



THE SHAMROCK

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ST. PATRICK SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

FALL 2024

Girls Track Team Does it Again! Division 4 State Runners Up, Relay Team State Champs



At the Division 4 Track & Field State Finals on Saturday, June 1, 2024, the Shamrock qualifiers showed up ready to compete!! And, it paid off! The girls finished as State Runners-Up for the second straight year!

The girls 4x200 relay of Izzy Kissane, Sophie Schrauben, Kenzie Fedewa, and Rylee Scheurer made

school history as they finished as State Champions, setting a Division 4 State Record. The girls ran 1:45.09 which broke the record of 1:45.38 that was set in 2009 by Potterville. Their effort also broke their school record of 1:46.75 set earlier this season. Congratulations on your amazing accomplishment!!

The girls 4x400 relay of Siena Schafer, Izzy Kissane, Sophie Schrauben, and Kenzie Fedewa finished as State Runners-Up in a school record time of 4:08.95. The prior record of 4:09.28 was set by the same team earlier this season.

Rylee Scheurer finished as State Runner-Up in the 200; and Bella Russman broke her discus school record, improving it from 100'7" to 101'1".



All-State Honors:

- 4x200 - Izzy Kissane, Sophie Schrauben, Kenzie Fedewa, Rylee Scheurer (1st - State record, school record)
- 4x400 - Siena Schafer, Izzy Kissane, Sophie Schrauben, Kenzie Fedewa (2nd - school record)
- 200 - Rylee Scheurer (2nd)
- 100 - Rylee Scheurer (3rd)
- 300H - Sophie Schrauben (4th)
- 100H - Sophie Schrauben (6th)
- 400 - Kenzie Fedewa (7th)
- 4x100 - Kyra Kinsman, Izzy Kissane, Kenzie Fedewa, Rylee Scheurer (7th)

Other State Finishers:

- 800 - Siena Schafer (11th - PR)
- Discus - Bella Russman (12th - school record)
- 110H - Nick Pung (13th - PR)
- 200 - Izzy Kissane (14th)
- 4x800 - Olivia Pung, Kyra Kinsman, Laynie Meredith, Siena Schafer (16th)

Academic All-State Honors:

- Nick Pung, Siena Schafer, Kenzie Fedewa, Laynie Meredith, Kyra Kinsman, Izzy Kissane, Olivia Pung, Rylee Scheurer, and Sophie Schrauben

Congratulations to the entire team on your incredible efforts and results this season!!

See additional photo on page 14.



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by Sue Vanlente

It's been more than a year since we combined our two newsletters, *The Shamrock* and *The Shamrock Legacy*. Because there still seems to be a lot of confusion about this endeavor, here is an explanation.

Beginning in the summer of 2023, the two newsletters were combined into one, *The Shamrock--A Shamrock Legacy Publication*. Four issues will be published each year.

I continue to be in charge of the summer and fall issues, and they will look like this newsletter, containing the *What's Happening* information and lots of parish news.

Deacon Randy Hodge is in charge of the winter and spring issues, which will focus solely on school news and development information.

If you have any questions, at any time, please contact me at (517) 575-8000 or Deacon Randy at (517) 647-7551.



To all of you who put The Shamrock Newsletter together---Kudos!! I look forward to each and every edition. This latest one was especially fantastic! But, they're all very good.

Diane Beachnau

I would like to thank all who wished me well in my retirement and those who gave to the *Al and Karla Schrauben Athletic Foundation*. The St. Patrick community has been very kind to our family. A special thank you to all the athletes I have had the opportunity to work with. You have represented St. Patrick in a fine way. I could never give as much to St. Patrick as it has given to me and my family. Thank you all from a forever Shamrock!!

Al and Karla Schrauben and Family

It's a Small World

Two recent St. Patrick graduates discovered what a small world it is when they had a chance encounter with another Shamrock alumnus far away from Portland.

Payton Russman and Devin Cook traveled to Baraga to see the Bishop Baraga Shrine. While there, they went to see other sites, including a mission church which they wanted to visit. Payton saw a gentleman in a VFW uniform taking care of some things in the church and asked him if they could go inside.

The man asked where the boys were from and they said Portland. He proceeded to say that he, too, had grown up in Portland and had graduated from St. Patrick School. The boys said they did too. What a small world! They forgot to write down his name, but they know that his last name was Mleko.

The Shamrock is looking for someone to help with proof-reading the summer and fall issues of the newsletter. The newsletter will be sent to you as a pdf file. You will need to proof it and send it back. Thank you to Anne Bennett who has been one of our proofreaders for many years. Anne has recently retired from that duty. If you are interested of have questions, contact shamrockeditors@gmail.com.

Time to Make a Will!

August is National Make-A-Will Month

Even though we missed the month of August, this topic is important enough to warrant a reminder, even in September. Each August we recognize National Make-A-Will Month, providing a reminder to make sure your estate is in order and your intentions are clear.

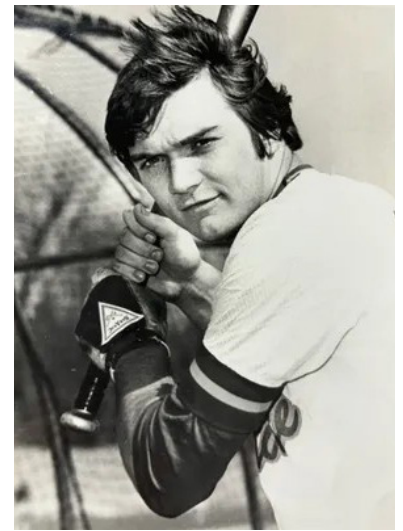


Creating or updating your will is more than an item on your to do list. It's an act of love, allowing you to protect your loved ones, ensure your final wishes are honored, and support the people and places most important to you without confusion or expense for your heirs.

A little planning goes a long way. As you think about the people and causes close to your heart, please consider including a gift to St. Patrick Parish or School in your will. Doing so enables you to arrange a meaningful gift that doesn't affect your lifestyle. Easy to arrange and modify as needed, a gift from your will offers enduring support for the Catholic ministries important to you.

