

# St. Patrick's Shamrock

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Dear St. Patrick Families,

Here we are already in the month of May! It seems that we were just talking about April and we have so much to think about with the upcoming month. As we enter May, it is one of the best months of school. There is so much happening and so much to be learned as we wrap up the school year.

One of our biggest adventures this month has to do with some very important people in our school... The 8th graders who are graduating. They have made such an impression on St. Patrick's and like the classes that have gone before, we hope that we have also had a positive impact on their lives. Our 8th graders were pivotal in making this year a success both at the church and school.

They have very important roles, and I would like to take a moment to share a few of the many great things they are part of!



First off, 8th grade are the role models for our young kids. They have many interactions throughout the year with our younger students. From playing the role of saints and visiting classrooms to their buddy time with PK students. Nothing lights up the eyes of those younger kids like the attention they get from our upperclass. The 8th grade lead prayer and announcements for the school to start and end our day. We are also blessed to have a class of 8th graders this year that have worked hard to make events possible at school! Do you need the gym prepped? Tables carried? Chairs moved? Items set up for the church? A volunteer to help with anything? You could count on the 8th grade.

The young men and women in this class will be remembered for many reasons. Some have their sense of humor, their attention to detail, outstanding manners and poise, yet others have the ability to bring life to the room you didn't know was possible. They have drive, a push for success, and dreams that will take them far in life.

In the month of May alone, 8th grade have many traditional events taking place. In the up coming weeks, they will have a social, hosted by 7th grade; the 8th grade lock-in, have fun Mrs. Whitney; an 8th grade trip to the Dells, their Thursday night awards, mass and graduation ceremony, and a couple other events to assist the church with before they finish the year!

If you want to see a class that has lived out the mission of the school, stop by our 8th grade class! They have maintained high academic standards, lived their Catholic values and become courageous disciples ready to serve. The world is ready for more people like our thirteen 8th graders!

As they continue on life's journey, I hope they keep their faith strong, work hard, and continue to show the world their light. Eighth grade, you are appreciated and cared for by all of us here at St. Patrick's! Your parish and school family is always here to cheer you on. We wish you the very best!

With our 8th grade being such a wonderful part of our school, we also have very wonderful kids and classes coming up. Each class is unique in their duties and influence on the school. This month is also busy and packed with opportunities for them as well. We have May Crowning, Walk for Virtues, and class trips coming up. By May 26th our students and staff will be ready for a rest! With that being the end of our school year, please know the building does not rest. When the kids pack up and leave, staff continue to recap, evaluate their year, make adjustments, and begin prep for the next year!

The janitorial staff also pick up extra duties of painting, prepping, and continuing to maintain the school. They take time to do big projects and deep clean each and every space.

With the summer masses being held in the school, please take this opportunity to be in the school and see first hand what changes occur or notice the behind the scenes work that continues! The church is such a meaningful part of the school and the school depends so greatly on the church. This summer will allow a unique opportunity for the two places to be intimately connected. Join us for weekend and weekday masses at St. Patrick's!

Many blessings to you and your families,

**Toni Ross**

# *School Happenings*



Our 2nd Graders have been hard at work preparing themselves for the sacrament of Holy Communion. They all took time with their 8th grade buddies to work on these beautiful art projects.



Of course after all their hard work they needed to take some time to refresh themselves with a beautiful nature walk!



Congratulations to all our St. Patrick's and CCD students who received the sacrament of First Communion this past week! It was a beautiful day for all these special kids!



**A HUGE thank you to Ms. Gunther and Mrs. Walhovd for helping them prepare for this important moment.**



## ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENT



Congratulations to the winners at the South central Conference Academic Top Ten banquet in Wis. Dells this week. Eleven Mauston High Schools students (there must have been a tie!) were honored as the top of their class. We were proud that 7 of the top 10 (11) were former St Pats students!! Congratulations Braeden Heath, Graham Hallwood, Reece Gray, Martin Wolf, Anna Kudick, Reagen Randall, and Eli Boppart!!

## Summer Project Update!

And so it begins! We would like to thank each and every single one of the volunteers who helped to move everything out of the church so our painting and carpeting projects could begin! Many hands really do make light work!

