



# THE SHAMROCK

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## Class of 1961 Celebrates 50-Years



Front Row: Marcia (Huhn) Roty, Donna (Hahn) Schrauben, Rosella (Pung) Thomas, Joyce (Martin) Wells, Judy (Schneider) Koenigs knecht, Mary Ann (Olah) Goodman, Therese Pung, & Joan (Brown) Guy. Middle Row: Sharon (Manning) Fisher, Nancy (Fedewa) Meade, Alice (Gross) Zimmerman, Barbara (Kissane) Hodge, Judy (Thelen) Martin, Kathleen (Pohl) Hengesbach & C. G. Luce. Back Row: James Russman, Raymond Fedewa, Patrick Quigley, Tony Bennett, Charles Leik, Ronald Huhn & Thomas Keusch, Jr

They were the ninth class to graduate from St. Patrick High School, a fine group of students—16 boys and 21 girls. Class officers were: President Paul Platte, Vice President Joyce Martin, Secretary Joyce Blundy and Treasurer James Hilligan. Duane Smith was President of the Student Council; valedictorian of the class was Barbara Strong and salutatorian was Jim Russman.

They returned to St. Pat's on Saturday, September 10, 2011 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation. Classmates had been asked to contribute information to a memory book, a copy of which was given to each of them. They were asked to name their favorite teacher—and though many were named, the overwhelming winners were Sr. Bernard Marie, Father Malewitz and Coach Ken Johnson.

During the tour of the school, one classmate, Judy (Thelen) Martin, commented that she could almost still see the nuns in the school.

Classmate John D. Pung who lives in Wyoming was unable to attend the reunion, but he sent eight dozen roses and chocolates for his classmates.

### What Was Happening in 1961?

- JFK advised all families to build bomb shelters.

- The top TV shows were Wagon Train, Bonanza and Gunsmoke.

- Two brand new products hit the market: Pampers disposable diapers and the IBM Selectric typewriter.

- Top movies for 1961: West Side Story and The Parent Trap.

- Gas was 27¢ per gallon. Postage stamps cost 4¢.

- Average household income was \$5,315.

- Six Flags opened their first amusement park in Arlington, Texas.

- In April, Russia put the first man in space. Alan Shepard went into space in May.

### Locally,

- The new addition to St. Patrick School was begun.

- Meekhof's advertised lady's dresses for \$7.77 and Pedal Pushers for \$1.77.

- Mitchell Motor Sales offered a new Dodge for \$1981

- The Shamrocks played their final games against perennial foe, Westphalia St. Mary. In the fall of 1961, St. Mary and Pewamo would consolidate into Pewamo-Westphalia High School.

# Grad Fulfills Movie-Making Dream

**A**aron Russman (St. Patrick Class of 2000) has been going through life in fast-forward mode for the last couple of years creating an independent film, *Lost In The Future*. He paused long enough to bring his movie debut to the public at the Wealthy Theatre in Grand Rapids in August.

*Lost In The Future* is a screenplay Aaron began writing in 2003. The tale takes a character named Lucas and his newfound friend Margarita on a journey through America's Midwest and time periods of eras past. For props, makeup and wardrobe befitting the eras presented in *Lost In The Future*, Aaron used resources such as his grandmother's vintage possessions, antique stores and secondhand shops, and gets by with a little help from his friends and family. Aaron's girlfriend and clothing designer, Victoria Nelson, helped with wardrobe using her eye and flair for time-period costumes. Nelson also assisted with hair and makeup for the cast. Aaron's mom would feed the troops and his dad would lend a hand with audio. Friends stepped in when they could with production-type work. Aaron explains: "I am the production manager, which gets a bit stressful and frustrating because I also have a full-time job, but it's all worth it"

Aaron grew up in the small country town of Portland, with its dirt roads, farms and cornfields as far as the eye can see. It was there at the age of 16 that Aaron starting seeing things more through the camera's eye and began to make his own cohesive short films. Aaron started playing around with a video camera his dad bought in the early '90s. He convinced his four sisters to step in as characters and help-

ers as they made all types of short movies growing up, and his sisters also have parts in *Lost In The Future*. "We had action-adventure, comedy, suspenseful-drama; ridiculous stuff, but pretty fun. I was interested in all the camera tricks, like stop-motion animation with action figures, or positioning the camera sideways to look like you were climbing up a wall, like the '60s Batman show. We totally winged the stories in those days," says Aaron. During high school Aaron worked on a few B movies in Michigan and Virginia and came to realize that he needed to venture out on his own in order



Aaron Russman speaks to the crowd at the Wealthy Theater before the premier of his movie on August 13.

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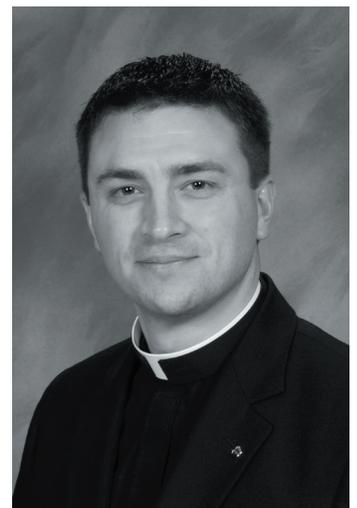
## Son of Alumni Ordained to Priesthood

**B**ill (1964) and Agnes (Smith, 1965) Fedewa of Shelby Township are happy to announce the ordination of their son, Eric to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Fr. Eric's ordination took place on June 11, 2011 at The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.

Just prior to graduation from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, in 2004 he experienced a re-conversion where he was "baptized in the Spirit." In his own words, "The Holy Spirit renewed and re-invigorated within me my (until then) dormant faith, and 'unwrapped' the gifts I had received at baptism and confirmation."

A few months later Eric felt a strong call to the priesthood and he entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the Fall of 2005, where he received a Bachelor in Philosophy in 2007, and recently graduated with a Master's in Divinity as well as an STB Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology, awarded through the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy.

Father Eric asks that every young man prayerfully consider whether Jesus Christ may be calling him to the priesthood and for your prayers for his faithful obedience to Christ and faithful service to His Church.



