

### Jewsletter July 2024



**Principal's Report** 

The 2023-24 school year has come to a close and there is so much that we have to be thankful for. This school year was filled with activities, learning, and growth! For those who do not know, St. Patrick's school is nestled in the heart of Mauston, near the Lemonwire River. We are a school of about 125 students and the best staff around. I am so grateful for each of the teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, and custodians who make this place what it is.

Toni Ross · Principal

There is a joyful feeling that comes when you enter the buildings because of the dedication and love that is shared here. Our teaching staff is made of highly qualified teachers who have had over 90 years of combined experience. Three of our teachers have been in education for over twenty years. What an amazing accomplishment

The history of our school and parish is something to notice as well! St. Patricks is now home to families and students of 3 and 4 generations. The roots run deep around here as they say. This does not mean that we do not take notice of our new families, but it speaks to the longstanding quality of our education and the strength of our school community. It is such a beautiful thing to see the kids at school mass run up to hug their great-grandparents afterwards or to have them notice a picture or share a memory from their past family member.

What we hope to provide at St. Patricks is a foundation in faith, morals, and to educate the whole child: spiritually, academically, behaviorally, and socially. This year our students were able to participate in handson learning in our science lab, field trips, and experience growth academically across the board! Our teachers help them to recognize their strengths and develop areas for growth.

St. Patrick School is what is known as a parish school. If you are not familiar with what that means, there is a tremendous amount of support that comes from our parish! That means when we are giving "shout outs" we cannot forget to thank those who have laid the foundation and continue to support the quality education provided at St. Patrick School. We have a history of amazing people that we continue to represent. Our legacy is made stronger by the faith-filled community that has been St. Patricks for 130 years! We hope to make you proud and continue to strive for excellence. Thank you for your support and example this year and always!

### Blessings,

Toni Ross

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## School Happenings









Don't forget about our \$1,000 tuition credit -for any families who refer a new family to St. Patrick's School for this upcoming school year!

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Congratulations to Weston Pouillie and Eden Finucan on earning the Rookie of the Year awards in track this year!

Have you seen this year's Tiny House!? What a great job this class did! We know the picture is small but can you pick out the St. Pat's alums?! Tickets for the Tiny House raffle are available at Miller's General Store in Lyndon Station, Bank of Mauston, Northside Mobil, McKinney's, Castle Rock Realty, Wisconsin Building Supply and Shipwreck Bay! Check out the QR code for more details!





Congratulations to the Mauston Trap Shooting team on their trip to State! The trap team is coached by St. Pat's parishioner Clinton Pouillie and is compromised of multiple St. Pat's alum! Be sure to keep an eye on these kids! They

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We urgently need your support! Our Fall Festival raffle ticket sales is crucial to St. Patrick's fundraising efforts for the upcoming school year. With a cost of roughly \$8000 per child per year, and tuition covering only \$3000, we heavily rely on school fundraisers like the Fall Fest to help offset costs for our families. Please help us make this year's festival a success by purchasing a book of tickets and selling them wherever possible. Every book sold helps. Thank you for your support!



We are so lucky to live in a community that provides such wonderful opportunities for fun, education, and music



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### Alumni Showcase





Congratulations to Sam Thrasher, a 2016 St. Pat's grad, on her graduation from Ripon College. Sam graduated with a degree in Business Management with a focus in Marketing. Congratulations Sam! We look forward to watching you continue to grow!

Have you noticed all the amazing programs the Juneau County ADRC has been offering for the community lately?! Those new programs are due, in no small part, to St. Pat's alum, Gina (Senzig) Laack. Gina graduated St. Pat's in 2002 and after graduating from UW Eau Claire with a degree in social work, she came back to Mauston at started working with the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center in Mauston. She has been working hard these past few years to implement new programs for our area residents like the Men's Shed Group, Pop Up Food Distributions, and Caregiver Workshops. For more information on all the amazing programs Gina is working with to help Maustonites follow their facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ADRCMauston



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### A Message from Father Jey



St. Patrick

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress of the thirteen British colonies declared their independence from British rule. Since then, the United States has annually celebrated its independence on this day.



On this day, we are called to pray for our country but also urged to exhibit "solemn reverence" for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this remarkable nation. Throughout world history, the freedom to worship according to one's conscience has seldom been codified into law. Though it is more common today in varying degrees, the freedoms enshrined in our Constitution offer abundant reasons for celebration.

Our Christian Faith is not something to be practiced solely at church; it must permeate who we are and influence everything we do. True freedom enables us to enjoy the blessings of life, liberty, and happiness. Christians' life, liberty, and happiness cannot be detached from Christian citizenship. We have been endowed by our Creator with the right and duty to live and practice our faith openly in all aspects of our lives. This freedom encompasses work, school, sports, social groups, and even government. Although the Christian faith does not need to be "imposed" upon others, Christian citizens must be allowed to practice their faith anywhere and everywhere. If not, our God-given rights and even our Constitution risk being undermined.

God bless,



### **\$crip Success Stories**

How easy is it to incorporate Scrip into your every day life? We recently asked our parishioners to share their scrip success stories with us. Here's what one member had to say...

"I knew I was going to be going to Home Depot to buy a new refrigerator because ours was starting to give out. I made sure to grab Home Depot Scrip cards after Mass on Sunday before I went shopping, but while I was looking at fridges I decided it was time to look at dishwashers as well. The problem was however that I only had enough Scrip to purchase one. Luckily my daughter was with us and she has the RaiseRight app on her phone so she was able to purchase the additional Home Depot Scrip in a manner of 3 minutes. I paid for a dishwasher and fridge using all Scrip for St. Pat's. It didn't cost me or my family an extra dime, and because I have a grandson at St. Pat's, my son was able to get \$53 tuition credit for his kids! There couldn't be an easier way to help the school and save money at the same time! "



Simply the right way to fundraise

Step 1-Download the RaiseRight App

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<u>Step 3</u>- Find any one of thousands of stores that offer a giftcards for our Scrip program







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### **Upcoming Events**

### July

4-Independence Day

5-First Friday Adoration

17-22-Eucharistic Conference Indianapolis August

- 2-First Friday
- Adoration
- 9- Parish Picnic
- 15-Assumption
- 21-Healing Mass

28-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

# Sponsor Highlight



Miller's General Store has been in the Miller family and serving the Lyndon Station area since 1977. Bud and Frances took over this family run grocery store and now it is being operated by his son Tom. Tom along with his wife Ashley, and four sons, Landynn, Theron, Griffin, and Ronan, are committed to their community and parish. All four boys have attended St. Pats school. In addition to being a full grocery store, Millers offers many services including an Amazon Locker, Village Post Office, and ATM. The family is very involved with the youth organizations in our area. They have always felt that offering

opportunities for the youth in our communities is vital to our future. In addition to helping out at the store, Ashley is a full time elementary education teacher at CESA and also works part time at Mile Bluff Medical Center in the ER. The store is located in downtown Lyndon Station and is open from 8-am - 8pm everyday. Stop in and see what they have to offer and be sure to bring you local Scrip.

> **Tommy Miller** 1987 St. Pat's Graduate



