction website:

<https://onecau.se/shamrockauction26>

*Celebrating Our Roots*  *Growing Our Future*