# In The Spotlight

## Pat & Stacy Russman

*Pat (1991) and Stacy Russman are an amazing couple. They both teach at St. Patrick School, and they are also very active in school/parish activities. We tricked them into giving us information for this article by telling each of them that the other one was being honored. So, they wrote about each other—beautiful tributes that were straight from the heart, and the parts that came shining through were that both of them have a deep love of family, church and St. Patrick School. St. Pat's is very lucky to have them.*



Pat and Stacy and their four children; Summer 11, Payton 7, Isabella 4 and Joesie 4 months.

If you know Pat and Stacy Russman, it only makes sense that sports was involved in their meeting. Pat was working as a groundskeeper at the Portland Country Club the summer of 1993 and Stacy was working in the pro-shop. It was love at first sight, but they were both college students, so they dated for five years before Pat brought Stacy back out to the PCC and proposed to her on the golf course.

They were married on Friday, June 4, 1999, which was a school day. "When we walked out of church, we were greeted by everyone in the school—they had banners and bubbles, and they had come over to surprise us," said Stacy. Once again, a fitting beginning for a newly married couple who would spend as many hours together at the school as they would at their home.

Pat grew up in a large family. He took music lessons and was involved with 4H. He hunted and trapped and did farm chores, but most of all, he enjoyed playing sports. The Russmans had a basketball court at the top of their barn and Pat spent many hours there, playing basketball with family and friends. "Many times I saw Janet go flying off the court onto the square hay bales," said Stacy. "The drop-off of the court could be very steep if there weren't enough square bales in the barn." As he got older, Pat loved weightlifting. Before he had a driver's license he would ride his bike to St. Pat's School to lift weights.

Pat had attended St. Patrick School for twelve years, and knew from little on that he wanted to teach there some day. After graduation he attended college at Olivet, playing football for four years. Olivet Col-

lege had a rule that their students couldn't do student teaching at the school from which they had graduated, and that rule didn't set well with Pat. He was very persistent and finally wore down his counselor—who gave in and let him return to St. Pat's to student teach. When he was hired to teach physical education at St. Pat's in 1997, another of his plans fell into place. Over the years, Pat would teach phys ed and history and he would coach basketball, football and track.

Pat's favorite coaching moment was coaching his cousin, Tim Chamberlain. Pat spent many nights after practice sitting in the pole barn with Tim, going over the play book. When the team won, Tim was always the one to start the Shamrock Fight Song and the football song. Pat always had a huge smile on his face when Tim started singing. He was so proud of Tim and his accomplishments.

Stacy also came from a large family, graduating from Portland High School in 1993 and attended L.C.C. for two years before transferring to Olivet College to work on her own teaching degree. She, too, had her eye on St. Pat's and a couple of years after her husband began teaching there, she also was hired to teach 3rd grade at the school.

And, like her husband, she took on many additional duties. Stacy was the cheerleading coach, she worked with the Youth Group, she was very involved in the PTO and she also worked with the local post of the VFW, organizing many Veteran's Day programs and Veteran's Salutes. The VFW honored her as Teacher of the Year.

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# What's Happening?

## BIRTHS:

To Jesse and Mary (Thelen, 2001) Diffin of Lansing, a son, Travis Dean on July 7, 2011.

To Matt and Leah (Russman, 2003) Anthony, Jr. A daughter, Isabel Claire on April 15, 2011. She joins sister Lilly, 2 ½.

To Jake (1998) and Jaime Pung of West Olive, a son, Sawyer Jacob on April 9, 2011. He joins sister Shaelyn, 11 and brother, Dominic 7.

To Corey and Melissa (Thelen, 1998) Carpenter of South Lyon, a daughter, Reese Elizabeth on August 9, 2011. She joins sister, Avery 21 months.

To Ben (1998) and Laura (Goodman, 1999) Pung of Lebanon, Indiana a daughter, Brooklin Elizabeth on April 9, 2011.

To Ryan and Beth (Wohlscheid, 1996) Flynn of Grand Rapids, a son, Nolan Charles on May 26, 2011. He joins sisters Grace, 6 and Madelyn, 3 ½.

To Mike and Stacy (Sandborn, 1998) Feldpausch a son, James Weston on January 20, 2011. He joins brother Andrew, 3 and sister Elena, 1.

To Brian (2002) And Nikole (Sheaffer, 2002) Brown a son, Emerson Nikolas on June 14, 2011. He joins one brother, Kaeden.

To Matt and Jackie (Meitler, 1993) Morris a daughter, Maci Leigh on May 14, 2011. She joins siblings Drew and Anna

To Aaron and Mashon (Hoppes, 2002) Stahl of Lake Odessa a daughter Olivia May on June 6, 2011.

To Ryan (1999) And Audrey Atwell a daughter Kylie Jean on July 6, 2011.

To Chad and Tana Fedewa of Grass Lake, a daughter, Evelyn Larissa on January 29, 2011.

To Vicki (Vashaw, 1994) and Ryan Krueger of Houston, Texas, a son Cameron Lee on May 20, 2011.

To Keith and Jamie (Trimmer, 1997) Ryder, a son Evan Robert Alan on April 10, 2011. He joins siblings Lynden Hoppes, Patience Hoppes and Adia Ryder.

Roger and Mary Huhn ('76) Miller became proud grandparents of two sweet baby girls, Zoe Scarlet and Bryn Lucille, born on January 4, 2011. Parents are Troy and Bethany Miller.

## WEDDINGS

Justin Long (2003) and Cara Latting were married on July 30, 2011 in Cancun, Mexico. The couple resides in Huron, Ohio.

Julie Schafer (2005) and Zach Wight (2005) were married on April 30, 2011 at St. Patrick Church.

Ross Schneider (2002) and Lacy Conley were married at St. Patrick Church on July 30, 2011.

Emily Ann Schrauben and Samuel Sicilia were married on July 8, 2011. Emily is the daughter of Dan and Melody Schrauben.

Marsha Lenneman (2001) and Ben Harmon were married on August 13, 2011.

Kurt Goodman (2000) and Allie Garipey were married in June, 2011.

Lindsey Hitchcock (2007) and Jake Thelen were married on May 21, 2011.

Steve Russman (1996) and Stacey Ballard were married on July 16, 2011 at St. Patrick Church. Their reception was held in Fritz and Anne's barn—which was decorated beyond belief!

