

Week of March 23: The Sacrament of Anointing—Healing and Hope

Catholics believe in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, often misunderstood as “last rites.” But it’s not just for the dying—it’s for anyone seriously ill, elderly, or preparing for major surgery.

In James 5:14–15, the Bible says, “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil... and the prayer of faith will save the sick person.”

This sacrament brings spiritual strength, healing, forgiveness of sins, and even physical healing if it is God’s will. It reminds us that suffering is not meaningless, and that Jesus is with us in every moment, especially in weakness.

Dear St. Patrick Catholic School Families,

What a wonderful and busy week we have had! Our students in grades 2, 4, and 6–8 enjoyed enriching field trips to St. Augustine, bringing history to life in meaningful and memorable ways. We were also excited to open our Book Fair, which has already sparked a great enthusiasm for reading across campus. Additionally, third quarter report cards will be emailed home today—please take time to review them with your child and celebrate their hard work and growth.

We are also looking forward to this weekend’s golf tournament, *The Patrick*. This special event is a great opportunity to come together as a school community, and we are incredibly grateful to Coach Reid for his hard work and dedication in organizing such a wonderful event for our school.

As we approach the final week before Holy Week and Easter break, I encourage all of us to remain focused, prayerful, and committed to finishing this season of Lent strong. This is a beautiful time for reflection, renewal, and drawing closer to Christ as a family. Thank you for your continued partnership and support—we are grateful for you each day.

Know that you and your families are in my prayers as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

God Bless,

Mr. Chris Meyer, School Principal

General Information

1. Help Us Spread the Good News About SPCS! St. Patrick Catholic School is looking for families to help us promote our wonderful school community. We currently have a limited number of yard signs available and are seeking volunteers who would be willing to display one in their front yard to help increase awareness in our neighborhood. In addition, if you own a business or work in a location that permits promotional materials, we have postcards with school information that can be displayed at your front desk or waiting area. If you are able to assist with either of these efforts, please contact the front office. Your support in helping us share the good news about SPCS is greatly appreciated!

2. We will be hosting an evening Lenten activity on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, from 6:30-7:30 in the Parish Hall. The evening will be one of "prayer, craft and fellowship for the entire family." Cheese pizza dinner will be available for participants. Admission is one new pair of socks (per participant) which will be donated to St. Joseph's Homeless Outreach. To register, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-62590373-lenten>

3. Re-registration is now underway, and space is filling up quickly in certain classes. Please remember that every student must be re-registered every year, and that a registration **IS NOT** considered complete until the registration fee is paid. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Allison in the school office. This is the last reminder that will appear in the Week at a Glance.

4. Applications for the Private School and Unique Abilities Scholarships for the 2026–27 school year opened on **February 1**. Families are encouraged to gather required documents now and renew/apply as soon as possible. There is an important update to this year's requirements—Proof of Residency now requires TWO different document types (from the primary or secondary guardian). A required documents checklist is attached to this email. This is the last reminder that will appear in the Week at a Glance.

5. We will have an early dismissal on **Tuesday, March 31**. Classes (All-Day VPK, K-8) will dismiss at **1:30pm** so that the faculty can meet regarding our upcoming accreditation visit. PM VPK will continue to dismiss at 2:45pm. There **WILL** be aftercare that day.

6. The Ignatius Book Fair is here! Our spring book fair, hosted by Ignatius Book Fairs, will be from **March 17 through March 27**. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-62473360-ignatius>.

7. Please remember that it is each family's responsibility to enter their service hours into their FACTS account. If you are not sure how to do this, please reach out to Ms. Allison in the main office for assistance. The deadline for entering service hours is **Thursday, April 30, 2026**.

8. Please review the attached documentation from Nurse Graham. It pertains to administering prescription and non-prescription medication.

9. Don't forget that yearbooks are on sale! Yearbooks can be purchased through www.BuyTheYearbook.com. The yearbook code is 383063. Yearbooks cost \$35.

