



# LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS

March 2022 Edition

## Principal's Note

Wow did March fly by quickly! So, we are into the home stretch with two months to go. Can you believe it? I want to thank all the parents who helped out at our Saint Patrick's Day Breakfast. It was a great success. The kids loved it. Feels like we are back to the "Old Normal" again.

April will be a quick month with Spring Break and Easter. Hope that everyone can stay healthy. Anyone who would like to Join our school on Thursday afternoons for Stations of the Cross would be welcome. We start around 2:30 (best to call Kelly if you would like to come, sometimes we start earlier and sometimes later!)

Congratulations to all the second-grade students who made their First Confessions on March 26. Soon to be making their First Communion in May! Please pray for all of them as they make these important steps as young Catholic Christians. Also pray for our 7th and 8th Graders making their Confirmation this April.

I'd like to give everyone an update on Mrs. Wickenheiser. She still has some big hurdles to get over on her road to recovery. Please pray for her. As of right now it has been 30 school days since she left us. Doctors are still looking for the right way to proceed with some residual problems. We don't expect her to be back this year. Again, please keep her in your prayers. She sure misses the kids and says she is going crazy not being at school. We miss the amazing things she does for us!

Thank you all, and praise God for each blessed day! Carl Lenze, principal



**Mission Statement**  
"The mission of Saint Patrick Catholic School is: That everyone in the Saint Patrick Catholic School community encounter Jesus, grow as His disciples, and witness to others through a Christ-centered academic environment."

**NEWLETTER**  
If you'd like to add anything to the newsletter, please email Hillary Lange at [hslange10@gmail.com](mailto:hslange10@gmail.com)



Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast!



## School Committee Update

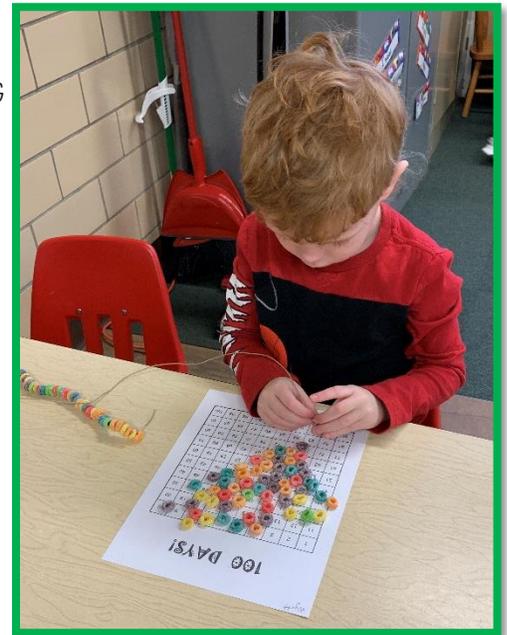
We held a successful open house February 28<sup>th</sup> with 23 families! There were more visitors than anticipated, but we took away some lessons learned for next year as we continue to grow! Overall, it was a great event!

As we start working to update our curriculum, we had a principal from another school come present to the teachers in service day. The staff talked through the changes and were able to ask any questions.

If you have any questions pertaining to school committee, please reach out to Joel Grubb.



STRINGING 100 FRUIT LOOPS—  
COUNTING TO 100 WHILE DOING  
EXERCISES—  
PAINTED 10 GUM BALLS IN  
GUM BALL MACHINES TO ADD  
UP TO 100—  
STACKED 100 CUPS AND BUILT  
WITH 100 BLOCK—  
HUNT TO FIND 100 CANDY  
KISSES.



PRESCHOOL CELEBRATED 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!

ShopWithScrip®

As part of our fundraising efforts, St. Patrick school participates in ShopWithScrip. This is a great way to earn money towards tuition just by buying the things you already purchase; groceries, gas, dining out. Depending on the store, there will be a certain percentage that will come back. From that percentage back, a portion goes to your tuition and the rest goes to the school.

Beginning for the 2022-2023 school year it will be required for each family to enroll and spend \$250. You can get a head start and enroll now. Scrip is a great fundraising program that makes it easy to earn tuition credit.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Yvette Vroman at (734) 790 - 1853

## CYO

We would like to start by expressing our appreciation to the Divine Grace Men's Club whom fully support our Athletic Program. Through their efforts we have provided free CYO Athletic opportunities for Divine Grace hosted teams. In addition, we have been able to expand our St. Patrick School Club Athletics to provided younger students with participation options. Thank you to the Men's Club!