In the Spotlight

Tony Trierweiler



Baseball runs in the blood of the Trierweiler family, and perhaps none have exemplified that fact more than Tony Trierweiler, who starred at Portland St. Patrick as a shortstop and pitcher in the early 1970's before playing collegiately at Ferris State from 1974-1977.

Tony Trierweiler graduated from St. Pat's in 1972 and was a member of the 1971 baseball team that went to the State Finals. He earned his degree from Ferris State University, where he played baseball and was recruited by the minor leagues. His decision to decline the minors to continue to pursue his degree in education eventually led him to return to his hometown to be a teacher and coach.

Tony led two Shamrock girls basketball teams to the State Finals (1978 and 1982) before leaving St. Pat's for other employment opportunities. He received his Master's Degree from Michigan State University.

Following his collegiate career, Tony played 19 years in the Lansing City League, which featured minor league players, collegiate players, and some of the top high school players at the time.

Tony was recently selected to be part of the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024, and was inducted on August 8, 2024, at a ceremony at the Lansing Center.

"It's a privilege and an honor, and I'm really grateful that they selected me," he said. "To be included with all the great athletes and the sports dignitaries that are in there is

really humbling and I'm just happy and excited to receive this honor."

Baeball was always part of his life. Tony's father, Pat Trierweiler signed and pitched for the New York Yankees farm team in 1954-55. In fact, Pat was away from home with

the team when Tony was born, so baseball caused him to miss his oldest son's birth.

"We grew up in a baseball family, I played as a teenager with my uncles and my dad in the Tri-County League. It was kind of expected that you'd play, and we did," Tony said.

"When you're little and watch your elders play, you feel like you have to carry on the tradition. There's a sense of pride."

Tony and his wife, Karen (Kramer) live in Grand Ledge and baseball continues to be a big part of their family life.

"Two of my sons played baseball, one for Grand Ledge and one at Lansing Catholic. Now, we start them young. My 3-year-old grandson is out in the backyard with the big red bat. My wife wants to make him a switch-hitter, but I'm not so sure."



Tony and Karen have six children and eight grandchildren, with another one on the way.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

If you have information that you would like included in the next issue of The Shamrock, please send it to shamrockeditors@gmail.com. Deadline is May 23, 2025.

BIRTHS

To **Ben** (2008) and **Megan Brown**, a daughter, Allison Claire, on August 8, 2024. She joins brothers Knox (4) and Jackson (2).

To **Seth and Hannah (Thelen, 2016) Sundberg** of Bay City, a daughter, Soulie Grace, on June 28, 2024.

To **Kellie (Shattuck, 2011) and Anatoliy Vlasenko**, a son, Aleksander Jon, on April 6, 2024.

WEDDINGS

Weddings at St. Patrick Church:

Zachary Darren Bartnik and Emma Rose Gunderman, May 31, 2024

Carlus Romel Henry and Summer Rose Russman, June 29, 2024

Jacob Riley Babb and Amy Kathleen Wieber, July 12, 2024

Joseph Eugene Cook and Lindsey Kaye Bos, July 20, 2024

Brendan Kevin Schrauben and Kailey Jo Hawks, July 27, 2024

Jerrid Pline and Kylie Goodmundson, August 24, 2024

BAPTISMS

The following baptisms took place at St. Patrick Church between May and August 2024:

Ethan Andrew Huffer, son of Marques and Jami Huffer

Kyla Marie Krausz, daughter of Jared and Amanda Krausz

Haizel Olivia-Julie Miller, daughter of Travis and Julie Miller

Maya Marie Simon, daughter of David and Laura Simon

Maison Olivia Thelen, daughter of Eric and Samantha Thelen

Ilijah Gary Kramer, son of Tyler and Kaitlyn Kramer

Declan Jay Lowe, son of Jacob and Beth Lowe

Lane Joseph Moyer, son of Jacob and Mari Moyer

Lucas Gregory Meyers, son of Curtis and Katrina Meyers

Eliza Sue Spitzley, daughter of Patrick and Stephanie Spitzley

Archer Hayes Spitzley, daughter of Patrick and Stephanie Spitzley

Emeryson Elizabeth Willard, daughter of Travis and Alexandra Willard

IN MEMORY OF

Fred Lavern Lawless (96) of Englewood, FL, and Eaton Rapids, died peacefully on January 26, 2024, with his family by his side. Fred was born on the family farm in Portland, MI, November 7, 1927, the son of Frances and Catherine (Selbach) Lawless. He graduated from Portland High School in 1944, at the age of 16. Fred went on to work for a wartime aircraft spark plug factory and at the family farm. He was drafted into the US Army in 1946, serving in Germany. Fred was honorably discharged in 1947, and enrolled in college at Central Michigan University. It was there that he met his future wife, Pat, while hitchhiking back to their hometown for a weekend. It was the beginning of a beautiful 72-year relationship. Fred is survived by his children, David (JoAnne) Lawless, Jim (Sarah) Lawless, and Susan (Charles) Simmons; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Pat Lawless. Memorial contributions may be made to Elara Caring Hospice Foundation, PO Box 58, Jackson, MI 49204.

Harold Joseph Keena, 96 years old, passed away on Thursday, April 11, 2024, in Winter Haven, FL. He was born to Ernest and Helen (Dyer) Keena on October 1, 1927, in Grand Rapids, MI. Harold enlisted in the Navy on November 13, 1945, served at Annapolis, MD, and was honorably discharged on September 22, 1947. His desire for public service led him to a distinguished career in law enforcement. He was recognized as Trooper of the Year receiving the Gerstacker Award in 1969 by the Michigan State Police for his dedication to the youth of Wayland. Harold is survived by his brothers, Fr. James Keena, Liguori, MO, and Thomas (Nadine) Keena, Grand Rapids, MI. Harold will be dearly missed by his children, Joseph (Janet) of Indianapolis, IN, David (Colleen) of San Diego, CA, Dennis (Karen) of Winter Haven, FL, Denise (James) Barnes; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and many close and wonderful friends throughout Michigan and Florida.

