

# St. Patrick's Shamrock

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January 2022

Dear St. Patrick Families,

It seems to be such a short time since our last edition of the Shamrock! This month has come and gone with little warning. We have been so busy here at school preparing for this Christmas season. We have beautiful decorations around the school, many of which the students have been a part of creating.



With the month of December being full of so many traditions, I would like to highlight some of the many things that students are part of here. We started the month with a visit from St. Nicholas. The student council members dressed up as good Saint Nick and delivered treats to the students. This was a joy filled experience for all involved. The spirit of giving never gets old!

We also continued with our traditional Monday morning Advent service. The classes gathered in two different groups to go over the meaning of the advent candles and sing a carol. The young students learned so much from this event; it was great to see their participation. The older students also gathered and took turns reading. This was a great example of the leadership that is developed through many activities like this!

The Jesse Tree is our next tradition that I will share! This was new to me, but I was so excited to learn more and thought it was a great opportunity to share. The student council, again, took the lead on this activity by doing a daily reading to the whole school. Each day the students learned about bible characters and colored pictures to add to the Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree is a tradition to share the family of Jesus. The biblical knowledge that is shared from this activity is great to experience and learn. The students did a wonderful job!

You may have also heard about our guest speaker, Mr. Carl Olson. He came to speak with student groups. He had a message of self worth, respect, and character. This message was shared through stories and magic. The students were actively engaged in his presentation and attentive for the whole show! You can see our facebook page for some of the fun videos and pictures. Mr. Olson speaks to Catholic Schools in the area and is a retired school teacher. He has a message that he shares and we continue to repeat here. "Good, better, best; never let it rest; until your good is better and your better is best!" He talked about the importance of what we think and say to ourselves as well.

Our biggest and most fun activity this last month that took many grueling hours to perfect, was our Christmas concert. We were blessed to be able to hold the event in person this year, and it made the show even more special! It started off with our very own bucket band. This was the highlight for many of the students and audience members. The students had done so well with this; I cannot wait to see what else they can do as they continue to work on these skills. Then the concert continued with singing from our students and great acting by our eighth graders! The teachers sacrificed time and energy to get this put together; we cannot thank them enough. The students also had a huge role to fill and were wonderful, brave entertainers!

December has come and gone with so many wonderful things happening that we cannot list all of them! Each classroom had exciting learning opportunities between art projects and social studies dioramas, to science experiments and reading assignments as well as math lessons along the way. The effort and energy that has been put forth this month is a testament to the wonderful school spirit here.

Blessings,

**Toni Ross**



# *School Happenings*



*St. Nick made a special appearance in the classrooms to deliver treats to everyone!*

*Thank you to all our participants in the annual children's Mass on Christmas Eve! What a wonderful celebration!*



*HUGE thank you to our Home and School Association for the fantastic new items they donated to our playground!*







# *School Happenings*



**Our 6th graders helping their kindergarten buddies build their own gingerbread houses!**



# *Year in Review*

## *2021 Alumni*

### *Annoucements*

Erin McGlew married Nate Soens on August 7

Kyle Randall married Haylee Udelhofen on July 17

Joe Crowley married Brittany Hartje on September 18

Tiffany Schumer married Kory Klump on June 12

Kayla Schaller married TJ Greenwood on February 27

Paul Graf married Erica Davis on August 24

Brooke Schluter married Tommy Langer on August 7

Shaun Mazur married Sabrina Wells on September 5

If you know of an alumni with news that they wish to share in the upcoming year, please contact Jennifer Laursen at 608-847-6054 or Keilah Powers at [keilahpowers@stpatricksmauston.com](mailto:keilahpowers@stpatricksmauston.com)

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### *Annoucements*

Peter Curran welcomed a daughter, Teresa Ann, on Jan 1

Betsy (Vinopal) Crawford welcomed a daughter, Kiley Kay, on  
June 10

Mariah (Powers) Stauffer welcomed a daughter, Jane Josephine,  
on June 16

Tammi Walsh welcomed a daughter, Delaney Jean, on June 3

Mary Kate (Orton) Scudellari welcomed a daughter Elizabeth  
Louise, on April 3

Mike Macans welcomed a son, (John) Henry, on December 15

Kayla Schaller-Greenwood welcomed a son, Madden Robert, on  
December 5

Tara (Schwedrsky) Swinehart welcomed a daughter, Audrey  
Elizabeth, on September 1



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## *2021 Alumni*

### *Annoucements*

Jerome (Jerry) Neve passed away January 29

Tim Curran passed away April 27

Ruth Franke passed away December 15 (2020)

Sara Loutsch passed away June 23

Mary Buttner passed away September 11

John McMenomy passed away August 28

John Walsh passed away October 6

Mary Lou Arens passed away October 25

Jerry Boehm passed away October 21

— The Four Seasons —

# ST. PATRICK GALA 2022

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## PLEASE JOIN US!



