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**Welcome Home!**



4th graders read their class novels together in small groups before applying their knowledge to independent writing and comprehension practice.



Prayers, songs, dances, special notes, Bingo, pizza, and cookies with our Kindergarten grandparents today!

## School Updates

Today our Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten students celebrated the love of grandparents! Having and being a grandparent is a special gift from God, and often it is our grandparents who instill significant knowledge and practices of faith onto their grandchildren. Thanks to all!

Next week more than 60 of our 8th grade students will be participating in an offsite Confirmation retreat. They are approaching an important milestone in their faith journey, and one that sparks a new beginning of discipleship in their young adult lives. St. Patrick's Youth Ministry plans and gives the retreat, and more than 20 St. Patrick alumni will be leading our 8th graders. Amazing! There will also be St. Patrick parishioners and school staff on hand to help make it a safe and memorable experience. Please pray for this special group of students, staff, and volunteers!

### **School Picture Day**

Wednesday, September 13th is Picture Day with Lifetouch. Students may be out of uniform on this day. We encourage you to follow our Dress Up guidelines for this day, but students may wear jeans as an exception to the Dress Up policy. We do attend Mass on Picture Day so please keep this in mind for appropriate attire.

Order forms will come home in your child(ren)'s folder this week. You may also pre-order online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com). St. Patrick's Picture Day ID: EVTZM72KS. A make-up day is scheduled for October 11th for any students who are sick and absent.

## Rock the Walk!



10 more students won a special candy bouquet yesterday for raising \$100 for Rock the Walk. There will be more individual winners in next week's final drawing.

Yesterday's Dairy Queen Blizzard Party was 1Blue! There will be one more DQ class party winner next week.

You can still donate as the fundraiser will be running through September 15th! Click [HERE](#) to learn more. Thanks for everyone donating to our PTO fundraiser. You rock!

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## Important Dates

- **September 8** - JK/Kindergarten Grandparent Day
- **September 13** - School Picture Day
- **September 15** - Rock the Walk fundraising deadline
- **Sept. 11-15** - 8th Grade Confirmation Retreats

# 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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**Rise Against Hunger! Pack Meals for Those in Need!**



Bring the whole family. Bring Grandma and Gramps, too. St Patrick will be packing meals for the poor and hungry and WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Click the link below to sign up for a 2.5 hour shift to pack meals with Rise Against Hunger. The meals will go to countries around the world fighting food insecurity.

Details:

- September. 16, 2023
- 10AM to 12:30PM
- Celtic Center Gym

We need 200 volunteers. It's a great family service event. Please click the link below to sign-up:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/stpatrickcatholicchurch2023>

We hope you can join us. Any questions, contact Deacon Scott at [srhaner57@gmail.com](mailto:srhaner57@gmail.com) or 502-262-8282 cell.



ONE STEP CLOSER TO A  
WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER

## Meal Packing Event

September 16 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. • Celtic Center



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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 7:00a.m. – 7:00p.m.

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 the logo for St. Pats Taher website with menus and updates!



## CAM



Stay up to date with all CAM information by accessing their website and newsletters. Click [HERE](#) for all CAM info!

## Dr. Sturtzel Shadows a Student

Just over two weeks ago I turned off my phone, email, and walkie-talkie to be an 8th grade student for a day. From 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., I got in line with our students and tried my best to become one of them. I participated in all class activities, including but not limited to a literary terms review and house sorting ceremony, a constructive argument writing project, the importance of scientific observations, a primary sources exploration of the assassination plot of President Lincoln, Drama skits, kickball at recess, and a collaborative prayer writing exercise in Religion. I even used the bathroom passes and flunked some Math and Spanish pre-assessments!

I wanted to shadow a student so I could remember what it's like to be one of them. I join

our faculty in spending every waking minute making decisions in what we believe is best for them and their learning and development, so it felt important to me to engage in this refresher course!

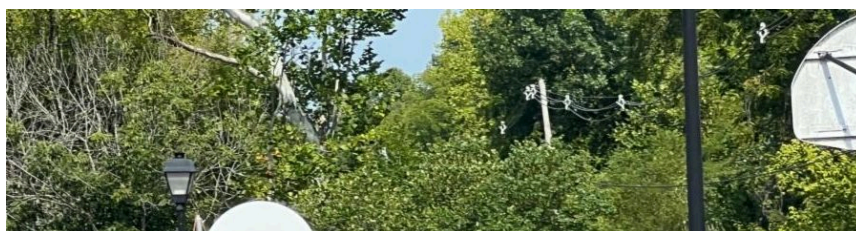
I came away proud of our 8th grade students and their talents and commitment. I also enjoyed learning more about them and how unique and special each of them are and how they bring different perspectives to the whole class.

Our faculty was so impressive! They were well-prepared and their disposition with the students was amazing. They each struck that fine balance of kindness and firmness. All of their lessons had structure, challenge, and engagement!

We will continue to plan activities and strategies that give our students a voice in their St. Pats experience, but this shadow day was a great first step this year. Special thanks to Mr. Beckham Bauer for being the best "shadowee" a principal could ask for. He was a great sport, looked after me (i.e. waiting for me after every class to get my belongings and figure out where to go next), and we learned quite a bit together in just one day of school!

It was a proud day!

Go Celtics!









**Have a great weekend!**



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