Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.
Worship and Prayer

Scripture Readings

Sunday  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Monday  
Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday  
Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday  
Weekday
1 Tm 3:1-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday  
Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday  
Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs
1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday  
Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Mass Schedule

Monday, September 16, 2019
No Mass

Tuesday, September 17, 2019
6:00 PM | † Melissa Bengel

Wednesday, September 18, 2019
9:30 AM | † Elmer & † Frances Fedewa

Thursday, September 19, 2019
9:30 AM | For the Priests in the Diocese of Grand Rapids

Friday, September 20, 2019
8:00 AM | † Leon May

Saturday, September 21, 2019
1:00 PM | Wedding: Rademacher/Simon
4:30 PM | † Carol Schrauben

Sunday, September 22, 2019
7:30 AM | † Bernadine Witgen
9:30 AM | For the People of St. Patrick Parish
11:30 AM | † Luke Hoppes

Calendar correction
There will be NO Masses:
September 24, 25, 26, 2019
There will be Masses:
October 1, 2, 3, 4, 2019

Sponsor of the Week:

Save the Date!
St Patrick will be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic on October 6, 2019. Details will follow closer to the date of the event. Contact the parish office if you plan on attending to ensure we have enough immunizations.

Bulletin deadlines
Bulletin deadline for Sunday bulletins are Monday’s at 10:00 AM.
Congratulations!  Mr. and Mrs. Nick & Samantha Davis on Your Wedding Day September 7, 2019

They are no longer two but one flesh. What God has joined together, let no man separate.”
Matthew 19:6

Family Perspective
By Bud Ozar
Parents are like that shepherd in today’s gospel for they don’t give up and can’t rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent’s persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the divine.

Eucharistic Adoration
Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful gift we have, now with increased access in our Adoration chapel across Church St. Adoration hours are:
- Monday’s, noon to 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday’s, noon to 11:00 PM.
- Thursday’s, 9:00 AM to noon.
- First Friday’s of the Month, 10:00 AM to midnight.

When the tabernacle is open we are required to have at least two people present with Jesus. We also need a couple more parishioners willing to sub for regular adorers, when they occasionally have schedule conflicts.

If you would like more information; call or text Mike Cook at 517-242-1352. If you haven’t experienced spending some quiet time in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, stop in and be blessed.

Prayers of the Faithful
That we understand each of us has a unique role in building God’s kingdom and to share our gifts beyond our parish boundaries.

Stewardship Reflection
“Everything I have is yours” (Luke 15:31)
Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

Bell Ringers Needed
Bell Choir ringers are needed for the Christmas season. They practice Wednesday evenings from 7:00—8:00 PM and will begin practice on October 2nd. Anyone interested in joining the Bell Choir should call Karen Stevens at 517-627-7699. No musical ability is needed, just a desire to praise God through music.
A sneak peak at what is coming up!

TMIY (That Man Is You!) Men’s Leadership Program equips men become fully alive in work, family, faith and culture. Saturday mornings in the parish hall. Breakfast at 8:30 AM, concludes 10:00 AM.

LIT (Ladies in Truth) is a group of women of all ages and backgrounds that gather to pray, discuss and learn together. All women are welcome! Saturday mornings from 8:30-10:00 AM, room #110 in the school. Childcare available.

Alpha begins with the chance to share a meal and get to know our neighbors. Guided by a facilitator, there is an engaging video and interactive discussion on a new topic each night. Mondays nights 6:30-8:00 PM in the parish hall.

Questions? Contact Carolyn: carolynheckman@portlandstpats.org

Children’s Faith Formation

Classes Begin:
Monday, September 16, 2019: First night of classes from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the school classrooms. The class calendar is on the Faith Formation website and in the back of church.

Registration Forms:
Forms are still available and can be turned into the parish office. Please provide the $100.00 tuition fee per family with the forms. Students can still be placed in classes as soon as the registration form and fee are turned in. Contact Lori Thelen at lorithelen@portlandstpats.org or 517-647-6405 x 419.

Fr. Wayne Wheeler, Jr.

Celebrating 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood

There will be a celebration on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Simon Church, Ludington, MI. Festivities will follow, noon until 3:00 PM, in the Family Center. Additional information will follow closer to the date, contact information: 40thanniv19@gmail.com. Fr. Wheeler was the associate pastor in the late 80’s—early 90’s.

St. Patrick PTO

Homecoming Tailgate-Saturday, October 5, 2019
5:30 PM in the PHS parking lot - Kickoff is 7:00 PM
• Bring a potluck dish to pass
• PTO will provide hotdogs, buns, water, etc.
• Advancement & Development Committee will host a pork roast

All are welcome to attend!

Portland Right to Life

Portland Right to Life meets Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 PM at the Portland Public Library, Community Conference Room. We welcome people of all faiths to join us in our efforts to protect and support the unborn and most vulnerable members of our society.
All Are Welcome at St. Patrick Preschool
By: Aaron Thelen, Preschool Director

All are welcome to attend St. Patrick Preschool! Please contact the office for a tour or to visit us in session! Students three years of age and fully potty trained can enroll at any time throughout the year.

We offer two, three, four and five half day programs for both three and four year olds!

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve! That’s our mission statement and it’s representative of the philosophy used at all levels of St. Patrick School. Not the least of them, the preschool program. At St. Patrick Preschool we center our days around Christ and his teachings. We Pray every morning, before meals and at the end of the day. We dedicate an entire month to the rosary. We send cards of prayer if someone in our community becomes ill. Prayer is central to everything we do at St. Patrick Preschool.

