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Welcome Home!





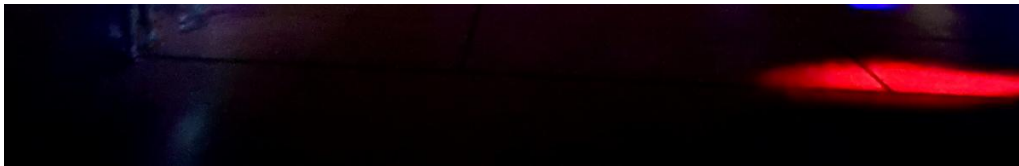












Above: (1) There were approximately 375 visitors at Grandparent Mass on Wednesday morning. The love was real, and God is good! (2-4) Kindergarten enjoyed many events this week, including Grandparent Mass, a field trip to the KY Science Center, and their *Once Upon a Time* Exhibition of Learning! (5) More than 100 students and parents gathered on Thursday evening for the pivotal pretrip meeting for the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip, reviewing travel itineraries, behavior expectations, safety rules, and more. (6) 3rd Grade made their annual visit to the Kentucky Derby Museum at the perfect time of year to learn about our rich history and the "fastest two minutes in sports!" (7-8) After doing a beautiful job with Stations of the Cross, our 6th graders had a blast at their "Silent Disco" party, which was a prize from their ColorWalk fundraising in the Fall!

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## School Updates

Another welcome back from Spring Break! It has been an incredibly productive week and a very exciting time of year as we focus on finishing the year strong and hosting lots of wonderful events. As one Kindergartener said this morning after their *Once Upon a Time* exhibition of learning: "It's really happy in there!"

We have been preparing throughout Lent, and now, Palm Sunday and Holy Week are upon us. We hope your Lenten journey as a family has been fruitful. Each child took home a Rice Bowl, and those should be brought back for offering early next week.

Please check out the Holy Week opportunities from our parish for the week ahead, and review additional updates below, including reminders on the Increased Offertory Program and calendar events. Please read or re-read the stewardship and tuition policies if you need further guidance, or give us a call and we are happy to discuss with you.

Finally, remember Good Friday is a 1:00 p.m. dismissal. Prayers for all as Holy Week is nearly here.



# Holy Week

**Palm Sunday**  
April 12 | 5:00 p.m.  
April 13 | 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. | 5:30 p.m.

**Holy Thursday**  
April 17 | 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday**  
April 18 | 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Vigil**



April 19 | 8:30 p.m.

## Easter Sunday

April 20 | 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

There will be NO 5:30 p.m mass



## School Updates

**Attention All School Families who are registered parishioners:** Per the Tuition and Stewardship Policy communicated via PONY newsletter on February 21, 2025, each family is required to return an Increased Offertory Commitment card on or before May 1, 2025, to receive the reduced rate of tuition for the 2025-26 school year.

All registered families will receive the 3rd Increased Offertory Program letter with commitment card the week of April 7. You can also submit an online [IOP Commitment Card](#).

Questions? Contact Lynne Marshall, Director of Engagement at 244-6083 or [lmmarshall@stpatlou.org](mailto:lmmarshall@stpatlou.org). Thank you for your support of our parish and school!

## PTO Updates

Please see details of our upcoming events and mark your calendars!

