

St. Patrick's Shamrock

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May 2022

Dear St. Patrick Families,

April has been a month of blessings, I won't even complain about the cold or the snow. We started April with our Spring Event– The Science Fair, celebrated Easter, and started our ABC countdown to the end of the year. Our 7th and 8th grade students were able to attend Chrism Mass and the final details of the year are busy being planned.

This year, we have noticed so many great things happening at St. Patrick's and so have those in the surrounding community. We are proud of the growth of our students. They have worked hard and persevered. The projects, daily activities, and many events held to showcase their talent and effort is proof of this.

One of the most recent events was the Science Fair. There were projects completed and judged or viewed by many. This event was open to the public, and we had a wonderful turn out. Those that attended were impressed by what they had seen. There was so much creativity and effort put into the projects. They could tell the pride that students put into their work and the effort to make it successful. The scientific method was evident, and their understanding was showcased through their presentations. This is one of the many times that parents are also encouraged to be part of the learning process, and this helps to show that learning can take place in so many different settings.

This month we were also able to celebrate Easter. What a joy filled season in the church. Christ is Risen! We started Holy Week off a little differently this year. It has been many years since our 7th and 8th grade classes have been able to attend the Chrism Mass at the diocese. This was also the first time for me! Thank you to Mrs. Thayer for putting this event together and coordinating the day's events. To set the scene for this day, it comes down to the details. The students were dressed up: suits, ties, dresses, etc... This was so wonderful and a great representation of St. Patricks and what we can do with expectations. We were one of several schools that attended this event at the Cathedral in La Crosse. Many of the diocesan priests were there, along with the bishop, and other representative groups from the diocese. This mass was about 2 hours long but there was so much happening at every moment, time went by so fast. Seven of our students were able to take up the gifts and be a part of the mass in this special way. After mass, we were able to get some photos with Father John and have a peek at the cathedral. All of the oil was blessed for the parishes of the diocese. As we left, we were able to walk through as the oils were being distributed and see all of the priests gathering and sharing in the joy of the day. We ended with dinner at Park Oasis. Which was also so delicious. Thank you to the Park Oasis Team for being flexible and working with us to feed all of the hungry mouths after the eventful morning and afternoon. The students were impressed with what took place and were happy to be part of this great event.

Our week continued with mass at school, and with Good Friday off many were able to be with family and continue their Easter traditions. Many of our families attended mass and some of the conversations I was able to have with students about the events of the Holy Triduum were wonderful. It is great to see the involvement from families and know that Easter was celebrated in a variety of ways.

As we draw to a close this month, we have started a school wide ABC countdown to the end of the year. The teacher created events are to count down the days of school left. We have so much in the coming month, but this is a fun reminder of what we do as a team. The days started with "Learning about an **Animal Day**", "**Green and Gold Day**", "**Saint Day**", and we will end on May 27th with "**Zip up your backpack, Zoom home and have a wonderful summer**". Our staff are working to provide fun and learning opportunities around every corner!

As we begin our journey through the month of May, I am going to share a few dates!

** Various Field Trips – Stay Tuned for notes from your child's teacher

5/13: 8th Grade Social

5/16: Athletic Banquet

5/23: Academic Banquet

5/26: 8th Grade Graduation

5/27: Last Day of School: Awards 9am, Spring Concert at 10am, and Lunch at 11am.

Thank you for your time and support throughout this school year! Thank you to all of the committees, parents, parish members, and community supporters. St. Patrick's School is blessed to have you all, and I look forward to continuing my time with you!

Blessings,

Toni Ross





School Happenings



Four weeks ago our St. Patrick's students kicked off the annual Walk for Virtues challenge! Each classroom was given a bouquet of balloons with letters or hearts inside. The students popped their balloons to find their letters and spell out a virtue for their class. The 8th graders here managed to unscramble their word, obedience. Be sure to check out our school Facebook page for pictures as they wrap up their challenge and go on their walk!



Spring may be playing hide and seek, but our 4th graders have been working on bringing their own sunshine into the classroom. These beautiful "stain glass" butterflies helped to celebrate Earth Day and the beginning of a new season.



