

Shamrock

Newsletter

Principal's Report

March 2025



Mrs. Ross

Dear St. Patrick Families,

I'm so excited to be writing to you again! This week has truly been one for the books, with so many wonderful activities to share. March has kicked off with a lot of fun and learning, and as always, it's exciting to see the many ways we're engaging our students in hands-on experiences.

We started this month by celebrating Read Across America Week! Each year, our teachers create opportunities for students to develop a love of reading while enjoying some fun activities. This week, students participated in themed dress-up days inspired by Dr. Seuss. One of the highlights was "Fox in

Socks," where students showed off their craziest sock designs—some homemade, some with funny faces, and others simply a rainbow of colors. We also had a "Cat in the Hat" day, with students sporting all kinds of fun hats. It's a time for the kids to connect with new books, explore different reading topics, and enjoy guest readers sharing stories. If you were here on Thursday for "Whoville Hair Day," you saw some truly wacky hairstyles!

March is also a time of renewal. Our student council organized some fun activities for Fat Tuesday, which included a game that brought together students of all grade levels. This week, we also began the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Our teachers have been talking with students about sacrifice, encouraging them to give up something, take on a new challenge, or make a sacrifice during this special time. It's been a beautiful way to build a sense of community and help students support one another. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and sacrifice, and it's heartwarming to see how engaged the students are in this journey.

We've also continued our tradition of Saint Madness! This fun and interactive activity allows students to learn about a variety of saints and vote for their favorites. The middle school students created saint cards featuring pictures, facts, and information about each saint, and then students from all grades get to vote on which saint they like best. We'll have a final face-off in the last weeks of Lent. It's been wonderful to see the older students encouraging younger ones to participate. March has begun with so much energy, and learning continues to flourish. We hope to keep inspiring our students with a love of learning, as there's so much to discover and explore all around us. If you're interested in learning more about St. Patrick's School or enrollment for the 2025-26 school year, please visit our website at stpatrickismauston.com or call the office at 608-847-5844 during school hours (M-F, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.).

Blessings,

Toni Ross

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK



Guest reader and St. Pat's alumnus, Dr. Mick McCormick, joined the 1st graders on Monday this week to kick off Read Across America Week!

Newborn Bundles

This year marks the 4 annual donation of newborn bundles from St. Patrick's Parish to Mile Bluff Hospital. Each year during the month of March, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, St. Patrick's Parish has donated between one and two dozen bundles for the newest arrivals in the maternity wing of the hospital. The bundles include a baby blanket (many handmade by parishioners or alumni), a baby item, donated by the PCCW, 2 Scrip gift cards for food and gas, and a handwritten card welcoming the newest member of the community.



Donuts with Dad



Thank you to all the dads, grandpas, uncles, and father figures that came to Donuts with Dad! It was an incredible turnout and the smiles on the kids faces were priceless.



Holy Week Schedule

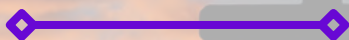
Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12th -5PM
Sunday, April 13th- 8AM & 10AM.



Holy Thursday

April 17th- 7PM
followed by Adoration
until 11PM
(No morning Mass)



Good Friday Service

April 18th - 1PM
Stations of the Cross

- 1:30PM Service

(No morning Mass or Stations)
Cross will remain on front
church steps for veneration
until 6PM (weather permitting)



Holy Saturday

April 19th - 8:30 PM



Easter Sunday

April 20th - 8AM and 10AM

*We hope you'll join us
in our celebrations!*



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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 and repainting of the exterior of church. As many of you know the St. Patrick's Church steeple can be seen from miles around at most points of the city. It is a beacon in the sky and one we are very proud of. Up close it is even more beautiful against the dusk sky. Lately however it has become evident that repairs and touch ups are needed. As with any structure taking care of problems early and being proactive on maintenance, helps keep buildings from having major issues further down the road. Please consider contributing to this year's fundraiser to help our steeple continue to be a shining example of our parish for all to see.

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.

