

# Shamrock

## Newsletter

### Principal's Report

February 2026



Mrs. Ross

Hello St. Patrick Families,

January is always a time of renewal and re-energizing as we begin a new year—and now we're already heading into February! Despite the frigid temperatures, our school has been warm and cozy, filled with learning, laughter, and lots of activity.

Our students recently wrapped up Catholic Schools Week, and what a celebration it was! While the teachers may be a bit tired, the students are energized and ready to finish the year strong. Each day was

filled with dress-up days and special events. Thanks to our wonderful Home and School Committee, students enjoyed a pizza lunch; the Catholic School Week staff committee organized bowling, a pep rally, volleyball games, and much more. It was a joyful week that truly highlighted the spirit of our school community.

February will be a busy month packed into a short time. We have mid-quarter progress reports, parent-teacher conferences, and Donuts with Dad—special events that bring extra life and connection to our school. One of the most important elements of a child's success is the partnership between families and teachers. Here at St. Patrick's, we are truly blessed with families who value education and support their children, along with teachers who are passionate, dedicated, and tireless in creating a learning environment where students can thrive. Our entire staff works together to support one another, our students, and our families.

This year, our staff has also received recognition at the state level. Two of our teachers have been nominated for the Herb Kohl Award, an honor given annually to 100 teachers across the state, along with 16 administrators. Two years ago, Gina Boppart received this award, and we are honored to once again have strong representation with two teacher nominations and my own nomination this year. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Whitney have been nominated this year! This recognition brings great pride to our school and parish, and it is a testament to the exceptional work of our staff.

We have also had several families reach out recently with interest in enrollment, and we are excited to announce our Open House/Science Fair on April 14th! This will be a wonderful opportunity to visit the school. That evening will also feature our Science Fair in the gym, with displays from every class showcasing their scientific learning and projects. Students in the upper grades will also have their work evaluated by visiting judges.

If you are interested in visiting St. Patrick School or enrolling for the 2026-27 school year, please contact the school office—we would love to hear from you!

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and school community.

Warm regards,  
*Toni Ross*



# School Happenings

## Catholic Schools Week

What a week! As always Catholic Schools Week was a thrilling success! All week long St. Patrick's celebrated all the pieces of our lives that contribute to the success and growth of our beautiful school, including the students, community, staff, and of course the parish.

The week kicked off with our Children's Mass at 10:00, where our students volunteered to usher, read, and bring up the gifts. They did a beautiful job celebrating the Eucharist! Mass was followed by coffee and donuts hosted by members of our St. Patrick's staff Mrs. Boppart, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Jones.



To say thank you to our local businesses for all that they do to help support the school and the community, each grade made a thank you card and walked it to their respective businesses. Such a nice way to give back a little to those who give so much to us! Because of the cold temperatures last week this bit of celebration was delayed a bit, but the students didn't seem to mind extending the fun to the following week!

Of course, it wouldn't be Catholic Schools Week without an intense Student vs. Staff volleyball or a field trip to Brewster Bowley Alley in Reedsburg for a bit of excitement!



## Catholic Schools Week

As usual with Catholic Schools Week, each day has a theme for dressing up. Wednesday's theme was Red, White, and Blue to celebrate our great nation. Students assembled with Fr. Mlsna and Deacon Juan after morning Mass for a flag raising ceremony and prayer of unity, tolerance, and compassion for the country.



Afterwards some of our partnering grades got together with their buddies to play a feverish couple of rounds of Saint BINGO!



To finish it all off on Friday each grade got to compete in the highly anticipated St. Pat's Pep Rally! The gym was filled with cheers, shouts, and amazing moments of triumph! While it is completely exhilarating to watch the competing students succeed, nothing fills us with more pride than seeing their classmates and school mates cheering them on from the stands. Our sportsmanship and support of one another is truly a sight to behold!



Student/Teacher Swap day for Mr. Dorsch and Declan Housworth



Thank you to all who made this week such a wonderful success! We are so blessed to have such support for our Catholic School from our families, parishioners, and community!

During the month of December St. Pat's Student Council collected hats, mittens, and winter gear to donate to kids in need in Juneau County. Pictured right are three of our 8th grade representatives, Logan Randall, Eddy Riley, and Theron Miller dropping off all the items they collected to Grayside Elementary Dean of Students, Lori Hammer.