Jane Frances Gross, of Portland, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on June 1, 2024, at the age of 89. She was born to Anthony and Laura (Trierweiler) Feldpausch in Westphalia on July 28, 1934. Jane was a faithful member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Portland. She and her late husband, Stanley, were in the first graduating class of St. Patrick High School in 1953. Jane led a vibrant and fulfilling life, filled with joy, laughter, and love. Preceding Jane in death are her parents; husband of 51 years, Stanley Gross; son, John Gross; daughter, Carol (Howard) Graft; sons-in-law, Bruce Cook, Ryan Sandborn, and Gary Graft; siblings, Robert (Mary) Feldpausch, Evelyn (Loren) Hazen, Leon Feldpausch, Veronica (Darrel) Pennington, Monica (Aurthur) Bartlett, and Richard (Loretta) Feldpausch. Surviving Jane are her children, Sheila Cook of Portland, Donalyn (Terry) Lawless of Crystal, Douglas (Raelynn) Gross of Mason, and Sue Graft of Portland; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; siblings, Lawrence (Karen) Feldpausch, Tony (Martha) Feldpausch, and Carolee (Albert) Smith; Gross in-laws, Marie Schrauben, Don (Dee) Gross, Rita (Steve) Snitgen, Alice Zimmerman, Gary (Carolle) Gross, and Mary (Rocky) Beckhold. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Fairview AFC and Sparrow Hospice Services for the exceptional care they took of Jane. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to the Stanley and Jane Gross Scholarship Fund in honor of Jane.

Michael J. Simon (Mike), age 80 of Lyons, passed away on Saturday June

1, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on January 21, 1944, in Lyons Township, the son of Clarence and Elda (Miller) Simon. Mike grew up on their family farm and farming continued to be a huge part of his life. He married his high school sweetheart, Linda (McCrum) on October 1, 1966, and we know he is overjoyed to be reunited with her. He served in the National Guard and retired from General Motors after several years of service. Preceding Mike in death are his wife of 45 years, Linda; his parents, Clarence and Elda; brothers, David and James. Surviving are his children; Glenn (Cathy) Simon, Rhonda Rooks, Kristen (Marti) Schrauben, and Melinda (Dan) Graham; 15 grandchildren; two great grandchildren and one on the way; siblings, Rosemary Spitzley and Thomas (Germaine) Simon; brother-in-law Roy McCrum; sister-in-law Janice Simon. For those wishing, memorial contributions may be made to Portland Right to Life or to the St. Patrick School Tuition Angels Fund in memory of Michael J. Simon.

On June 19, 2024, **Joshua "Josh" Lee Hoppes** died at age 44, in Eagle, Michigan. Josh was born in Lansing, Michigan, on November 16, 1979, to Mary (Spedoske) and Gerald "Jerry" Hoppes. Josh was a talented singer and guitar player, known for ability to match any pitch and play any song. Josh loved to collect rocks of all shapes and sizes, always keeping an eye out for those one in a million containing diamonds. Josh was known for his knowledge of motorcycles, his curiosity for taking them apart and putting them back together just to see how he could make it run better. Above all, Josh was a beloved father and grandfather who could always put a smile on their faces and make them laugh. Preceding him in death are his parents, Jerry and Mary Hoppes and beloved granddaughter Lucilla. Survivors who will carry his memory and share his stories are his children Patience Hoppes, Lynden (Becca) Hoppes, Jada Hoppes, and Tristen Highsmith; three grandchildren; sisters Missy (Larry) Thelen and Carrie Hoppes; brothers Pete (Marlena) Hoppes and Tim (Angie) Hoppes.

Thomas Wayne Shinaver Sr., age 72, of Ionia passed away June 22, 2024. He was born on March 25, 1952, in Lansing, MI, the son of Gerald and Reva (Hoppes) Shinaver. Tom married Sherry Hilliard on November 13, 1970, and they raised five children together. He worked for many years alongside his father-in-law driving truck across the country and later followed him into underground construction. Surviving are his beloved wife of 53 years, Sherry Shinaver of Ionia; children, Thomas (Angela) Shinaver Jr. of Portland, Ed-

ward Shinaver of Ionia, Jamie (Tiffany) Shinaver of Ionia, Dustin (Jessica) Shinaver of Eaton Rapids, and Brandi (Eric) Casper of Ionia; siblings: Jerry, Ron (Carol), Jim (Nancy), Judy Clark, Steve (Lisa), Wendy Pohl, Mary (Tom) Dryzga, Pauline Holton, Kathy Mikesell, and Joy (Victor) Cardenas; siblings-in-law, Marilyn and Jean Shinaver, Ken Simmons, and Rick Hilliard; 11 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Tom was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law: Richard Hilliard and Velma (John) Pitchford; siblings, Terry, Rosemary, Jayne, Bill, and Dan; siblings-in-law, Bill Clark, Don Pohl, and Debra Wadkins.

Laura C. Stegenga, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the age of 89. Born on March 23, 1935, she was the daughter of Bernard and Mary Platte and a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Laura's life was a testament to her devotion to her family and community. Alongside her husband Jack (49 years), she raised their three children on their centennial farm. She was an inspiration to many "Wee People" as well as to all who met her. She leaves behind a legacy of love, warmth, and kindness that will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her memory will live on in the hearts of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, whom she adored and who adored her in return. Laura was preceded in death by her parents; several siblings; her husband, Jack; and her son, Mike. She is survived by her daughter, Beth (Doug) Stiffler and her son, Bill (Sharon) Stegenga; brothers Lee, Paul, and Steve (Sue) Platte; and her sisters-in-law, Evelyn Haueter and Marilyn Bowker. Laura is also lovingly remembered by her six grandchildren and her nine great-grandchildren. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Country Living and their staff for their compassionate care and support.