As most of you have seen there have been messages sent out to remind everyone that church will be held in the school gym until our summer project is complete.

We hope to be back in our beautiful updated church in early September! Stayed tuned for progress photos and updates throughout the next few months!





Take a minute to check out the latest edition to the Knight's Compass, our own Knight's of Columbus' newsletter.

<https://stpatricksmauston.com/wp-content/uploads/Knights-Compass-2023-03-Vol-3-Issue-05c.pdf>

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

**Don't forget your**

# **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!





# A Fond Farewell



What started out as a one time only fundraising Gala to celebrate the new millennium in January of 2000 turned into 24 years of fun and memories. As the saying goes though, all good things must come to an end, at least for this group of incredible volunteers. After 2.5 decades of musical numbers, bidding wars, games of head or tails, and mystery jewelry boxes, this year's Gala committee would like to say one final thank you to you all before they hand off the mantle to the next group of creative hostesses and planners.

**THANK YOU** to our teachers and parents who for many years hosted tables, became the wait staff, and volunteered to clean up

**THANK YOU** to John Orton for his countless jokes and "gentle" prodding at our bidders

**THANK YOU** to Bev Vinopal who for many years spent her time and energy being the central hub for advertising, tickets, and donation collections.

**THANK YOU** to all of you who came, laughed, and helped support our children through your generous donations and bids.

**And a very special THANK YOU** to Mary Beth Crowley and Jane Powers, the two remaining original committee members who have spent the last 24 years coordinating the venue, meals, decorations, and entertainment every fall and winter for this sensational event.



For more information on joining the new Gala committee and how easy the event planning has become please call Mary Beth Crowley at 608-666-4721 or Jane Powers at 608-547-5116

A decorative poster for a Spring Banquet. The background is light blue with a white central text box. The poster is framed by a gold border and decorated with watercolor-style flowers in pink, purple, orange, and yellow. The text is in a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts, some italicized.

## *Spring Banquet for the Women of St. Patrick's*

*All women of the parish are invited for an enjoyable evening*

*At Mauston Park Oasis*

***Thursday May 11, 2023***

*5:30 p.m. Cocktails & Registration*

*6:30 Dinner*

***RSVP***

*Jennifer 608-847-6054*

*or*

*Lynn 262-812-6374*

*\$10 per person*

*Payable that evening*

An announcement for a newborn baby bundle program. The background is light purple with a faint illustration of a woman holding a baby. The text is in a cursive font. The announcement is framed by a purple border and decorated with floral illustrations on the sides.

## *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](mailto:keilahpowers@stpatricksmauston.com)*





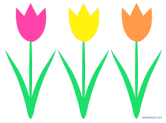
## *A Word from Father*

May always seem like a mad dash to the end of the school year. There are many great events to celebrate like May crowning, Walk for Virtues, and all the field trips that the classes are taking this time of year. Coming closer to the end of the year also allows us to look back and realize all the blessings that we have received. In these last few weeks we are celebrating Mass in the gym. The students are very flexible with this new experience. The church will receive a fresh coat of paint and new carpet to make it even more a beautiful place of prayer. Join us in September to show off the Church when the project is done. Keep in prayer our Confirmation students (many who have gone to St. Pats) and will be confirmed on May 16th at Saint Francis in Necedah. All of these great things are accomplished by the prayers and support of so many generous parishioners, benefactors and friends of St. Patrick. Thank you so much! Coming to the end means that we are planning for the next upcoming year. We are looking forward to new curriculums and STEM elements adding to our students educational opportunities here at St. Pats. Over the summer don't hesitate to encourage new families to consider joining us next year, the family referral is a great benefit to both families.



-Fr. John

## *News and Upcoming Events*



### May

- 3: May Crowning**
- 5: Walk for Virtues**
  - No extended care
- 8: Athletic Banquet**
- 12: NO SCHOOL**
- 25: 8th Grade Graduation**
- 26: Last Day of School**
  - 1/2 day and picnic
- 30: Memorial Day**



### June

- 11: Corpus Christi** with procession to Riverside Park
- 18: Father's Day**

# Shamrock Sponsors

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@stpatricksmauston.com](mailto:keilahpowers@stpatricksmauston.com)

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