Tim Beard (1998) and Amanda Margulies were married on the beach of Lake Michigan at Pentwater on August 20, 2011.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Danielle Long (2004) and Jonathon Zatkoff will be married on July 7, 2012.

Christin Russman (1998) and Robert McKamey will be married on October 27, 2011 on the island of Kauai, Hawaii.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jim and Carol Wilcox celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 22, 2011. At mass on Sunday, May 1st they celebrated with a special intention and renewed their wedding vows. In honor of Jim and Carol a celebration was also held on May 6th at the Portland Country Club with family and friends.

Dick and Janice Manning celebrated their 50-year wedding anniversary with an Open House at the K. C. Hall. The couple were married on April 8, 1961. They have five children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Steve and Rita Snitgen celebrated their Golden Anniversary on Sunday, September 11, 2011 with an Open House at the KC Hall in Portland.

## OTHER

John Nephew (2005) completed Basic Combat Training in the U.S. Army at Fort Jackson, South Carolina in November 2010. He earned the Distinguished Honor Award in Rifle Marksmanship. In March of 2011, John completed Advanced Individual Training as a Blackhawk Helicopter Crewchief at Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he earned the Distinguished Honor Award in Leadership and in Academic Excellence, maintaining a 4.0 GPA. His first deployment was to Seoul, South Korea in April. On July 1, 2011 he was married to PFC Chelsea Patrick, who is also a Blackhawk Helicopter Crewchief. The couple had a military wedding ceremony at the US Embassy in Seoul.

## IN MEMORY OF

Patrick F. Lawless, 79, of Harbor Springs passed away November 14, 2010 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey. Patrick is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Therese; his children Linda (Kevin) Hammond of Harbor Springs,

Don (Sherri) Lawless of Grand Rapids, Carrie Lawless (Susie Thrapp) of Louisville, KY; four grandchildren; siblings Wayne (Eleanor) Lawless, Rosemary (George) Bettman, Fred (Patricia) Lawless, Kate Left, Betty (Jim) Thompson and Mike Lawless.

Erwin Lenneman age 94, passed away on Sunday, March 6, 2011. Erwin was born on July 17, 1916 in Westphalia the son of Joseph and Catherine (Schueler) Lenneman. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Portland, a charter member of the K of C Council #2890 in Westphalia, St. Joseph Society and the K of C #2168 in Portland. Erwin was a lifelong farmer and is retired from T.R.W after 22 years of service. He enjoyed going to Arizona during the winters and watching sporting events but especially loved his family and enjoyed his candy. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna; 4 sisters and 4 brothers; daughters-in-law Elaine and Sharon Lenneman. Surviving are his children James (Betty) Lenneman of Texas, Robert (Patricia) Lenneman of Portland, Marie (Gary) Wight of Arizona, Donald Lenneman of Fenwick, Florian (Cynthia) Lenneman of DeWitt, Erwin (Michele) Lenneman of Corunna, and Ann (David) Denslow of California; 20 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; brother, Joseph (Julianne) Lenneman; sisters, Josetta Gasper and Bertha (William) Davarn; many nieces and nephews.

Michael Honsowitz, age 61, passed away on March 30, 2011 surrounded by his family. He was born on August 7, 1949 in Portland the son of Hugh and Betty (Lenneman) Honsowitz. Mike was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. He retired after 38 and half years from G.M. After retirement he worked for Builders Lumber and Circle J Ranch in Portland. Mike loved the outdoors especially hunting, fishing, and cutting wood. He also enjoyed making latch hook rugs. His greatest love was his family and spending time with his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Hugh and a sister, Victoria VanAlstine. Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Jane; children Michelle (Randy) Hodge, Todd (Wendy) Honsowitz, Ryan (Sarah) Honsowitz, Scott (Keelie) Honsowitz and April (Kyle) Nickols; grandchildren Savannah and Samuel Hodge, Rayna, Rylee, Isaac, Isabel, Emma, Mattie Honsowitz and Ethan Nickols; mother, Betty Honsowitz; siblings Joseph (Eileen) Honsowitz, Barbara (Skip) Bever, Thomas (Janice) Honsowitz; brother-in-law, Leonard (Barbara) VanAlstine;

mother-in-law, Frances Pohl; several sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Helen Clark, age 74, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2011. Mrs. Clark was born on October 4, 1936 in Westphalia, Michigan the daughter of Lawrence and Therese (Pohl) Hengesbach. Helen enjoyed gardening, mountains, traveling the U.S and to their cottage in Tennessee. She made the best homemade bread and was a wonderful cook. Helen was kind, generous, thoughtful and very loving towards others. She was preceded in death by her parents; children, Brenda Clark and Steven Clark; grandson, Lee Martin; brothers, Stanley Hengesbach and Reynold Hengesbach; sister-in-law, Joanne Hengesbach. Surviving are her husband, Bill; children, Cathy Clark, Sharon (Jim) Hall, Laurie (Ken) Martin, Tom Clark and Mark (Julia) Clark; 12 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; brother, Linus (Pat) Hengesbach and Albert (Wilma) Hengesbach; sister, Alice Hengesbach; sister-in-law, Rosie Hengesbach; and her special friend Marie Schafer.

Hallard "Hal" Brooks, Jr., 62, of Battle Creek died on May 8, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. Hal is survived by his long time and dear friend, Daniel Meza; two sisters, Mary (Bradley) Matzke and Amy Brooks, two nieces and his Aunt Nana and Uncle David Cunningham.

Elizabeth (Betty) Hancock passed away on May 13, 2011 at the age of 91. She had just celebrated her 90th birthday last year with many friends and family at a reception in her honor in Portland. Betty was a very special mother and grandmother, and we will miss her every day.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Dr. John S. Hancock, and she is survived by her daughters, Linda (Greg) Marks of Miami, FL; Mary Beth (Steve) Hathaway of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI; Patty (Rick) Miller of Laingsburg, MI; honorary daughter Louise (Brad) Foltz of Portland; grandchildren, Nicholas Hathaway, Sean Marks, Hayley Marks and honorary grandchildren Clay (Faith) and Derek (Erin) Foltz; and dear friends Mary Lou Tannery and Blanche Powell.

Elaine Thelen age 68, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2011. Elaine was born on July 11, 1942 the daughter of Herman and Bernita (Thelen) Hufnagel. She enjoyed spending time with

her family, bingo and casino gambling. Elaine belonged to St. Patrick Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her parents. Surviving are her husband, Eugene Thelen, two children, Alan (Kristine) Thelen, Dean Thelen and one granddaughter, Sydney Thelen and several siblings.