Once again we will be hosting the St. Patrick's School Gala at **The Lodge at Mauston**. There will be a delicious dinner, drinks and DJ for your entertainment. There will be many large and small auction items, raffles and more fun than you've had in a year! If you have never attended, this is your year! The Gala is a fundraiser for St. Patrick's School. The proceeds are used towards school curriculum and a cultural field trip for the students.

The details are as follows:

Date:	Saturday, February 19th, 2022
Cocktails:	6:00 p.m.
Dinner & Auction:	7:00 p.m.
Cost/Person:	\$70.00

Please return the ticket payment to St. Patrick's School Office or to Jennifer at the rectory office. Please indicate the names of the parties attending along with payment. Payment should be made by Friday, January 28th, 2022.

Thank you!

The Gala Committee

If you have questions, contact:

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Please join our 6th grade class and Knights of Columbus men in Reardon Hall following our 8a.m. and 10 a.m. mass on January 16, for a delicious **pancake breakfast** the whole family is sure to enjoy!



\* \$10 per family



## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest



Jan 24 at noon in St. Pat's Gym



Saint Patrick's Youth Ministry is looking for your help

# JANUARY

IS MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH



Mental Wellness Month is intended to bring awareness to the importance of good mental health. Seasonal depression can occur with the lack of sunlight and with the letdown after the holidays when family is no longer visiting. Our Youth would like to bring a smile to our elderly Parishioners' faces, by putting together care packages for the Nursing Home residents at Fairview and Cottage Care. We are looking for new items to be donated that will benefit their mental health such as:

- ✓ Large Print Word Searches
- ✓ Adult Coloring Books
- ✓ Fun print Slipper Socks with grips
- ✓ Coloring Crayons/Pencils
- ✓ Decorations for their Doors
- ✓ Fun print lap blankets

Our goal is to make 50 care packages at our Youth Night on January 26th, so please place the items at the back of church

**BEFORE JANUARY 26th.**

Thank you for your generosity!



If you know of someone else who would benefit from one of our care packages please contact Mrs. Thayer e [re@stpatricksmaston.com](mailto:re@stpatricksmaston.com) before January 24th



## Catholic Schools Week Lineup!

January 30-February 5

**Sunday**--School Mass

**Monday**--Cowboy Day

Penny Wars - \$ earned goes to the Food Pantry

**Tuesday**--Pajama Day

Penny Wars

Volleyball - Staff vs. Student Council

**Wednesday**--Fancy Dress and Hat Day (after Mass)

Pastries with Parents - Mass with families and donuts in the gym

Penny Wars

**Thursday**--Sports Team Day

Penny Wars

**Friday**--Dress like Student/Teacher Day

Penny Wars

\$1 for the Missions

Movie?



## *A Word from Father*

Merry Christmas. The season continues until the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas program was a great way to get into the spirit. The Christmas Eve Mass was a good moment with the students helping us to visualize the time of grace in Bethlehem. Thank you to all the staff in preparing our students. We welcomed Fr. Cryton to the parish, who was a big help with confessions. I pray that the Christmas break was a good one for all. In the New year we have much to look forward to. At the end of the month we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. I am grateful for all who have supported us over the years. To keep up with all the daily activities please like and follow the school on our Facebook page. From the hands on projects to the artwork, to the stories being read and daily acts of service; there is much going on that we would like to share with you in 2022.



## *News and Upcoming Events*



### **January**

- 3:** Classes Resume
- 14: NO SCHOOL**
  - Teacher work day
- 16:** KC Pancake Breakfast  
(proceeds benefit 6th grade)
- 24:**KC Free Throw Contest
- 30:** Start of Catholic  
Schools Week



### **February**

- 1-4:** Catholic Schools Week
- 11: NO SCHOOL**
  - Teacher work day
- 14:**Valentine's Day
- 19:** Gala
- 24:** Parent/Teacher  
Conferences P.M.
- 25:** Parent/Teacher  
Conferences A.M.

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