



Little Giants. BIG News.

APRIL 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, Catholic, academic environment.

Principal's Corner

Dear Friends and Families,

So we face the last quarter of the school year. How quickly time moves along! With Spring comes many of the most important events of our school's year. Events we've been looking forward to since the year began. And as they approach we know these events mark the end of a long journey for many of you. With joy and best wishes we face our First Communions, Confirmation, and Graduation.

This year Mrs. Ann Iott is back working with our talented students on the school play. The magic of Ann Iott and the wonder of Dr. Suess will light up the night in laughter and song. All are welcome. You won't want to miss seeing our talented young actors as they take the stage.



We look forward to all of these with joy and excitement, and with the knowledge that another year has come to a close. Enrollment for next year is moving along. Numbers look good for the upcoming school year. A special thank you goes out to Hillary Lange, Nicole Jaskot, Sierra Grubb, Kristen Haddix, and many others who have put so much time and energy toward ensuring our community continues to thrive and grow. Many others are also working behind the scenes to make this coming year as successful as this one has been. Please make sure you have our Spring Festival on your calendars, May 16-18. Come help us make this another banner year for the Saint Patrick Festival.

Finally, please remember our graduates as they finish up their last year as students at Saint Patrick. All of your hard work for the last nine years (and some of you eleven years) has brought you to this point. You've accomplished much and have great new horizons waiting for you. Always keep your eyes on Christ and your hearts on the road ahead. Remember Saint Patrick School is always your home!

Carl Lenze



Why A Classical Curriculum Matters at St. Patrick School

At its heart, a classical education helps our students grow in wisdom and virtue. It's not just about learning facts—it's about learning to think deeply, speak clearly, and live faithfully. By reading great books, studying Latin, and exploring the roots of our faith and culture, students gain a strong foundation that shapes both their minds and their hearts. It's an education that forms the whole person—just like our Catholic faith calls us to do.

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F.I.R.E. Conference, by Mrs. Anna Miller

On Friday April 4th, the staff and I went to the FIRE conference in Novi. We were lucky enough to all sit together and listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz. He talked about how important it is to make disciples out of the students at our school. Our job together is to make our students and our children disciples of God. It really made me think about moving forward and how important it is to focus on bringing the faith more to these Kindergartens as they are just starting to question and understand more about Jesus.

After Fr. Mike talked, the staff celebrated a mass with our new Archbishop. He did a wonderful job and again focused on the message Fr. Mike gave earlier, making disciples.

We all attended "break out" sessions after lunch. Each teacher got to pick a topic that they wanted to hear about. Some of us choose to listen to the session called "Making Every Class Catholic." As a Classical school teacher, I thought this would be the most beneficial to me and would help me get more ideas on how to make more of the classes that I teach to become more Catholic. This break out session did not disappoint! I felt uplifted afterward as the information that the speaker was telling us was a lot of the same things that we already do as a school. It made me feel like St. Patrick School is doing the right things and we are going to make amazing disciples for Jesus as our students grow in Him everyday.

The conference ended with Fr. Mike sharing how we could help our staff grow together. I feel like we all work as a team and will continue to work together to provide the best education for our students. There were many laughs, many praises, and we all left feeling ready to make disciples out of all the students at St. Patrick School.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday, May 13,

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima: 2:00pm Exposition, 2:45pm Benediction

School Committee

A big role of the School Committee is recruitment and retention of students and families at St. Patrick School. After a record-breaking Open House attendance in February, we have been busy tracking enrollment and increasing marketing. We have had a steady increase of student enrollment over the past 11 years and we are trending in the right direction for the Fall. If you have not enrolled, we encourage you to register or contact the school office soon. Remember, tuition is not due at this time, only the family registration fee. We continue to offer tours and shadow day opportunities to potential Giants and many of them have enrolled! Please share with your family and friends as we continue to grow our school, strengthen our community, and build His kingdom together.

