

## Santa visits St. Pat's



They may not have had milk and cookies, but Santa apparently likes donuts and coffee just as well! Thank you to all who brought their little (and big!) ones to visit

the jolly old Saint Nick in Reardon Hall last weekend.

We were happy to see that Santa's nice list

seemed to be quite a bit longer than his naughty list for the Saint Patrick's students!

Students gather for the Advent service in front of the Madonna (Below)



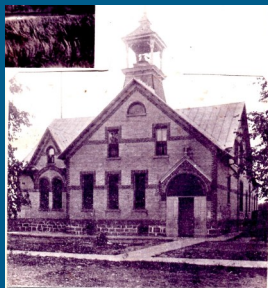
(Top) Santa stopped in for a visit with the children of Saint Patrick's this past weekend

It's not really Christmas though until the first Advent service in the school lobby with the students circled around the Blessed Virgin.

The tradition continues again this year with the

students coming together each Monday in December to join in a prayer service, light the advent candle, and sing a verse of O Come, O Come Emmanuel.





ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Patrick's School  
then and now



# St. Patrick's Celebrates 125 years

125 years ago, in 1895, Father Peter Becker built the first parochial school in Mauston. That school became our St. Patrick's. The school started out consisting of 3 classrooms and living quarters for the three Dominican Sisters who taught the 85 students enrolled there.

Thirteen years later, under the supervision of Father George Schlei-

cher, a heating system was put into the school. Oddly enough only a year later, the school was torn down and a new one was built. The new St. Patrick's School had 3 stories, including a parish hall with a stage on the top floor.

In 1951 Father Flad came to St. Patrick's, expanded the school and created Madonna High School. Since then the

school has been updated to include a library, computer lab, and new playground.

Over a century later St. Pat's is still standing proud. This year we celebrate all of that history and much, much more. We hope you'll join us in our walk down memory lane over the next few months.



## School Happenings

Who of our alumni doesn't remember the days when the upper grades would have a treat or goodie to share with the younger students? Those days were the best!

Whether it was ice cream sandwiches on a hot May afternoon or candy canes from St. Nicholas on the 8th of December. Anytime Student Council wanted to sponsor a treat, you can be sure they

would be greeted with open arms. This December was no different.

St. Patrick's Student council decided to start the Christmas season off right with a hot chocolate and candy cane sale on December 4th. The group raised just over \$130. The money will go toward school activities throughout the year, including a movie and popcorn day on Dec. 19th.



*Sales look like they are going well for St. Pat's student council*

## Wild Game Feed

This January St. Patrick's will host it's first Wild Game Feed night! Join us after 5:00 mass on Saturday, January 11th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Reardon Hall (the church basement). Bring the whole family! \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 13

and under.

The KC's and parishioners will be providing an array of wild dishes for everyone to choose from.

There will also be a Gun Raffle and children's raffle during this event. All proceeds from the raffle

and dinner are going to help support the Science curriculum at St. Patrick's school and the Sea of Change Housing Program. Come experience a church dinner like you never have before!



# National Catholic Youth Conference

This year's National Catholic Youth Conference, or NCYC as it is commonly referred to, was held in Indianapolis. St. Pat's was represented by 12 of our high school



parishioners. It was a whirlwind weekend for our teens and their chaperones!

The conference hosted more than 20,000 of the nation's youth. Over the course of the 3 days our kids got to experience music by King & Country, workshops with speakers like Jason Evert, Sarah Swafford, Joel Stepanek, Mark Hart, and Sr. Miriam Heidland. They were able to be part of discussions that ranged from Liturgical Music to Loneliness and Suicide.

On Friday night Adoration was

held at the Lucas Oil Stadium and the Conference was wrapped up with Mass on Saturday evening.

"This was such an amazing experience for our teens," says Mrs. Thayer, director of St. Pat's Youth Ministries. "I loved being able to see our kids connect with teens from all across the country. I can't wait to see what 2021's conference will bring!"



**Huge thank you  
to the  
chaperones!**

**L to R: Ann Benz,  
Kadi Walsh,  
Cassandra  
Thayer, Jim  
Fairchild, and  
Jessica Powers**

## "The Loaned Manger"

When the railroad comes to the town of Incarnation in 1891, it sets the local townsfolk a stir. Incarnation has always enjoyed celebrating the Christmas holiday, even calling themselves "The Most Christmassy town in the West!" This year, though, with new railway workers, coming through some of

the town is concerned with possible outsiders infringing on their holiday.

In this wild west Christmas play our St. Pat's students told the story of how we are all outsiders at some point just seeking a home in Jesus. That Christmas is about opening your heart, home, and mangers

to all those in need, even if they are a bit different from you!



## Alumni Contact List

With this year being the 125th anniversary of the school, St. Pat's would like to not only highlight the wonderful things happening there now, but all of the accomplished men and women it has turned out over the century. In order to do that the rectory is working on updating their alumni contact list.

If you know of an alumni member who does not receive this newsletter and would like to or who has recently moved, please contact either Jennifer Larson at 608-847-6054 or Keilah Powers at 920-215-1415.

Throughout 2020 the St. Pat's will be showcasing various graduates and where they have

ended up after leaving the school. Keep an eye on our parish and school Facebook page for any alumni alerts or glance through the Alumni Announcements page in this newsletter.

## *The Year In Review ~ Alumni Announcements*

St. Patrick's Class of...

'03:

Katie (Horkan) Mallony welcomed a son, Leighton Joseph on June 14

Cassandra Senzig was accepted into the Northern Arizona University Nursing Program

Ethan Schuh welcomed a daughter, April Diane, on November 30

'98:

Lisa (Cowan) Vinopal and Brad Vinopal welcomed a daughter, Maylee Grace, on Sept 10

### Alumni Families:

Francis McCoy Sr., father of Francis McCoy Jr., Jeanne Edward (McCoy), Cathryn (McCoy) Catterson, and Adam McCoy, passed away on May 9, 2019

Greg Cowan, father of Pat Cowan, Jaime (Cowan) Pouille, Lisa (Cowan) Vinopal, and Shannon Cowan, passed away on May 11, 2019

Francis Carpenter, grandfather of Michael and Tony Macans, passed away on May 26

### Up Coming Events

#### **January**

**2-** First Day Back to School

**11-** Wild Game Feed

**19-** KC's Pancake Breakfast

**25-** Brains and Brawns

**27-** Catholic Schools Week Begins

#### **February**

**2-** Children's Mass

**8-** Gala

**16-** KC's Pancake Breakfast

**26-** Ash Wed.

#### **March**

**14-** Trivia Night

**17-** St. Patrick's Day

\*\*Thank you all for your understanding and patience. This is our first time attempting a Alumni Announcements Year in Review page. Obviously there are still kinks to work out. If you know of an alumni