

# St. Patrick's Shamrock

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September 2022

*We are proud to introduce our St. Patrick's  
2022/2023 school staff*



**Front row left to right:**

Mrs. Stoughtenger (Pre-K), Mrs. Czys (1st), Ms. Cross (Music), Ms. Gunther (2nd), Mrs. Czajka (Office)

**2nd row left to right:**

Mrs. Ross (Principal/4th), Mrs. Steen (Phy Ed), Ms. Larkin (5th), Mr. Dorsch (7th), Mr. Butcher (Computers), Mrs. Rogus (Aide)

**3rd row left to right:**

Mrs. Walhovd (Aide), Mrs. Boppart (3rd), Mrs. Vinopal (Kindergarten), Mrs. Catterson (6th), Mrs. Whitney (8th), Mrs. Fenske (Aide)

# *Message from the Principal*

Dear St. Patrick Families,

Ready or not, here comes the 2022-23 school year! This summer has been so busy that the building of St. Patrick's School has not rested a bit. We are so grateful for the support to make all of these things possible: donations of time and funds, as well as all of the extra hours put in by our staff to get things ready. We were also graced with volunteers in the last couple of weeks to help as well. Your time and kindness does not go unnoticed.



As we start the school year, there are a few things to keep in mind for families as well as the larger community of St. Patrick's.

1. School mass will be on Wednesdays at 8 am. Students will be active in the mass and we would love to share their talents with anyone who would like to join us.
2. We are going to be trying something NEW with our morning routine. Mrs. Nedza will be offering hot breakfast in the mornings. To do so, we will be serving breakfast in Reardon Hall. Students will be dropped off at the church and start their day together.

Starting our day in Reardon Hall gives the opportunity to students in grades 5-8 to join the Rosary in the mornings before mass each day or take some time for prayer before their school day starts. I am very excited for the privilege to be offered to our students.

With a couple new things happening this year, I am so grateful for the opportunity to be here again and grow even more in the St. Patrick's Community. This year, I have a bit of a unique position. I will be teaching 4th grade and working in the office. Please know that I am excited and working hard to meet the needs of the students and families. There have been questions from some about the dual role, but I am not alone in these duties across the diocese or even school districts. We are keeping the position posted and also looking at other opportunities to help support this adventure over the school year. Along with my family as a huge support, I have the marvelous staff of St. Patrick's. This "family" is also pulling together to support in any way possible. I feel so blessed to work with each of them. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to be back in the classroom working closely with students. I love to teach and be a part of the learning process as well. This year, I am going to soak in the many blessings along the way and just be present for the journey.

We have a few other faces to welcome to our school family this year as well! We are so excited for the great staff that have chosen to join us!

In 2nd Grade, we will have Ms. Gunther. She has been such a big part of our school over the past years that many of the students and families know her and cannot wait to have her working in our school. Ms. Gunther has been active in the parish community as well helping with VBS and volunteering in other capacities. She continues to work on furthering her education and is committed to growing the future of St. Patrick's!

In 3rd Grade, this year we have Mrs. Boppart joining us! She has also been a big part of our church and school community with her children attending school and being active in the church. She has subbed in school districts, as well as St. Patrick's, for many years. Mrs. Boppart has worked with many children through religious education. She is a great addition to our team and always willing to learn more!

In 7th Grade, we have a very new face, Mr. Dorsch. He is coming to us with an enormous list of accomplishments and further committed to teaching the faith! He has been working with students of all ages as a wilderness guide and religious education teacher. Mr. Dorsch has already begun to influence the staff by his stories and expertise in security. He has worked for the US Military, and we are very honored to have him here working with our children. As a published author and history buff, he will be working well with Mrs. Whitney to guide our middle school students!

This year is off to a great start, and we are blessed to be able to work with each of the families and students who are enrolled! Enrollment is always open, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Blessings,

**Toni Ross**

# *Back in full swing*



If it looks like our St. Pat's Volleyball team is having too much fun, it's because they probably are! Our A team has been hard at work! Practice started August 22 and the girls have been working on fundamentals, fun team building, and a little community service before school started.

Good Luck Girls! We hope you have a fun and successful season!

Don't forget your

# SCRIP!

Sports season is upon us! We all know how fast kids grow and by now you've seen that they'll need new clothes and shoes for practices because they've outgrown last years gear! Be sure to grab a Scrip gift card before you go shopping for all your athletic needs!



Buying Scrip cards for your every day needs is a great way to help support the school without any extra cost to you! Contact the school office, parish rectory, or the gathering area after 8 a.m. Mass on Sundays to order your cards! We can also help you set up the Scrip app on your phone for all your last minute errands!



# St. Patrick Parish Fall Festival Online Auction now **OPEN**

*Sunday, August 28 @ 12 Noon  
Through*

*Monday, September 12 @ 12 Noon  
(Bidding closes promptly at 12 Noon!)*

*Check out our auction catalog and  
set up your bidding account now!*

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*Or visit our website at [www.stpatrickismauston.com](http://www.stpatrickismauston.com) to find a link to our auction site.*

## Join us Sept. 11, 2022 for **St. Patrick's Annual Fall Festival**

Cake Walk 🍁

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Beer Tent 🍁

🍁 New and Improved Sidewalk Cafe

Quilt Raffle 🍁

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50/50 Raffle every hour 🍁

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🍁 Lucky 13 Raffle drawing at 3:00! 🍁

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much more!



