

Week of March 30: What Is the Passion of Christ?

During Holy Week, Catholics reflect on the Passion—the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. It includes His agony in the garden, arrest, trial, scourging, crucifixion, and death on the Cross.

Far from being just a historical tragedy, the Passion is the pinnacle of God's saving plan. Jesus knew what was coming and freely accepted it. He told His disciples, "No one takes my life from me. I lay it down of my own accord" (John 10:18).

Every part of Christ's Passion fulfills Old Testament prophecies and shows how deeply God desires to save us. When we meditate on His suffering, we're not just remembering an event—we are entering into the mystery of love that conquers sin and death.

Dear St. Patrick Catholic School Families,

As we prepare to enter Palm Sunday and begin Holy Week, we are reminded of the great love and sacrifice of Christ and the joy of the Resurrection that is to come. I pray that these final days of Lent are meaningful and fruitful for each of you and your families.

Please note that we will begin Easter Break on Wednesday of this week, and school will be closed the following week (April 6–10). We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and renewed after this sacred time.

Wishing you all a prayerful end to Lent and a very blessed Holy Week. May God's peace and grace be with you always.

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 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.

3. 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.

4. Coach Reid is looking for volunteers to assist with Wednesday's field day. If you are interested in volunteering, please use the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-63212434-field>.

5. 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**.

6. Please review the attached documentation from Nurse Graham. It pertains to administering prescription and non-prescription medication.
7. Don't forget that yearbooks are on sale! Yearbooks can be purchased through www.BuyTheYearbook.com. The yearbook code is 383063. Yearbooks cost \$35.
8. First Communion classes for 2nd grade students who have signed up to receive the sacrament this spring will begin on **Tuesday, April 14**, at 6:00pm.
9. 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@spcsjax.org.
10. 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. 23
 - 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

Monday, March 30

- Stations of the Cross (for students) 1:30pm in Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 31

- Early Dismissal 1:30pm for All-Day VPK, and K-8 students (PM VPK will dismiss at 2:45)
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Art Class with Ms. AJ

Wednesday, April 1

- Coach's Field Day
- Early Dismissal (PreK-3 and ALL VPKs 10:45am, K-8 11:45am) NO AFTERCARE

Thursday, April 2 (Holy Thursday)

- No School

Friday, April 3 (Good Friday)

- No School

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