Stephanie Krabill passed away on June 23, 2024. She was born on January 1, 1986, to parents Jack and Marie Shattuck. Stephanie was a loyal and faithful wife who adored her husband, Ben. She was a loving, doting, responsible parent whose life revolved around her girls. She loved deeply. She gave the best hugs, and her infectious laugh was one of a kind. While she settled into a "softer" typical mom routine, those who knew her before motherhood can most certainly speak to her sarcastic side, and the boldness that she was well known for. Preceding Stephanie in death are her mother, Marie Shattuck; grandparents, William and Germaine Shattuck and Abdon Franco

and Maria-Elena (Cisneros) Barajas; and cousin, Alan Meyers. Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband of 10 years, Benjamin Krabill; daughters, Marie and Jenise Krabill; father, Jack Shattuck; brother, Jack D. Shattuck; sister, Jessica Shattuck; father and mother-in-law, Steve and Irene Krabill; brother-in-law, Kenneth Krabill; sister-in-law, Michelle (Brian) Mattheis; and many special aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Memorial contributions may be made to an educational trust fund for Stephanie's daughters, c/o Lehman Funeral Homes P.O. Box 500, Portland, MI 48875.

Mary Ann Thelen died on July 10, 2024. She was born August 3, 1930, to Oscar and Cornelia Fox in Pewamo, MI. Her family moved to Portland when she was 12. She attended Portland High School, where she participated in marching band, and graduated in 1948. Mary Ann married Donald H. Thelen on August 3, 1949, at St. Patrick Church in Portland. They were married for 58 years, until Donald's passing in 2008. She was a devout Catholic and a dedicated member of St. Patrick Church, where she also served on the Altar Society for many years. Mary Ann was a proud mother and homemaker for her six children, Pat (Louis-deceased) Koenigsknecht, Tom (Karen) Thelen, Denise (Jim) Anderton, Mary (Don-deceased) Anderson, Joe Thelen, and John (Lisa) Thelen. Mary Ann was a beloved grandmother to 10 grandchildren. She also had a way of adopting other grands as hers grew up. She was actually called "neighborhood grandma" by several children, including one named after her.

John Vallier passed away on July 3, 2024. John was born Francis Clarence Vallier on May 7, 1937, to Edmund and Clara (Proton) Vallier in Engadine in the Upper Peninsula. The name John came to him during his school years and stayed with him throughout his life. John married his sweetheart, Eleanor (Soligny), at St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique on July 18, 1959. They enjoyed 50 years of marriage until her passing in 2009. In addition to Eleanor and his parents, John is predeceased by his siblings: Edmund (Norma), Bernard (Edna), Lawrence (Betty), Maryellen (Joe) Sadovich, Rita (Bill) McAllister, J. Wayne (Peggy), Vince (Rose), Shirley (Sam) Frontino, Janice (Ron) Penton, and Ken along with brother-in-law Robert O'Neil. He is survived by his children, Rev. John, Robert (Karen), Richard (Amy), Glenn (Tammy), Renee (Mike) Haneghan, William (Connie), and Christopher (Jenny). John is also survived by 15 grandchild-

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School News!

St. Patrick Staff Prepares for Another School Year

by Deacon Randy Hodge

Every school's staff is required to spend time on professional development each year. What exactly does this mean and what exactly does a teaching staff do in professional development? The answer will of course vary from year to year and from school to school. Here is what our St. Patrick School staff spent time doing to prepare for the 2024 school year.

Monday:

- Mrs. Julie Wight, our parish business manager shared with the staff information regarding human resources.
- All school staff discussed school related items in our all-staff back to school meeting.
- All staff spent time in CPR/First Aid training and were able to renew their certification.

Tuesday:

- Staff travelled to Grand Rapids and gathered with the rest of the teaching staff and administrators from all Catholic schools in the diocese.
- Listened to a keynote address with Fr. Peter McCormick.
- Attended Mass at the cathedral with Bishop Walkowiak presiding.
- Participated in the sacrament of reconciliation if they chose to do so.
- Participated in grade level (elementary) and subject area (secondary) meetings with the teachers from the rest of our diocesan schools.

Wednesday:

- Participated in a training course with Dr. Marcia McEvoy called *Helping Kids Get Along: How to Reduce Student Cruelty and Enhance Caring Relationships*.

Thursday:

- Participated in a full day of Mental Health First Aid training and all teaching staff members earned



their Mental Health First Aid certification.

We always try to ensure that our professional development is meaningful and will help our staff continue to grow and develop as the outstanding professionals that they are.

As always, we continually focused on training that will ensure our students are safe and supported in every aspect of their lives including health of mind, body, and soul.

Welcome New Staff

A warm welcome to the new 2024-2025 staff members!

Assistant Principal:

Mrs. Brittini (Wilcox) Krausz is an alumna of St. Patrick School and is an active member of St. Patrick Parish. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Ferris State University and a Master of Educational Leadership with K-12 administration from Eastern Michigan University. She comes to us from St. Mary Catholic School in Westphalia where she has taught both 1st and 3rd grade in addition to being on the school's behavior and curriculum committees.



In her new role, Mrs. Krausz's emphasis will be on student life, working with students and parents on disciplinary measures and student supports. She will assist Deacon Hodge and Mrs. Smith as they carry out the strategic priorities for the school. This new position will be an important asset to our administrative team as we seek to promote the mission of St. Patrick Catholic School.

According to Brittini, "St. Patrick School will be implementing new school wide behavior expectations for the 2024/2025 school year. We will be implementing the R.O.C.K.S. program (Respect, Obedience, Christ-like, Kindness, Self Control). Behavior plans have been updated to reflect this acronym. Students and staff will be responsible for filling out a Stop and Think form for negative behavior. Students can also earn points for positive behavior by receiving a R.O.C.K.S. Ticket. We hope this new plan will unify the school on behavioral expectations and consequences pre K through 12. A large part of my role as assistant principal will be to help this new program run smoothly."