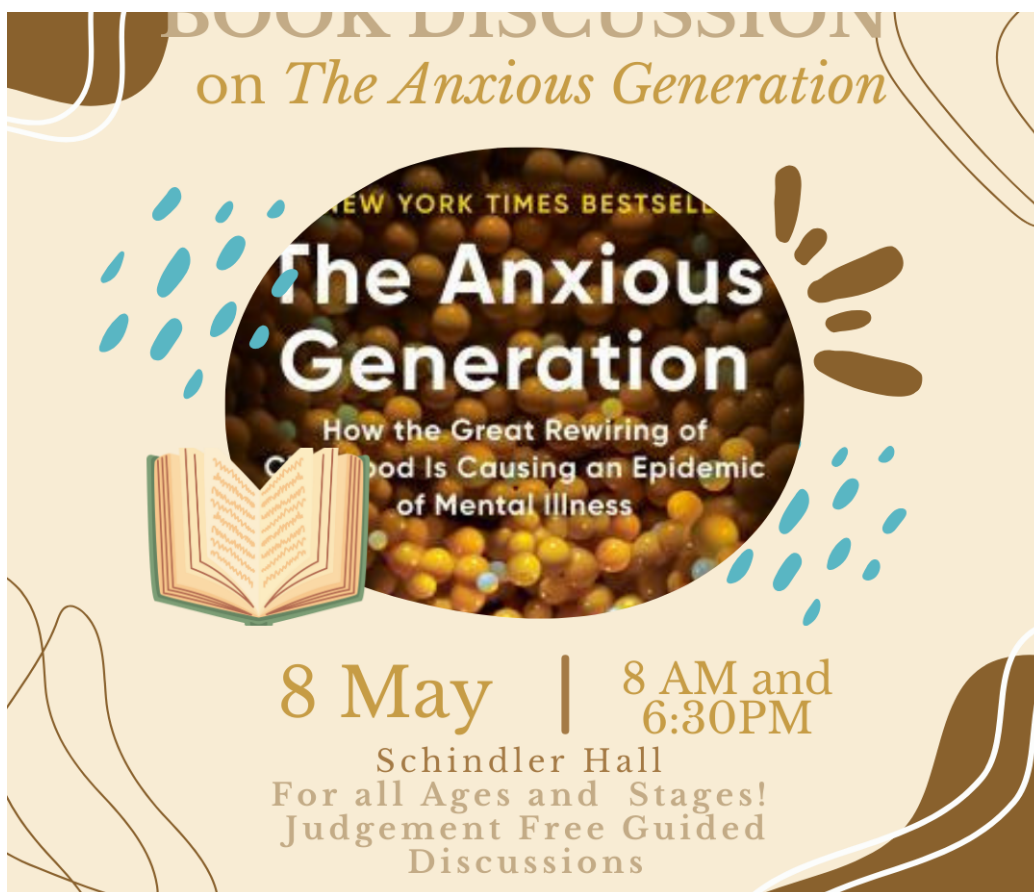
**April 18th PONY - Field Day Volunteer Signup:** Field day is May 22nd for our JK-5th graders. Field day is funded by the PTO and planned by the PTO Field Day Committee. The field day volunteer signup will be sent out in the PONY next week. This event has historically had more volunteer interest than available spots. To accommodate as many families as possible, each family is limited to one volunteer spot for the day. Once the signup is full we are unable to take additional volunteers. Keep an eye out next week if you're interested!

**April 24th @ 8am - Last PTO Meeting of the Year:** For those attending in person we will be in Schindler Hall. For those unable to attend in person a zoom meeting has been set up (zoom info is also available in the digital calendar): <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86496636508?pwd=2tI1P8c6a2pBAzHKPLQrLcat5y03wr.1> Meeting ID: 864 9663 6508  
passcode: 395427

**May 8th (8am or 6:30pm) in Schindler Hall - *The Anxious Generation* Book Discussion:** As a follow up to our Screenagers Movie screenings we invite you to read (or listen to the audio book on Spotify) *The Anxious Generation* and join us for a guided small group discussion. This is open to parents of kids of all ages and will be a judgement free space for us to come together for our kids and the good of the community. Thank you to school counselor and parent Katrina Grunzinger for leading these discussions.







### Important Dates

- Apr. 18 - In School, 1:00 p.m. (Good Friday)
- Apr. 20 - Easter Sunday
- Apr. 21 - In School, (Easter Monday)
- Apr. 22 - Quick Recall Info Session for Grades 5-7 (after school)
- Apr. 22-25 - 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip
- Apr. 25 - 2nd Grade First Holy Communion
- May 1 - Spirit Wear Day
- May 2 - No School (Derby Eve)
- May 7 - Dress Up Day
- May 8 - *The Anxious Generation* Book Discussions
- May 14 - 8th Grade Graduation
- May 22 - Field Day
- May 23 - Last Day of School, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal

Calling all current 5th- 7th graders!

**JOIN THE 2025-2026  
6TH-8TH GRADE**



## QUICK RECALL TEAM!

Practices will start in August after the start of the school year, and the season will begin sometime in September.

**An information session will be held on  
Tuesday, April 22nd in Mrs. James' room  
until 3:30.**

Email Mrs. James at [sjames@stpatlou.org](mailto:sjames@stpatlou.org) if you have any questions.

**SEE YOU THERE!**



## Parish Happenings

Click [HERE](#) for the latest Celtic Communicator, a weekly message from the parish to stay engaged with all the activities happening in our community.