Father Joseph Pettit entered eternal life Friday evening, July 22, 2011. He was born August 3, 1924 in Grand Rapids, MI. the son of Joseph and Erna (Schmidt) Pettit. Father Joe was ordained a priest for the Passionist Community on March 26, 1955 at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville, KY. He ministered at various locations as a Passionist priest until coming to the Diocese of Grand Rapids in 1973. He served in the diocese in the following positions: associate pastor of St. Mary's, Grand Rapids; St. Patrick, Portland and the Cathedral of Saint Andrew; pastor at St. Philip Neri, Reed City with Mission of St. Ann at Paris; St. James, Montague with Mission at St. John Claybanks; St. Joseph, Pewamo; St. Margaret Mary, Edmore and St. Bernadette, Stanton. Father also ministered as a Chaplain to Blodgett and Butterworth Hospitals and the Carmelite Monastery. He also served as Diocesan Director of Communications and was appointed Advocate in the Diocesan Tribunal. After his retirement in 2003 Father Pettit served the diocese in an on-call capacity. Surviving is his sister Virginia (Max) Cronk, several nieces, nephews and their families.

Edward "Mickey" Pohl Age 71, passed away on Wednesday, August 24, 2011. He was born on April 12, 1940 the son of Peter and Margaret (Meyers) Pohl. Mickey is preceded in death by his parents; wife Patricia; and sister Rosie Bugbee. Surviving are his children, Kim Pohl of Portland, Sherry Bracy of Portland and Pete (Angie) Pohl of Portland; grandchildren, Corey (Shannon) Bracy of North Carolina, Shannon (J.R.) Lyday of South Carolina, Autumn Pohl of Portland and Pete Shawn Pohl Jr. of Portland; great-grandchildren, Arleigh Bracy, Ayden Chaney, James Lyday, Donovan Peake, Carter Peake, Taeghan Peake and Izabel Pohl; Siblings, Larry Pohl, Tommy (Ardela) Pohl and Maryann (Ed) Eldridge; many nieces and nephews.

Jim Kissane, Age 69, passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2011. Jim was born on September 22, 1941 the son of Francis and Dorothy (Wilcox) Kis-

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## The State of the School

The beginning of the year is always an exciting time. Most students are eager to return and see what is in store for the new school year. There is much to be excited about this year at St. Patrick School.

Our enrollment is up 9% over last year, making this our third consecutive year of growth, and an 18% increase since 2008. Our high school enrollment is over 100 for the first time in five years and we opened an afternoon session of three-year-old preschool. We have our largest developmental kindergarten and regular kindergarten classes in years. We have been able to increase our enrollment while maintaining smaller class sizes, by splitting most grade levels into two sections. This is also helpful in ensuring that students receive the individual attention that they need.



Over the summer we made many capital improvements, including:

- **New computer lab.** This state-of-the-art facility includes a ceiling mounted projector and new server.
- **Smart boards.** Our kindergarten classrooms as well as our middle school science classroom have added Smart Boards to enhance instruction. We are

seeking donations that will allow for the purchase of more Smart Boards.

- **Multi-media projectors.** All teachers now have multimedia projectors in their classroom or have access to one at all times. We hope to have projectors mounted to the ceiling in all classrooms by the beginning of next school year.



- **Middle School science lab.**

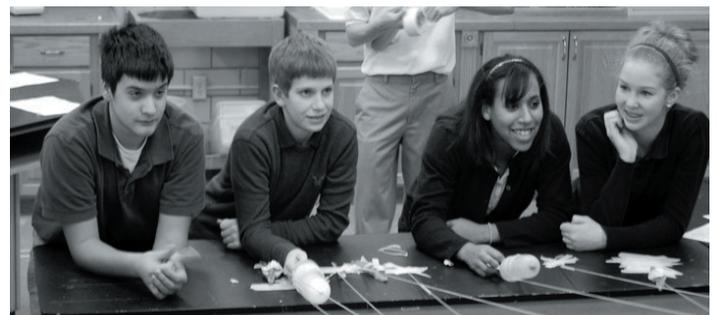
We have a new middle school science room, equipped with built-in tables and a sink to enhance hands-on learning opportunities.

- **Whiteboards.** The whole school had whiteboards installed which allows us to phase out chalk which is detrimental to students with allergies.

- **New carpet/windows, etc..** Four classrooms had new carpet installed and 44 windows were replaced throughout the facility. The main office, principal's office, and the counseling office were painted. The maintenance office was moved and completely renovated.

- **Athletic facility improvements.** There have been some improvements made to our athletic facilities as well. The finishing touches are being put on the new softball field. The dugouts have been painted and we will be adding safety fences in front of the them. A used scoreboard has been donated to the football field, and it has been painted and installed.

We are excited to start the new school year and believe all the improvements in technology and facilities will continue to enhance the educational opportunities at St. Patrick School. If you have any questions or concerns about the new school year or would like to make a donation, feel free to contact me by phone at (517) 647-7551 or via email at [randyhodge@portlandstpats.com](mailto:randyhodge@portlandstpats.com).



## Trip of a Lifetime!

A group of twenty-three St. Patrick High School students and adults led by German teacher Mr. Chuck Holman traveled to Austria, Germany, Lichtenstein and Switzerland in June. It was a 10-day adventure which allowed them to experience the foreign culture and to practice their German language skills in a real setting. The students were able to see and experience first-hand what they have learned in class.



The group toured several cities and many castles, including the fairy tale castle of Neuschwanstein, the ruined castle of Hedielsberg, and the Schonbrunn Palace, the seat of the Hapsburg dynasty. The group also toured Dachau Concentration Camp and visited Hitler's Eagle's Nest which is located literally on the top of a mountain near Salzburg, Austria.

The history, the immersion in German and Austrian culture, and the absolutely beautiful scenery made this a trip of a lifetime.