Developmental Kindergarten:

Mrs. Katrina (Schrauben) Meyers is the new DK teacher. She says, "This will be my 11th year teaching, and my 2nd year in DK! I have taught Kindergarten and first



grade over the past 10 years.

"My husband Curtis and I have three kids, a son Trevor who will be 7, a daughter Jamie who will be 5, and a brand new baby boy Lucas who will be 1 in April!"

"As a family we enjoy camping, kayaking, bike rides, and the Ionia Free Fair! I graduated from St. Patrick in 2008!! I then went on to Aquinas College to receive a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education K-8 with an endorsement of Early Childhood Education, graduating in 2013. I am excited to be back at St. Patrick School! Go Shamrocks!"

Additional new staff members:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Lisa Hartwick
Fifth Grade: Mr. Andrew Hammond
Teacher Assistant: Moriah Hass

In addition: A second newborn/toddler room is tentatively set to open Tuesday, September 3, 2024. More information will be printed in the next issue of *The Shamrock*.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!

99% 
Graduation Rate

 307
Graduates

274 grads who are college bound	3 grads entering the military
15 grads entering the trades	1 graduate discerning religious life

\$9,066,971
Accepted Scholarships

\$33,091
Average Scholarship Amount
Accepted per Student

Includes all five of the Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

2024-25 School Staff

PS: Mr. Aaron Thelen
DK: Mrs. Katrina Meyers
K: Mrs. Lisa Hartwick
1: Mrs. Amy Weems
1: Mrs. Mary Cook
2: Mrs. Casey Lenneman
2: Mrs. Stacy Russman
3: Mrs. Karen Scheurer
4: Mrs. Khristie Cook
5: Mr. Andrew Hammond
6-8: Ms. Chloe Cross - Religion & Math
6-8: Mrs. Erin Martin - English, Life Skills & Personal Finance
6-8: Mrs. Judy Fleischer - Science & STEM
6-8: Mr. Patrick Russman - Social Studies
HS Mrs. Christine Rockey - English
HS Mr. Paul Osbourne - Math
HS Mr. Terry Austen - Math
HS Mr. Jordan Smith - Science
HS Mrs. Kaye Sandborn - Social Science
HS Mr. Dan Rockey - Theology
Mr. Bryan Scheurer - Physical Education/9th grade Gym & Health
Ms. Melissa Schellberg - Art/9th Art/Art II
Mr. Bob Powers - Computers
Mrs. Anna Carpenter - Music
Mrs. Erin Martin - Library

2024-25 School Board

Connie Vallier - Chair
Brenda Lenneman - Co-Chair
Nancy Wohlscheid - Recording Secretary
Cheryl Baker - Member
Erin Pung Caszatt - Member
Dana Hengesbach - Member
Ashley Kliewer - Member
Melinda Fandel - Member
Krysten Rosendall - Member
Christine Wilcox - Member

Join Us! Saturday, October 5, 2024
Homecoming Game: 7pm vs. Vestaburg





St. Patrick Parish

Continuing Restoration

by Ken Schneider

During the past several years, many improvements have been made to Saint Patrick Parish facilities. In addition, several major deferred maintenance issues have been identified and corrective action taken to ensure that our facilities will continue to serve the needs of Saint Patrick Parish.

Work on the masonry repairs on Saint Patrick School continues with replacement of damaged bricks, mainly on the parapet wall above the upper windows. The damage was caused by water infiltration and the freeze/thaw process. This damage was most evident on the original 1950 section of the school. Last year, parishioner Tom Daly of Purus Masonry Restoration, replaced over 5,500 damaged bricks on the upper section of the school along West Street. This summer, Tom and his crew completed work on the masonry repairs along Center Street. The damage was less extensive than on the west side of the building but over 2,500 bricks still needed replacement. Several broken glass blocks in the gym windows were also replaced. Plans are to complete the exterior masonry repairs to the remaining areas of the school next year. This repair work will ensure the durability of the masonry for many years.



As planned and budgeted, restoration work continued on the north side of the school, where more than 2500 bricks needed to be relaced.

Energy conservation has also been a focus of maintenance work this summer. Parishioner, Jeremy Easlick of Batteries Plus, Grand Rapids, contacted maintenance head, Pat Heckman. He presented a proposal to upgrade the light fixtures to conserve energy that will reduce our electrical bill. The fluorescent tubes in the light fixtures

throughout the school have been replaced with LED bulbs. Electrical usage for lighting is expected to be reduced by up to 85%. A significant energy rebate from the City of Portland Commercial & Industrial Energy Efficiency Program, and competitive materials and installation costs should result in a payback period of about 6 months. This upgrade and reduced maintenance costs will result in a cost savings of hundreds of dollars per month on our electric bill.

You may have noticed a large trash bin parked outside the school office entrance. The insulation on the heating and cooling system pipes have been replaced with a more efficient type of insulation. This upgrade will eliminate the condensation problem that became evident after the cooling system was installed.

Thank you Saint Patrick Parish parishioners for your generous donations to make these improvements, maintenance upgrades and repairs possible. Approximately \$500,000 needed to be spent on these and other maintenance projects this summer. Father Mike asks us to join him in making a contribution to cover these costs.

Financial contributions can be placed in the Sunday collection basket in an envelope marked "Facilities", sent to Saint Patrick Parish, 140 Church Street, Portland, MI, 48875, or use the QR. These improvements and repairs will ensure future generations will continue to have the opportunity to live up to the mission of Saint Patrick School. **We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!**



An unplanned project that was taken care of this summer. Wet and damaged insulation was removed from all of the pipes in the church and school.



2024 Shamrock MEGA Rock Raffle

Buy 2 Tickets Before October 17 and Get One Free!

We are excited to kick off our third annual MEGA Rock Raffle. Two years ago, we started this raffle as a new way of financial support for St. Patrick Parish, School, and athletic programs, and thus far it has been a great success. The goal of this new raffle was to minimize the number of raffles and fundraisers that we have, providing enough financial support for all our programs with some left over to invest in our future.