Pictured left are Shelby L. and Cecilia M., our St. Pat's Spelling Bee Champions. Shelby and Cecelia advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee last week. This year's final round words were, delphine (of or relating to dolphins) and psyche (the totality of elements forming the mind)



## Boys

- 9 yr old-
- 10 year old- Mason Laack
- 11 year old- Toby Vinopal
- 12 year old- Liev Housworth
- 13 year old-
- 14 year old- Jasper Shirek



## Girls

- 9 yr old- Violet Shirek
- 10 year old- Vidalia Wolfe
- 11 year old- Whitney Klapps
- 12 year old- Felicity Shirek
- 13 year old- Delaney Gilbertson
- 14 year old-

## **Congratulations to all of our KC Free Throw Contest winners!**

Thank you to all our Knights, families, and participants that came out on Sunday to compete in the annual Free Throw Contest! 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will be moving on to the regional competition in a week. Good luck to all!

**St. Patrick's School enrollment will be opening March 2, 2026**

**Please turn in your registration papers as soon as possible as class sizes will be limited.**

**For inquiries or tours please call our school office at 608-847-5844**

## HIGH HONORS 4.0

### 8th Grade

Emma Kiesling  
Nolan Klapps  
Ryleigh Vinopal

### 7th Grade

Cecelia Marien  
Elyse VanHoof

### 6th Grade

Amelia Steen  
Makayla Turpin,

### 5th Grade

Aspen Czys  
Whitney Klapps  
Adelia Lenorud  
Toby Vinopal  
Harper Marien

## HONORS 3.5-3.9

### 8th Grade

Kellen Housworth  
Ben Koslowski  
Theron Miller  
Logan Randall  
Eddy Riley  
Bart Stopka

### 7th Grade

Savannah Danekas  
Julius Glavin  
Shelby Ludwig  
Olive Lynch  
Owen Randall  
Olivia McNally  
Mary Vinopal  
Spencer Turpin

### 6th Grade

Michaelee Koca  
Ariana Pokorney  
Raeson Stark  
Isabella Kolba

### 5th Grade

Brix Barnharst  
Beckett Finucan  
Declan Housworth  
Mason Laack  
Oakley Miller  
Waylon Randall  
Joe Taylor

## SCHOLASTIC RECOGNITION 3.0-3.4

### 8th Grade

Noah Tambornino

### 7th Grade

Jael Krause  
Gavin Tirado  
Felicity Shirek

### 6th Grade

Jaxen Barth  
Jameson Franck  
Teddy Pfaff

### 5th Grade

Kacper Bearsky  
Jeff Franck  
Liam Powers

## Love is in the air

**Congratulations to these St. Pat's alumni who tied the knot in the last year!**

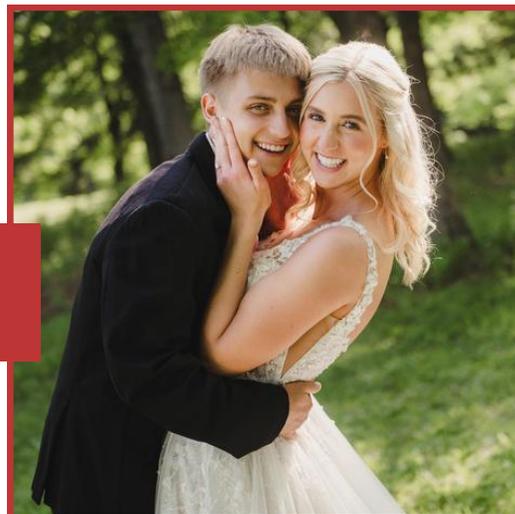
**St. Patrick's School is proud to present Mr. and Mrs....**



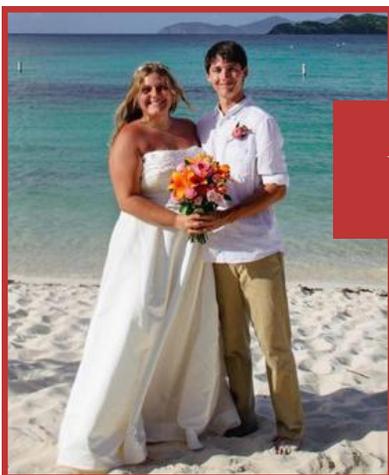
Harley & Courtney (Miller) Schmucker  
May 3, 2025



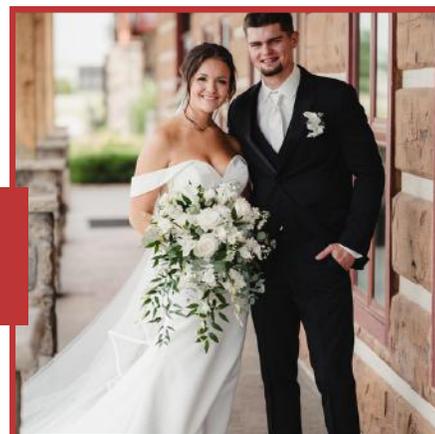
Spenser & Emma (Eilers) Lehman  
May 31, 2025