We learn through play. The great Fred Rogers once said, “Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning. They have to play with what they know to be true, in order to find out more, and then they can use what they learn in new forms of play”. We believe that children learn best through interaction with their peers and teachers in a play-based curriculum that focuses on social emotional development, as well as basic academic skills needed to continue their educational journey. We will provide an unmatched educational foundation that will set the children in our classroom up for a career of educational and emotional success. One of the best interactions that we get to witness at St. Patrick is when siblings and cousins stop each other in the hallway for a hug or a high-five.

We achieve with readiness for the next level of school. By the end of the year, our students show the skills, both academically and emotionally, for the next chapter of their academic careers. They will be equipped with the proper knowledge of basic academic principles, and the social skills to help them thrive at the next level. Preschool should be an inviting, loving and colorful place for our little ones to learn and develop. There are many theories on how to provide a good foundation for preschool aged children and they all have great qualities about them. This year, we decided to offer more options in our morning session to allow for flexibility for our parent’s schedules, as well as create an opportunity for the older children in those classes to set an example for their younger peers.

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve! With Christ at the center of all we do at St. Patrick, we are able to uphold and thrive with this mission statement, even with our littlest Shamrocks. At St. Patrick Preschool, we offer an opportunity for children to grow in their faith and their social skills. With this, comes an advantage academically that follows our students throughout their lives. We hope that you will consider our wonderful preschool when the time comes to send your little ones to preschool!

St. Mary-Westphalia

"Westphalia Historical Society News: The Sixth Annual Cemetery Walk will be Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 2:00pm at the St. Mary's Cemetery, Westphalia. This event is fun for the whole family, free and you might learn a little history about 5 notables. The five persons we wish to highlight are Izzy Schmidt portrayed by son Rich Schmidt, Leo Gross portrayed by son Mike Gross, Carolyn Wirth portrayed by granddaughter Kim Wirth Keilen, Louis Bertram portrayed by AJ Schneider and John Peter Pohl portrayed by great great grandson Luke Pohl. Come enjoy some cider and home made cookies and visit with family and friends. Golf carts and rangers are available for those who need assistance through the cemetery.

If you have not seen our "Weddings" display, you are missing out on over 250 wedding pictures, probably some of your relatives. Also over 40 wedding dresses, including a 4 generation and a 5 generation display and wedding dresses from 1895 through 1970. We are open the first Sunday of the month 1-4 PM and the third Wednesday 5-8 PM. This means Sunday, September 1st 1-4 PM, Wednesday September 18th 5-8 PM, Sunday October 6th 1-4 PM, Wednesday October 16th 5-8 PM, Sunday, November 3rd 1-4 PM, and Wednesday November 6th 5-8 PM. THE EXHIBIT WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY NOV 6TH. If you have a group coming we may be able to accommodate you by calling Margie Wirth 989 640 4437, or 989 587 6984."

St. Michael-Grand Ledge

Fall Rummage and Bake Sale at St. Michael’s Church, 345 Edwards St, Grand Ledge. Wednesday, September 25th, 5-7:30 PM and Thursday, September 26th, 8AM-4PM. $2.00 a bag begins at noon on Thursday!
BREADS & DESSERTS NEEDED:
We will need enough breads and desserts to feed 1000 people, so it’s important that everyone helps out in this area. Please drop them off at the cafeteria on Saturday, October 12th between 8 AM and 5:30 PM. Please note that there will be a table at the top of the steps, in the entrance near the church where you can leave your baked goods.

HOMEMADE COOKIES:
The ever-popular Cookie Booth will be held in the office hallway. All Shamrock athletes in grades 5-12 are expected to donate homemade cookies. Grandparents and others can also bring cookies for this booth. Cookies can be dropped off at the gym or the cafeteria early on Saturday between 8 AM and 5:30 PM. Cookies can also be left on the table at the top of the stairs.

DINNER TICKETS:
Available at the door—no advanced tickets will be sold.

RAFFLE TICKETS:
Raffle tickets can be dropped in the collection basket for the next few weeks. On the day of the Fall Festival, October 13th, they need to be turned in at the raffle booth, located inside the main entrance of the school. Remember—The Shamrock Athletic budget depends on the success of this raffle.

⚠️ The Fall Festival Raffle normally generates about $18,000—$20,000
⚠️ If everyone picked up their tickets and sold the entire pack, it would generate $112,000!
⚠️ Every pack sold MAKES A DIFFERENCE in the Shamrock sports budget
⚠️ Even if you are busy on October 13, you can still help by selling your tickets

Fall Festival 2019
October 13, 2019!

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Eucharistic Adoration
Monday: Noon - 7:00 PM | Wednesday: Noon -11:00 PM | Thursday: 9:00 AM-Noon | First Friday's: 10:00 AM-Midnight

Ministry to Sick/Homebound ........................................Parish Office
........................................................................(517) 647-6505

(Please notify the parish office of parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or in need of pastoral care.)

Parish Prayer List .................................................Sue Fox
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Online Giving

St. Patrick Church is trying to keep up as technology continues to change. We offer an online giving process that we hope will streamline the contribution process and develop a habit of giving regularly as outlined in the Faithful Giving Program. One way of giving is through your traditional envelope giving, another is through scheduling a donation through Connect Now Giving. The link can be found on the St. Patrick Church website. Another way is through text messaging: From a cell phone, text a donation to 1-517-641-2226. You will answer a few questions and then your donation will be processed. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the parish office.
Join us for our Friday night golf special. $30 includes two 9-hole rounds with cart and beverage specials.

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