It is important to note, this raffle replaced four raffles, the weekly Sports Raffle, the Fall Festival Raffle, the Parish Festival Raffle, and

the large Shamrock Auction Raffle. Instead, we have only this one annual raffle where the tickets are sold for \$500 each. This provides our benefactors the opportunity to win more cash prizes and has the additional advantage of not asking parishioners to purchase tickets four times a year. The goal is to sell 1,000 tickets. Please remember this is our only major fundraiser for St. Patrick Parish, School, and athletic program.

Raffle sales officially started on the OneCause website August 12 and will continue throughout the school year. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets has the special opportunity to “buy two tickets and get one free ticket” August 12 through October 17. Winning tickets will be put back into the drawing each time, so it is possible to win multiple times.

Participants may split the cost of a ticket with other individuals, or two separate individuals may purchase one ticket each but share the third (free) ticket. Tickets may be purchased online using our One Cause account at <http://bidpal.net/megarockraffle2024>. Hard copies of tickets were mailed to all St. Patrick parish, school, and athletic benefactors and may also be purchased at the parish or school office.

There will be four drawings with MEGA prizes that will take place throughout the year. MEGA prize winners will be announced at the:

- Fall Festival on October 20, 2024
- Marriage Gala on February 15, 2025
- Shamrock Auction on April 25, 2025
- Parish Festival on June 21, 2025

There will be cash prizes totaling \$11,250 at each one of these events. The breakdown of cash prizes at each drawing are as follows:

- Grand Prize: \$5,000
- 2nd Prize: \$2,500
- 3rd Prize: \$1,000
- 4th Prize: \$750
- 5th Prize \$500 (2)
- 6th Prize: \$250 (4)

There will also be a monthly drawing on the last Friday of each month for 10 months with one \$500 winner per month beginning on Friday, September 27. You do not need to be present at any of the drawings to win.



If you are unable to support this raffle, there is no need to return your tickets. We do understand that the cost of this raffle may be a bit much for some individuals or families. Again, please consider pooling your funds with others to buy one ticket or purchase two tickets together so you can also share a third ticket.

If you have any questions about the MEGA Rock raffle, please contact Deacon Randy Hodge by calling the school at (517)647-7551 or by email at randyhodge@portlandstpats.org.

Shamrock Hall of Fame

At the 2024 Shamrock Auction, Father Mike Alber announced the establishment of the St. Patrick Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame and it's first inductee, Al Schrauben.

According to its bylaws, the purpose of the Hall of Fame is to establish and maintain recognition for the rich tradition of St. Patrick Catholic High School. It will serve as a means of recognizing, preserving, and honoring athletes, coaches, and individuals who have made significant contributions to the athletic program. In addition, the Athletic Hall of Fame acknowledges contributions from both individuals and teams who are worthy of recognition and have provided excellent examples of Catholic/Christian-like men and women.

The Hall of Fame will consist of three committees: **Executive Committee** will select nominees, eval-

uate and update the policies and operational procedures of the St. Patrick Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and attend and assist in the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and activities.

Legacy Committee

will present the Executive Committee with at least one nomination each year.

Ceremony Committee will organize the homecoming activities associated with the Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony and activities surrounding the homecoming football game.

Inductees will be chosen based on the following three categories: Student athletes, contributors to the athletic department, and teams.

Additional information will be posted on the school website and Facebook page as it becomes available.





A Christ-filled Summer for Parish Youth

by Nikki Brown

Praise God for His continued blessings! This summer, several of our parish high school students took a giant leap of faith to experience unique encounters with our Lord, Jesus Christ. And I am so thankful for their witness!

Steubenville Youth Conference



In June, 16 students and four adult chaperones attended the Steubenville Youth Conference in Ohio. For those unfamiliar with this conference, it's incredibly intense and awe-inspiring! This life-changing weekend included Mass each day, dynamic Catholic speakers, small group conversations, Adoration, and ample opportunity to partake in the sacrament of confession.

No stone was left unturned! Late night evenings brought about camaraderie and fantastic conversation as we recapped the day's activities and developed new friendships over late night pizza. One student said, "This opportunity was such a powerful experience of encountering our Lord in the Eucharist and in each other."

Another said, "The adoration experience was so deeply moving that I could feel the Lord's presence as the priest processed around the auditorium with Jesus in the monstrance." The Holy Spirit lit a fire in each one of their hearts, and it was so beautiful to watch!

Catholic Heart Workcamp

In July, a small group of parish students traveled on a mission trip to Catholic Heart Workcamp in Cincinnati, Ohio. We began each day with Mass to get our hearts

and minds focused on who we were working for that day. After Mass the students were sent to their respective job sites.



Some worked in community gardens and kitchens that fed the homeless and underserved; some helped build ramps for residents struggling to leave their homes; and others worked to ensure community agencies had the appropriate tools and supplies they needed to meet the needs of the less fortunate. While the days were long and tiring, the evenings were enriched with uplifting keynote speakers, confession, and praise and worship.

To be able to experience these events with the teens was absolutely priceless. If you ever doubted that Jesus Christ can change minds and hearts, look no further to see the hope and future of our Church! These youth are choosing to make our Lord the "one thing necessary" in their life. And I am so grateful to be a part of their journey!

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." - 1 Timothy 4:12

Eucharistic Congress

by Sarah Platte

In July, I was blessed to have the opportunity to attend the 10th National Eucharistic Congress at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. It truly was an amazing experience.

One of the greatest things I was able to experience was at the stadium where, each night, we were able to adore our Lord present in the Eucharist. The energy in the stadium was so intense; it was beautiful because everyone was of one heart. There were over 50,000 people adoring our beloved Savior.

We had other opportunities for adoration too. One time when I was in adoration I noticed a little toddler with her arms stretched out, walking right up to the altar. I thought, "Let the little children come to me," just like Jesus said. Afterward, I saw the little girl's mom, and we talked for a little while. I told her what I had seen and what I was thinking. She gave me a gigantic hug. It was a special moment.

