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Message from the Principal



We are gearing up for school to begin! The school building has been buzzing with kids this week participating in Vacation Bible School. It has been great to see so many new faces, and I am starting to learn names! We had a wonderful turnout! Thank you to the families, staff, and children for allowing this to be a success.

The school is looking so clean and ready for students and staff. Rhonda and Roger have been working hard to make sure everything is in pristine condition. Fresh floors, paint, and prepared classrooms are just a few of the wonderful things that I have seen so far.

Something new, we are excited to share, is the opportunity to offer free breakfast this year. Tammy has been working with the DPI and had a couple training sessions to help prepare for our program. We will be serving breakfast from 7:45-8 in the mornings. I am grateful for the willingness of our staff to embark on this adventure. It will mean tweaking some of our routines but the benefits to our students and families will be worth all of it. Breakfast will be free through the DPI. We are going to be offering a variety of meals. Please stay tuned for menus to follow. Here is a link to some of the [benefits of school breakfast](#) programs.

I have been taking classes with the diocese and Viterbo, meeting with my mentors, and talking with Father. With all of this, I know I have a lot to learn but I am feeling very prepared. The opportunities that I have seen offered and been involved with seem outstanding here.

I have met a few of you and been in contact with some committee members already. I can feel the love and support for myself and this wonderful school. Thank you for helping to make this a smooth transition. I am very excited for this opportunity and the opportunity for our students! We are preparing for a wonderful year and hope that you are on our journey with us! Enrollment is still open if you would like to join this year.

Please enjoy the last few weeks of summer with your families!

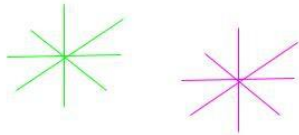
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News and Upcoming Events

VBS!

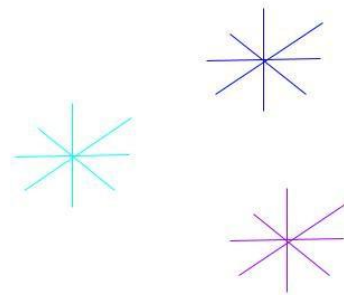


Be sure to check out our parish Facebook page for more pictures and stories of our fantastic week of Vacation Bible School! Thank you to all our volunteers, families, and parishioners who made this week possible!



 **St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting a Garage Sale August 6th & 7th from 8 a.m. -3 p.m. behind the church in the garage.**

All are welcome to stop by and shop!



Welcome to our 1st Grade Teacher

Mrs. Czys grew up in Minnesota and attended University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where she earned her Bachelor's degree. In 2007, she moved to Mauston with her husband where they started their family. They have three beautiful girls Payton(9), Aspen(6) and Tenley(3). Mrs. Czys and her husband own Sandy Shores Tubing and Campground in Mauston, WI and it keeps them busy all summer.

In the off season, Mrs. Czys started subbing 6 years ago in the Mauston School District and quickly fell in love with teaching. After getting certified for Elementary Education, Mrs. Czys is excited to start her teaching career at St. Patricks.



St. Patrick's Fall Festival

Join us **Sept. 12, 2021** for the annual St. Patrick's Parish Fall Festival!
We've got something for everyone!

- ★ **Bingo**
- ★ **Beer Tent**
- ★ **New and Improved Sidewalk Cafe**
- ★ **Quilt Raffle**
- ★ **Kountry Store & Craft Booth**
- ★ **Chinese Raffle**
- ★ **Bouncy House & Kids Games**
- ★ **50/50 Raffle every hour**
- ★ **Online & in person Silent Auction**
- ★ **Lucky 13 Raffle drawing at 2:30!**
1st prize-\$3,000



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Save the Date! Men of the Cross Conference: “Walking with St. Joseph” We are very excited to announce this conference will be held in person on **Saturday, October 23, 2021** at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse, WI. More details will be coming out very soon!

Ladies, mark your calendars! The women of the parish are holding their annual PCCW banquet at Castle Rock Golf Course Tuesday, August 17th, at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Please contact Jennifer at the parish office at 608-847-6054 to reserve your spot! Come enjoy a ladies night out!

We are still accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have not enrolled your children yet, you can find the enrollment forms on our website: www.stpatrickismauston.com or you may call the school office at 847-5844 or the rectory office at 847-6054 and we will happily send them out to you. If you know of families that may be interested in attending our school, please let us know! We would be happy to arrange a tour for them. As a reminder, tuition scholarships are available to assist families with the cost of attending our school.

If you haven't had a chance yet be sure to check out the latest editions of the Knight's of Columbus' Newletters, The Knight's Compass, on our website by clicking the link below. Each month a family from St. Patrick's Knights is highlighted for us. Take a moment to read these families stories and how they came to be at St. Patrick's Parish. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful men and women who are willing to serve our parish and our community.

<https://stpatrickismauston.com/wp-content/uploads/Knights-Compass-2021-06-Vol-1-Issue-10c.pdf>

As a reminder for school families, the Scrip year started over on May 1st. Each family is asked to either purchase \$1,500 in Scrip throughout the school year or pay an additional \$75.00 in tuition. If you would like to buy Scrip over the summer, **it is sold during the week at the rectory office.** You can stop by to purchase it during our office hours or call or e-mail ahead and we will have your order ready for you to pick up.



**GOLF! GOLF! GOLF!
GET OUT YOUR
GOLF SHOES!!**

Mark your calendars for the **Sixteenth Annual
St. Patrick's Golf Outing:**

**Sunday August 29th, 12:30pm
Castle Rock Golf Course**

4-person scramble, shotgun start at 12:30pm. \$50.00 per person, includes 9 holes with cart, *Castle Rock Golf Course famous Sunday Chicken Dinner* after golfing and many, many prizes!

All proceeds benefit St. Pat's School.

Please call the golf course at 847-4658 to register.

*****BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!*****

Bring the whole family! There will be a free putting and chipping contest for the kids to enjoy.

Even if you are not golfing in the event, please join us at the golf course for the famous chicken dinner (\$10.99) (Approx. 3 pm)



A Word from Father



One of the great things about our Vacation Bible School is seeing all of the bright, shiny, happy faces of the children. Some I have not seen in awhile and others are new to our program. So many wonderful activities and ways of growing in the faith for our children. I am most grateful for all of the volunteers who give of their time throughout the week. FaceBook is the way to see all of the photos from each day. It is hard to put into a few words all the reactions and experiences that the children have. I am so impressed with the impact these days have.

New faces also in school too. We welcome Toni Ross as our principal. She has spent part of her summer at school, Viterbo University and a few days at the Diocese with fellow catholic school principals. Another new face is Amber Czys who will be teaching 1st grade. Of course we will have all new faces in our 4k classroom. New is not a bad thing, just different. Different can be hard since there are so many great things that we all look forward to each year. That too will be a blessing; to be able to do some things perhaps we took for granted like our “Buddy” program or being all together for Mass each week.

Our Mission Statement reminds us that “our mission is to foster a Catholic identity, maintaining high academic standards for pre-k through 8th grade students while collaborating with families of all faiths by forming courageous disciples equipped to serve.” Together, let us all be a part of that mission, welcoming many new faces to St. Patrick.

-Fr. John



“During summer time, let us learn how to take a break, turn off the mobile phone to gaze into the eyes of others, cultivate silence, contemplate nature, regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God”

-Pope Francis