



LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS

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."

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

April 2023 Edition

As we near the end of the school year, and begin planning for next Fall, I'm amazed that time has moved on so quickly. Seems like each year goes by faster than the one before it.

I want to thank all of you who took part in making the Fish Frys go so well this year. Even with the ice and snow, I think it was successful once again. The Men's Club surely appreciates the support of our school families. It is always a treat to see so many of our recent alumni coming back for the Fish Frys and getting to hear all about their progress in high school and college.

Now that it is April, we are seeing the days get warmer and days longer. Sometimes it is hard to reign the students in as they sense the end drawing near. A couple of things to remind the students is to keep coats zipped up even when it seems so warm outdoors, and to avoid the puddles that look so inviting to splash around in. Now is also a time to check that the kids are keeping up on their studies when the warm sun seems to be calling them away!

Congratulations to our Spelling bee champions, Jacob Stetzer (1st place) and Taryn Stevens (2nd place).

You may also have noticed the fantastic job so many of our students did on their science fair projects. Mrs. Wickenheiser really has a way to draw out the best in our students. The judges were very impressed with the work our students did this year. Did you know that EVERY student at Saint Patrick School, Preschool through the 8th grade, did a Class, Individual, or Partner Science Projects! Every student in Preschool through 2nd grade received a certificate and a trophy or medal. The following are the 3rd to 8th Grade Results. Please note there are multiple groups within the Life Science, Physical Science, Environmental Science, and Engineering Categories and different age groupings:

- 1st Place: Kinley Kohlman, Estelle Teets, June Salenbien, Ben Illes, Margaret Jones, Seth Jaskot, Wyatt Roof, Rose Totten, Alexa Chilson, Genevieve Bylow, Corey Carmack, Isabelle Jones, Elsie Lange, Phineas Totten, Nicholas Bokuniewicz, Angie Illes, Abby Jones, Cale Jones
- 2nd Place: Emma Baker, Mackenzie Walls, Ashleigh-Rose Torzewski, Wesley Grubb, Evelyn Setzler, Franklin Lange, Liam Theisen, Camden Grubb, Weston Paullus, Valor Bishop, Zachary O'Dell, Piper Salenbien, Emma O'Dell, Wyatt Frasier, Kaycee Vey, Taryn Stevens
- 3rd Place: Olivia Newkirk, James Kovalak, Jacob Carter, Weston Schenavar, Isabelle Kovalak, Cara Morrison, Samantha Emrick, Kyree Hinkle
- Honorable Mention: Bobby Jones, Caden Williams, Rocco Davis, Luke West, Brandon Emrick, Vanessa Griffin, Raven Hinkle, Jacob Setzler

Our fifth and sixth grades will be presenting their Saints Wax Museum again this year. Please plan to attend this event and learn all about our students' favorite saints. They will do an encore presentation in the gym on Sunday April 30th after the Noon Mass.

Another recent great event, our second graders received their first Reconciliation and are preparing for their First Communion. First Communion will be Saturday, May 13 this year. I'm so proud of the Second Graders progress in their growth and knowledge of our LORD Jesus and His Church. What a joy they are in His eyes.

Please put Wednesday, May 17 on your calendar. This is the date of our May Crowning. If the weather cooperates, we will process around the grounds again this year, ending in the Peace Garden to Crown Mary. Please plan on attending with our students if you are able. Details will follow shortly. God bless you all in the weeks ahead.

Carl Lenze, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday April 11th**
- Classes Resume
- Thursday April 13th**
- PTO Meeting 5:15pm
- Monday April 17th**
- Bookmobile PK
- Festival Meeting 6:30pm
- Tuesday April 18th**
- K-8 Bookmobile
- Wednesday April 19th**
- Paula's Angels Free Hot Dog Lunch
- Jean Day for March Service Project
- Thursday April 20th**
- First Softball Home Game at 5pm
- Friday April 21st**
- First Baseball Home Game at 5pm
- Sunday April 23rd**
- Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner 6-8pm
- Wednesday April 26th**
- Saints Wax Museum for students 1pm
- Sunday April 30th**
- Saints Wax Museum for Community and families 12pm (after 11am mass)

SERVICE PROJECTS



- April**
- 'Monroe Walk for Life' (May 13th)



PTO PRESENTS...
MOM & ME PAINT NIGHT
FEATURING "THE PAINTING BARN"

EVERYONE WILL PUT THEIR OWN TOUCHES ON THIS WOOD SIGN!! THE "O" IS INTERCHANGEABLE. INCLUDES THE FOUR SHAPES SHOWN. MORE SHAPES AVAILABLE THE NIGHT OF TO PURCHASE!



MOMS, GRANDMAS, AUNTS, AND YOUR FAVORITE GIRLFRIENDS ARE ALL WELCOME!



BYOB AND SNACKS!

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH
 6-7:30 PM



@ ST. PAT'S SCHOOL GYM

WWW.THEPAINTINGBARN.NET/EVENTS/ST-PATS-PAINT-NIGHT TO REGISTER! REGISTER BY MAY 2ND TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT(S)!



SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTE

We've had great interest in joining the St. Patrick School Committee for the 2023-2024 school year. During the week of April 24th parents will receive a link to vote on filling the six open seats. There will be a short bio included of each of the candidates to read before completing voting.



THANK YOU TO OUR LATCH KEY FOR DECORATING THE PEACE GARDEN FOR EASTER!

PARISH FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars and make plans with your friends! Planning for our festival which is from May 19th to May 21st is in full swing. Please get involved to keep our school and parish financially stable and the continual community engagement. We need small prize donations (Pop, stuffed animals, snacks, candy, etc) for the games. Please bring to school office by May 18th.

There are fun things planned such as a talent show, Silent & Live Auctions, Tractor show and more! The success of the parish directly impacts the success of our school!

Divine Grace
 Spring Festival
 St. Patrick Site

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

MAY 19, 20, & 21

We need your help! We are in need of Food Booth, Game Tent, and Dime Toss volunteers & chairs! Please consider supporting our largest spring fundraiser!



PLEASE CALL AARON JONES AT (734)755-9169 TO HELP

GIANTS CELEBRATING MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Charlie Nicholls, Turning 7
Elden Ryder, Turning 5
James Kovolak, Turning 9

Cooper Beaubien, Turning 4
Nash Swintoniowski, Turning 5
Maagie Jones, Turning 9
Isabelle Kovolak, Turning 11

Ava Link, Turning 8
Lena Ryder, Turning 5
Quinn Zimmerman, Turning 5



The Role Model of All the Saints... Jesus!

This week we are going to write about Jesus. We call him the role model of all the saints because (duh) He's the Son of God and He is like the holiest person on earth. So, I'm going to write a story on how He earned and deserved the title of, "the model of Saints!" Well, He got crucified to save us, he came to earth to help and save us, and He could have just gone straight back to Heaven when He died but, no, He came back to guide us along the way to HIM. That's how He earned the title but the way he earned it was- anybody? Anybody? No? Ok I'll tell you, A) Saving us from sin B) Showing us that dying for the Father is the right thing to do whether we want to or not, and C) If we suffer for God or make God suffer, he will always forgive and forget. Unless, of course, you kill yourself before he gets the chance to save you (ahem, Judas). Well, I guess it's as simple as that. Just kidding, there's a lot more to know about Christ but I don't have enough room to type it, so this concludes the paper on how Jesus deserves and earns the title, "The model of Saints!"



BIRTHDAYS, SAINT SPOTLIGHT, & MORE BROUGHT TO
YOU BY MR. BOLSTER'S 5TH & 6TH GRADE CLASS



Family of the Month

Knights of Columbus – Faith in Action

Family of the Month – *Recognize and support the development of strong families!*

The Family of the Month Committee randomly selects from those entry forms submitted one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. The remaining entry forms submitted carry over to the following month.

Our committee is requesting the assistance of both the Parish and the School in finding families to be considered for this honor.

Listed below are some suggestions that may be helpful when considering nominations:

- Is the family tight knit?
- Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
- Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Has the family made significant contributions to the Parish and church community?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?

The Family of the Month committee isn't seeking out a "Super Family" each month but rather is looking for a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.

Name of Family being Nominated: _____

Name of Husband: _____

Name of Wife: _____

Husband/Nominee's Phone Number and/or Email address: _____

Home Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Person nominating: _____

Nominating Person's Contact information (email and/or phone): _____

Please briefly describe reason for nominating and leave in box at back of Church or email to: lambrix@gmail.com

Form can also be completed electronically at:

<https://forms.gle/YJfAc4nVFyMpBSgH9> or by scanning QR Code

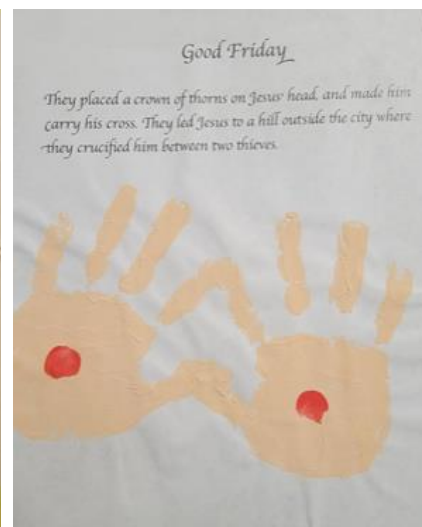


Questions – Contact: Ed Lambrix 734-755-6941 or Joe Emerick 734-777-1029

← KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Another reminder that The Knights of Columbus are looking for nominations for the 'Family of the Month.' Each month the committee randomly selects from entries to recognize a family. Note that nominations do not need to be for 'Super Families' only. Please consider nominating families in our community! The nomination form is shown to the right with further information. There is also a QR code for those that wish to use the online platform.

We appreciate your support in recognizing those in our community!



RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP)

We are down to only one Scrip order left for physical cards! Orders are due Friday May 5th. Totals will be turned in after the May order to add into the FACTS system to reflect your tuition for the 2023-2024 school year. Remember to still use Scrip during the summer months through your Raise Right App through e-gift cards. Spring planting and gardening items from Lowe's or at Target and other similar stores are a great option! These purchases will continue to help you earn money off tuition for the 2024-2025 school year.