Saturday was my favorite day. That was when we headed out into the streets for the Eucharistic Procession. It was really something to see all the clergy, religious, and

seminarians in the Eucharistic Procession. Each group was singing as they marched along the route and the bystanders were singing right along with them.

At the end of the procession we gathered at the War Memorial and we filled the entire park. It was a joyous occasion where we were able to worship peacefully and to publicly profess our faith. Back at the stadium we heard Jonathan Roumie (who plays Jesus on *The Chosen*) read the Bread of Life Discourse, and Bishop Barron talked about poverty, chastity, and obedience.

On the last day, our topic was "To the Ends of the Earth." At Mass, Cardinal Tagle in his homily said, "Those who choose to stay with Jesus will be sent by Jesus. The gift of his presence and love for us will be our gift to people. We should not keep Jesus to ourselves. That is not discipleship. That is selfishness. The gift we have received we should give as a gift."

Bishop Barron also said in his speech, "Your Christianity is not for you. Christianity is not a self-help program, something designed just to make us feel better about ourselves. Your Christianity is for the world."

Both statements are challenges for me as evangelization has always been a scary topic. Hopefully, the more I share my story, the more comfortable I will be.

For information on how you can get involved in the National Eucharistic Revival movement, check the website eucharisticrevival.org. Thanks for reading and God bless you!



Here comes Jesus! Throngs of people were praying and singing as the Eucharistic Procession traveled along the Indianapolis streets.



Sarah Platte and the Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, David J. Walkowiak

Parishioners Join Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the bible, Jesus is asked what the greatest commandment is.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind," he replies. He then adds, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these".



These two commandments are at the root of our Catholic faith, and remain relevant yet today.

There is perhaps no other group in the country that lives out Jesus' words more fully than *The Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA*. According to their website, the Vincentians harness the power of community and partnerships to feed, clothe, house and heal individuals and families in our communities who have nowhere else to turn for help. The volunteers who belong to *The Society of St. Vincent de Paul* are women and men who are compelled by our Catholic Christian faith to serve those who are needy and suffering.

"From rental assistance and homelessness prevention, to thrift stores and food pantries, to disaster recovery and charitable pharmacies, we share our time and treasure with those who need help and hope. We believe EVERYONE deserves a fair chance at a bright future, regardless of income or life circumstances."

In the fall of 2022, a group of St. Patrick parishioners, led by Todd Davlin, started a local conference of *The Society of Vincent de Paul*. Members meet twice a month as a group to grow in friendship and spirituality and also rotate weekly in groups of two to meet with people at their homes in order to see how they might be able to help them through challenges or difficulties.

According to Jen Davlin, "Over the past two years, we have helped people find housing, assisted with rent and utility bills, offered help in looking for jobs, helped people move, got a handicap ramp built, and much more!" She continues, "It's such a joy to be part of this good work!"

If you would like to become part of this energetic and faith-filled group, contact the Parish Office for more information.

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alumni news

Many of the first graduating classes from St. Patrick School don't hold reunions any longer, but we would still like to recognize them. Congratulations to the **Class of 1954** who are celebrating 70 years since graduation!

Classes who graduated in years ending in 0 and 5 will be celebrating next year. Be sure to send your information so that it can be printed in *The Shamrock*.

Reunion Alerts

- The **Class of 1959** is holding their 65-year class reunion on September 11, 2024, at the Wagon Wheel at 1:00 p.m.
- **Class of 1979**--October 5, at Marie Schafer's house
- **Class of 1984**--September 7, at Boomer's house

Be sure to send information after the reunions!

Reunion Reports



The **Class of 1969** held a joint reunion with the PHS Class of 1969 on August 10, 2024, at Eagle Park. The reunion was catered by Swede's of Mulliken and was followed by a bonfire at the home of Toni Densmore Blundy. During the reunion, a special program was held that honored classmates who had served in the military. In addition, a large poster honored classmates who have passed away. "We are GREAT! We are FINE! We're the CLASS OF '69!"



The **Class of 2004** had a great turnout at their 20-year reunion on May 17, 2024. The group met at the Wagon Wheel and had a wonderful time catching up with each other. Special guests at the reunion were Don and Kathy Chamberlain (parents of our late classmate, Tim Chamberlain).



The **Class of 2019** held their 5-year reunion at ConfluxCity Brewery in Portland on Friday, August 9. They had live music, and Graham Wohlscheid brought his yearbook and they had a good time looking through that.

2023 Grad Enters Seminary

Payton Russman a 2023 St. Patrick graduate has entered the seminary. He will be studying at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Minnesota. Please pray for him and the journey God is calling him to.

If you would like to write to Payton, his address is:

University of St. Thomas
2115 Summit Ave
St. Paul, MN 55105



Former Exchange Student Visits Host Mom

Back in the 1974, Alice and Joe Fedewa hosted an exchange student, Gina Villegas, from the Philippines. She graduated with the Class of 1974. On June 30, 2024, 50 years later, Gina visited Alice Fedewa. Alice had a surprise in store for Gina! She arranged an afternoon visit with a few girls Gina hung around with when she lived in Portland.

Gina told the ladies that she feels a deep connection with Portland and St. Pat's because that was the only graduation ceremony she ever participated in; she did not attend the graduation ceremony in the Phillipines. She wishes that she could be here for the 50-year reunion on September 7, but she already had previous travel plans on that date.

Gina is married, she is a retired dentist, lives in California with her husband, and has two grown sons, ages 26 and 28. Anyone who would like to contact her can do so at the following address: Gina Singh, 13061 Del Monte Dr. #277k, Seal Beach, CA, 90740.



The group of ladies who surprised their old friend. Left back, Ann Schrauben Lantzy, Carol Cook Kramer, Alice Fedewa, Pam Trierweiler Luna. Left front, Noreen Wight Logel, Gina Villegas Singh, Loretta Smith Schelter.

