

# Shamrock

## Newsletter

### Principal's Report

April 2025

Dear St. Patrick Families and Friends,

As we welcome the warmth and beauty of spring, we find ourselves in one of the busiest and most exciting times of the school year. The children are enjoying the vibrant weather both at school and at home, and our calendar is filled with activities designed to enrich their learning and foster community spirit. As we move through April, we are thrilled to be kicking off several special events that will keep us all energized and engaged right up until the end of the school year!



Mrs. Ross

One of the highlights this month is our annual Walk for Virtues, a special event that aligns with the Jubilee Year of pilgrimage. In the spirit of this pilgrimage, our students will be participating in a fundraising effort to support the many activities and initiatives at St. Patrick School. We've set an ambitious goal for this year and are excited to see our students embrace this opportunity to contribute to their school. Families can support this event by collecting pledges or selling Kozy's Pizzas. If you'd like to donate, simply follow the QR code below. The students are eager to get involved, and we are confident that this event will inspire a sense of community and pride.

In addition, our students will be participating in our annual Speaking Contest at St. Patrick's. Public speaking is a cherished tradition here, and we are excited to give our students the chance to showcase their talents. Our younger students (K-4) will memorize and recite poems, while our older students (5-8) will present poems, speeches, or historical documents. They spend countless hours preparing for this event, and their performances consistently leave families and staff in awe. It is always a joy to see our students rise to the occasion and confidently speak before their peers and loved ones.

Another exciting event to look forward to is our Art Fair on April 15th from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. This biennial event invites families and the wider community to come and celebrate the incredible artwork created by our students throughout the year. Highlights include the impressive Rube Goldberg projects completed by our 8th graders, as well as various class and individual art projects. The Art Fair is a wonderful opportunity to witness the creativity and hard work of our students, and we would love for you to join us! This event will also serve as our Open House for 3K and 4K—a great opportunity for prospective families to meet our teachers, tour our classrooms, and learn more about our school. Please invite your friends, children, and grandchildren to join us for this exciting afternoon!

April is also filled with other notable events, such as the 7th/8th grade Spring Trip, the 7th Grade CPR class, and our attendance at the Chrism Mass in the cathedral, downtown LaCrosse. There is so much happening, and we invite you to check out the latest issue of the Shamrock for more details on these events and to see the great work our students have been doing.

Lastly, enrollment for the next school year is now open! If you would like to tour the school or have any questions about our programs, please feel free to stop by, give us a call, or visit our website and social media pages.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our St. Patrick community. We are excited for all that lies ahead in the coming weeks and look forward to celebrating these events with you.

Blessings to you and yours,

*Toni Ross*



For more photos be sure to check out our FB and Instagram page



5th and 6th had a snowy but beautiful day at Upham Woods. They got to go on a scavenger hunt, learn about deer, find their way through the woods using a compass, play a little broom ball and learn about the life of the lumberjack.

The students were lucky enough to get a visit from Saint Patrick himself on March 17th! Our patron saint came to each classroom to talk to the kids about his life story and leave them with a little gift of some of the snakes he drove out of Ireland (or in this case some very yummy gummy worms)! Later that day our 8th graders teamed up with their 2nd grade buddies to make some lucky bugs, imbued with the Luck 'o the Irish.



**You're invited to the annual St. Patrick's Prose Cafe. Tuesday April 8th at 9 am in the school gym.** Join us to listen to our 5th-8th graders recite their favorite monologues and other poetry

## Holy Week Schedule

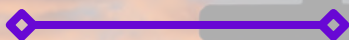
### Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12th -5PM  
Sunday, April 13th- 8AM & 10AM.



### Holy Thursday

April 17th- 7PM  
followed by Adoration  
until 11PM  
(No morning Mass)



### Good Friday Service

April 18th - 1PM  
Stations of the Cross

- 1:30PM Service

(No morning Mass or Stations)  
Cross will remain on front  
church steps for veneration  
until 6PM (weather permitting)



### Holy Saturday

April 19th - 8:30 PM



### Easter Sunday

April 20th - 8AM and 10AM

*We hope you'll join us  
in our celebrations!*



**St. Patrick SCHOOL**  
Where faith and knowledge meet

# WE'RE HIRING

## SCHOOL SECRETARY

**Apply Now!**

Send your CV and Resume to:  
[toniross@stpatricksmauston.com](mailto:toniross@stpatricksmauston.com)

Scan for job description



## St. Patrick's Lenten Fundraising Campaign

Each year during Lent St. Patrick's Parish sets out to raise funds thru it's **Purple Envelope Campaign**. The funds go towards a project that has become an imment need for the school or parish. This year's funds will be used to help fund the repairs and repainting of the exterior of church. As many of you know the St. Patrick's Church steeple can be seen from miles around at most points of the city. It is a beacon in the sky and one we are very proud of. Up close it is even more beautiful against the dusk sky. Lately however it has become evident that repairs and touch ups are needed. As with any structure taking care of problems early and being proactive on maintenance, helps keep buildings from having major issues further down the road. Please consider contributing to this year's fundraiser to help our steeple continue to be a shining example of our parish for all to see.

### How it works

-At the back of church you will find purple envelopes with numbers written on them. That number corresponds to the donation amount we hope you will return to the church in that same envelope.

-Simple choose which envelope you would like. Insert the corresponding amount of donation, in either cash or check, and return to the envelope to the church or rectory.