# SAVE THE DATE

We have partnered with Harmann Studios to create our new St. Patrick Parish pictorial directory

## OUR PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

September 20th thru September 24th

# KNOW WHO'S WHO

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY BEING SCHEDULED

Families, Couples, Individuals, Friends  
All Welcome - Bring meaningful items



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## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Parish Festival Sunday - Sept. 4th

Serving food following our 10:00 am Mass



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### Food & Beer

#### MENU

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Brats,  
Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips,  
Potato Salad & Cookies  
Beer, Water, & Soda at the Beer Tent



### By The Drinking Man's Band

Playing From  
12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with  
Intermission

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### Basket Raffle & Drawings

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\$1.00 Per Ticket  
Drawings at 4:00 p.m.



Chill'n Sweets  
Ice Cream Truck  
Starting at 11:00 am

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For More Details & Updates Follow Us On Facebook  
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# WE'RE HIRING!



Religious Education Coordinator / Pastoral Care:  
St. Patrick Parish is looking for a Religious Ed  
Coordinator / Pastoral Care Minister. For more  
information or to apply, please contact Father John at  
[frjohnpotaczek@stpatrickismauston.com](mailto:frjohnpotaczek@stpatrickismauston.com)



# DIGNITY REVOLUTION

Wednesday, September 14th

Featuring:  
LiFest Promotions Founder,  
**Bob Lenz**

Featuring  
**AJ,**  
The Animated  
Illusionist!!

**7:00pm – Public Event for all ages**  
**Mauston High School Auditorium**  
(Doors open at 6:30 pm)  
**800 Grayside Ave. Mauston, WI 53948**



## DIGNITY Pledge

I pledge to stand up for the worth, value, and dignity of every person, and I commit to be a part of the Dignity Revolution.  
I pledge and commit...

- 1 To be kind, friendly, humane, compassionate, and thoughtful of others.
- 2 To be loving, for love is not an emotion, but a decision.
- 3 To be a person of peace, that as far as it depends on me, I will be at peace with everyone.
- 4 To be a person of patience.
- 5 To be a person of goodness.
- 6 To always bring true joy everywhere, while sincerely acknowledging the sorrow, sadness, and brokenness in the world.
- 7 To be a person of faithfulness.
- 8 To be a person of gentleness.
- 9 To be a person of self-control in society, whatever life brings.
- 10 To be a friend to all.



*Bob Lenz will explore issues like bullying, self-harm, suicide, and substance abuse while using his unique gift of humor to change lives.*



Mauston Area Ministerial Association  
sponsored event.

## Independent Facilitator Chris Peterson presents



THE PARENTING PROFESSOR

# Love and Logic® Video Series

This is a very unique and exciting opportunity to reach more educators and families. Love and Logic® 101: Taking the Stress out of Teaching, On the Spot Behavior: Leading with Love and Logic® and Taking the Stress out of Parent Conferences are three important topics that are covered in a video series presented by Chris Peterson, The Parenting Professor.



Chris Peterson

### Love and Logic® 101: Taking the Stress out of Teaching

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### On the Spot Behavior: Leading with Love and Logic®

We'll take a look at some of the most effective strategies that can get us through the toughest of situations while maintaining everyone's dignity.

Explore a set of new strategies that will limit stress and up the odds that we help raise responsible kids.

Contact Chris Peterson if you are interested in purchasing access to this video series. For a flat fee, your district can have unlimited viewing until the end of the 2022-2023 school year. This is a great way to provide teachers with a professional development opportunity.

### Taking the Stress out of Parent Conferences

- Explore some ideas and principles that can limit stressful interactions with parents.
- Develop an understanding of why a parent might be upset.

Discover a 5 step generic plan that you can utilize when upset parents do not give you time to plan.

[www.theparentingprofessor.com](http://www.theparentingprofessor.com)

Facilitators of the Parenting the Love and Logic Way™ curriculum are independent and are not employees of the Love and Logic Institute.

**P.C.C.W. Meeting**  
**Thursday September 8**  
**8:45 a.m.**  
**Reardon Hall**



All women are invited and welcome to the monthly Parish Council of Catholic Women meeting! We hope to see you there!

Be sure to take a look at this month's Knight's' Compass newsletter on our parish website

<https://stpatriksmauston.com/parish/knights-of-columbus/>



*Home & School*

Next meeting **Wednesday, September 7 at 5:15** in Reardon Hall. Join us and bring a friend!

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Meeting**  
**Tuesday September 19**  
**7:00 p.m. Reardon Hall**



For more updates and information follow our school and parish



This month's "Social Sunday" will be on **September 25!** Join us for donuts, coffee, juice, and laughs after 8 a.m. **AND** 10 a.m. Mass.



# *A Word from Father*



With September 1st as the first day of school, it would seem there would be little to report, but it has been a busy summer with our heating and ventilation project. There has been a great deal of work done and they are on schedule. As we enter the school year NAMI will be finishing things up behind the scenes and have our school all set for the heating season (not rushing that). Our teachers completed their in-service last week and went through many details in preparing for this new school year. Part of that is welcoming our new staff and helping them with what is special here at St. Pat's school. With the first day of school we are welcoming all of our new students also. So happy your families have chosen St. Pats as the school for you to grow in faith, wisdom, and knowledge. One of the ways that our school is supported is by the Fall Festival. I encourage you to be a part of this day, stop in for the cake walk, sidewalk café, or be a part of the drawing. Don't forget to sell those raffle tickets and turn them in, the earlier the better. To all of our families and students, staff and teachers, and all who so generously support our school, welcome to a great new school year.

## *News and Upcoming Events*



### September

- 1: First Day of School
- 5: **NO SCHOOL**-Labor Day
- 11: Fall Festival 
- 12: Picture Day
- 30: **NO SCHOOL**-Diocesan Fall Regional



### October

- 5: **Early Dismissal**-  
Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-6 p.m.
- 12: Guest Speaker 6-7:30 pm
- 14: **NO SCHOOL**-Teacher Work Day
- 21: Grandparent's Day
- 26: Picture Retake 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 spon-

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