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## **OUR MISSION**

FAITH FIRST • EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION • COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

To provide an exceptional educational experience built upon faith, academics and service, within a Catholic community that exemplifies the teachings of Jesus Christ.



## SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

St. Patrick School is a part of St. Patrick Parish, providing students and parents with a community that shares Catholic traditions, worships together and assists those in need. The school guides students in an atmosphere of continued growth through academic, spiritual and moral development. St. Patrick School develops students of integrity, with values to sustain and lead them in lives that truly make a difference.



Rev. David Cybulski Pastor



Mr. Charles Hoying
Principal

## **WELCOME**

At St. Patrick, we believe in faith first, excellence in education, and commitment to community. Our Catholic faith is taught on a daily basis, with students attending weekly Mass. The atmosphere of the school reflects the spirit of Christian life, virtuous behavior, and learning. Service projects and activities in support of those in need help our children live their faith in the community. We approach student discipline with virtue and the teachings of Christ in mind. The strong academic standards at St. Patrick Catholic School will prepare your child to meet the challenges of any high school curriculum. Our well-equipped classrooms offer the children interactive. innovative, and engaging academic environments. We strive for our curriculum to integrate and differentiate learning experiences. The positive spirit and welcoming atmosphere found at St. Patrick motivate parents to get involved in the many organizations that are a part of the school. In addition, the highly qualified, dedicated staff provides a safe and caring classroom environment. St. Patrick Catholic School has been accredited by the Michigan Non-Public Schools Accrediting Association.

We look forward to educating your children for many years to come.

## FAITH, CHARACTER & VIRTUE

#### THE CORE OF OUR SCHOOL

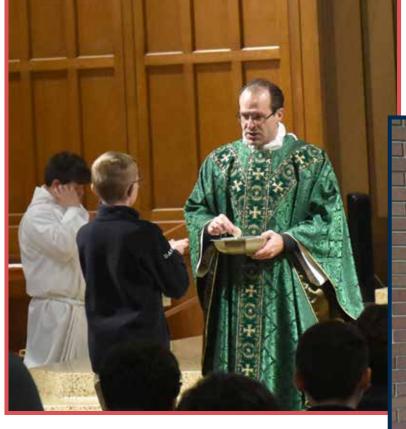
Our Catholic faith is at the center of all that we do at St. Patrick. We strive to live each day as disciples of Christ. We are Christ-centered and focused on God's Word. We encourage students to act as Jesus would. This focus is the path to solid character development and moral discipline. Working in conjunction with parents, St. Patrick focuses on giving students the tools to develop and strengthen their character.



#### Some of our faith-related activities held throughout the year include:

- Religious Education in each grade
- Each day begins with a Gospel message and prayer is incorporated throughout the day
- Weekly Mass, led by our students, with additional worship and prayer services
- Multitude of Christian Service activities and projects such as supporting Open Door Outreach Center with food drives, Pregnancy drives to support their needs, Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program, etc.
- Class retreats for select grades
- Confession during Advent and Lent
- Monthly Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction









## **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

St. Patrick Catholic School offers an exceptional educational experience from Preschool through Eighth Grade. We follow the Academic Standards developed by the Archdiocese of Detroit for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Religion. St. Patrick will continue to use the standards and benchmarks provided by the state of Michigan for World Language, and Performing & Visual Arts, as a starting point for the rigorous curriculum implemented at the school.



St. Patrick engages students and provides them with problem-solving skills, while remaining immersed in all academic areas. Faith is integrated in all academic areas. Students have an opportunity to participate in accelerated programs in some areas as well. We also employ a learning interventionist to assist students in need.



## COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

We at St. Patrick recognize the importance of sharing our blessings with others. Our entire school and parish are committed to helping others in the community through Christian Service. Through food and clothing drives, charity fundraisers and community outreach efforts our students put their Catholic faith into practice, spreading God's love far beyond our school's walls.

Our eighth graders collect the food and toiletries students donate to our monthly collection for Open Door Outreach Center.



Our Student Council prepared gift items for the little elves shop at a school in Pontiac.



Our National Junior Honor Society students prepared letters and decorated boxes for the Stronger Warrior Foundation.

# STUDENT ENRICHMENT



A well-rounded student is often a very productive student. Enrichment activities offer many benefits to students, allowing them to build confidence and improve social skills. Through a variety of after-school clubs, associations and scouting groups, we encourage our students to explore their interests outside of the classroom while discovering new skill sets. Some of these opportunities include:

- National Junior Honor Society Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>
- Student Council Grades 4th 8th
- Quiz Bowl Grades 6th 8th
- Drama Program
  Grades 5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>
- Spelling Bee Grades 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>
- Altar Serving Grades 4th - 8th
- Variety of After School Clubs Lego Golf Ski
- St. Patrick Athletic Association







## **ATHLETICS**

#### St. Patrick Athletic Association (SPAA)



St. Patrick is proud to offer our parish-sponsored athletic program: St. Patrick Athletic Association (SPAA). SPAA is part of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and is dedicated to the development of youth as a student athlete by encouraging them to express Catholic values, sportsmanship and fair play, leading to a positive athletic experience. Our teams are also required to participate in service-related activities, promoting the Catholic call to service.

The Catholic Youth Organization offers team sport opportunities for 4th – 8th grade youth.