Your donation will be recorded and put towards the years campaign purpose.

-We cannot thank all of our generous donors enough for helping us each year to maintain our beautiful and welcoming facilities.



To donate online click the link or scan the QR code below



[www.https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st401183](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st401183)



130th Anniversary

*We are excited to announce*

St. Patrick's School  
130th Anniversary Reunion

July 12 2025

St. Patrick's School

*325 Manison St.  
Mauston, WI 53948*

Noon to 4:30 p.m.

If you are or know of a St. Pat's alum please help us spread the word and come join the celebration!

RSVP to Jennifer at 608-847-6054 or Keilah at [mandc@stpatricksmauston.com](mailto:mandc@stpatricksmauston.com)

## Caregiver Boot Camp

*This is a free survival program for families coping with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias. Presented by local ADRC Dementia Care Specialists.*



### Topics Covered Include:

- Dementia 101 "What is Dementia?"
- The Dementia Live Experience
- Tough Conversations
- Question and Answer
- Community Resources
- Caring for the Caregiver

**Juneau County Services Building**  
200 Hickory St Rm. 209  
Mauston

Contact 608-847-9371 to register. Registration required.



**April 29th**

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m

Free lunch and survival kit provided to participants!



## St. Pat's Art Fair & 3K/4K Open House

**April 15th**  
**4:00-6:30**




**ENROLL NOW**

Enrollment is **NOW OPEN** for the St. Pat's 2025/2026 school year! Set up a tour today!  
**608-847-5844**



## LIBRARY TRIVIA NIGHT

**22**  
**APRIL**  
6:00 PM



Test your knowledge of all things libraries and literature!

Registration required. Call 608-847-4454 to register your team of up to 4 competitors.

## The Way to Happiness

My dear students and Parents!!

Greetings from Fr. Cruz

Once a group of 500 people were attending a seminar. Suddenly the speaker stopped and decided to do a group activity. He started giving each person a balloon. Each person was then asked to write their name on it using a marker pen. Then all the balloons were collected and put in another room.

The people were then let into that room and asked to find the balloon which had their name written on it within 5 minutes.

Everyone was frantically searching for their name, colliding with each other, pushing around others and there was utter chaos.

At the end of 5 minutes no one could find their own balloon.

Then, the speaker asked each person to randomly collect a balloon and give it to the person whose name was written on it. Within minutes everyone had their own balloon.

The speaker then began, "This is happening in our lives. Everyone is frantically looking for happiness all around, not knowing where it is.

Our happiness lies in the happiness of other people. Give them their happiness; you will get your own happiness. And this is the purpose of human life...the pursuit of happiness.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Cruz*



## St. Patrick's Mission

To foster a Catholic identity, maintaining high academic standards for 3K through 8th Grade students while collaborating with families of ALL faiths by forming courageous disciples equipped to serve.

## St. Patrick's Vision

Our school vision is that we provide a foundational experience of faith, community, and knowledge that forms courageous disciples ready to serve generously.



# Oh What a Night!

*And the Winner is...*



2025 Trivia Night Winners

What a fantastic Trivia Night! Thank you to our St. Pat's Home & School for putting on such an incredible event! Special thank you to **Mr. Jack Hammer**, our phenomenal MC, and to our judges, **Mrs. Gina Laack**, and **Mrs. Mary Beth Crowley**. Thank you to our sponsors, **Mauston Park Oasis**, **Eagle Promotions**, **Castle Rock Golf Course**, and **Doughboyz Pizza!** We would also like to thank **Krus Fire and Security** for allowing us to use their sound system for the night. Finally, we need to thank all of you, our **PARTICIPANTS**, for helping to make this evening such an incredible success year after year!



Winners of Best Costume

**Guess Who Table:** Jen Barnharst, Darren Barnharst, Cole Beenken, Alex Beenken, Ryan Finley, Jill Finley, Kody Finley, Danielle Finley

**Famous Couples Table:** David Bellows, Crystal Bellows, Mike Stoughtenger, Krystle Stoughtenger, Julie Massey, Lance Massey, Steve McGlynn, Ralene McGlynn

## Upcoming Events

### April

- 4-NO SCHOOL
- 8-5th-8th Grade Prose Cafe
- 15-Art Fair & 3K/4K Open House
- 18-NO SCHOOL-Good Friday
- 21-NO SCHOOL
- 24/25- 7th/8th Spring Trip

### May

- 5-Athletic Banquet
- 7-May Crowning
- 16-Parent Drop Off Day-No Buses
- 26-NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day
- 29-8th Grade Graduation
- 30- Last Day of School-1/2 Day



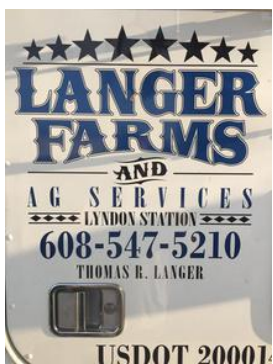
# Sponsor Highlight



Hello from Lenorud Trucking. We have been established since 2012 and have been striving to take care of our customers ever since! We take great pride in giving back to our community and supporting today's youth. We offer a variety of different services including bulk transport of animal feed, trucks for hire hauling different commerce as well as an assortment of animal bedding products keeping Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa dairy cows comfortable while they produce the milk we need to drink. We are always looking forward to seeing today's youth transform into young adults and honored to be a sponsor of the St Patrick parish.



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