This Spring we are fielding a B level softball team this season and have several athletes participating in neighboring parishes for A Softball and Track. In addition, Justin Roof, with a host of volunteers, has led a weekly 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Co-ed Basketball Camp. Thank you to the 23 participants and volunteers!

We have transitioned to a new format for the leadership of our CYO and Club Athletic Programs. We now have an Athletic Committee which consists of 1 Chair, 2 Athletic Directors and 4 At-Large Members. The guidelines for the Athletic Committee and its members can be found further in the Newsletter. The goal of this format is to further serve the Parish and School Community with our athletic offerings.

### St. Patrick Athletic Committee Charter Members

Athletic Director.....Robert Morrison

Athletic Director.....Justin Roof

At-Large.....Jessica Teets

At-Large.....Ben Jones

At-Large.....Maegan Theisen

At-Large.....John Bozzo

Committee Chair.....David Illes



**Our Second graders participated in the stations of the cross Second-Grade Style!**



## PTO UPDATE

Welcome Spring!

Your PTO has been very hard at work restocking classrooms with extra supplies and snacks while supporting the school staff too! In addition to putting on pizza lunches every week, we've also replenished the extra lunch supply cabinet and both staff lounges. We loved helping serve breakfast at our School Committee's fantastic St. Patrick's Day event and continue to assist our parish's Men's Club with their fish fry every week.

As we inch closer to the end of the school year we are starting to make plans for Teacher Appreciation Week, Administrative Professionals Day, and Principals Day. We'd also love to plan a special picnic and bring in the ice cream truck to reward the children and thank the staff for all of their hard work this year. In order to do all of this we'll need your help!

Keep an eye out for our Mother's Day fundraising event featuring our annual plant sale, a spirit wear sale with adult items, and save a few hours to join us on May 7<sup>th</sup> for a special Mother's Day Brunch.

## OPEN REGISTRATION for the 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

We are going paperless! Each current family should've received an email from FACTs to enroll your students for next year. Please complete soon so we can start building our plans. As you and your family prepare, please keep in mind tuition assistance options. This year St. Patrick School is encouraging every Catholic Family, no matter the level of need, to apply for the Archdiocese of Detroit tuition assistance at this link: <https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>

Once you have applied for the AOD assistance, we also have a St. Patrick School local assistance application that you can get in the school office upon request! Amounts will be determined based on need and if/how much the AOD awarded you! Yes, there are families who get BOTH!! If you are not Catholic please skip to requesting a local assistance application at the school office.

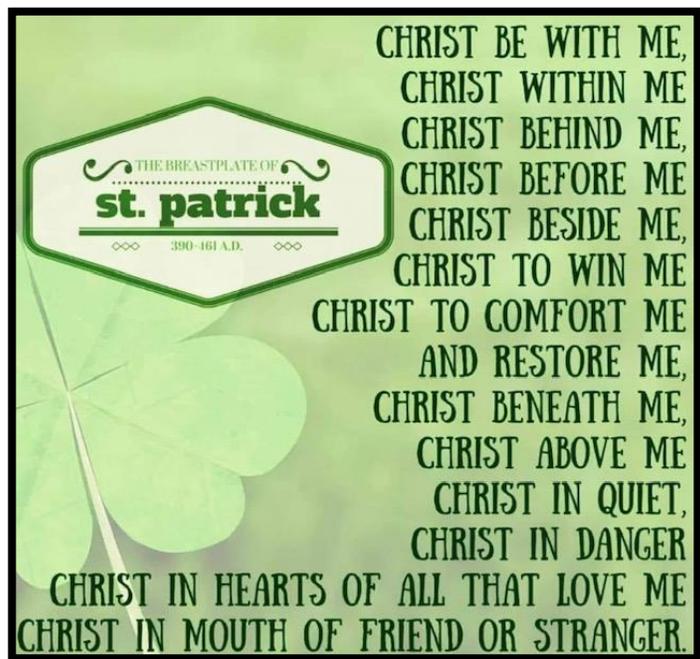
The Archdiocese of Detroit uses FACTS Management, a third-party contractor, to process tuition assistance applications for families who wish to apply for the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Grant. It is important to note that the independent contracts and other services that FACTS Management provides are separate from the Archdiocesan Tuition Scholarship.

