

# St. Patrick's Shamrock

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July 2020

## Principal's Message

Summer has officially arrived! I have enjoyed soaking in the warm sun with my family while my kids run through the sprinkler. We have spent time bug hunting, hiking, and scavenger hunts. We have held mud pie contests and jumped in puddles. My kids have helped me learn the importance of making the best of every situation we are faced with. They are not worried about what school will look like in the fall, they are worried about their popsicles falling off of their sticks. They are not concerned about social distancing or safer at home, they are concerned about fireflies coming out before their bedtime hits. This is a difficult time we are living in for us as adults, but what do our kids see? Maybe more time is being spent at home. How wonderful to have this time together! Maybe families are cooking



more together rather than going out. What a blessing to be able to earn these life skills with our families! It is our job as parents to teach our children how to be resilient during difficult times, but I am learning many lessons *from my own children about patience, faith, and the importance of living in the moment with my family.*

**I am so excited to shout out loud that our school will be open in the fall! I REPEAT: School will be open in the fall!**

We will come back to **face-to-face** instruction five days per week in September. We know that kids learn best in school, experiencing learning while being a part of the classroom each day. St. Patrick School staff are all working hard to make sure we have appropriate safety precautions and measures in place to ensure students, staff members and families are as safe and healthy as possible. We cannot guarantee what the future will hold, but we have the summer to prepare and plan and make sure we have an amazing return to school. Teachers are working hard over the summer to create similar structures and templates across the board to help implement technology tools and resources right at the beginning of the year to make learning more efficient. We cannot wait to see you all in September! Stay tuned for a fun video from our staff.

Blessings,

*Karla Reinhardt*





*Congratulations to Father  
Sam McCarty  
on his ordination into the  
priesthood on June 27,  
2020*



We'll still be  
having the Fall  
Festival on  
Sunday,  
September 13!!  
Hope to see you  
there!

**Fall Festival Raffle**—We will be holding our Fall Festival Raffle. However, we have scaled it back. Prizes will be smaller this year and ticket prices are \$5.00 each. We have sent raffle tickets home with each family. Please check through your student's bags for them. Each envelope contains 2 books of tickets (each book is 6 tickets). We ask that you sell (or buy) these. If you would like more tickets, we will have them available on the rectory porch or you may call the rectory office and we will get more out to you. You can return your ticket stubs and money to the rectory office, put them in the collection boxes in church or mail them back to the rectory. Or bring them back the first week of school. This is one of our biggest fundraisers to support the school.



*Congratulations to our 13 confirmation students,  
who were confirmed this past Tuesday.*



**August 3rd - 7th from 10am-Noon we will be holding VBS.**

Our theme this year is Parachute with the Angels. I am pasting the Amazon Wish List for VBS this year...if you are able to donate an item from the list I would greatly appreciate it!

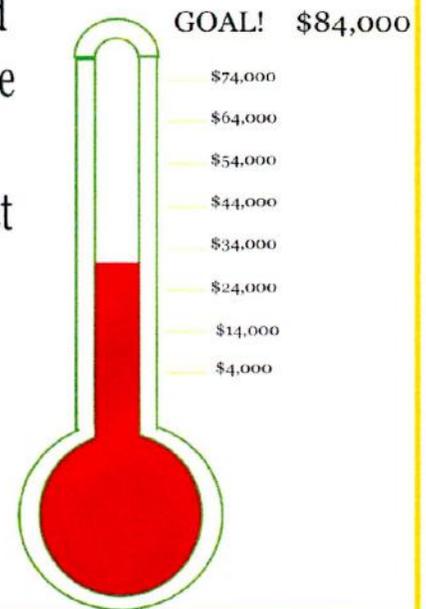
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On the list are some fun trinkets and supplies that all tie in with the program and help to keep the 1:1 ratio.

# Raise the Roof

The Buildings and Grounds committee of St. Pat's has discovered that our gym roof is in need of repair! Fortunately they have secured a contractor who is able to start work on the roof in July so it should be done by the start of school in September. Through very generous donations from a few of our committees, parishioners, and families we have already raised almost half of the money needed to pay for the new roof! If you wish to donate toward this project please contact Jennifer at the parish rectory (608-847-6054)

**Thank you to all who have contributed toward helping preserve our school!**





# Announcements

Registration is open for the 2020-2021 school year. We were not able to have our normal pre-k open house this year, so we are bringing the school to you!

Check out our virtual open house at the youtube channel attached

<https://youtu.be/qNra5-q0C4E>

We are open for enrollment in all grades, for families of all faiths, pre-k through eighth grade. Share the good news and help our school family grow together!