What a blessing for our 7th and 8th graders to attend the Chrism mass in La Crosse. They represented St. Patrick's well and had a great day!



St. Patrick's

2022

High Honors

4.0 GPA

Eight Grade:

Sena Vinopal, Ellie Pouillie,
Dylan Walsh

Seventh Grade:

Carson Demaske, Hudson
Randall, Eden Finucan
Carmen Osager

Sixth Grade:

Holden Eckerman
Kaden Gottschalk

Fifth Grade:

Kaden Cook, Stella Finucan,
Keira Randall,

Honors

3.5-3.9 GPA

Eight Grade:

Cody Komiskey, Sophie Randall
Ava Stanila, Tyler Seagren,
Lillyan Wilke

Seventh Grade:

Gracey Kobylski, Nick Trute
Landynn Miller
Owen Lubinski
Hannah Hersil, Weston Pouillie

Sixth Grade:

Garett Pouillie, Evan Seagren,
Parker Smith, Jillian Cook,
Caroline Marien

Fifth Grade:

Reed Sommerfeld, Madison
Luxton, Jonny Riley, Mia Wang

Scholastic

Recognition

3.0-3.4 GPA

Eighth Grade:

Nolan Powers, Heath
Massey, Lauren Laridaen
Seth Schwedrsky,

Seventh Grade:

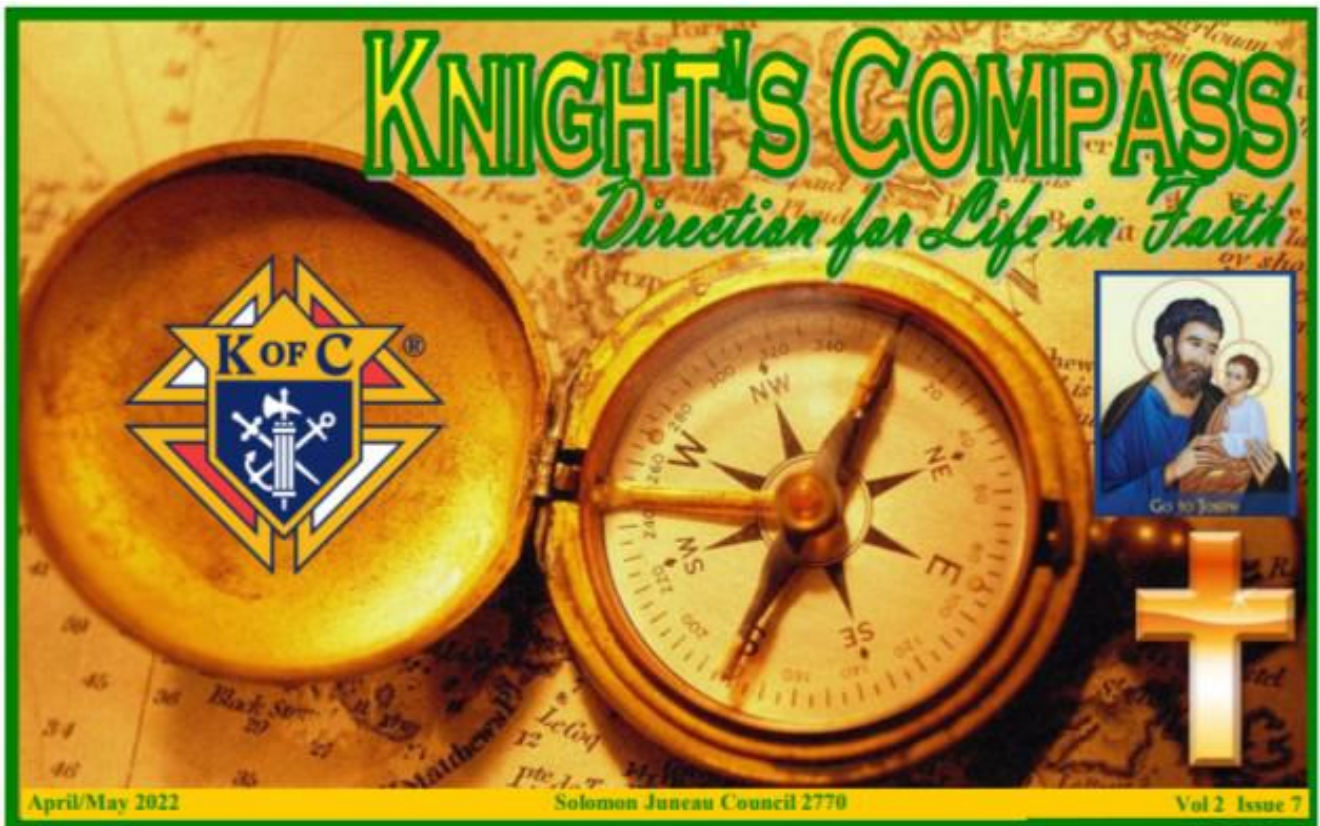
Johnny Tambornino

Sixth Grade:

Sofia Olson

Fifth Grade:

Myka Krause, Adalynn
Lenorud, Evan Mann, Jack
Vinopal



Take a minute to check out the latest edition to the Knight's Compass, our own Knight's of Columbus' newsletter.
<https://stpatricksmauston.com/parish/knights-of-columbus/>

And don't forget to grab some Scrip this week for a special Mother's Day treat!

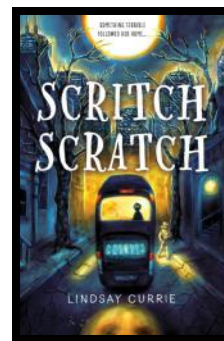
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SCRIP!

Memorial weekend will be here before you know it! Summer is practically at our doorstep! You'll be needing plenty of gas for those trips to the lake, and to stock up on groceries for the family barbeque! Planning a family vacation? We offer Scrip for all of those and more!

Our Scrip program is a great way to help contribute to the school without losing any money on your end! You pay the same price you would for your normal everyday items, gas, groceries, hotels, and at the same time help out our school who earns a percentage back of that card purchase! Grab your cards at the school office or call today 608-847-5844, to order ahead for pick up!

How did your March Madness brackets turn out?! Well our 6th graders definitely picked a winner! Carissa Huebner from Hatch Public Library visited with Mrs. Catterson's class and brought with her books to help the class create their own book bracket! She read synopses from each and the students voted to determine the winner on each level, until it came down to the grand champion, *Scritch Scratch*, by Lindsay Currie. Take a minute to read this book summary from Goodreads.com and see for yourself what our 6th graders are enjoying these days!



A ghost story about a malevolent spirit, an unlucky girl, and a haunting mystery that will tie the two together.

Claire has absolutely no interest in the paranormal. She's a scientist, which is why she can't think of anything worse than having to help out her dad on one of his ghost-themed Chicago bus tours. She thinks she's made it through when she sees a boy with a sad face and dark eyes at the back of the bus. There's something off about his presence, especially because when she checks at the end of the tour...he's gone.

Claire tries to brush it off, she must be imagining things, letting her dad's ghost stories get the best of her. But then the scratching starts. Voices whisper to her in the dark. The number 396 appears everywhere she turns. And the boy with the dark eyes starts following her.

Claire is being haunted. The boy from the bus wants something...and Claire needs to find out what before it's too late.

Summer Project Update!

As many of you know, we are able to update our heating system over the summer. The grueling process of making this decision has been worked out through various committees and the diocese. The Finance Committee has applied for grants and loans, gotten bids, and other behind the scenes tasks that must take place. The Building and Grounds Committee has been great to support this as well. A special thank you to Don Wilke. He has been at school several times over the past few months to walk through the ins-and-outs of this project with the company coming in as well. The parish is working with NAMI to complete this project.

This project is much needed and fully funded. There have been very generous donors along with the work of the various committees to get this going. NAMI will be in our building as soon as students are cleared of the building. This will limit access to the school as they continue this project. They have everything ready to go and are just waiting for the okay to get started! The school will be a busy place over the summer and we will do our best to keep you updated as the construction continues.

