

## **Week of April 27: Why Do We Call the Church the Body of Christ?**

After the Resurrection and Ascension, Christ didn't abandon His followers—He formed the Church. St. Paul calls it the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27), meaning the Church is not just an organization, but a living, spiritual reality.

Catholics believe that Christ is the head, and we are the members. This Body is nourished through the sacraments, guided by the Holy Spirit, and united in faith.

Being part of the Church means we don't walk alone. We are connected to believers all over the world and throughout history, called to live as one family in Christ.

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Dear St. Patrick Catholic School Families,

I am pleased to share that our recent accreditation visit was a tremendous success. The visiting team was highly complimentary of our school community, and one of their most meaningful observations was that the greatest characteristic of St. Patrick Catholic School is that we are truly a family. This affirmation speaks volumes about the care, support, and sense of belonging that exists among our students, parents, faculty, and parish. It is this spirit of unity—grounded in our shared faith and commitment to one another—that makes our school such a special place. Thank you for the role each of you plays in fostering this environment each and every day.

As we begin the month of May, we are reminded that it is a special time in the Church dedicated to honoring Mary, Mother of God. May her example of faith, humility, and love inspire us as we continue our journey together. I wish all of our families a joyful and blessed start to this beautiful month.

In Christ's peace,  
Mr. 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. 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**.

3. 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. The

last chance to purchase yearbooks online is **April 30**. After that, any remaining yearbooks will need to be purchased through the school office.

4. First Communion classes for 2nd grade students who have signed up to receive the sacrament this spring will continue this week on **Tuesday, April 28**, at 6:00pm.

5. On **Friday, May 1**, we will have our regular first Friday All-School Mass and Adoration at 8am. Included in this Mass, we will be crowning our statue of Mary, in recognition of the month of May. All are welcomed to attend.

6. Color Run is coming up on **May 8!** The day will include health and fitness activities, as well as the color run. Attached to this Week at a Glance are instructions for you to register your child for the run. A separate email will be sent with more information, including the prizes for top individual and class. If you would like to share the school link for the event, the website is: <https://give.mybooster.com/st-patricks-catholic-school-2>

7. Grades close for fourth quarter progress reports on **Wednesday, April 29**. Progress reports will be emailed home on **Friday, May 1**.

8. Join us for an exciting evening of indoor football while supporting a great cause! On **Saturday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Jacksonville Sharks will take the field at VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, and our parishioners are invited to be part of this special fundraising event benefiting the Diocese of St. Augustine. As a bonus, all attendees are invited onto the field after the game to meet Sharks players for photos and autographs—a fun and memorable experience for families, youth groups, and fans of all ages! We are also honored to welcome Bishop Erik Pohlmeier as a special guest for the evening. Get your tickets today! Visit [bit.ly/4kQCseQ](http://bit.ly/4kQCseQ) or call (904) 621-0700 ext. 717 Don't miss this action-packed night of fun, fellowship, and community support!

9. There are a few upcoming calendar changes we would like to share:

- The middle school Mind, Body and Spirit Retreats will be moving to **April 29** (6th grade), **May 6** (7th grade) and **May 13** (8th grade)
- The Color Run originally scheduled for April 19 will be moved to **May 8**.
- The HSA Mother/Son event, which was on the calendar for April 25, will actually be on **May 3** (Sunday).

10. 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](mailto:ahayes@spscjax.org).


11. 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 will be hosting its Mother/Son event on **Sunday, May 3 from 2:00-4:00pm** at Top Golf. Please see the attached document for more information.



*May*  
THE MONTH OF  
*Mary*

We honor  
*Mary,*  
our  
Mother and  
our Guide.



HAIL MARY,  
FULL OF GRACE,  
THE LORD IS WITH THEE.



## **Week at a Glance**

### **Monday, April 27**

- Softball TBA

### **Tuesday, April 28**

- First Communion Class (2nd Grade) 6:00-7:30pm
- Softball TBA
- Soccer Shots
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Art Class with Ms. AJ

### **Wednesday, April 29**

- Sixth Grade Mind, Body and Spirit Retreat
- Grades close for Progress Reports
- Softball TBA

### **Thursday, April 30**

- Final day to submit service hours through FACTS
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Softball TBA

### **Friday, May 1**

- All-School Mass and Adoration (with May Crowning) 8am
- Progress Reports Emailed Home
- Sports Banquet 5pm

### **Saturday, May 2**

- DOSA Night at the Jacksonville Sharks 7pm <http://bit.ly/4kQCseQ>

### **Sunday, May 3**

- HSA Mother/Son Event at Top Golf 2:00-4:00pm



***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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