



Little Giants. BIG News.

MARCH 2025

The mission of Saint Patrick School is: That everyone in the Saint Patrick School community encounter Jesus, grow in Him, and witness to others through a Christ-centered academic environment.

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

I want to thank all our families who are helping the Men's Club with the Annual Lenten Fish Fry. The Men's Club has given us such a great opportunity to help make this event a success. Recently, I received a mysterious envelope in the mail. What made it so mysterious was all the stamps that covered the envelope. But the best part of this mail was the letter enclosed (I've attached it here). The hard work of the Men's Club and of our students and their parents is not unnoticed. It was a beautiful testimony to the way this community works and plays together!



This school year is moving on quickly, and so many great things have taken place in the last few weeks. Our successful Open House, chaired by Hillary Lange and Nicole Jaskot, and made possible by so many great parent volunteers, brought in our largest numbers ever. Tour-guides walked parents from classroom to classroom to meet teachers and see the school. Many of these stopped in the gym afterward to begin the enrollment process. I want to thank all of you who helped make this an exciting night and a great success.

We kicked off Reading Month with students diving into serious reading activities. I was able to visit each classroom to read some of my favorite stories. Students are busy in several contests including the Red Wings Reading Contest, and the Wendy's Frosty/Proverbs reading program. I plan to spend time reading to the students again and to read with them in the gym to finish off the month.

Thank you to all who attended the recent Dine to Donate fundraiser at Applebee's! Through your generosity we raised \$290.15! This money will be used toward our iXL subscription. iXL offers additional learning opportunities for our students in math, science, and social studies. Thank you for investing in our youth!!

By the time you read this, our annual Saint Patrick Day Breakfast will be enjoyed. Followed by a visit from Bishop Monforton on Friday, March 21. Thank you to all the parents who helped with these two events. Our school shines with these special moments!

The Living Stations of the Cross will be acted out in the church on Thursday, April 16. Time will be announced soon. Unfortunately, our Good Friday Living Stations has been cancelled.

Please remember that April 4th is a day off school for our students as the staff of Saint Patrick School and Divine Grace Parish will be participating in a retreat for all Archdiocese of Detroit staff.

Principal Carl Lenze,

This past Friday my wife and I along with about 12 others, from the Brownstown Senior Travel Club had the pleasure to a fantastic fish dinner at The Divine Grace Men's Club Fish . The meal was delicious, but what really impressed us was the children helping us to our tables, caring our food & then taking care of the trash. And this young girl named Evelyn. OMG she was delight to see her in action, Linda and I will see you again next Friday. Well worth the drive from Dearborn.

Your Truly

Gary Kilduff

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Easter break will be April 17th through the 21st and our last go at Star Testing will begin April 22nd and close May 17th. Teachers will notify you of the actual dates for testing.

As the year moves into its last hurrah, the students and staff are excited to see that ground has been broken and the new Chapel is underway! This is due to the tremendous support of so many families and friends of Saint Patrick School who donated to the construction and to Aaron Jones for spearheading the project.



As I close this letter, I want to point out how blessed we all are to work with your beautiful children. God is working in their lives and is it a blessing to be part of their growth in their love of Jesus. The picture of our Morning Chapel shows the candles burning in the background representing the prayers your children pray for their families and friends each day. Chapel is led by an eighth-grade student every day, and our scripture verses are read by eager children in the first, second and third grades. In this picture one of the

third-grade boys holds the book of Scripture for the two students reading!

Morning Chapel is a great way to start the day together. Parents are always invited to worship with us. Exciting days ahead!

God bless you all.

Carl Lenze, Principal



March Reading Month

Senator Joe Bellino was one of our surprise readers!

Here is he reading 'Pete the Cat' to our early elementary students. He even got up and brought the book to life! Can you hear the giggles?!?

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School Committee Updates

Saint Patrick School – School Committee has openings for the 2025-26 school year. We are looking for parents who would be willing to help shape the future direction of Saint Patrick School, to apply for one of these positions, and/or to nominate someone for an open position on the Committee. Those interested in joining the SPS School Committee should submit their intention and biography to Mr. Lenze at principal@stpatrick.school by Wednesday, April 2nd. Nominations are also due by this date. If needed, elections for the 2025-26 school year will take place.

There are many ways to prepare our hearts for the death and resurrection of Jesus as we journey through Lent. Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:20pm through April 11th. Divine Grace Parish will also be offering Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesdays through April 9th from 5-6:30pm in Madonna Hall, located next to St. Joseph Church in Maybee. Free will offering. On Wednesday, April 9 at 7pm there is a Communal Penance Service at Divine Grace Parish, Carleton. There is a special Stations of the Cross Through the Eyes of Mary on Wednesday, April 16 at 7pm at Divine Grace Parish, Carleton. This is a very unique and moving depiction of the Stations and we encourage you to bring your family.



The Spelling Bee

By Rocco Davis

Hi my name is Rocco Davis and I was the winner of the 5th and 6th grade spelling bee of 2025. It was extremely nerve racking. The 7th and 8th graders are doing their spelling bee sometime this week. The second place person in the spelling bee was Lucy. She is a 6th grader. The word that made me win was inscrutable which means mysterious. I was so glad that I won. My heartbeat was going a million miles per hour.