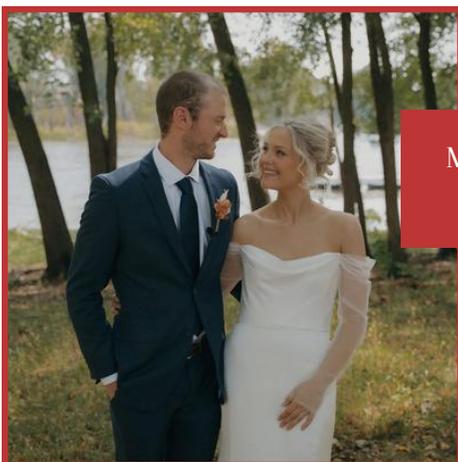
Adrian & Shae (Massey) Livangood  
June 18, 2025



Kaleb & Chloe (Walsh) Kobylski  
June 21, 2025



Matthew & Brittney (Lubinski) Sachs  
October 4, 2025



Rob & Kayleen (Betthausen) Bohnert  
November 6, 2025



If you or someone you know is a St. Pat's alumni who is recently wed please email it to us at [mandc@stpatricksmauston.com](mailto:mandc@stpatricksmauston.com) and we will share them throughout the month of February on our St. Pat's FB page!

## FAMILY & FRIENDS CPR CLASS



We will be offering a “Family & Friends CPR Class” on Wednesday, February 11th starting at 7 PM. Natty Kranz will be leading the classes. Classes are open to all parishioners and school family members (6th grade and up) and will last about an hour. They will be held in the school gym. No registration is necessary, but, if you are planning to attend and you are able, please let the rectory office know so we can plan accordingly. (This is not a certification class.)

Please join us!

**Ash Wednesday is on February 18th this year. If you have old palms that you would like to dispose of, please bring them back to church and leave them in the gathering area or at the rectory or school. We will burn them for ashes for Ash Wednesday. Mass times for Ash Wednesday are 8AM and 6:15 PM.**



# Pancake Breakfast

*Knights of Columbus*



Join our Knight's Of Columbus and 5th Grade class for a delicious pancake breakfast with fruit, sausage, juice, and milk

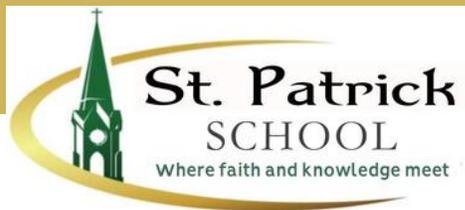
**FEBRUARY 8**

**9 a.m.-noon  
St. Patrick's  
Church  
Basement**



*Holy Happy Hour*

The next Holy Happy Hour is Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at Gravity Box Brewing Company from 6:30-7:30 p.m.! We will start at 6:30 PM with some social time and begin our discussion at about 7 PM and end at about 7:30 PM. This month's topic is: Call To Conversion. We'll be discussing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and how each of us are called.



# Church Announcements

## 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 needed to fix the exterior doors on the church. We have been blessed for many years with our beautiful etched doors that enhance the view of our church from the street, but as is the case with all things, the years begin to show their wear. Some of our doors need a bit of TLC and that is our goal this Lenten season. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated!



### 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 scan the QR code here



### A Ministry of Healing, Hope, and Resurrection

The Lazarus Project is a parish ministry rooted in faith, mercy, and resurrection. Inspired by teh Gospel story of Lazarus, this ministry exists to bring what was hidden into the light and to walk with individuals and families who have been impacted by addiction.

It is a place of honesty, compassion, and hope-where no on is judged and no one walks alone.



Next Meeting Time

Date: Saturday February 21st

Time: 6:15 p.m.

Location: Reardon Hall (St. Patrick's Church Basement)

Coffee and Light Refreshments will be provided

**You do not need to share. You do not need to have the right words. If addiction has touched your life- personally or through someone you love- you are welcome.**

For questions contact Kyle Wilke at 608-853-9010 or the [lazarusproject.mauston@gmail.com](mailto:lazarusproject.mauston@gmail.com)



# Ways to Support

## Jamaican Mission Project



The Jamaican Mission Project (JMP) was founded 12 years ago by parishioners from St. Mary's Parish in Richland Center. JMP volunteers provide care and housing for children and adults with disabilities at 13 communities throughout the island. This incredible group has created projects such as teaching local farmers how to grow sustainable agriculture and providing support for the construction of a seminary. Through financial aid and donations, The Jamaican Mission Project is able to help bring relief hundreds of people in need.

Meet Dr. Bryan Myers, a physician at Mile Bluff Medical Center at the Lake Delton Clinic. Dr. Meyer and other volunteers travel to Jamaica twice a year to build housing, beds, chicken coops, etc. for the children's orphanages in Jamaica. To learn more about Dr. Meyer's work with the JMP, and to see the difference the generosity of parishioners like you can make, visit the Jamaican Mission Project facebook page or contact Jane Powers at 608-847-5117 for more information on how you can help make a difference.



