



Shamrock News

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October 2, 2026



Congratulations: Kim Schafer is the winner of the September \$500 monthly drawing of the Mega Rock Raffle. The Fall Fest Mega Rock winners will be announced at the varsity football game on October 16th. Tickets may be purchased online or by turning them in at the school or parish office. Buy two tickets, get one free ends on October 15. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Hodge.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: A letter from the administration was emailed to all parents this week. Please read the letter regarding the changes for conferences this year.

Halloween Parties and Parade: Halloween parties will take place on Friday, October 30. Please see your child's classroom newsletter for the time. The elementary Halloween parade will take place at 3:15pm. Parents and Grandparents can watch the parade in the gym. Students may be signed out from their classroom if parents would like to take them home early.

Halloween Costumes: As you are buying/making Halloween costumes, please remember that we have a **NO** weapons (real or pretend), gore, blood, or make-up policy.

Touching Safety Opt Out: If you do not want your student to participate in the Touching Safety program on November 9th, please fill out and return the attached form.

Lost and Found: If your child is missing their jacket, sweatshirt, sweater, water bottle, lunch box, etc. have them look on the lost and found table located in the elementary hallway. Be sure to label everything. Our lost and found table is overwhelmed with items.

Special Days

Friday, October 9

No busing - PPS not in session

Thursday & Friday, October 15 & 16

No School - Diocesan PD

Thursday & Friday, October 22 & 23

No afternoon busing - PPS ½ days

Tuesday, November 3

No busing - PPS not in session

Pay it Forward Day: This is a day of service where our students do community service such as raking leaves or small service projects in our community. It will take place on Friday, October 30. Students in grades 6-12 are asked to bring rakes and tarps to school (please put names on them). Rakes are not allowed on the bus so make plans to drop them off in advance. It will also be an out of dress code day. If you know someone within walking distance of the school that needs their yard raked or have a small project, please contact the school.

Picture Retake Day: Picture retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27.

2026-27 St. Patrick School Family Directory: This was emailed to all families who participate in the directory. If changes need to be made to your household information at any time, please share the change with the school office.



Calendar of Events



10/2 Var. FB vs. Pickford @ Indian River Inland Lakes 7p
10/3 JV VB @ Dansville INV 9a
Fr. VB @ Perry INV 9a
5/6 White VB CYL Tournament vs. St. Mary @ St. Casimir 9a
Var. CC @ Dewitt INV 9:30a
5/6 Green VB CYL Tournament vs. Resurrection @ St. Casimir 12p
5/6 FB vs. Breckenridge @ Coleman 1:15p
10/5 6th grade walking field trip
7/8 VB @ Perry 5p
10/6 ASVAB for 10th grade
Cherubim Choir Practice 3:30-4:45p
7/8 FB vs. Webberville @ FFF 6p
Dual Enrollment/FAFSA Night in Parish Hall 6:30p
10/7 No Mass
Big Rock/Little Rock Activity

10/7 Diocesan All-School Rosary @ 1:15p
Esports Club 4p
JV FB vs. Fulton @ FFF 5p
Fr., JV & Var. VB @ Perry 5:30p
10/8 High School Bible Study 6:30a
No Mass
MS & Var. CC CMAC Jamboree @ Bath 4:30p
7/8 VB vs. Lansing Christian @ SPS 5p
10/9 No busing - PPS not in session
No Mass
Fire Safety Presentation
10/10 Var. VB @ Ionia INV 9a
5/6 FB vs. Coleman @ Merrill 1:15p
Var. FB @ Fulton 7p

Virtue Corner

Virtue of the Week:

Sincerity

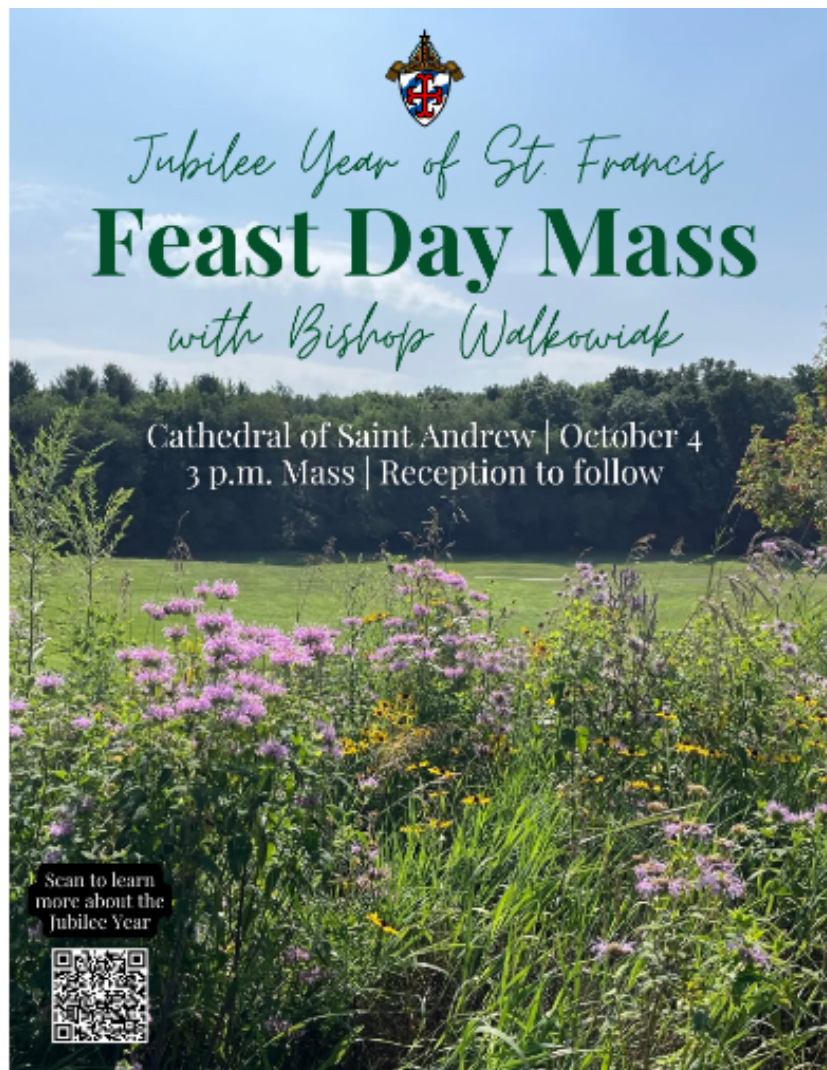
Definition: Truthfulness in words and actions; honesty and enthusiasm toward others; authenticity.

Scripture Verse: John 21:15-17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these? He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, You told us that You are "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Since You are the Truth, please help me to be genuinely sincere with everyone I meet today. Give me an authentic desire to be present to them, to encourage them, and to honestly care about the way my actions impact them. Amen.



HAPPY SOCK-TOBER!!

St. Patrick School will be partnering with The Michigan State Police Training Division in collecting brand new socks of all sizes and colors from October 1 - October 30, 2026.

Place **NEW socks only** in the tote near the lost and found table. All donations will go to support the Portland area community and Portland & St. Patrick Schools.

This corporal act of mercy is a great way to give to others in need. Thank you for doing what you can to be Jesus' hands and feet.



Warm Feet!! Warm Hearts!! God Bless!!



St. Patrick Catholic School

Preschool through Grade 12

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!

To: Parents of St. Patrick DK-12 Students
From: Mrs. Casey Lenneman (DK-5 Principal)
Deacon Randy Hodge (6-12 Principal)
Subject: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program
Date: October 2, 2026

St. Patrick School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, *Touching Safety*, to all students in their religion/theology class on November 9, 2026. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Grand Rapids, and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. If you have questions about the program we encourage you to visit the *Touching Safety* program online at www.virtus.org. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page and return it to your child’s teacher no later than Tuesday, November 3. This form needs to be completed each year you wish to opt-out.

If you have any questions, please contact Casey Lenneman or Randy Hodge at (517) 647-7551.

Opt-out form for use with the *Touching Safety* program

St. Patrick School DOES NOT have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child(ren):

Student First and Last Name

Grade

Parent name (printed): _____

Parent signature: _____ Date _____

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FOR A FALL FUNDRAISER

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Fall + Christmas Scents

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