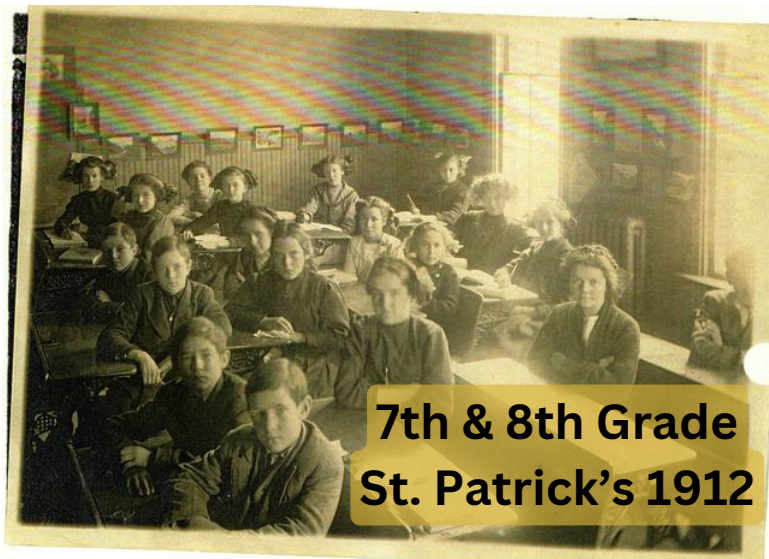


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In honor of the 130th anniversary of St. Patrick's School, we dug through the archives to find a few pictures from the past. Do you see any faces you recognize? Many of these students' descendants are still in Mauston today! Check out our Facebook page to see more photos celebrating the 130 years of academic excellence at St. Pat's!



Marie Temple, Genevieve Boyle, Merton Sullivan, Patrick Gerald Powers, Johns Bosche, William Curran, Eleanor Sullivan, Alice C. Walsh, Helen McIntyre, Catherine McIntyre, Catherine Mackin, Jane Taylor, Margaret Kelly, Margaret Pfeifer, Blanche Hill, Anna Goodriter, Dellan Bentley, Thrascilla Powers, Louis Steiner



Row 1 (Bottom): George Wafle, Gerald Petrowitz, Francis Rasmussen, John Wafle, James Noonan, William Kranz
 Row 2: Mary Quinn, Elizabeth Ohmon, Rose Seitz, Genevieve Moriarty, Genevieve Pollard*, Agnes Gardner, Dorothy Keely*
 Row 3: Evelyn Hogan*, Eileen Riley, Mary Eleanor Noonon, Frances Pollard*, Alma Newstadter, Rose Mika
 Row 4: Irene Riddlestine, Leona Petrowitz*, Marty Mack*, Eleanor Fiske
 Row 5: Francis Ruland*, Michael Powers*, Albert Bauer Jr., Harold Siebecker*, Florion Boyle, Raphael Steiner, James Timbers

*8th graders

FREE MOVIE
Ordinary Angels



Elroy Theater
Saturday March 8 at 2:00 PM
All are welcome, concessions available for purchase.
Sponsored by Bethany Lutheran Mauston and Thrivent



ST. PAT'S
Trivia Night

SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025
6:30 P.M.
ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL GYM

Plan your team of 8 now and get ready for an evening of fun, food, drinks, and trivia!



YOU'RE INVITED TO
St. Patrick's Day Dinner
MARCH 16TH
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Church Basement
401 Mansion St. Mauston

FEATURING TRADITIONAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE WITH CARROTS, POTATOES, DINNER ROLLS AND DESERT! (HOT DOGS AVAILABLE AS WELL)

\$10/person
\$20/family



ENROLL NOW

Enrollment is **NOW OPEN** for the St. Pat's 2025/2026 school year! Set up a tour today!
608-847-5844

My dear Students and Parents!

Greetings from Fr. Cruz!!

“Your Value”

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do

this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?"

My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. Because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to Him."

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.



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!



St. Pat's Art Fair & 3K/4K Open House

April 15th
4:00-6:30



Upcoming Events



March

- 5-Ash Wednesday
- 14-Parent Drop Off **NO BUSES**
- 15-Trivia Night
- 21- 1/2 Day: **Pick up @ 12:25**
- 24-28-Spring Break

April

- 4-**NO SCHOOL**
- 15-Art Fair & 3K/4K Open House
- 18-**NO SCHOOL**-Good Friday
- 21-**NO SCHOOL**
- 24/25- 7th/8th Spring Trip



Sponsor Highlight



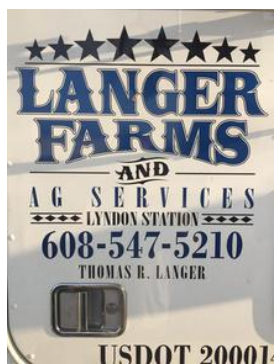
Danelle Lubinski Photography has been capturing memories of families for 15 years. She specializes in high school senior portraits, but offers family, newborn, children, maternity, business headshots, engagement and professional real estate photography. She has been working with St. Patrick's School for sports photos and we are happy to have her capture the yearly school photos of the students and staff.

Danelle Lubinski Photography creates beautiful fine art portraits. Offering the luxury experience of professional hair and makeup, outfit recommendations and locations (studio location and outdoor) to

perfect your session. She creates portraits to last a lifetime and offers luxury albums, wall art and gift prints. If you are looking to create some portraits of a lifetime, she would be happy to capture those memories for you!

Danelle and her family are members of St. Patrick's Parish. Her husband Matt is a St. Patrick's graduate along with 2 of their children, Aedyn & Owen. Their youngest daughter, Avalynn is currently a student at St. Pats School in third grade. Danelle and her family are proud members of the school and parish, committing to serve, greet, usher and help when they can.

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