### Flash Back!

R&O 1962 or 1963

ST PATRICK'S High School cross-country team will take part in the state meet at Ypsilanti Saturday morning. Pictured in the front row are Jeff Brown, Tom Chamberlain, Monte Jenkins and Paul Pung. Back row, Jerry Brown, Larry Leik, Jim Schaffer and Coach Ken Johnson.



by Athletic Association President, Dan Lawless

St. Patrick's Athletic Association is much more than a "booster club." We provide 100% of the funding for the entire athletic program at the school. The work we do gives all students in grades 5-12 the opportunity to participate in sports. Last year 88% of our high school students participated in at least one sport. We also provide financial support for the Shamrock Quiz Bowl team.

Our school and our athletic program have been blessed with a generous community and plenty of volunteer labor. Because of this, and in keeping with our tradition, we are very proud that our athletes do not pay to play. Many schools have had to institute these fees, cut some sports from their programs, or eliminated the use of buses to sporting events. Not only have we been able to avoid any of these cuts, for the third year in a row, we have added a new sport to our program. Some of things that we did in the past year include:

- Reinstated boys cross country, with our first full team in almost 50 years.
- Began 5th/6th grade volleyball.
- Began girls cross country (*see more below*).
- Hosted the CMAC Baseball Tournament at CMU.
- Purchased new uniforms for seven teams.
- Saw girls basketball coach, Al Schrauben earn his 500th varsity win.
- Saw baseball coach, Bryan Scheurer named regional Coach of the Year.
- Constructed a softball field that allows our teams to play side-by-side with the baseball teams.

This year we have what I believe is our first-ever full womens cross country team. I would really like to hear from alumni who ran cross country, men and women either as a team or as individuals. I'd like some history to share with the current runners. I would also like to expand the school record listing for track to include cross country, so I need to know what any former Shamrocks ran, both in the old pre-5K cross country days and the more modern 5K cross country days. I'd like to establish a school record for both distances for both men and women. People can email me at lawlessdd@gmail.com or call me at 517-647-1709.

# KING'S COLUMN

## Long-Range Planning Continues

by *Father Larry King*

For the past two years the Diocese of Grand Rapids has been undergoing a professional study involving long-range planning for the diocese. Although there were several factors that prompted the study, most prominent was the decline in the number of priests and the fact that the average age of priests in our diocese is around 63. Already we do not have enough priests to staff all of our parishes.

The reasons for the decline, not just in our own diocese, but in many parts of our nation, are numerous including a more secular and affluent culture, declining church attendance (especially among the “40-and-under” crowd), parents having fewer children, celibacy (although I think this is a much smaller factor than many people think), and in particular the lack of support and encouragement from parents and family members for young people to consider a religious vocation.

With this current decline, it should not come as a surprise to anyone that some changes need to be made. The reality is that some parishes will close (but that is only once the parishioners themselves arrive at that determination). Other parishes will be clustered with one or two other parishes with one priest serving them. This transition may be difficult for some, but sharing a priest is better than having no priest.

There are some parishes that may be designated as a “seasonal” church where there will be Mass there at only certain times of the year. There are other parishes that, for now at least, will not be asked to share a priest

with another parish – most likely, St Patrick is one such parish.

Notice, I used the words “for now at least” because the trend is that the number of priests will continue to decline for the foreseeable future. A professional study was done for our diocese and it is anticipated that by the year 2020 we will have fifteen fewer priests, and by 2025 seven more fewer priests, and by 2030 another seven fewer priests available to serve the people of our diocese. These numbers take into account any anticipated ordinations. These are truly harsh realities, but this is where we are and it does no good to look the other way or hide our heads in the sand and hope things will change for the better. We have to prepare for the eventualities as well as find better ways to counteract those factors that have led to fewer and fewer vocations.

The Good News, however, is that Jesus said he would never abandon us. The Holy Spirit is present among us and always will be! We only need to let God do more of the leading and make sure that we are listening to what is being said to us. When we listen, God blesses! Currently there are some in our own parish who are listening to the urgings of the Spirit and saying “YES” to the possibility of pursuing a religious vocation. As of this writing our parish has two seminarians studying for the priesthood. They are Mike Stefes, Jr. who is studying at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, and Ryan Riley who is in Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit (studying for the Diocese of Lansing). I know of at least five other parishioners who are earnestly discerning whether God is calling them into a religious vocation. Please keep them all in your prayers that they may listen carefully to the Lord’s calling – wherever it leads!

The decline in the number of priests may also be an avenue whereby the Holy Spirit may bring more lay people into paid employment in church ministry, as well as volunteers who want to be good stewards of their time, talent and treasure to help build up the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Returning to the long-range planning as we strive to build up the Kingdom of God here at St. Patrick, the following, are the proposed recommendations for St. Patrick Parish:



1. Review the number of weekend Masses at St. Patrick Parish and consider the reduction of one Mass time along with the revision of the weekend Mass schedule.

2. Create a master site plan and address the needs to update, renovate and possibly expand facilities.

3. St. Patrick High School should develop a plan for increasing enrollment which includes the recruitment of students from St. Joseph (Pewamo), Sts. Peter & Paul (Ionia), St. Anthony (Saranac), and St. Edward (Lake Odessa).

4. Develop a parish catechetical plan to strengthen programs of elementary religious education, adolescent catechesis/youth ministry, and adult faith formation.

Stay tuned for an update as to how all this fleshes out in the next issue of The Shamrock. In the meantime, your prayers would be much appreciated.

## Spotlight (continued from page 3)

“She truly enjoys being in the Catholic school setting,” said Pat. “St. Patrick School has been a great place for her to do what she loves....teach! Both of us are so amazed at how willing the parents at St. Pat’s are to sacrifice and to give of themselves. We’re so grateful to be part of the St. Patrick family.”

Principal Randy Hodge said, “Pat and Stacy are both very dedicated to the school, and passionate about its success. They spend a lot of time here after hours, including evenings and weekends. They are willing to put in the extra time and go the extra distance for anything that will help the school.”

Both of the Russman’s are devoted to their own large family: Summer 11, Payton 7, Isabella 4 and their newest addition, Joesie 4 months. Because of Pat’s love of history, they often vacation at historic sites and they enjoy watching their kids play sports. *(Editor’s note: As a child, Pat’s favorite historical figure was the Indian Tecumseh. After the birth of their first two kids, Pat was determined that if he and Stacy had a second son, the child’s name would be Tecumseh. Their 3rd child was a girl...so when Stacy was expecting baby number four, Pat still had his heart set on a boy named Tecumseh. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief when that baby was also a girl!)*

Currently, Pat teaches social studies at the middle school level, and serves as the athletic director. He is also the head varsity football coach. Stacy teaches Kindergarten. Thank you, Pat and Stacy for everything that you do!