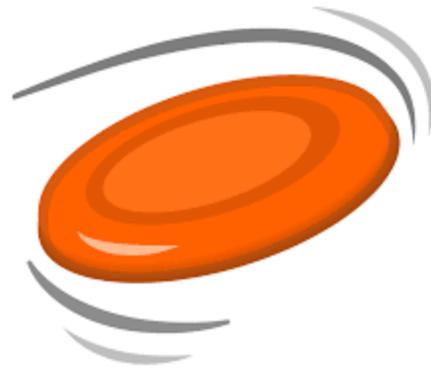
St. Patrick's School is currently looking for a Technology Coordinator and Teacher. If you or anyone you know would be interested please contact Principal Karla Reinhardt at 847-5844



*Parish*  
**PICNIC**

Mark your calendars for  
Friday July 17th  
Starting at 5:30 p.m.  
**\*FOOD\*MUSIC\*DRINKS\***

**\*\*All food will be catered**



The 4th Annual *Frisbee and Fire Night* will be **JULY 28TH** at **6:30 P.M.** at Kiwanis Park.  
Join us for the fun!



# *Parish Council Meeting Minutes*

**St. Patrick Parish Council Meeting  
June 18, 2020 6:00 p.m. Reardon Hall**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Father John. In Attendance: Father John, Eric Mashak, Rae Ryan, Gina Boppart, Barb Cowan, Chris MacArdy, Joe Clary, Barb Nicksic (sec)

**Opening Prayer: Rae Ryan**

**Approval of May 2020 Minutes:** Chris MacArdy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Cowan

**Catholic Education Committee:** Barb Cowan, no report

Father spoke a bit on Diocese guidelines for mass gatherings, regulations

Father read letter from Bishop Calahan discussing school opening in the fall and policies re Covid

**PCCW:** next meets in Sept. New steam table has been ordered for the kitchen, should be arriving soon.

**Bldg & Grounds:** Father John, next meeting is July 1

Half the parking lot has been patched, 2<sup>nd</sup> half to be completed next year. Lines have been repainted.

In July the gym roof and school lobby will start repair, to be done by sept. 1

**Sacred Worship:** next meets in late Sept, or early Oct.

13 students to be confirmed July 7, Dean will be here for Confirmation (which is Father John) ☺

Options have been discussed for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, parents are contemplating the options.

Holy Happy Hour, Cassie is working on that plan with Clane at State St. Tap

July 28 is Frizbee & Fire at Kiwanis Park.

Aug. 3-7 10 a.m. – noon will be Vacation Bible School

**Other Business:**

July Picnic will take place Friday July 17, council voted to proceed, all food to be catered. Joelle Curran will be notified.

Fall Fest will take place, but many parts of it will not happen this yr, such as the Cake Walk, Bingo, No roast beef dinner, No kids games, more plans are being discussed.

It was discussed that possibly the Sidewalk Café could be bigger.

It is to be discussed with Terese Gunther as to selling Scrip and/or Gift Cards for local businesses at Fall Fest.

We discussed what help might be needed for the homebound, is more help needed for shopping? Or Communion for the homebound? No Nursing Home visits are allowed quite yet.

Also discussed if & when 8:00 masses should start up again, Gina said it is difficult to find ushers and we should probably wait, at least until July, so for the next couple weeks keeping it as is. All agreed.

**Next Meeting Aug. 20, 2020 6:00 p.m.**

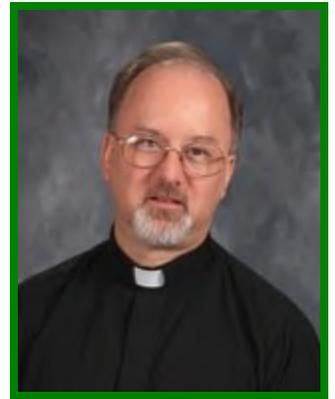
**Closing Prayer Gina Boppart**

**Adjourn 7:45 p.m.**

## *Words from Father*

What!! July is here already!! Happy 4th of July to all and a happy Birthday to our great country. From the beginning with our founding fathers, we can see the impact of learning, reading and reflecting on a deep level and then applying it to the situation of the day. As we have experienced these last months, things are in constant motion. We do need to study our situation, read what we can from many sources and apply all that we have learned so that when we open our school doors in the Fall, our students can confidently return to learn, pray, and apply their gifts. I know that I am looking forward to being in the classroom with our great kids and staff. Throughout the summer our staff has been attending Zoom meetings to prepare for the upcoming year. The mountain of pages of material that Mrs. Reinhardt has waded through is amazing.

I think even the students themselves are looking at coming back and being in school, after time at the beach or campground or cabin up north, of course. We will have some new staff and things will look different as we will be doing things a little differently. But as the letter to the Hebrews (13:8) reminds us "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Let us work from our strong foundation and not our fears. The future is always uncertain, but the victory is found in Christ Jesus.



*We are now offering  
Saturday evening Mass at  
5:00 and Sunday morning  
Mass at both 8:00 AND  
10:00*