### What is the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program?

Through the generosity of donors to the Stewards for Tomorrow Campaign, an endowment fund was created which provides tuition assistance grants to our **Catholic** families. Each year, awards will be made to offset the K-12 tuition expenses for children of Catholic families who both reside within the Archdiocese of Detroit AND whose children attend Catholic schools located within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

### Award Amounts

All awards are based on the calculated financial need determined from the information on the FACTS online application and supporting financial documentation. The award amounts will fall into one of the following tiers: Tier I: **\$1,100** Tier II: **\$950** Tier III: **\$800**



## SCHOOL CAMP OUT

We are excited to announce that we will be having our first ever end of the year campout on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm! This will take place in the area between the baseball fields. Bring some food to cook and setup your tent. We will be building a fire, playing music and have a few activities for the kids. We ask that you follow 2 simple rules. First that this is for St Pat's students and families only, second that all kids either be accompanied by your parent or the parent of another St Pats student. In other words if you brought someone else's child you are responsible for them. This event is for all ages and will be weather permitting and not be made up. Lets send the 2022 school year off with a fun night! See you all there

### **PARISH FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE:**

Reminder to mark your calendars, the parish festival! It is on the books for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. School committee and PTO are working to put together activities and welcome any support!



## Stations of the Cross (Way of the Cross) –FRIDAYS

The Stations of the Cross are also known as “Way of Sorrows” or simply “The Way”. It reminds us of the Passion of Jesus. The celebration of the Stations of the Cross is common on the Fridays of Lent, especially Good Friday.

Here is a short version of “Stations of the Cross”. We can meditate on these stations during our free time, wherever we are – be it office, school, or home. These stations will help us to remember Jesus and his passion during the Lenten Season, amidst our busy schedules. As we read each station, let us picture Jesus and his agony in our minds. As we meditate on each station for a while, let us surrender our lives to Jesus. All our burdens, our sorrows, the crosses we carry and more importantly our sins. The “Way of the Cross” will help us to relate our lives with the Sufferings of Jesus.

1. First Station- Jesus is condemned to death.

(We may have been condemned by others for no fault of ours. We may have been hurt. We may be unwanted and lonely in this world. We may be a burden for others. Let us give all those painful moments over to the Lord.)

2. Second Station- Jesus carries the Cross.

(Let us remember the times when he had to carry our cross in the form of sin, sickness, pain, worry, despair, loneliness, guilt, loss of loved ones, financial problems and so on. As Jesus bore the cross with patience, let us be patient with our cross and look forward towards greater glory.)

3. Third Station- Jesus falls the first time.

(Let us remember the first time when we gave into temptation and sinned. We fell into sin and moved away from God. Let us repent and ask Jesus for his forgiveness.)

4. Fourth Station- Jesus meets his mother.

(Let us remember our Heavenly Mother who gave birth to Jesus Christ and raised him on this earth. Let us believe in our Heavenly Mother’s powerful intercession. Mother Mary can intercede for us and obtain all graces we need in our lives. Let Mother Mary be our comfort and strength during this earthly journey.)

5. Fifth Station- Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross.

(When we were burdened with our cross, when the cross was too heavy for us to carry, Jesus would have sent someone into our lives to help us carry the cross. It may have been your spouse, your parents, your children, your friends or even a stranger. Jesus would never abandon us. Let us thank Jesus for all those people who gave us hope.)

6. Sixth Station- Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

(Let us remember our family members and friends who were there with us, to comfort us during the most painful times of our life. Let us pray for them, for all the times they comforted us and brought back faith to our lives. )

7. Seventh Station- Jesus falls for the second time.

(We often feel sorry and repent for our sins. We again fall into temptation and then forget everything pretty soon. We go back to our sinful lives, falling into even more greater sins. Let us surrender our hearts to the Lord and be truly repentant and sorry. Let us strive not to keep committing the same sins over and over.)

8. Eighth Station -Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

(Let us be compassionate and merciful to the people around us. Let us open our eyes to the people suffering in this world. As Jesus comforted the women of Jerusalem, let us have mercy on those in distress. Let our hearts reach out to the Sinners and the people who yet don’t know Jesus.)