## NEWBORN BUNDLES



With February already beginning to fly by, we would like to take this chance to remind everyone that we are still accepting donations for our annual delivery of newborn bundles to Mile Bluff Medical Center in March. Our bundles consist of a small baby blanket or swaddling clothing, bibs, burp clothes, Scrip cards, and hand written notes. Items are packaged together and delivered to MBMC in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. If you would like to contribute to a bundle whether with your time, talent, or treasure please contact Keilah at [mande@stpatricksmauston.com](mailto:mande@stpatricksmauston.com)



With the weather finally beginning to warm up you can practically feel Spring trying to peek around the corner! Now is a great time to start planning your Spring Break fun! Whether you're planning a family vacation or looking forward to a quiet, relaxing stay-cation, there is a Scrip card to help you enjoy your time! RaiseRight offers cards for hotels, cruises, Disney, AirBnB, airlines, movie theaters, and so much more! These cards make it easy to customize your break to fit your desires and budget, transforming your springtime dreams into reality. Whether you're exploring new destinations or enjoying local attractions, Scrip cards provide the flexibility and convenience to enhance your Spring Break experience all while helping to support St. Patrick's School. Be sure to use your RaiseRight app or contact the school or rectory to order your cards today!



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## St. Patrick's Trivia Night

### Registration



**MARCH 14, 2026**



- \$20 per table member
- 7 rounds of questions in various categories
- Teams work together to answer the questions
- Teams may purchase 1 Mulligan (\$10 each) per round which counts as an extra point on the total score
- Pizza & snacks provided to each table
- Beer, Wine, Soda, & Seltzer available for purchase
- Raffle baskets
- 50/50 Raffle

**Teams can be a minimum of 4 members and maximum of 8 members this year!**

Prizes to the table with the best dress up theme and costumes!

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

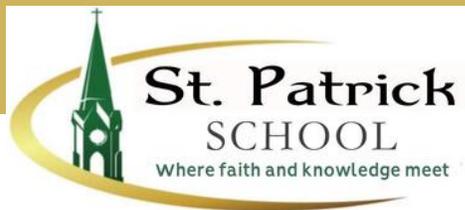
Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 5: \_\_\_\_\_ Player 6: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 7: \_\_\_\_\_ Player 8: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this sign up sheet and entry fee to the St. Patrick's School office by **Wednesday, February 27th.**

Contact Steph Randall at 608-853-0149 with any questions

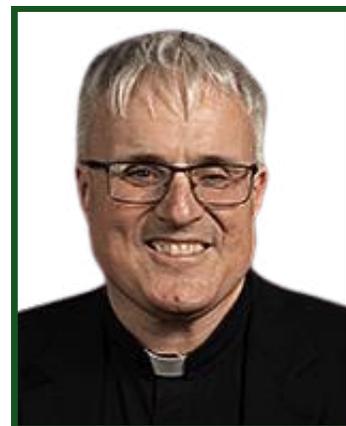


# A Message from Father Mlsna

My dear students, families, parishioners, and member of the Mauston community

On February 18 we will begin the holy season of Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Ash Wednesday begins this holy season. The ashes which we receive mark us as followers of Christ and is a reminder of our need for repentance. Lent gives us the opportunity to make room for God in our lives.

In my next article I will explain some ways that we can use the Lenten season to make room for God. Thank you for choosing St. Patrick's school for your child. I pray that their intellectual life and faith life will grow because of the time spent here at St. Patrick's school. A happy and Holy Lent to all of you.



*Fr. Mlsna*

## 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.

*-Passages to Ponder-*

As we try to navigate the world today, let us think on the words and actions of Jesus. Ask him to guide us to follow in his footsteps and his teachings. We hope you'll find a moment this week to reflect on our "Passages to Ponder" section and how it is relevant in our lives today

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**1 John 4: 11-12**

**Calling all dads,  
uncles, grandpas,  
and father figures!**



## Upcoming Events

Please RSVP to Toni at 608-847-5844 or [toniross@stpatricksmauston.com](mailto:toniross@stpatricksmauston.com)

### February

- 1-KC Free Throw Contest @ Noon
- 8-KC Pancake Breakfast 5th Grade
- 12-Afternoon Conferences  
(No Ext. Care)
- 13-NO SCHOOL-Conferences
- 18- Ash Wednesday
- 20-Donuts with Dad @ 7:15
- 26-Holy Happy Hour @ Gravity Box

### March

- 2-6-Read Across America Week
- 6-Parent Drop Off **NO BUSES**
- 14-Trivia Night
- 16-NO SCHOOL
- 23-27-Spring Break