

Week at a Glance



St. Patrick Catholic School

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Each week we will be sharing a brief article on the Catholic Faith. Here is this week's article:

Why Do Catholics Believe the Bible Is the Word of God?

Every Mass includes readings from Sacred Scripture. Catholic classrooms use Scripture. Our prayers frequently come from Scripture.

Why?

Because Catholics believe the Bible is truly the inspired Word of God.

St. Paul teaches that "all scripture is inspired by God" (2 Timothy 3:16). This does not mean God simply dictated every sentence while human authors wrote it down word-for-word. Rather,

the Holy Spirit worked through real human authors—with their personalities, cultures, vocabulary, and writing styles—so that Scripture teaches what God intended for our salvation.

The Bible is therefore both wonderfully human and divinely inspired.

But someone might ask...

"If Catholics believe in the Bible, why do they also talk about Tradition?"

Catholics believe that God's revelation was handed on through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

Before the New Testament was completed, Christians were already worshiping, celebrating the Eucharist, baptizing, preaching, and passing on Jesus' teachings. St. Paul even instructed Christians to "stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours" (2 Thessalonians 2:15).

Scripture and Tradition therefore aren't competitors. Together they transmit the faith entrusted by Christ to His Apostles.

Dear St. Patrick Families,

As we begin Labor Day weekend, I want to thank our students, families, teachers, and staff for the tremendous effort that has helped us start the school year so successfully. The past four weeks have been filled with hard work, new routines, and many opportunities to learn and grow together.

This week's Scripture reminds us, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Whether we are gathered in our classrooms, at Mass, on the athletic field, or with our families, Christ is present among us and strengthens the community we share.

I hope everyone enjoys a safe, restful, and well-deserved Labor Day weekend!

God bless,

Mr. Meyer, School Principal

General Information

1. Please remember that school will be closed on **Monday, September 7**, in honor of Labor Day. School will resume on **Tuesday, September 8**.

2. In order to volunteer for activities, such as field trips, all adults must be background screened and complete the diocesan Protecting God's Children (PGC) class. St. Patrick's will host a PGC class on **Saturday, October 3**. To register for one of the classes, please go to virtus.org, click on the button for "First Time Registrant" and follow the prompts to sign up for the class.

3. From Nurse Graham: please remember that the diocese does not permit religious exemptions from immunizations in its schools. To be eligible to be at St. Patrick's, students must have

received all of the required immunizations for their age. If a child needs a medical exemption from an immunization, this can ONLY be obtained through the Superintendent's office. If this is the case, please contact Nurse Graham at the school and she will walk you through the appropriate steps to request the medical exemption.

4. Grades will close for Progress Reports on **Wednesday, September 9**. Students in grades K-8 will receive progress reports via email on Friday, **September 11**.

5. Flu Shots through Health Heroes will take place on **Monday, September 14**. If you would like your child to receive a flu shot, please return the permission form by **Tuesday, September 8**.

6. Whoops! On the cover of the family calendar which you will be receiving this weekend, there is a typo. If your child finds the typo, writes it, and their name on a piece of paper, and brings it into school on Tuesday, they can earn a special NUT Day pass for our mistake. **The NUT Day won't be Tuesday, we will let everyone who responds with the correct answer know when it will take place.**

7. Our next Morning Prayer Service will be held on **Thursday, September 24, at 8:30am**. Parents are invited to attend.

8. Our next early dismissal day will be on **Friday, September 25**. PreK and VPK classes will dismiss at 10:45am, and K-8 classes will dismiss at 11:45am.

9. On **Friday, September 25**, our PreK and VPK teachers will be holding parent/teacher conferences. More information and sign-up links will be sent home next week.

10. Our orchestra is looking for new members! The orchestra rehearses on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 5pm. If you are interested in having your child participate, please see the attached flyer, or contact Mr. Carlos Cifuentes at cifuentesviolin@gmail.com.

11. The School Advisory Board is looking to add a few new members. If you are interested in joining the board, 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/school-advisory-board/>

12. **SAVE THE DATE:** Our first Shamrocks and Shenanigans dinner dance will be held on **Saturday, November 7**. More information regarding tickets, as well as volunteer opportunities will be coming in the next few weeks.

Home School Association (HSA) Happenings

1. 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/>

2. **SAVE THE DATE:** Our first HSA restaurant fundraiser night will be held on **Thursday, September 24**. More information will be sent home soon!

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Monday, September 7

- No School, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

- Lunch Vendor: Panera Bread
- Flu Shot Forms are Due
- Basketball vs. Holy Spirit (Girls 5:30pm, Boys 6:30pm)
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- School Choir Practice
- Art in the Heart with Ms. AJ
- Soccer Shots

Wednesday, September 9

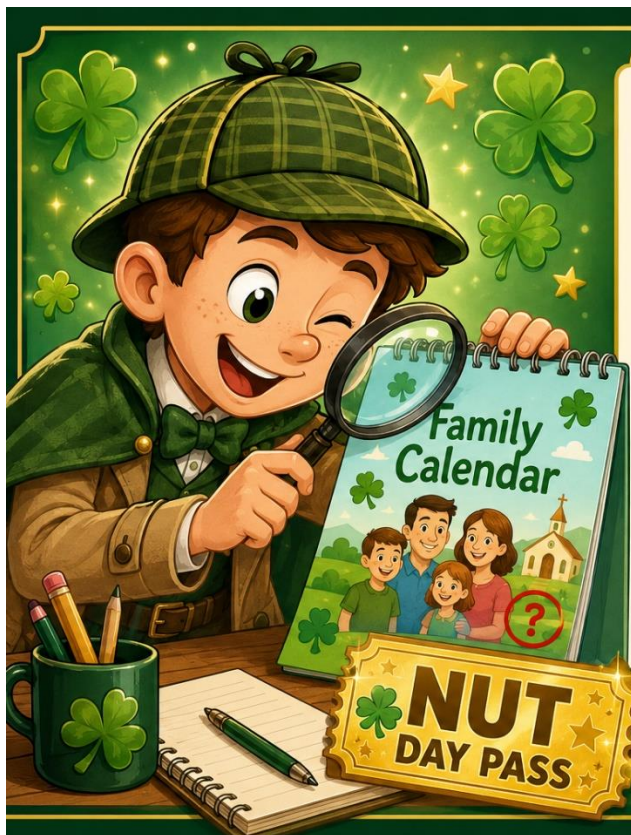
- Lunch Vendor: Tijuana Flats
- Grades close for Progress Reports (K-8)
- Art in the Heart with Ms. AJ
- Basketball Practice
- Cross Country Meet at Ed Austin Park

Thursday, September 10

- Lunch Vendor: Zaxby's
- Orchestra Rehearsal

Friday, September 11 Patriot's Day

- Lunch Vendor: Stoner's Pizza
- Progress Reports Emailed Home (K-8)
- Basketball Practice
- Cross Country Practice 3:15-4:15



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Shamrocks & Shenanigans

THE START OF SOMETHING IRISH

A ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL
DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7 | 6:00 PM

• PARISH HALL •

FAITH • FAMILY • ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE





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.

God Bless,

Mr. Chris Meyer, School Principal

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