

# Shamrock

## Newsletter

### Principal's Report

**August 2025**



Mrs. Ross

Hello St. Patrick Families,

I hope you've all had a joyful and memory-filled summer, spending quality time with loved ones and soaking up the sunshine! While we're still savoring these summer days, there's something undeniably exciting about the fresh start a new school year brings—it's a season of new beginnings, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back.

As the school year quickly approaches, I wanted to share a few important updates with our St. Patrick's families and our wonderful Shamrock readers:

#### ☀️ **Enrollment News**

We're still accepting enrollment for the upcoming year! Some of our classes are nearly full, which is great news—but if you're considering St. Patrick's for your child or know someone who is, don't wait too long! Our small class sizes are one of our greatest strengths, allowing us to build meaningful relationships with each student and their family. For more information, feel free to call the school or parish office, or visit our website and social media for easy access to enrollment details.

#### 💛 **Get Involved—We Need You!**

One of the things that makes St. Patrick's truly special is the vibrant involvement of our families. Whether it's volunteering in the classroom, joining a committee, helping with school celebrations, or lending a hand with fundraisers—there are so many ways to be part of our amazing community. Your support is the heartbeat of our school, and it's what helps make each year a success for our students!

#### 🌱 **Rooted in Community**

You may have seen us out and about—at events like Concert in the Park, local parades, or spotting the Shamrocks distributed throughout the community at local businesses. With more than 130 years of history, St. Patrick's is proud to have deep roots in this community, and we're always looking for ways to grow our outreach and share the spirit of our school and parish.

#### 🙏 **Come Visit Us!**

We'd love for you to stop by! Join us for Mass (Tuesday through Sunday) or reach out to schedule a tour of the school. We're always happy to meet with prospective families and share the many benefits of a Catholic education here at St. Patrick's.

Wishing you the blessings of peace, joy, and a smooth back-to-school season!

Kindly,

*Toni Ross*

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



Our students and staff made their way back from Adventure Camp with a ton of memories, stories, and friendships to talk about. This group spent their week in the scorching heat to the chilly rains praising Jesus through worship music and prayer, attending daily mass, and having special adoration hours. They also got to experience once in a lifetime opportunities that include kayaking on the lake for “Water Wars” and then down the intense River Rapids, attempting the challenging 20-30 foot High Ropes Course, Rappelling and Rock Climbing, Archery and Olympic Games, and so much more in between! The whole group expresses a tremendous **THANK YOU** to all of the donors and supporters for helping them attend this amazing experience.





## Thank You

There are so many individuals that we need to thank for helping to make the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration a success. Without these incredible volunteers, who spent hours setting up tables, preparing food, hauling out tents, and countless other tasks, we would not have had the amazing day that we did. We cannot thank you enough for your work!



**Mary Beth Crowley**

**Donna Miller**

**Brian Fox**

**Jennifer Laursen**

**Jeri Kolba**

**Lynn Levondowski**

**Jane & Steve Powers**

**Liz & Jon Housworth**

**Kellen, Liev, Warrick, and Declan  
Housworth**

**Connie Walhovd**

**Bridget Bollig**

**Larry Moore**

**Kevin Quist**

**Jon Field**

**Dorothy & Scott Nicol**

**Liam and Nolan Powers**

**Cecelia & Caroline Marien**

**Kaden Cook**

**Stella Finucan**

**Adalynn Lenorud**



We would also like to say a special **thank you** to **Danelle Lubinski Photography**, for capturing so many beautiful moments throughout the afternoon, and **Island Jack** for their amazing music that made for a fun filled afternoon.



Don't forget to grab your Scrip from the office or online with the RiaseRight app before you start your back to school shopping! We have Scrip cards for every store you could possibly need! From the new shoes to the pens and pencils, Scrip can help you grab your school supplies all while helping to raise money for St. Pat's!

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who made this year's Vacation Bible School possible! What an incredible week sharing our songs and stories with these great kids! Be sure to check out Father Cruz's videos of all the weeks fun filled days on our FB page!