10. Confirmation classes for 8th grade students who have signed up to receive the sacrament this spring continue on **Tuesday, March 24**, at 6:30pm.

11. We are looking for assistance during our daily lunch periods. If you are interested in helping out (and earning service hours), please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-62037729-cafeteria> . If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Allison at ahayes@spscjax.org.

12. Don't forget, we will have an early dismissal day on **Wednesday, April 1**, which will be our traditional Coach's Field Day. All classes, including all VPK classes, will be on campus for the morning. PreK and VPK will dismiss at 10:45am and K-8 will dismiss at 11:45am. There **WILL NOT** be aftercare that day.

13. Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church is hosting a youth pilgrimage to Poland. The trip will take place June 9-18, 2026. The cost is \$2,700 per participant. For more information, please see the attached flyer or contact Carol Rowell at (904) 505-5981 or carolrowell2@aol.com.

14. Please note: The Lenten Witness Retreats that were scheduled for this week have been cancelled. K-8 students will be doing an alternative activity in their homerooms to make up for what we were going to do on the retreats.

15. For those families planning ahead, here are some dates for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Back to School Bonanza--Aug. 6
- First Day of School (Early Dismissal) NO AFTERCARE--Aug. 11
- Labor Day (No School)--Sept. 7
- Early Dismissal Day--Sept. 25
- Professional Development Day (No School)--Oct. 9
- Columbus Day (No School)--Oct. 12
- Early Dismissal Day--Oct. 25
- Veterans' Day--Nov. 11
- Early Dismissal Day (Grandparents Day) NO AFTERCARE--Nov. 20
- Thanksgiving Break Nov. 23-27
- Middle School Exams Dec. 17-22
- Early Dismissal Day NO AFTERCARE--Dec. 22
- Christmas Break--Dec. 23-Jan. 1
- Professional Development Day (No School)--Jan. 4
- Early Dismissal Day--Jan. 15
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)--Jan. 18
- Early Dismissal Day--Feb. 12
- Presidents Day (No School)--Feb. 15
- Professional Development Day (No School)--Mar. 12
- Early Dismissal Day/Field Day NO AFTERCARE--Mar. 24
- Easter Break--Mar. 25-April 2
- Early Dismissal Day--April 29
- Discretionary Day (No School)--April 30
- 8th Grade Final Exams--May 20-24

- 8th Grade Graduation--May 25
- 6th-7th Grade Final Exams--May 25-28
- Last Day of School (Early Dismissal) NO AFTERCARE--May 28

Home School Association (HSA) Happenings

1. The HSA is working on finalizing their remaining events for this school year. More information will be coming soon!

Week at a Glance

Saturday, March 21

- Open Registration for new and returning families
- The Patrick Golf Tournament at Blue Sky Golf Club 8:30 Tee Time

Sunday, March 22

- Open Registration for new and returning families
- Ignatius Book Fair 9:00-1:00

Monday, March 23

- Open Registration for new and returning families
- Ignatius Book Fair 8:00-3:00

Tuesday, March 24

- Open Registration for new and returning families
- Confirmation Prep Class for 8th Graders 6:30-8:00pm
- Ignatius Book Fair 8:00-3:00
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Art Class with Ms. AJ

Wednesday, March 25

- Open Registration for new and returning families

- Ignatius Book Fair 8:00-3:00

Thursday, March 26

- Open Registration for new and returning families
- Ignatius Book Fair 8:00-3:00
- Orchestra Rehearsal

Friday, March 27

- Open Registration for new and returning families
- Ignatius Book Fair 8:00-1:00