## Retired Sisters are Guests of Honor

Twelve Sisters of St. Joseph were guests of honor at the 2011 St. Patrick Parish Festival on June 24, 2011. The Sisters came to see the stage production of Late Nite Catechism. The play is set in a Catholic school classroom from the 1960’s and the audience is the class, as “Sister” attempts to teach them some catechism lessons. Actress Mary Zentmyer kept the audience laughing with her old-style discipline and expectations.

The real Sisters enjoyed the play immensely, one of them commented that her sides ached from laughing so much.

Thank you to Joyce Kransz for working so hard to organize this outing.



Sr. Marie Beaulac, Sr. Sandy Melanson, Sr. Janet Chadderdon, Sr. Lucy Schneider, Joyce Kransz, Sr. Bernita Marie Gensterblum, Sr. Kathleen Kaiser, Sr. Bernadette Dean (standing), Sr. Adele Donovan (seated), Sr. Rita Agnes Costello, Sr. Pauline Zeleznick, Sr. Tami Schab

### Thank You!

I would like to thank the countless people who organized the benefit for me on May 6. Thanks to everyone who donated, attended or participated in any way. Words cannot express my heartfelt thanks for the support and everything you have done for me.

Thanks again,

Mike Stegenga (1975)



## From the President's Desk *by Kevin Schrauben*

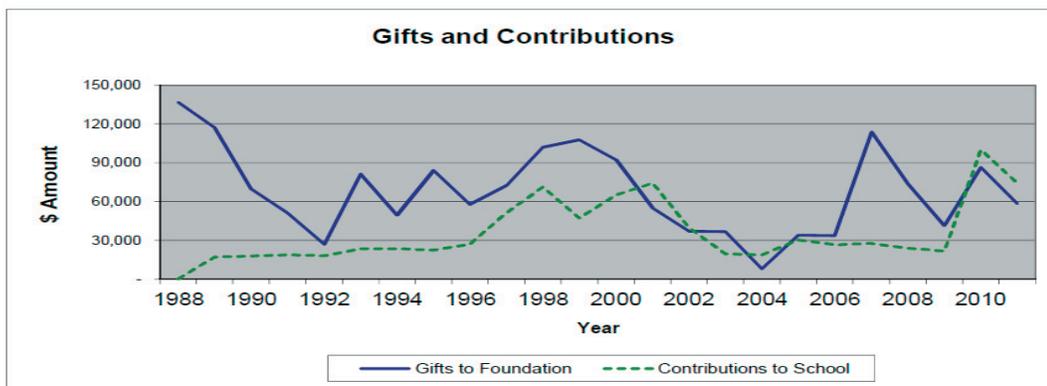
As most of you know, the first class to graduate from St. Patrick High School was the Class of 1954. In 2004, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that graduation, the Father Flohe Foundation invited the classmates back to St. Patrick School for a dinner and celebration. The event was such a hit that we've been doing it for each graduating class, as they reach the 50-year mark, and we plan to continue this tradition.

There are two main reasons that we host this event. The primary reason is to bring old friends and classmates together in celebration, and by doing it in such a way that they don't have to do any of the planning or any of the work! Classmates are given the luxury of just showing up, and are then treated to a delicious meal, a tour of the school, music from their past, and lots of time to visit with each other. Each classmate also receives a memory book, full of photos and newspaper

clippings from their school days. These reunions have elicited very positive reviews from the attendees.

The second reason we sponsor the event is to raise awareness of the Father Flohe Foundation, as far as who we are and what we do. As you can see by reading the accompanying information on this page, our sole purpose for existence is to support Catholic education at St. Patrick School. We do this in the form of tuition assistance to all students. Our contributions to the school since 1989 have amounted to approximately \$858,000. Needless to say, this has helped keep tuition affordable for our school families.

We hope that by making you more aware of how the Father Flohe Foundation works and the importance of what it does, we will encourage you to support Catholic education at St. Patrick School by making regular contributions to the FFF.



The FFF accepts tax deductible contributions from donors and invests these funds in the financial markets. As of June 30, 2011, the Foundation has received approximately \$1,625,000 in contributions from generous donors. Since 1989, the FFF has contributed approximately \$858,000 in tuition assistance to the school. Only the earnings are spent,

### Planned Giving = Tax Advantages

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For more information on any of these options or additional gift plans, contact your tax advisor, CPA, insurance agent or legal consultant.

Donations can be dropped off at the rectory, put in the offering at mass, or mailed to the Foundation at 140 Church Street, Portland MI 48875.

## Father Flohe Foundation Announces Bell Award

The Father Flohe Foundation presented the 2011 Fr. Flohe Education Bell Award to Sharon (Fedewa) Albaugh at St. Patrick's Junior/Senior Banquet on May 10, 2011. Foundation President Kevin Schrauben presented the award that is given annually to an alumnus of St. Patrick's School, who in their life has exemplified the high goals and accomplishments that a graduate of St. Patrick's can achieve.

Sharon graduated from St. Patrick High School in 1975. Upon her graduation from St. Patrick's, Sharon went to Michigan Tech where she earned a degree in metallurgical engineering in 1979 and began her professional career at Hitachi Magnetics where she worked as a manufacturing engineer for 6 years. In 1989, she went to work for Steelcase, also in the manufacturing engineering field. During this time, Sharon continued her formal education and earned a Masters Degree in Management from Aquinas College.



Left to right: daughter Mary, Sharon, mother Bev Fedewa and husband Larry

Sharon has been very involved in her faith, primarily at Holy Family Parish in Caledonia. Over the years, she has volunteered on numerous committees sometimes holding several positions at one time. She has worked with high school religious education programs, served as the catechist for 8th grade confirmation and for the RCIA program and is a leader in the Bible Study program. She also was a presenter for the marriage preparation Couple to Couple program, a member of the Catholic Faith Formation board and has also served on the Regional Education Council for

the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Sharon and her husband Larry have also been very involved in the Marriage Encounter program, where over the years they have served as leaders in the Grand Rapids Diocese. They, along with Fr. Wayne Wheeler, were selected to be Section leads in the program, providing leadership for Michigan and 4 other states. They were then asked to be the National Financial Couple for the Marriage encounter.