A sincere thank you to Joel Grubb and Gabby Williams for being valuable and influential members of our School Committee. They have both fulfilled their terms and we are grateful for their dedication, leadership, and unwavering support of our students, staff, parents, and community. With this, elections will be taking place soon and we have many qualified candidates who are eager to serve. More details will be shared by Mr. Lenze in the coming weeks. Please continue to keep our School Committee in your prayers!



Illustration by Valor Bishop



Parent Mixer

Join us Saturday April 26th, at 6pm at the Little Brown Jug in Maybee. All are welcome! A fun night out with food, music, and catching up.

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MEN'S CLUB UPDATE

April 11th marked the 6th and final fish 'Fryday' for the 2025 Lenten season. This year, we had the honor of serving a record high 3,400 people over a six week span. The Men's Club wholeheartedly extends our deepest gratitude to every parent, student, faculty, and parishioner for not only the help and support but, for the patronage to the school and parish in this welcoming community event. From this event, the Men's Club will donate \$10,000 directly to the school and will continue to support the majority of the CYO sports program at SPS. The Men's Club welcomes all dads, grandfathers, and affiliated men of the school to join us every 2nd Monday of the month for our monthly meeting as we game plan and strategize our next funded project or improvement to the school and parish grounds.

For more information please contact: John Bozzo presidentmensclub@gmail.com (Men's Club President)



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Spring season is in full swing! We have two students signed up for track at Holy Ghost, four girls playing on a combined Monroe Catholic 7th/8th grade softball team, 12 girls signed up for our B softball team, and 13 boys rostered for our B baseball team.

For Track, Weston is competing in the long jump, Reese is in the high jump, and both athletes are competing in several running events. They had a great first meet in Napoleon, Ohio and are working hard to reach their goals.

We are fortunate again this year to have all three baseball/softball teams playing their home games at our St. Patrick's location and their schedules favor more home games than away games! This is a great opportunity for the Divine Grace community to come out and support the students on a spring evening.

Games started April 7th week for the B softball team and they won their first four games against MCES. B baseball and A softball started their games April 14th.

Come on out to a home game, grab a hot dog from the concession stand, pull up your lawn chair, and cheer on your GIANTS!!

Highlights to look forward to this year:

- Defending our B baseball championship from last year.
- B baseball playing a single game the Friday night of our festival.
- Defending our B softball championship from last year.
- B softball to continue their unbeaten streak for a 4th year in a row.
- B softball playing end of season tournament Friday of the festival.



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Easter Blessings!

By: June Salenbien, 5th Grade

As we celebrate the gift of new beginnings and the spirit of hope, may love fill our hearts and may we spread joy through kindness and compassion. Here's a prayer you can try during the Easter season: Dear LORD, thank you for your gift of renewal and grace. May your love guide us, your hope sustain us, and your grace shine in us in a special way today. Amen.



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Saint Patrick School is a Christ-centered, Spirit-filled, solid Christian community. Students are immersed in the Scriptures, and our curriculum is rooted in faith. Here, children encounter Jesus, grow in Him, and witness to others. Join our vibrant community where your child will thrive, grow, and succeed.



Why Choose Us?

- Christ-centered ✓
- Classical Curriculum ✓
- Academic Excellence ✓
- Engaged Community ✓
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Crayfish

By Luke West, 5th grade

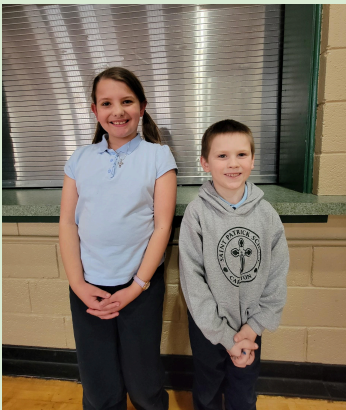


One day, my class was at recess and I found a crayfish on the soccer field! So we decided to take it in as a class pet and we put it in a glass jar and filled it with some water. The next day, we were walking outside and we found another crayfish so we took that one in, too. Then we were walking back from art class that same day and we found a baby crayfish, so we took it in too. When we got back to class we did some research and we found out the crayfish were painted mudbugs, that is a type of crayfish that is native to Michigan. A few days later the crayfish looked sad so we let them go into Stony Creek, the creek next to our school. Then right after that I found two more! We didn't want to walk all the way back to the creek, so my mom said we could take them home, and we made a pond for them in my backyard. My cat killed one and the other one is still alive.