9. Ninth Station-Jesus falls the third time.

(Let this be the last time we sin. Let us make our hearts strong and pray to Jesus for strength to fight the temptations of Satan. Let us become closer to God during this Lenten Season, through Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving.)

10. Tenth Station - Jesus is stripped of his clothes.

(Surrender all those moments in your life which you wish had never ever happened and want to forget forever. It may have been a moment of great embarrassment or great shame. It may be a moment when somebody insulted you or hurt you deeply. When Jesus was stripped of his clothes, he was ashamed and hurt, but he bore everything for our sins. Let us invite Jesus to heal our wounds and surrender all painful moments of our lives to Him.)

11. Eleventh Station -Jesus is nailed to the Cross.

(Let us give up our sinful life. Let all our sins be nailed to the cross so that we can live a new life in Jesus. As Jesus endured unbearable pain while being nailed to the cross, let us bear our sorrows with patience and hold onto life.)

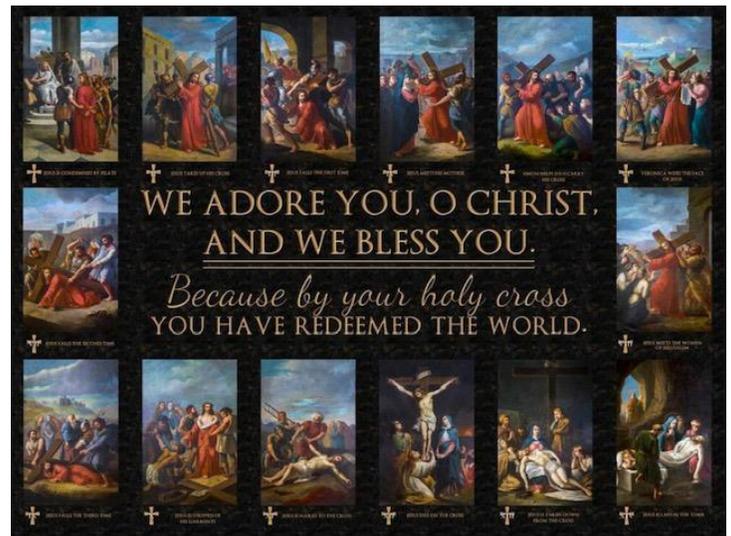
12. Twelfth Station - Jesus dies on the Cross.

(Let the Sinful Man in us die on the Cross along with Jesus. Let us resolve to never sin again and avoid all temptation.)

13. Thirteenth Station - The body of Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

(Jesus, you died for our sins and purchased for us the reward of eternal life. Let us always keep that in our minds and live this life with hope.)

14. Fourteenth Station - Jesus is laid in the tomb.



# St. Patrick Athletic Committee

## Goals

- Manage the health and wellbeing of the athletic program as it relates to St. Patrick School and Divine Grace Parish for CYO Athletics and St. Patrick School Club Sports
- Promote participation and work to develop a sense of community for athletes and parents
- Remain mindful of our role to bring parishioners close to the God/Parish/School with healthy community activities
- Provide good faith effort to support Men's Club fundraising activities. I.E. Sell January Lotto tickets, volunteer at Fish Fry's, etc.

## Structure

7 Active members comprised of:

4 At Large Members

2 Athletic Directors

1 Committee Chair

## Responsibilities/Roles

Committee Chair:

- Main inter-parish point of contact
- Leads Committee Meetings

Athletic Directors (AD):

- Responsible for team formation and organization
- Point of contact with Monroe CYO and Detroit CYO
- Communication and management of coaches
- Point of contact for non-Saint Patrick teams and non-Divine Grace Parishes
- Equipment, uniforms, facility/field maintenance
- Banquet organization
- Scheduling
- Photography
- Concession organization or delegation
- Coach/player qualification and compliance

Committee At-Large Members:

- First line of support for ADs
- Represent and advocate the overall athletic program (coach and player recruitment)
- Development of future Ads

## Rules

- General votes (if necessary) require 4 of 7 votes to constitute a decision
- Committee structure changes require a majority vote of 5
- Non committee parishioners or school parents are welcome to attend meetings