5th + 6th grade winners: 1st Rocco Davis, 2nd Lucy Orris, 3rd Seth Jaskot



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Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

By Maggie Jones

St. Perpetua was born in Carthage, North Africa in the second century. When Perpetua was 22 she became a Christian, but during that time the Romans were persecuting Christians. Perpetua's dad didn't want her to become a Christian because he didn't want to lose her. Perpetua then said, "I cannot be called anything but what I am: a Christian." Then Perpetua was caught by the Romans and taken to prison. While she was in prison her baby daughter was able to be with her for a short time. Later they beheaded her with a sword because the wild beasts in the arena didn't kill her. St. Perpetua died in Rome on March 7, 203. St. Felicity was friends with St. Perpetua and also became a Christian. Felicity was pregnant and her baby was born while she was in jail with Perpetua and some other Christians. Since Felicity couldn't keep her baby, some other secret Christians adopted her child. She died with St. Perpetua and they share a feast day on March 7th. Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, pray for us!






We had a very successful Open House! Twenty-six potential new students and their families toured our school Monday, February 24th. This success is very exciting and a testament to what we are doing here at St. Patrick School. The School Committee wishes to thank all of those who worked so hard to showcase our school for this important event. We are already planning for next year, so be sure to register soon! St. Patrick School is the place to be!



ST. PAT'S
Yearbook Sale

Who? Parents of our Giants	What? Yearbooks are for sale!
Where? Online at https://inter-state.com/YearbookEntry/92875D	Cost? 14 dollars
Why? To remember the 2024-2025 school year!	When? Order today - March 25th



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Foundation News:

The SPS Foundation has broken ground on the new adoration and prayer chapel. While we are excited to get started on this project, our progress this time of year will be slow. The ground is still very wet and we need to take the appropriate time to let the ground dry out. Our next step will be to pour the footing so we can start building up from there. From a financial perspective we are still hoping to raise \$3,000 in order to fully meet our fundraising goal!!!



While the project is moving forward, we are still working to cover the costs. Donations can be made below:

Checks Payable to:

St. Patrick School Foundation
2555 W. Labo, Carleton MI 48117

Credit Card Payment



Venmo:

@sps-foundation2017

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

By: Isabelle Jones and Elsie Lange

On March 1st, the 8th graders had the opportunity to attend a retreat at St. Joe's Erie for a spiritual awakening in their journey to Confirmation. This picture shows the NET (National Evangelization Team) Ministries interacting with the confirmandi.

We watched skits, played games, and prayed. For lunch we had cheese pizza and cookies with the NET leaders.

Reflecting on the Eucharist, having the opportunity to have confession, and being prayed over by our small group leaders was fantastic. Playing games like 'fruit basket' was enjoyed by most, which included running around and interacting with confirmands from different schools. The adults from the NET were cool, kind, and inspiring using words like 'jazzed' and 'siked' showing you can be deep in your Catholic faith while being an adult who is truly enlightened in Christ with no embarrassment. Thank you to Mr. Bolster from the SPS 8th grade class and Mrs. Jones for making the shirts.



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Join us for Mass on Fridays at 11am



Daddy Daughter Dance

Maggie Jones and Valor Bishop

The Daddy Daughter Dance was fantastic! It was BEAUTIFUL! Everyone was dancing and the dads looked sharp. There were lights EVERYWHERE. They really made everything fun! The songs were amazing, and with every song someone would be singing their hearts out and dancing. Everyone loved the songs! Our favorite song was "My Lighthouse." There were also treats, like strawberries, brownies, cookies, popcorn, and lemonade. It really just made everything better.

We loved the Daddy Daughter Dance! It was magnificent! Next year, you should come!



FISH FRY SEASON

The Divine Grace Men's Club is hosting our Famous Lenten Fish Frys. \$10,000 annual donation directly to the school, those amazing new gym lights, the kitchen and gym modifications, those awesome new sports uniforms—all this just last year alone... what will we come up with next? Support the fish fry and find out.

Save this flyer and please spread the word on this amazing tradition!! Questions?

presidentmensclub@gmail.com



Adults \$18
Seniors \$15
(65 & up)
Kids 12 & Under \$9
Credit & Debit Accepted

**Divine
Grace
Men's
Club**

St. Patrick School
2970 W. Labo Rd. Carleton

DINE IN or TAKE OUT
"Fish Frydays"

4:00 - 6:30PM

March 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th
April 4th & 11th, 2025

Fried or Baked Cod, Fried Pike Perch,
Jumbo Shrimp, French Fries,
Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans,
Mac and Cheese, Nachos, Cole Slaw, Roll,
Ice Cream, and Homemade Desserts

The Divine Grace Men's Club is a nonprofit organization. Proceeds from our fundraisers directly benefit Divine Grace Parish, St. Patrick School and our CYO sports program and teams. Thank you for your continued support!