Sharon is definitely an individual who is a great example of what graduates of St. Patrick School can accomplish.

## Slowinski Scholarship Award

In addition to the Education Bell Award, the Foundation also announced that the winner of the Marie Leik Slowinski Scholarship is Emily Schneider. The award is presented each year to a student who demonstrates good study habits, steady improvement and hard work to achieve. Congratulations Emily!

## Bell Award Nominations Needed

The Father Flohe Foundation is looking for nominations for the Education Bell Award that is given annually at the high school graduation ceremony in the spring. Nominees should be past students from St. Patrick (either eighth grade or high school graduates, can be living or deceased), who by their life and achievements exemplify the high goals that our alumni can attain.

Write a brief description about your nominee, including the year they graduated and submit to the Father Flohe Foundation, 140 Church Street, Portland MI. 48875 by November 1, 2011. Nomination forms are also available on the FFF website that can be accessed through the school website at [www.portlandstpats.com](http://www.portlandstpats.com).

### First 20 Years: Education Bell Award Winners

1992	Dan Trierweiler	2002	Tom Schrauben
1993	Charles Leik	2003	Kathy Schrauben
1994	Chris Bozung	2004	Fritz Russman
1995	Marvin & Janet Fedewa	2005	Fr. John Vallier
1996	Monsignor Herman Zerfus	2006	Keith Cook
1997	Richard Lawless	2007	Rose Mary Simon
1998	Dick Schneider & Family	2008	Phil Koelzer
1999	Carol Sykes Graft	2009	Sue VanLente
2000	Kenneth Trierweiler	2010	Bruce Bennett
2001	Steve Remboski	2011	Sharon Fedewa Albaugh

# Reunion News

## Reunion Reports

The *Class of 1981* held their 30-year class reunion at the Portland Country Club on Saturday August 6, 2011. The day was to include a round of golf, for those who wanted, but the weather did not cooperate. A lively evening of reminiscing and conversation was had by all. We would like to thank all those at the Country Club for adding to the enjoyment of the evening. We look forward to seeing everyone again at the 35th.



The *Class of 1986* held their 25-year reunion at Mike and Lisa Lehman's cottage on Morrison Lake on August 13, 2011. Twenty-six classmates attended, and had a rollicking good time, complete with loud music, that lasted until 3:00 a.m..



## Other Reunion News

Many class reunions were held in September, too late to put reports into this issue of The Shamrock:

- *Class of 1966*: September 17 at the Oakwood Lounge in Pewamo.
- *Class of 1971*: September 24 at Cindy and Jerry Selden's house.
- *Class of 1991* September 17 at the Oakwood Lounge in Pewamo.
- *Class of 2001* September 24 at Aaron and Kristen Smith's house.
- *Class of 2006* September 3 at the Wagon Wheel.
- *Class of 1976* would still like to do something later this fall. Call Sue Bosworth at 517-647-1882.

Reminder to reunion organizers--don't forget to send a report and a photo to The Shamrock for spring publication.

Also, classes that graduated in years ending in 2 and 7 should be holding reunions next year. As soon as you have information or contact people in place, send the information in. It will be published on the Alumni page of the school website.



This photo was given to us by Mrs. Virginia Click. Her late husband, Ken had just coached his 8th grade team to a championship over Fowler. Can you identify the players? What year was it taken? (Answers on page 14.)

## Upcoming Events

Homecoming.....	October 7, 2011
Fall Festival.....	October 9, 2011
Confirmation.....	October 30, 2011
Ethnic Dinner.....	November 5, 2011
Catholic Schools Week.....	Jan 29-Feb 4, 2012
Festival of Tables.....	February 4, 2012
Pancake Breakfast.....	January 29, 2012
Senior Appreciation Dinner.....	April 14, 2012
Shamrock Auction.....	April 28, 2012
First Communion.....	May 6, 2012
Graduation.....	May 20, 2012
Parish Festival.....	June 22-24, 2012
Class of 1962 50-Year Reunion.....	September 8, 2012

Next issue of The Shamrock—early April.  
Send in your news as soon as possible!

## LOST SHEEP

Sometimes readers are surprised to find their own names or the names of their loved ones on the Lost Sheep list. Many times these people aren't lost at all, they have simply moved without letting us know. If we mail a newsletter and it comes back without forwarding information, we put that name onto the Lost Sheep list. To prevent this from happening, you can help us out by using the form on the back page to let us know when you move. *(We have removed the names of alumni who have been on our list for five years or more. If you would like to see the entire list of Lost Sheep, please visit the Alumni Page at [www.portlandstpats.com](http://www.portlandstpats.com).)*



1960 Bill Koelzer	1993 Darcy Hinds
1967 Ron Cook	1996 Leah Thelen
1982 Patricia Fitzpatrick	1999 John Solgat
1984 Joe Spohn	2002 Andy Brown

## Upcoming Parish Events

**ETHNIC DINNER** An Ethnic Dinner, hosted by the Welcoming & Social Committee, will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 5:30 in the cafeteria. Tickets will be \$3 each. Parishioners will be asked to prepare their favorite dishes. If you would like to help with this event in any way or host a country, please call Sue Kreiner at 517-566-8010.

**FESTIVAL OF TABLES** Women, save the date of Saturday, February 4, 2012 for the annual Festival of Tables. This event will be held at the Portland Church of the Nazarene beginning at 10:30 a.m. and tickets will be \$12. Proceeds will benefit the Portland Area Ministerial Association. In conjunction with the event, a Silent Auction will be held and we are looking for donations of homemade crafts, gift certificates, etc. If you have anything that you would be willing to donate, please contact Kim Thorp at 517-647-6578.

**SENIOR APPRECIATION DINNER** Parishioners who are ages 75 and over should be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Senior Appreciation Dinner which will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Dinner and entertainment will be provided at no charge to the attendees.

**WINTER GALA** There are no definite plans in place yet for the 2012 Winter Gala, so watch the church bulletin and the parish website ([www.stpatrickportland.com](http://www.stpatrickportland.com)) for information. Two couples are needed to help with the event. Call Craig Fedewa (517-649-8522) for additional information.