Bible Bee

Maggie Jones, 5th Grade

The Bible Bee was fantastic and all the kids were so excited! From every class there were two people who were chosen to participate in the Bible Bee. Whoever clicked first on their computer got to answer and whoever clicked second got the chance to answer if the first person got it wrong. The winners from the grades kindergarten to fourth grade were EMMA BAKER from third grade and BENNY JONES from first grade. The winners for the fifth grade to eighth grade were FRANK LANGE from sixth grade and PIPER SALENBIEN from seventh grade. Some of the prizes were Bible verse bookmarks, guess the name of the Bible saint game, and tabs with names of all the books in the Bible to mark your own Bible.



Save The Date



Add us into your December plans. Come enjoy
a fun night out while supporting our school!

12.05.2025

Saint Patrick School

27th Annual Benefit Auction

New location, Same GREAT atmosphere!

- ❖ Live Auction
- ❖ Community Building
- ❖ Online Silent Auction
- ❖ Dinner & Drinks

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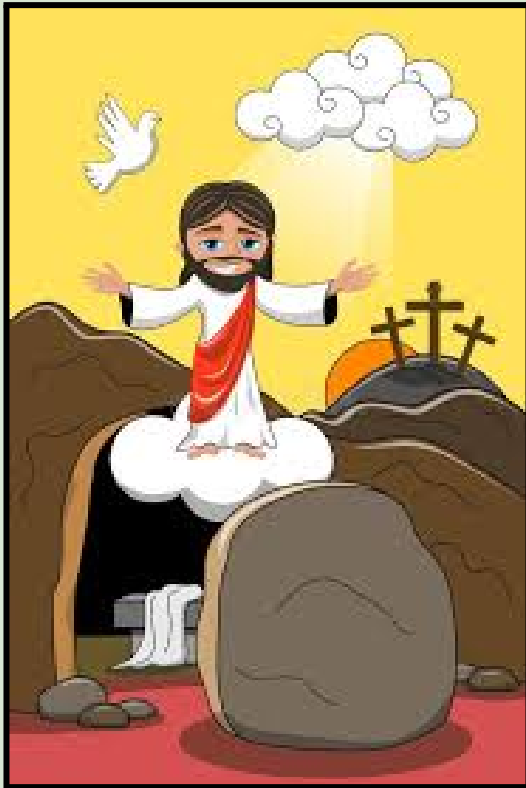
Meeting Fr. Mike Schmitz

By Teddy Howell

On Friday April 4, I got to go meet Fr. Schmitz. When I first heard about it, I was super excited because it was my first time meeting him. Then when it was time to go I got in the car and was ready to meet him face to face. When I got there he hadn't started his speech yet but was getting ready to. But then I found out that I didn't have to go onstage for 30 more minutes. I was given a small box. When I saw him for the first time I was excited. When it was time for me to go onstage I met someone named Fr. Mario, and he was going to announce my name to everyone there. Fr. Mario announced that I had a podcast like Fr. Mike. After I got off the stage Fr. Mike came up to me and said, "I love that you have a podcast like me so keep up the good work." After that I had to answer a few questions for the Archdiocese of Detroit.



Lucia Smith, an eighth-grader from St. Mary Catholic School in Royal Oak, and Theodore Howell, a fifth-grader from St. Patrick School in Carlton, met Fr. Schmitz during the end of the conference.



The Resurrection of Jesus

By Rocco Davis , 5th Grade

The day Jesus was sentenced to carry a cross and die he was suffering for us. He was scourged on the back and the stomach then he had to carry the cross.

He fell three times until someone named Simon (who was forced by the guards) helped Jesus carry his cross. Then came Veronica and she wiped Jesus's face with a rag. When they got to the hill where Jesus was crucified they stripped him of his clothes and mocked him. Then he was nailed to the cross while Mary was standing there watching him.