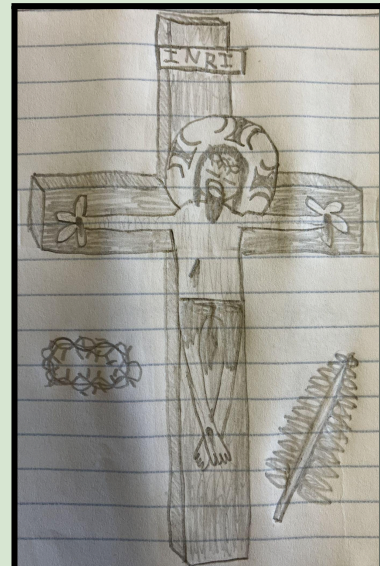
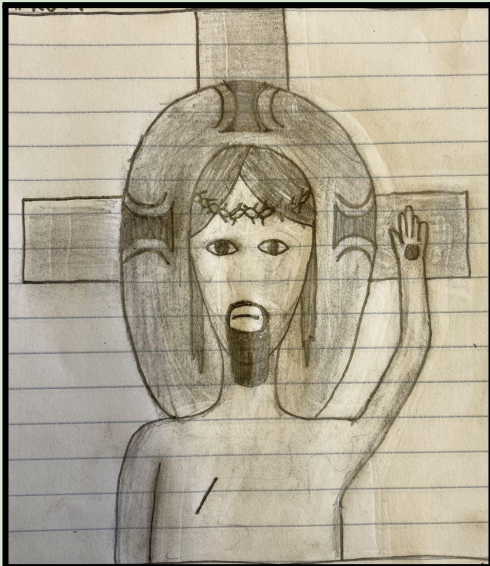
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St. Joseph By: Elise Collins

St. Joseph was born in Bethlehem and he lived a peaceful life. Not much is known about the childhood of St. Joseph. The first time he appears in the Gospel is when they are listing Jesus' genealogy. Joseph was betrothed to Mary, but we don't know how old he was at the time. At one point he found out that Mary was pregnant (it was by the Holy Spirit but he didn't know that). Since he was a righteous man and didn't want to bring Mary to shame he decided to divorce her quietly. While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream and told him, "Joseph do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home, for she has conceived of the Holy Spirit." So he did! St. Joseph taught Jesus many things including how to be a carpenter. Jesus loved his foster father very much. St. Joseph's feast day is March 19th and it's celebrated as a Solemnity. He is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people. St. Joseph, pray for us!

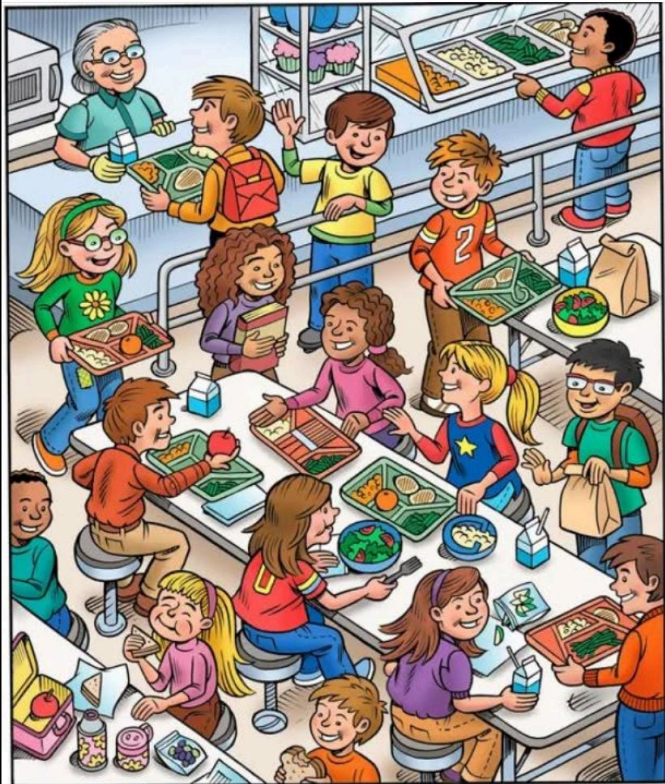
Weston Paullus Prayer Journal- 6th Grade



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Find: flashlight, pennant, screw, button, sock, crescent moon, bell, horse shoe, leaf, envelope, feather, banana, hanger, and mitten.



FALL PLANNING:

- ☘ August 18th: Back to School Night for all SPS Families
- ☘ August 20th: First 1/2 Day of School for K-8
- ☘ Preschool will begin after Labor Day

Spring Ball is in FULL swing!



GIANT'S LOOK AHEAD:

- March 17: St. Patrick Day Breakfast
- March 24-28: NO SCHOOL
- April 1: Registration Cost Increases**
- April 4: NO SCHOOL (AoD Conference)
- April 9: Bible Bee K-8
- April 10: 5th-8th Field Trip (Science Center)
- April 16: Living Stations
- April 17-21: NO SCHOOL (Easter)
- April 22: Star Test Starts
- April 20: Solemnity of Easter
- May 2: SPS Cookout
- May 7: Confirmation Mass
- May 10: First Communion



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