Again, thank you for your time and support!

Dear St. Patrick Families,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that I will be leaving St. Pat's after this school year. Over the past three years, I have been blessed to work with such an incredible group of 2nd and 3rd graders. I truly appreciate the support I have received from this wonderful community. I will miss all of the children, parents, co-workers, volunteers, parish staff, and parishioners who have welcomed and supported me. I would love to stay here forever, but I need to put my daughter's educational and social emotional needs first at this time. She has been accepted into Central Sands Community High School near Amherst beginning this fall. I will continue to sing the praises of St. Pat's to everyone I meet. I would truly appreciate your prayers for my daughter and for me as I seek to find a job that is as rewarding as St. Pat's.

May God continue to pour his blessings upon all of you!
Ms. Karen Koehler

Spring Banquet for the Women of St. Patrick's

At Castle Rock Golf Course

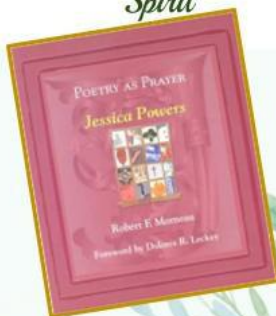
Monday May 9, 2022

5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:30 Dinner

*There will be a brief talk on the early life of the
famous Mauston poet, Sister Miriam of the Holy
Spirit*

RSVP
Jennifer 608-847-6054
or
Lynn 262-812-6374



\$10 per person
Payable that evening

All women of the parish are invited for an enjoyable evening

Newborn Baby Bundles

As we celebrate Mary in this beautiful month of May, please take time to remember all the new and expecting mothers in our community.. A newborn welcoming program has begun at our parish where small bundles of baby items are brought to the hospital throughout the month of March in honor of our namesake, St. Patrick. One of the gifts we would like to include in the bundles are gift cards from our Scrip program. Any donations will be used to help purchase items for these baskets. If you would like to help in other ways, such as making baby blankets, burp cloths or donating baskets, please contact Keilah Powers at 414-539-2428 or keilahpowers@stpatricksmauston.com

A Word from Father



Happy Easter season! We have good reasons to celebrate. Jesus is risen from the dead. New life is offered to us with great joy by our heavenly Father. **New** is kind of a keyword. Already we are looking at a **new** school year with the release of the calendar for 2022-23. As this year closes out we will begin the project of the **new** heating and ventilation system. That will be worked on all summer and be ready for the heating season. Thank you to all who have supported our school trust endowment that allows us to move this project forward. We will also be putting in some **new** windows in the classrooms bringing in more natural light.

For our second graders who have just received Jesus for the first time, they are **new** to this means of grace in their lives, which perhaps, some of us take for granted. We will be starting off next year with a **new** reading curriculum for the middle grades with a program called “Wonders”. For the middle school, they will be using a **new** reading program called “Progress”. Heating things up in the kitchen will be a **new** stove that will be installed during the summer.

What a great year of getting to a “**new** normal”, a new foundation that we can build on for years to come. Change is always a part of life but there are things that we look forward to also. St. Patricks has always been a great place for students to grow and develop in so many ways. I encourage you to invite other families to check things out with a personal visit so that they could become a **new** member of the St. Pat’s family.

News and Upcoming Events



May

- 1: First Communion 1:00**
- 4: May Crowning**
- 6: Walk for Virtues**
 - No extended care
- 17: Confirmation 6:00 p.m.**
- 20: NO Buses**
 - Parent’s Drive
- 26: 8th Grade Graduation**
- 27: Last Day of School**
 - 1/2 day and picnic
- 30: Memorial Day**



June

- 19: Corpus Christi** with procession to Riverside Park
- 19: Father’s Day**

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Thank you to all our alumni members and families who are sponsoring the St. Patrick's Shamrock this year! If you know of an alumni who has a business they would like to advertise on our sponsor page please email Keilah at keilahpowers@stpatrickismauston.com

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