

St. Patrick's Shamrock

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Message from the Principal



Hello, my name is Toni Ross and I am so thrilled to be coming to St. Patrick's School! I am coming from a teaching background at Hillsboro Elementary School. I have taught 2nd and 3rd grade there for the past 8 years. While at Hillsboro, the district and the employees had done extensive work with curriculums. In my time there, we looked at and chose a math curriculum, ELA (english language arts) curriculum, and SEL (social emotional learning) curriculum. I was also lucky enough to be there for the start of their PLC journey. Over the years, we tried out different professional learning community (PLC) styles and models. We also had training as we started on that journey. Hillsboro offered many opportunities for professional development (PD) through the years as well. My other PD involved classroom management, Love and Logic, technology, and Bal-A-Vis-X. I had the privilege of being a mentor at Hillsboro as well. The students, staff, and families at Hillsboro made it very hard to leave. I will forever be thankful for the time that I was able to share with them.

This next part of my education journey is also very important to who I am and hope to be! I have a passion for education as well as my faith. I am very excited to be here at St. Patrick's where I can share both education and faith with our students, staff, and families.

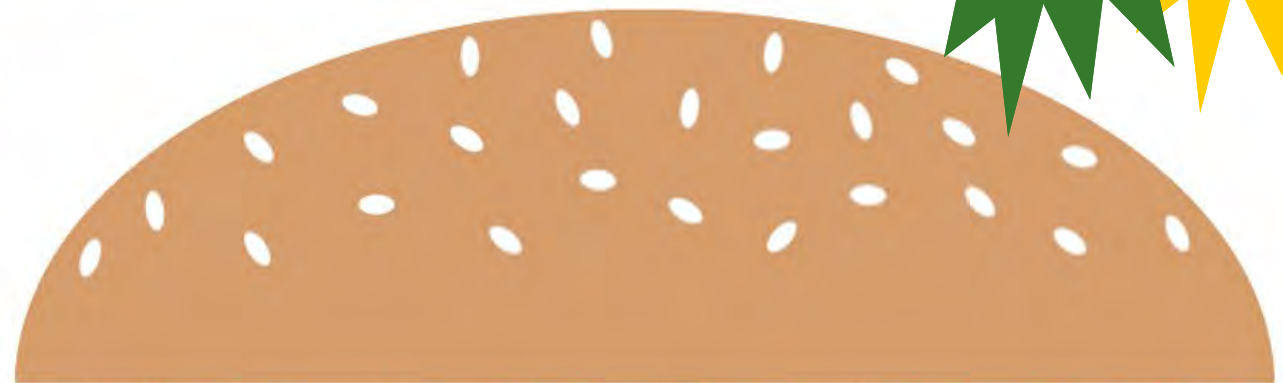
As a child, I attended a St. Mary's Ridge school outside of Norwalk. My mom taught there for 15 years as my brothers, sisters, and I went through school there. With this experience, I have developed a deep love for the catholic school system. My desire to share a similar experience with my children has drawn me here to St. Patrick's. I have heard and read about the wonderful experiences that families share from this school as well. There is a deep connection and love of education that is very attractive.

My husband, Tim, and I live on 5 acres outside of Norwalk. We have planted our roots and started our own family with three young boys: Tigue (5), Torren (3), and Tiernan (18 months). Our family is quite connected and we live just down the road from my home farm and both grandparents. Tim's family is also close by in the Wilton area. We love to be outdoors, gardening, working with animals, and traveling.

I am starting my journey here at St. Patricks by working from home, attending classes, and sharing some time in the office. Father has connected me to mentors in the catholic school system and I am excited to work with them and share ideas. I believe that I am going to work well integrating my prior knowledge and newly acquired information to provide for the St. Patrick's school and families. I am looking forward to working with each of you! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share and be part of your family here at St. Patrick's.

Toni Ross

You're Invited



WE'RE FIRING UP THE GRILL!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

CHURCH PICNIC

Friday

JULY 16

5:30 P.M

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News and Upcoming Events

Rummage Sale Items Wanted: We are planning to have a parish rummage sale later this summer. We will be collecting items for the sale on Wednesday evenings from 6—8 PM. You may bring your items to the rectory garage at those times. Please do not bring clothes. If you have larger items or furniture or cannot drop off your items on Wednesday evenings, please give Therese Gunther a call (847-6744) to make arrangements.

The Fall Festival is just around the corner—September 12th! Raffle tickets are now available. Tickets were sent home with all school families a few weeks ago. If you would like more tickets, they are located near the entrances of church and on the rectory porch. Please help out with our biggest fundraiser of the year by taking a few books to sell. Tickets are \$5.00 each and come in books of 10. You can return sold raffle tickets to the rectory any time this summer.

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.

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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.

A Word from Father

Dear people of God, Joyful greetings from Fr Chinnappan from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Vellore, India. But now I am serving as associate pastor at Mauston here in our diocese of La Crosse for the last three months. I'm really happy to share some details of my native diocese with you on this weekend.

Next weekend (July 10/11, 2021) will be a mission appeal for my diocese. Our diocese was started by Salesians in the year 1952 carving out a portion from the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore. Further in 1969, a few parishes from the Archdiocese of Pondicherry-Cuddalore were attached to this Diocese. It is comprised of two civil districts, namely Vellore and Tiruvannamalai. There are 84 parishes having a Catholic population of 150,000.



By the way, my beloved bishop, Most. Rev. Dr. Sounder Raju Sdb, passed away on March 20, 2020 during this pandemic time. The present Administrator is Very. Rev Msgr. John Robert. The total Number of active priests are 148. Can you imagine a land where 1.6% of the population are Christians who put their faith into action through a challenging ministry among 82% Hindus? Can you imagine a land where many of your privileges are denied because you are Christian? But with all this, my Diocese of Vellore does a wonderful ministry of proclaiming the good news and the works of charity such as running a school for the poor, building mission and ministry facilities, leading children's outreach programs, responding to natural disasters, and reaching out to individuals and communities through Christian service.

Our diocesan administrator, Very. Msgr. John Robert, struggles to accomplish all these projects successfully. He even struggles to pay medical bills of the pastors affected by Covid-19 and other sickness. Next weekend, I will be here asking your financial help to build a rectory in a new parish which was erected in the year 2018 and does some relief works for the people affected economically because of Covid-19. Many people are without jobs now. The situation there is no work means no income. There is no facility to work from home. Many people live rural areas. The Covid-19 situation in my state is very bad now. The total cost of the rectory is around 35,000 dollars. I am not asking you to give this entire amount especially in this difficult time that we are all in.

Four priests from my diocese are working in our Lacrosse diocese. All four will be going to four different parishes to appeal for support for this project. I request you to donate only what you could do. If you would like to be part of this mission through your financial support, please send a check made out to your parish name "St. Patrick Parish" and mention "Mission Coop" in memo column.

I also request your support, most importantly, by your prayer. Without prayer, nothing will happen especially in this pandemic times. Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity to my Church in Vellore, India. Your contributions will continue to strengthen our ministerial initiatives and evangelization efforts.

God bless you all!

Fr. Chinnappan