FUTURE NOTE REMINDER: Physical cards for Scrip will run from September 1, 2023-April 5, 2024. The May Scrip order rebate for physical cards rebate amount will go towards the following-following year (ex: 2025-2026 school year). So, tuition rebate amounts during the 2023-2024 school year will run from April 8, 2023-April 5, 2024.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Maegan Theisen at 734-735-2257 or maegan.theisen@yahoo.com even during the summer months.



CYO SPORTS

Spring sports are off and running. We can't wait for our first games/meet. Softball and baseball have plenty of home games, and we hope to see our stands full of Giants fans. Please consider helping with concessions if you can. An hour here and there makes a big difference! As always please feel free to contact AD Justin Roof @ 734-323-3905 with any questions or concerns.



BASEBALL

4/21/2023 VS. MCES Black 5:00 @ St. Pat's
4/27/2023 VS. MCES Gold 5:00 & 6:30 @ St. Pat's
5/2/2023 VS. St. Charles 6:00 @ St. Pat's
5/9/2023 VS. St. Stephens 5:00 & 6:30 @ St. Pat's
5/12/2023 VS. MCES Black 5:00 & 6:30 @ St. Pat's
*5/19/2023 VS. MCES Gold 6:30 @ St. Pat's
5/24/2023 VS. St. Charles 5:00 & 6:30 @ St. Pat's
Post season starts 5/30/2023.

SOFTBALL

4/20/2023 VS. MCES Black 5:00 @ St. Pat's
4/28/2023 VS. MCES Gold 5:00 & 6:30 @ St. Pat's
5/2/2023 VS. St. Charles 5:00 @ St. Pat's
5/5/2023 VS. St. Stephens 5:00 & 6:30 @ St. Pat's
5/11/2023 VS. MCES Black 5:00 & 6:30 @ St. Pat's
*5/19/2023 VS. MCES Gold 5:00 @ St. Pat's
5/23/2023 VS. St. Charles 5:00 & 6:30 @ St. Charles
Post season starts 5/30/2023.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE EASTER TRIDUUM? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

THE EASTER TRIDUUM CONSISTS OF HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY SATURDAY, AND EASTER SUNDAY. ON HOLY THURSDAY, JESUS HAS HIS LAST SUPPER WITH HIS DISCIPLES. HE WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET, SHOWING THAT HE CAME DOWN TO EARTH NOT TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE. JESUS BROKE THE BREAD, GAVE IT TO THE DISCIPLES, AND PERFORMED THE FIRST-EVER MASS. HE EVEN REVEALED WHO WOULD SOON BETRAY HIM AND DENY HIM! THEREFORE, HOLY THURSDAY IS SO IMPORTANT. GOOD FRIDAY IS THE CELEBRATION OF JESUS' DYING FOR OUR SINS. HE WAS CONDEMNED TO DEATH BY HIS OWN PEOPLE AND SUFFERED THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS WITH MUCH PAIN RIGHT AFTER FORGIVING US FOR OUR SINS, AND FINALLY IS PLACED IN THE TOMB. IN DOING THIS, HE SAVED US, SHOWED US HOW TO LIVE OUR LIFE, AND SHOWED US MOST ESPECIALLY HOW TO FORGIVE OTHERS. HOLY SATURDAY IS NOT A VERY EVENTFUL DAY, BECAUSE AT THAT TIME THE JEWS CELEBRATED THE SABBATH, DURING WHICH THEY WEREN'T ALLOWED TO DO ANY FORM OF WORK. WHEN EASTER SUNDAY FINALLY CAME, SOMEONE WENT TO VISIT JESUS' TOMB, AND TO THEIR AMAZEMENT THEY DIDN'T SEE JESUS BUT AN ANGEL. THIS ANGEL CAME THERE TO TELL THEM THAT JESUS HAD RISEN AND WAS CURRENTLY IN HEAVEN. AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD ALREADY DESCENDED UPON THE DISCIPLES IN TONGUES OF FIRE. THE PEOPLE AT THE TOMB DISCOVERED THAT THE TOMB WAS EMPTY! JESUS HAD RISEN AND CREATED THE FIRST EASTER. HAPPY EASTER, EVERYONE!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Earlier this year our very own Mr. Bolster was awarded the 'Amazing Catholic Educator Award' for 2023 by the Catholic Foundation of Michigan! A letter was submitted by student, Cale Jones, and the announcement was made over a zoom call at a morning prayer. We are lucky to have Mr. Bolster as a leader of our community.



MEN'S CLUB

Thank you for all the support during our fish fry! To the parents and volunteers, we are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community at this fine school. The Men's Club April meeting will have discussion items around the fish fry re-cap and our next event, Golf outing in June. For information on how you can get involved please join us for some great comradery.



ENROLLING NOW!

As planning is starting for the 2023-2024 school year, reminder to enroll your students. If you know people interested in joining our school, please encourage them to call the school office to set up a tour!