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# St. Patrick School to Establish Board of Directors

by Jennifer Meredith, Chairman

On behalf of the School Commission I would like to express our excitement for the start of the 2011-2012 school year. The Commission is committed to fostering the growth of Catholic education at St. Patrick School for grades Pre-K through 12th. The core responsibilities of the Commission have been to serve as an advisory committee to St. Patrick School administration, to act as a liaison to parents and parishioners with concerns relating to school affairs, and to create and maintain effective communication between key school and parish committees.

This year and next will be a time of transition for the St. Patrick School Commission due to the recommendation by the Diocese of Grand Rapids that calls for the establishment of a St. Patrick School Board of Directors. The current Commission will be seeking prospective nominees including: parents (40%), alumni/parents of alumni, leaders within the civic, business, and professional community, and finally parishioners. Following appointment by Father Larry, the Board consisting of 9 to 17 members will have Limited Jurisdiction and will work closely with Father Larry and Principal Hodge to assist in the governance of the school. During the initial appointment, members will be assigned to staggered terms of 1 to 3 years with the option of renewal for three additional years. The Board will have direct responsibility to Father Larry and through him the Diocese, and will also receive regular information regarding Grand Rapids Diocesan policies impacting Catholic elementary education through inservices by Principal Hodge. Along with the new name will be additional responsibilities.

Although the Board will continue to do what it has in the past, it's primary concern will be the ministry of Catholic education via strategic planning and formulation of policies relating to academic, student, and faith community affairs. The Board of Limited Jurisdiction will be responsible for, in part, the evaluation of the Principal, effectiveness of school policies, mission effectiveness, and board operations. Finally, the Board will have oversight of financial operations as well as the oversight of and participation in institutional advancement/development programs designed to attract human and financial resources. The School Commission looks forward to these new responsibilities and to assisting in the development of the new model.

The current members of the education commission are: Jennifer Meredith (Chair), Nikki Brown (Vice Chair), Jill Scheurer, Jennifer Davlin, Diane Bissell, Ken Cook, and Dave Zimmerman. For additional information about the

commission, please take the time to review the commission webpage on the St. Patrick School website. We value any ideas, comments, or suggestions you would like to share. We appreciate the commitment you have made to Catholic education and we are committed to making this a very successful year at St. Patricks.

## Aaron Russman (continued from page 3)

to make quality films expressing his art and passion for film. Says Aaron: "I began to write in my late-teens and decided whatever I came up with could really only be told by me, so I stuck with it."

These days, Aaron spends his time writing, producing, casting and directing. He is the owner of A Picture Show Film Company and is excited about his premiere. "This is my first official feature, so I really held nothing back," he said.

Aaron's interests also extend into TV series production. He wrote a 23-episode comedy incorporating his love of '60s TV and music. "Around 2006 I was pretty enamored with all those fantastic sitcoms like the original *The Office*, *Arrested Development* and, of course, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. I felt my short would work great as a show, so I sat down one day and out came a whole world based around a young school-teacher who moves to Portland, Michigan, and befriends his crazy, peculiar neighbor. I'm halfway through the second season and have put it off in favor of finishing *Lost In The Future*. But, I'm excited to get back to writing soon. I believe the series will have a real future someday. On HBO, hopefully," says Aaron.

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## In Memory of (continued from page 5)

ane. He worked as an International Representative for the U.A.W. and as Union Steward at Lansing Drop Forge. Jim was the owner and operator of J.D. Klassics. He enjoyed working on classic cars and took pride in tending to his yard. Jim was preceded in death by his father, Francis. Surviving are his children, Scott (Shari) Kissane, Sharon Kissane, Jim Kissane all of Lansing and Jeff (Michelle) Kissane of Vail, CO; grandchildren, Nick, Jared, Marissa, Mathew, Rickie Lee and Savannah; great grandson, Diego; mother, Dorothy Kissane; siblings, Douglas (Carleen) Kissane, Marlene (Larry) Schrauben, Linda Wohlfert, Thomas (Toni) Kissane, Kathy Clark and Patricia (Mike) VerPlanck; many nieces and nephews.

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ANSWERS TO PHOTO ON PAGE 12: These young men were from the Class of 1970. The photo was taken in 1966. Front: Dan Bengel, Bob Keusch, Denny Sochor, Ted Goodrich, Chuck Miller, Wayne Thelen, Larry Blundy. Middle: Tom Manning, Mike Simon, Roger Cook, Dave Densmore, Dave Snitgen. Back: Steve Nowak, Coach Click, Tom Schneider, Pat McGraner.



Here's the new puzzle---the most popular kind that we do, a WordSearch! This puzzle has a theme, and all of the words as well as the answer are related to that theme: Ups & Downs. There are 25 words to find, and when you find all of them, there will be 48 letters left over. Use them to spell out a phrase, which is the answer to the contest. Good luck!

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Send this entry form, by any of the means described on the back page, or drop in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked SHAMROCK CONTEST. Entries must be received by November 1, 2011. Cash prize of \$50 will be awarded to the winner, who will be chosen by random drawing from all correct entries. You must be 18 or older to enter. Limit of one entry per person.

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Dozens of readers did the Double Puzzle contest in the spring issue of The Shamrock and almost everyone had the correct answer: *Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.* The winner, chosen by random drawing from all correct entries is Kathleen (Kit) Pohl, who received a cash prize of \$50. Kit won the last contest, too, making her our first-ever two-time contest winner. Congratulations, Kit!

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## Portland St. Patrick's Secret Recipes Revealed

St. Patrick's PTO has collected 550 recipes, including many recipes from the popular Lenten Soup Suppers, and published them in a cookbook entitled, *Portland St. Patrick's Secret Recipes Revealed*.

Cookbooks will be available in early October, making them the perfect Christmas gift! Selling price is \$15. To purchase a cookbook or for additional information, contact Tricia Beachnau at (517) 647-2963 or pabeachnau@gmail.com, or mail in the form at the right.

To read more about the PTO and all they do to support the school, visit the school website and click on Parent Involvement>PTO.

Mail this form along with payment to PTO Cookbook, c/o St. Pat's School, 122 West Street, Portland, MI 48875. Cookbooks cost \$15 each, plus \$4 shipping. Checks can be made payable to St. Pat's PTO. *(Please print information below)*

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