They stood the cross up and there were two thieves, one was good and one was bad. The good thief exclaimed "Remember me when I die!" and Jesus said, "I will remember you when I get up to heaven." Then Jesus said "My God, my God why did you abandon me!" and then he died. Then they took him off the cross and laid him in a tomb. Three days later he rose up from the dead and he appeared to Mary Magdalene. During the three days he descended to hell and ascended to heaven.



PK4 is learning many facts about dinosaurs. They are learning about how some are carnivores and some are herbivores. They did a fantastic job sculpting their very own dinosaurs with playdough. Tyrannosaurus, Stegosaurus, Parasaurolophus, and Brachiosaurus were the favorites among the students!

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Michigan Science Center

Lucas Haddix, 5th Grade

This year 5-8 grade got to go on a field trip to the Michigan Science Center, which was the BEST! There were so many things to do. My favorite part was the planetarium where the guide showed us different things like constellations and satellites. He also told us about how if there was a really big asteroid about to hit Earth we can redirect them so they don't. So if you've never been to the Michigan Science Center you should go!



PEACE GARDEN CLEAN-UP!

ST PATRICK SCHOOL COMMUNITY

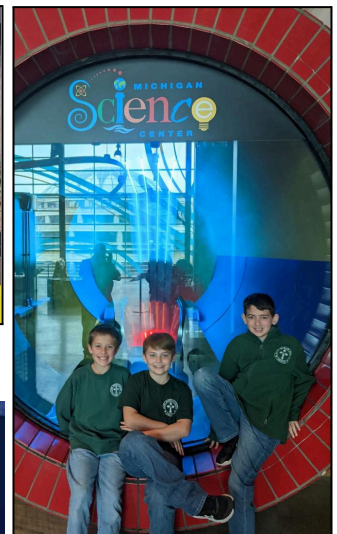
Let's roll up our sleeves, grab some trimmers & gloves to make our peace garden sparkle. Together, we can make a difference!

04/26/2025
8:30-10AM

PEACE GARDEN & PLAY GROUND

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Contact us for more information:
Hillary Lange
(906)281-0402



Science Center

Bobby Jones, 6th Grade

The week of April 7th, the 5th-8th graders went on a field trip to the Michigan Science Center. There was a lot of cool stuff. They had three rocket ships, a build your own car project, video games, a gift shop, live science shows, and an entire Tyrannosaurus Rex exhibit! But my favorite was the Planetarium. It was this dome shaped room with chairs that you lay back in, and there was a guy that controlled this one computer and he showed us a whole bunch of cool stuff. He showed us the sun and how hot it gets and he showed the rotation of the meteors. My favorite was the three constellations he showed us: the Big Dipper, Little Dipper, and Orion's Belt. This was my favorite, but maybe you will like something different. Why don't you check it out!

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Easter Prayer

Maggie Jones, 5th Grade

May the Lord bless us this Easter season and as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus may we think of others. "Lord, As we gather together as family and friends we invite you once again into our lives.

May the hope of your resurrection brighten our days. May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives. Lord let all of us know that Easter is not just about the candy or the eggs but it is about your resurrection. May we know that you are with us in every part of the day. Amen."

GIANT'S LOOK AHEAD:

May 2: Cat in the Hat & SPS Bonfire
 May 6: Confirmation Mass
 May 10: First Communion
 May 12: May Crowning
 May 16-18: St. Pat's Parish Festival
 May 21: Last Day of Preschool
 May 22: Preschool Picnic
 May 23-26: NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
 May 28: 8th Grade Last Day/ Graduation
 May 29: Field Day
 May 30: LAST DAY! (Half Day Dismissal)

FALL PLANNING:

☘ August 18: B2S Night for all SPS Families
 ☘ August 20: First 1/2 Day of School (K-8)
 ☘ Preschool will begin after Labor Day
 ☘ Sept 12-14: St. Joe's Parish Festival

April

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Earth Day	Bailey	Easter	April
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