

Week of May 11: Who Is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the **Third Person of the Holy Trinity**, fully God—just like the Father and the Son. Jesus promised His disciples that after He returned to the Father, He would send the Spirit to guide, teach, and comfort them (John 14:26).

The Spirit is God's presence active in the world and in our hearts, helping us grow in faith, courage, and love. The Spirit inspires the Church and gives each believer gifts to serve others.

Knowing the Holy Spirit is essential to understanding the fullness of the Christian life.

Dear St. Patrick Catholic School Families,

What a wonderful week it has been here at St. Patrick Catholic School! We are incredibly proud of our 8th grade students and the parent chaperones who enjoyed their end-of-the-year trip to Universal Studios yesterday. It was a day filled with fun, friendship, and memories that our students will carry with them for years to come. We are grateful to everyone who helped make this special tradition such a success.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported this year's Color Run! The excitement and school spirit on campus were truly amazing. A very special thank you goes to our HSA Board, Mr. Young, and all of the parent volunteers whose hard work, planning, and dedication made the event possible. Your generosity and commitment to our school community continue to make St. Patrick such a special place for our children.

In addition, we are deeply grateful to our HSA and all of the parents who helped make Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week so meaningful for our faculty and staff. From the thoughtful treats and meals to the many acts of kindness and encouragement throughout the week, your support reminded our teachers and staff how valued and appreciated they truly are. Thank you for partnering with us in creating such a caring and faith-filled school family.

Finally, as we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, we wish all of our school mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures a very Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for the love, sacrifices, encouragement, and faith you pour into your families each and every day. May God bless you abundantly for all that you do.

In Christ's peace,
Mr. Meyer, School Principal

General Information

1. Service Hours were due into FACTS on April 30. Unfortunately, FACTS encountered several issues this week, and many families were not able to add their hours into the system. If this happened to you, please email Mr. Meyer with your list of hours. His email is cmeyer@spcsjax.org.

2. If you have not purchased your yearbook, you will have to purchase it through the school office. The cost of a yearbook is \$35. Yearbooks will be distributed to 8th graders on **Friday, May 15**, and to all other students on **Thursday, May 21**.

3. A very big thank you to everyone who made Color Run 2026 such a wonderful event. Special thanks to our HSA Board for all their work in coordinating the event. Also, a very special thank you to our donors. Thanks to you, we raised \$5,200 that we will use for technology upgrades.

4. There will be a retreat for the 2nd grade students who have completed their First Communion Classes on **Saturday, May 9**, from 9:00-2:30pm. For more information, please contact Mrs. Cathy Taylor, our DRE, at ctaylor@spscjax.org.

5. We will be celebrating International Peace Day on **Friday, May 15**. The day will include learning about different cultures, as well as a special assembly during which various classes will perform songs and dances from around the world. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly, which starts at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.

6. On **Saturday, May 16**, our second graders who have been preparing for the sacrament will receive First Holy Communion at 11:00am.

7. On **Sunday, May 17**, our eighth graders who have been preparing for the sacrament will receive Confirmation at the 10:00am Mass.

8. The Diocese of St. Augustine will host events for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage from **May 22–25** beginning at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine. Families are invited to participate in Masses, Eucharistic adoration, prayer devotions, concerts, service projects, and a Eucharistic Procession through historic St. Augustine. A full schedule of events is available, join us for one event or several throughout the weekend.

9. SAVE THE DATES! We will have an early dismissal day on **Thursday, May 21**, and there is a professional development day (no school) on **Friday, May 22**.

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. A Special Thank You to everyone who helped make Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week and Color Run so great!
2. If you are interested in joining the HSA Board for 2026-2027, please fill out the application found on the school website and send it into the school office. The website address is: <https://www.stpatrickjacksonville.org/school/hsa-board/>

To all mothers,
especially our school mothers,



H A P P Y

*Mother's
Day!* 

Thank you for your
love, strength, and
countless blessings.

*You are truly
appreciated!*



FROM ALL OF US AT
**ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



Week at a Glance

Monday, May 11

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Tuesday, May 12

- Soccer Shots
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Art Class with Ms. AJ

Wednesday, May 13

- PreK and VPK Animal Show

Thursday, May 14

- Eighth Grade Mind, Body, Spirit Retreat
- Orchestra Rehearsal

Friday, May 15

- International Peace Day (assembly at 9:30am)

Saturday, May 16

- First Communion Mass (2nd Grade) 11:00am

Sunday, May 17

- Confirmation (8th Grade) at 10:00am Mass



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.

Mr. Christopher Meyer, Principal

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