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## ST. PATRICK'S FALL FESTIVAL ONLINE AUCTION

Opens  
**August 24 at  
NOON**

Closes  
**September 8  
at 5:00 P.M.**

Watch our FB page for  
link to the auction site

## Purchase Fall Festival Raffle Tickets Today!

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$5,000**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$2,000**

**3<sup>RD</sup> Place: \$1,000**

Scan the QR Code below to Purchase your Tickets

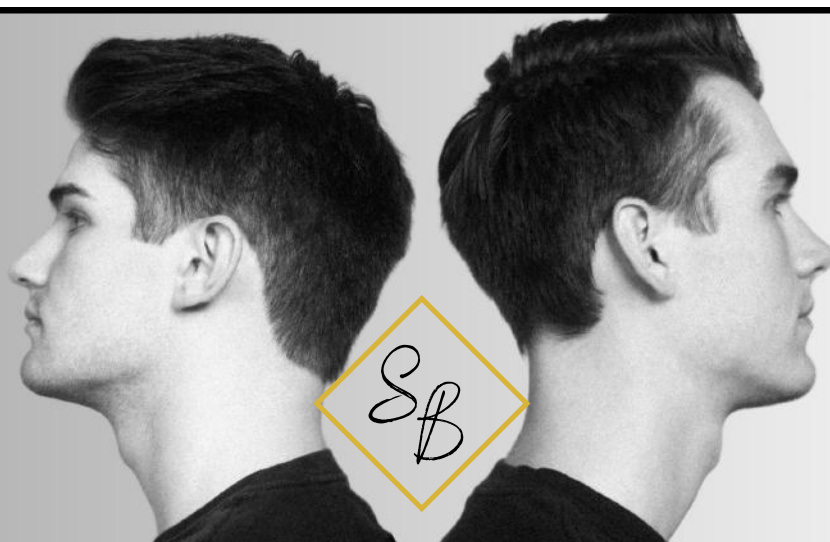


You'll get a photo of your raffle ticket by email within 48 hours. If you'd like the physical ticket, it'll be waiting for you at the rectory office.

Winners need not be present.

Drawing at 3:00 PM at St. Patrick Parish 401 Mansion Street, Mauston  
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**Community Event! Scally Brothers Concert**

**August 1, 2025**

**Riverside Park Mauston**



*Mass of Installation*  
**Tuesday Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30 Mass**

Dinner to follow in Reardon Hall. Please RSVP if you wish to stay for dinner at 608-847-6054

BACK FOR 2025!  
CONNECTING COMMUNITIES WITH ACCESS  
TO **FREE** LOCALLY GROWN FOOD

**JUNEAU COUNTY  
LOCAL FOOD  
POP UP EVENTS**

**JULY-AUGUST 2025**

July 23- Juneau County Fairgrounds 4pm- Until Gone  
1001 Division Street Mauston

August 6- Juneau County Fairgrounds 4 pm- Until Gone  
1001 Division Street Mauston

August 27- Lyndon Station Park 4 pm-Until Gone  
N. Wisconsin Street Lyndon Station

Open to all Juneau County Residents. No qualifications to participate. Items will vary depending on growing season and availability. All pop-up events are first come first served basis.




*for Rise & shine*  
**BREAKFAST AT THE FAIR**  
**8 – 10:30 AM**  
**SATURDAY AUG 16, 2025**  
Juneau County Fairgrounds

Check out all the amazing things happening in the area this month! Stopping in at any of these upcoming events is a great way to show your support for the community!



## Mauston School District Tiny House Raffle

This year's tiny house is ready to go and what a beauty she is! For more pictures visit the School District of Mauston FB page and be sure to grab your raffle tickets at our local Mauston businesses!





# Message from Father

**“There is always a  
better way”**

**Dear people of God and my dear students!!  
Greetings from Fr. Cruz!!**



A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: I AM BLIND, PLEASE HELP. There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by will see the new words

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to that blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy

recognized his footsteps and asked, “Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write? The man said, “I only wrote the truth. I said what you said in a different way. What he had written was: “today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it.”

There is always a better way in our life to approach it with different perspective.

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.

## ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

### DROP OFF DAY

This year's Drop Off Day will be Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>! Stop in to the school to drop off classroom supplies, fill out final registration papers, meet your new teachers, and handle lunch account balances. St. Patrick's School of Mauston would also like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors who wish to come by to meet our dedicated staff, explore our campus, and discover the exceptional educational opportunities we provide for your students.

**AUG. 28 2:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.**



## Upcoming Events

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### August

**12-Fr. Cruz Mass of  
Installation 5:30 p.m.**

**15-Assumption of Mary**

**28-Back to School Night**

### September

**2-First Day of School**

**7- Fall Festival!**