Ignatius Book Fair *Hours*

March 17 ♦ 8:00–1:00

March 18 ♦ 8:00–5:00

March 19 ♦ 8:00–3:00

March 20 ♦ 8:00–3:00

March 22 ♦ 9:00–1:00

March 23 ♦ 8:00–3:00

March 24 ♦ 8:00–3:00

March 25 ♦ 8:00–3:00

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March 26 ♦ 8:00–3:00



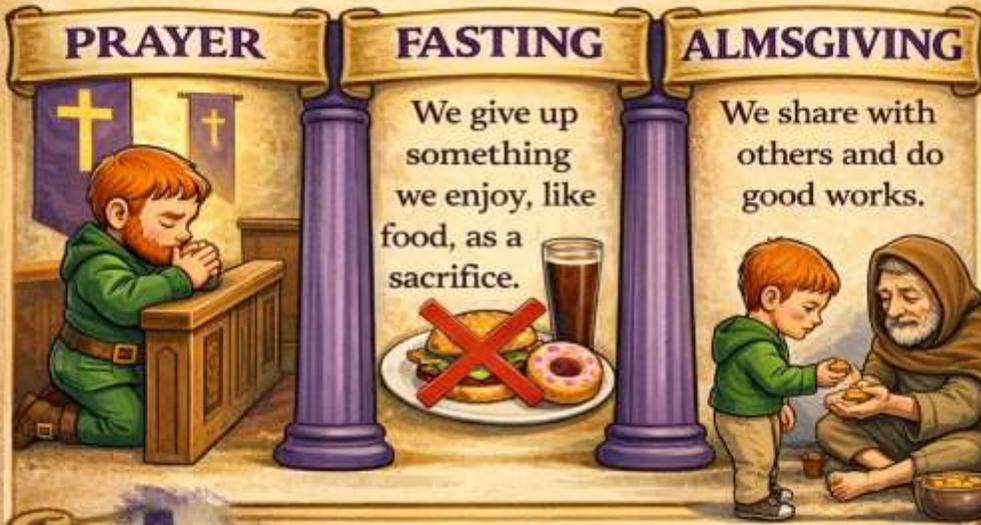
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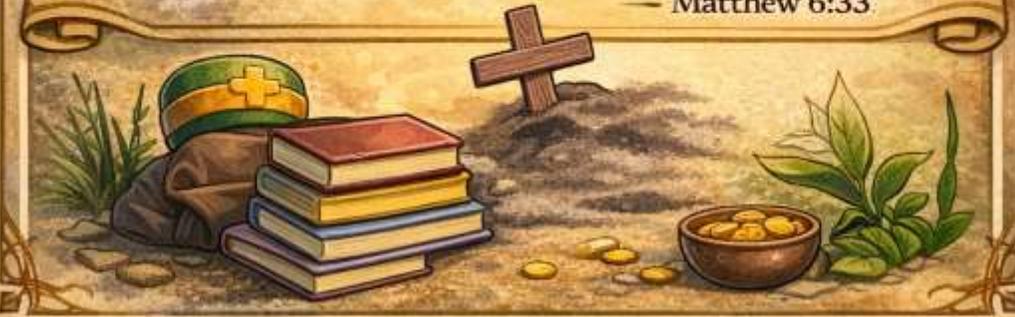


THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

During Lent, we focus on three practices to grow closer to God:
Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.



Jesus said, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides."
— Matthew 6:33



A school bulletin board about an a 8 1/1" X x 11 page.

Join the BKHS Band!

No Experience Needed!

**Choose Band 1 as
your Freshman
year elective!**

- **Fun trips**
- **Free food**
- **Service Hours**
- **Counts as your PE Credit**
- **Great way to make friends**



Lenten

EVENING RETREAT

Tuesday, March 24, 2026
6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Join us for an evening of prayer, craft,
and fellowship for the entire family.

A cheese pizza dinner will be available for all participants.

ADMISSION: One New Pair of Socks per Person
(Donated to St. Joseph's Homeless Outreach)

Sign up at:

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*A limited number of yearbooks have been ordered
and may not be available later, so please reserve your copy today.*

No cash, checks, or money orders will be accepted at the school.

The mission of St. Patrick Catholic School is to lay the foundation for success in students through Catholic traditions, rooted in the Eucharist and Gospel teachings of Christ, with high standards of education in a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment.

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