#### **SPAA Sports Offered Include:**

Fall: Cross Country • Soccer • Volleyball

Winter: Basketball • Bowling

Cheer • Twirl (Grades 1-8)

**Spring:** Lacrosse • Baseball • Softball











## **EDUCATING the FUTURE**

The highly-qualified staff of St. Patrick is dedicated to providing an exceptional, well-rounded education, diligently preparing our students for the next chapter of their academic careers.

#### **CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS**

## **PRESCHOOL**

**Religion** – Stories of God's Love

Practical Life - Tasks of Daily Life

**Sensory** – Refine sight, sound, touch, taste and smell

Math/Science/Geography Introduction

**Language** – Pre-Reading/writing workshop

Art

**Music/Movement & Gym** 

**Reading** – Supplemental online program





## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Core Curriculum** – Religion, Science, Social Studies, Math, Language Arts & Reading

**Specials** – Computers, Art, Physical Education, Music, Library, Life Skills, Spanish (grades 1-5)

**Traditions** – Lower Elementary 100 Day Celebrations, Holiday Parties, Educational Field Trips, Cursive Instruction, STEM projects, Service Projects, Religious Retreats in Upper Elementary

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Core Curriculum** – Religion, Science, Social Studies, Math, Language Arts & Literature

**Specials** – Art, Physical Education, Computer Technology, Academic Seminar, Spanish, Band, Yearbook (8th grade), Service

**Traditions** – TEAM (formally DARE 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades), End of the Year Trips, Living Rosary, Religious Retreats, Service Projects, National Junior Honor Society



### **BUDDY PROGRAM**

Each student is matched with a student from another grade for the year to attend mass or practice reading. They also enjoy enrichment activities while creating community throughout the year.

Kindergarten/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass Buddies Kindergarten/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Buddies 1<sup>st</sup> Grade/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass Buddies 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Prayer Buddies 4<sup>th</sup> Grade/Preschool Buddies



## **WHY St. Patrick School?**

"St. Patrick is an excellent school with high academic standards, a faith-filled community, and dedicated teachers. Our boys were very happy there and left extremely prepared for high school. They transitioned seamlessly to the rigors of honors classes at Detroit Catholic Central – undoubtedly a credit to St. Pat's teachers and the curriculum. The school has a strong Catholic identity, teaching students about their faith and shaping character. Our boys also played sports and made lifelong friends. We had a wonderful experience at St. Patrick and highly recommend it!"

Scott and Jane Keeter



Ronan Keeter, Class of '23 & Jude Keeter, Class of '21



Amy, Class of '24

"St. Patrick is a faith-filled school with high academic standards. All 3 of our children started at St. Patrick in pre-school, with our youngest graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year. Our twins are currently in their sophomore year and were well prepared for high school. They are both excelling in honors and AP classes at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. As a parent, there are many opportunities to volunteer



Gregory & Cecelia, Class of '22

and get involved while meeting other families.
Personally, I started volunteering when our youngest was in kindergarten and now am blessed to not only be part of the parent community but also the staff community. Our family has made many life-long friendships from our years at St. Patrick and we hope you are able to do the same!"

Greg and Jennifer Davies

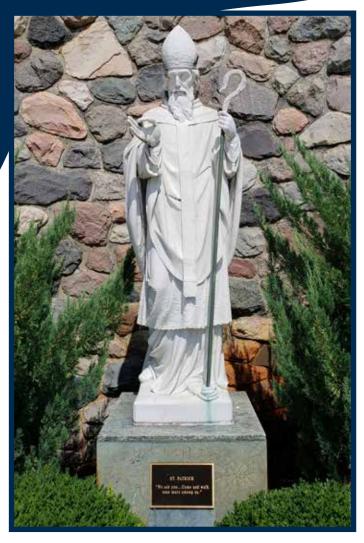
# ABOUT THE PARISH



#### **PARISH MISSION**

We, the St. Patrick Parish of White Lake, are a Catholic faith community that celebrates Life in Christ. As we are nourished and led by the Holy Spirit. Our mission is to evangelize; to proclaim and to teach the Word of God; to praise and to worship God in Word and Sacrament; and to live His Word through loving service to ALL people. On this active faith journey, we are called to be disciples who affirm, heal

and forgive in the love of Christ.



St. Patrick Parish in White Lake is a vibrant parish, dedicated to the mission of Jesus Christ, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). We take this very seriously and dedicate our efforts to sharing the Good News with all in our community. Our parish



has a long, rich history in the White Lake area, beginning in 1840 when our White Chapel was built to meet the needs of the Catholics in this area. Eventually, the community outgrew the chapel and in 1950, St. Patrick opened its doors to its first Church, which was actually a Church that was physically moved from Detroit. The community also had a need for a Catholic School, so in 1957, in conjunction with the Dominican Sisters, St. Patrick Parish School was opened! In 1965, ground broke for the existing Church that we worship in today! Since the school's inception and the building of our current Church, the St. Patrick Community has seen many expansions, updates and improvements on our campus!

Welcome to our St. Patrick Community! Our Parish welcomes St. Patrick School families to join our faith family! We are proud to offer a variety of faith-based activities, social events and of course our daily and weekend Liturgies. We are honored to educate your children and help them on the faith journey!



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