

## **Week of March 9: Why Did Jesus Have to Die?**

Why did Jesus die on the Cross? Couldn't God have forgiven us without it? These are honest and important questions.

Jesus died to save us from sin and restore our relationship with the Father. Romans 5:8 says, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." His death wasn't simply a tragic ending—it was a sacrificial offering of love, freely given for our redemption.

The Cross is where justice and mercy meet. Sin has real consequences, and Christ willingly took those on Himself. His death opens the door to eternal life. As St. Paul says, "He loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). The Cross isn't just about what Jesus did—it's about how much He loves us.

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Dear St. Patrick Catholic School Families,

As we move into the final week of the third quarter, it is hard to believe how quickly this school year is progressing. Our students have worked hard, grown academically, and continued to develop the gifts God has given them. This time of year is a wonderful reminder that perseverance, effort, and faithfulness in small daily tasks lead to meaningful growth.

At the same time, we are continuing our journey through Lent—a season that invites all of us to slow down, pray more deeply, and draw closer to Christ. Just as our students are striving to finish the quarter strong in their studies, Lent reminds us that our spiritual lives also grow through steady commitment, reflection, and trust in God's grace. It is a beautiful opportunity for families to pray together, practice acts of kindness, and keep our hearts focused on what truly matters.

Thank you for the many ways you support your children and our school community. As we complete this quarter and continue walking through this holy season, please know that you and your families are in my prayers as you journey through Lent.

God Bless,

Mr. Chris Meyer, School Principal

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## **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. Please remember that we do not have school this **Friday, March 13**. We are also off from school on **Monday, March 16**.

4. On **Tuesday, March 17**, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. We will begin with Mass with Bishop Pohlmeier at 8:00am (parents are welcome!). We will then have special activities leading up to an early dismissal (10:45 for PK-3, AM and All-Day VPK, 11:45am for K-8, and 2:45pm for PM VPK). Students are all asked to wear their school uniforms (**no PE uniforms or NUT Day dress downs**) on that day.

5. Grades will close for the third quarter on **Thursday, March 12**. Report cards will be emailed home on **Friday, March 20**.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Join us for The First Annual St. Patrick Open, a 4-man scramble golf tournament benefiting St. Patrick's Catholic School, on **Saturday, March 21, 2026**, at Blue Sky Golf Club. Registration opens at 7:30 AM with a 9:00 AM tee off, and golfers will enjoy a breakfast buffet, a traditional Irish lunch catered by Culhane's Irish Pub, raffles and golf challenges, an event polo, and more. The cost is \$500 per foursome or \$150 per individual golfer, and sponsorships and donations are welcomed, including Gold Level (\$2,500), Silver Level (\$1,000), and Hole Sponsorships (\$300). To sign up or learn more, contact Bailey Reid at 315-532-4704 or 904-768-6323 ext. 204, or email [breid@spcsjax.org](mailto:breid@spcsjax.org) or [baileyr48@gmail.com](mailto:baileyr48@gmail.com).

9. The Ignatius Book Fair is coming! 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>.

10. Confirmation classes for 8th grade students who have signed up to receive the sacrament this spring continue on **Tuesday, March 10**, 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@spcsjax.org](mailto:ahayes@spcsjax.org).

12. 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**.

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](mailto:carolrowell2@aol.com).

14. Don't forget that yearbooks are on sale! Yearbooks can be purchased through [www.BuyTheYearbook.com](http://www.BuyTheYearbook.com). The yearbook code is 383063. Yearbooks cost \$35.

15. We wish our Run Club the best of luck as they put their talents to the test in this weekend's River Run. Go Irish!



### 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 7

- River Run sponsored by Gates

**Monday, March 9**

- Open Registration for new and returning families

**Tuesday, March 10**

- Open Registration for new and returning families
- Confirmation Prep Class for 8th Graders 6:30-8:00pm
- Soccer Shots
- Art with Heart Class with Ms. AJ
- Orchestra Rehearsal

**Wednesday, March 11 (All School Pi (MATH) Day)**

- Open Registration for new and returning families

**Thursday, March 12**

- Open Registration for new and returning families
- Grades close for Quarter 3
- Orchestra Rehearsal

**Friday, March 13 (No School--Discretionary (Weather) Day)**

- Open Registration for new and returning families



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**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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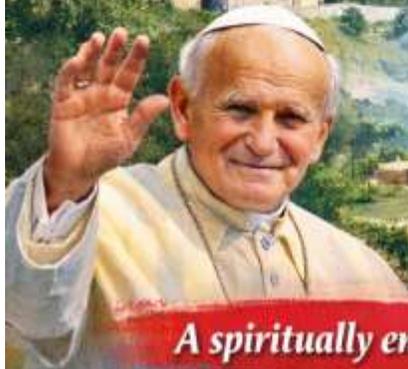


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