



ST. PATRICK Catholic Community

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COMING EVENTS

January 15
Father Mark Pierce teaching about St. Paul

January 24
Woman's Spirituality Day
Sister Judith Kramer, OSB

January 25—31
Catholic Schools Week

February 7
Men's Spirituality Day

October 17—20
Parish Mission

St. Patrick School is an important and vital part of our parish mission to teach the Good News. The purpose of our school is to draw students and teachers and families into a deeper and more intimate encounter with Jesus Christ. What the church and the world needs most is what St. Patrick School seeks with God's grace to offer--disciples of the Lord Jesus. As Pope Benedict says, the Catholic school "is an apostolate of hope." May God make our parish school to be that ministry of hope for our world today and the days to come. - Father John Parr

From the desk of Mary Piasecki:

It has been said that God invites and we respond. For over 130 years, the people of St. Patrick Parish have responded to God's call by offering St. Patrick School as one of its missions.

The faculty and staff are committed to the continuous process of learning. Students have opportunities to develop their intellectual, spiritual, physical, emotional, and artistic selves. Each day we try to celebrate and pass on our Catholic heritage.

Each year Catholic schools throughout the country set aside a week to celebrate. This year, St. Pat's joins with hundreds of other schools throughout the US in celebrating Catholic Schools during the week of January 25. The theme for this year's celebration is: **Catholic Schools Celebrate Service.**

This theme fits well into our vision and mission. We aspire to be of service to others. Our special projects include collecting food for the food shelf, writing letters to shut-ins, collecting toys for Operation Help and Grace Place, sewing baby quilts for members of our sister parish in Guatemala, collecting school supplies for students in Afghanistan, Jamaica, and India, and working at Feed My Starving Children. But service is so much more than projects. It is a way of life.

We at St. Pat's believe that every educational opportunity presents another way for students to grow in the fullness of the life to which God has called them. Each day we remind students that their learning will help them grow into mature adults who answer God's call each day through their jobs, their families, and even their hobbies.

Mother Teresa said, "I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world." We believe that each of us are called and used by God to bring that love letter to all. We strive to help each student recognize that they play a special role in that love letter.

Thank you to the parish for your support of our school. It is through your generosity and hard work that we are able to continue our work helping each student we meet to challenge themselves to be holy, happy, and healthy.

Please visit us during Catholic Schools Week or at some other time of the year. We celebrate Mass together each Friday at 9:00. We would love to share the liturgy with you.