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Want to learn more about all the exciting offerings of Youth Ministry? Bookmark their website! <https://stpatrickym-lou.weebly.com/>

A promotional poster for Saint Patrick Youth Ministry. On the left, a gold Celtic knot logo is above the text "SAINT PATRICK YOUTH MINISTRY". Below this, the text "Interest Meeting April 23 6:30-8:00 pm JP II Youth Room" is displayed in bold black font. In the center, five diverse young adults (three women and two men) are smiling and holding a large white sign that reads "HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NEEDED TO LEAD 8TH GRADE RETREAT" in bold black capital letters. The background is a solid bright yellow. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains three icons and text: a gold cross with "Grow in Faith", a teal icon of three people with "Leadership Skills", and a teal handshake icon with "Gain New Friends".

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YOUTH MINISTRY**

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Youth  
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**Grow in Faith** **Leadership Skills** **Gain New Friends**

A banner for St. Patrick Catholic Church. The left side features a colorful, abstract graphic with the word "FUTURE" in large, stylized letters. The right side has a dark green background with the church's name and contact information in white and yellow text.

**ST. PATRICK  
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE TO  
ENCOUNTER CHRIST**

**Saint Patrick  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Please Join Us  
for Mass**

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Monday 5:00p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00a.m.

Wednesday 12:00p.m.

Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration  
1st Tuesday of each month 3:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Saturday Reconciliation 4:00p.m. • Mass 5:00p.m.

Sunday Mass 8:30a.m., 11:00a.m. and 5:30p.m.

## Cafeteria

Click on the flyer below for the latest details from our proud partner, Taher! Check out even more on their full website [HERE](#).

**TAHER**

**NEWS**

April 2025

**Food Service Update**

**Important Links**

- [Elementary Menu](#)
- [Middle School Menu](#)
- [MySchoolBucks](#)



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### The Lunchroom at Glance

#### April Harvests of the Month

- Sweet Cherry
- Collard Greens
- Fennel

#### April LTO

- Spaghetti Squash Carbonara

#### United Tastes of America

- Baked Ham & Scalloped Potatoes

#### April Highlights

- We will have refund information available soon for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Please make sure you don't owe money on your child's account as we close out the year. All balances will carry over to next school year.



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## **ATHLETICS**

Friday, April 11-18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **FINAL FISH FRY**

**TONIGHT - - APRIL 11, 2025!**





**SPRING SPORTS** are in full swing...  
check out the CAM website for schedules!

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**REGISTRATIONS CURRENTLY  
OPEN ARE ON GAMEDAY.... IF  
YOU DON'T HAVE AN  
ACCOUNT YOU NEED TO  
REGISTER ON  
[GAMEDAY.LOUCSAA.NET](http://GAMEDAY.LOUCSAA.NET)**

**CHECK OUT OUR  
LATEST SPIRITWEAR**  
<https://stppatrickspiritwear.myshopify.com>

**INTERESTED IN JOINING CAM???  
OR EVEN JUST JOINING ONE OF OUR ATHLETICS' COMMITTEES???**

Please email [stpatathleticdirector@gmail.com](mailto:stpatathleticdirector@gmail.com). We  
currently have positions available!

**HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? Please email the Athletic Director and Asst.  
Athletic Director at [stpatathleticdirector@gmail.com](mailto:stpatathleticdirector@gmail.com)**

## Lenten Prayer & Increased Offertory Prayer

Today, Lord, I choose life.

I choose Your love and the challenge to live it and share it.

I choose hope, even in moments of darkness.

I choose faith, accepting YOU as Lord and God.

I choose to let go of some part of my burdens, day-by-day handing them over to you.

I choose to take hold of Your strength and power

Ever more deeply in my life.

May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, of challenge and of growth.

May I come to Good Friday with a heart open to dying with You,

And may I come to Easter Sunday  
with a heart open to rising to new life with you, day by day.

Amen.



# Increased Offertory Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Your abundant love has been poured out for us through the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through this sweetest of gifts, we have become your beloved sons and daughters. As such, we are called to serve you by serving others as Christ did by being living examples of your love in our homes, our parish community, and the world. May we live our lives in a way that when people see us, they truly see you.

St. Patrick is the home where our hearts, minds, and souls are nurtured and our faith is fed by the Holy Eucharist, where we are being transformed into what we receive, where you call us to go forth, share the good news, and support the mission of the Church.

Lord, you are the giver of every gift. Ignite within us a renewed desire to be generous givers of our resources, that the heartbeat and life of our church home, St. Patrick, may



**continue to be a beacon of your love  
in our larger community.**

**In Jesus' precious name we pray,  
Amen.**

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