CLASS OF
1975

50th
REUNION

Attention Class of 1975

Mark your calendars now so that you are able to attend your special 50-year reunion celebration next year. The date is September 6, 2025. You'll receive more information next year.

WHAT'S HAPPENING (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

dren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Elaine O'Neil and Nancy Vallier; along with extended family and friends. John always answered yes when someone needed help and could be counted on to make a few calls to get something done. Please consider donating to the Al and Karla Schrauben Athletic Foundation via St. Patrick School, 122 West St., Portland or electronically at portlandstpats.com/church/donate in memory of John.

Duane Rock left us peacefully on July 5, 2024, at the age of 86. He was born in Portland, Michigan, on January 15, 1938, to Justin and Moneita Rock. He graduated from St. Patrick School, Portland, Michigan. He proudly served as an A1C in the United States Air Force Security Service. He was a member of the VFW Post 7956 and the American Legion Post 298. On May 26, 1962, he married the "Love of His Life", Delores "Dee" Dunithan and they were married for 40 years. Duane became a journeyman in the sheet metal trade and was a member of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association while working for various area companies. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dee; his son, Michael; son-in-law, Tom Lee; par-

ents, Justin and Moneita Rock; brother, Ronald Rock; and sister, Betty Sharp. Surviving are his daughter, Janis (Tim) Emmendorfer; grandson, Judd; granddaughter, Lara (fiancé Mike Lehner); sisters and brothers-in-law, Patricia Rhustorfer, Wanda Hartman, Garry (Mary) Dunithan, Vicki (Mark) Lewis, and Randy (Linda) Dunithan; and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Centrica Care Navigators (Hospice).

Frank Leonard Platte, of Portland, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on August 12, 2024, at the age of 76. He was born in Westphalia on February 17, 1948, to parents, Leonard and Virgillia (Wohlfert) Platte. Frank was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a hardworking man, retiring from General Motors at the age of 48, something he was proud to accomplish. Frank was a longtime member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Portland. Above all, he loved his family and he cherished the many memories made over the years with them. He will be missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing and loving him. Preceding Frank in death are his parents; his wife of 54 years, Linda Platte; father and mother-in-law, Miles and Geneva Reeves; and sister, Arlene (Garland) Salmon. Frank is survived by his children, Kimberly Cooper, Shelly (Scott) Teachout, Douglas "DJ" Platte, Eric (Shelly) Platte; ten grand-

children; five great-grandchildren; siblings, Viola Meyers, Dale (Flos) Platte, Jerome Platte, Fred (Dorothy) Platte, and Don (Terri) Platte; and many nieces and nephews.

Carol Lynn Wilcox, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and faithful servant of the Lord, passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2024, at the age of 83. Born in Lansing on April 9, 1941, Carol was the daughter of Dean and DeRue (Pline) Webert. Carol graduated as Valedictorian and Class President from St. Patrick High School in 1959, a testament to her dedication and hard work. Her pursuit of knowledge continued at Spring Arbor University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. On April 22, 1961, Carol married the love of her life, James H. Wilcox at St. Patrick Catholic Church, a union that would be blessed with many years of love and companionship. Preceding Carol in death are her parents, Dean and DeRue Webert; brother, Tom Webert; sister, Sharon (Burton) Robson; and brother-in-law, Robert Trimmer. Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Jim Wilcox; children, Debra (Neil) Miros, Mike (Debbie) Wilcox, and Susie (Ken) Moyer; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and siblings, Janice Trimmer and Dave (Melanee) Webert. Those wishing may make memorial contributions to St. Patrick School in honor of Carol.

Another Banner for the Gym



The girls from the State Runner-Up Track Team helped hang the new banner in the gymnasium in August. Front Row: Emma Martin, Bella Russman, Olivia Pung, Kenzie Fedewa, Siena Schafer; Middle Row: Katrina Chen, Izzy Kissane, Kyra Kinsman, Laynie Meredith; Back Row: Rylee Scheurer, Sophie Schrauben (Not Pictured: Amalia Lobato, Arianna FoxElster)

How to Stay in Touch!

It's so easy to stay up-to-date with what's happening at St. Patrick School and Parish.

- School website: www.portlandstpats.com/school
- Parish website: www.portlandstpats.com/church
- School Facebook: St. Patrick School-Portland-MI
- Alumni Facebook: St-Patrick-Alumni-and-Friends

How to Contact Us

140 Church Street, Portland, MI 48875
 Phone (517) 647-6505 Fax (517) 647-7807
 Text: (517) 575-8000 (Be sure to say who you are.)
 E-Mail: shamrockeditors@gmail.com
 Alumni site: www.portlandstpats.com/schoolalumni

Information can also be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked Shamrock Newsletter. To prevent errors, we require all information to be submitted in writing. Be sure to mark it ATTN: SHAMROCK NEWS.

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Upcoming EVENTS

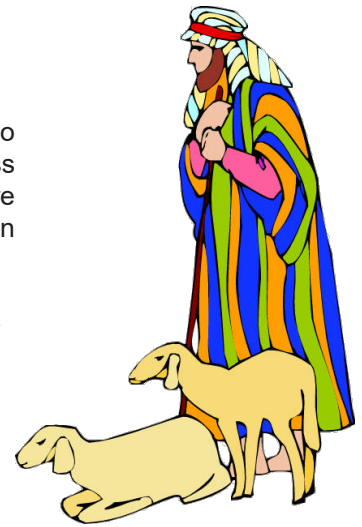
- Class of 1974 50-Year Reunion September 7, 2024
- Homecoming & TailgateOctober 5, 2024
- Fall Festival/Lions TailgateOctober 20, 2024
- Class of 1975 50-Year Reunion September 6, 2025
- Shamrock Newsletter (School Edition). December 1, 2024
- Shamrock Newsletter (School Edition). February 14, 2025
- Shamrock Newsletter (Full Edition) June 14, 2025

Lost Sheep

Despite the continuous work to keep the alumni/parish address list up-to-date, a few people are still "lost." Here's how you can help.

Parents: When your children graduate from high school, they are given their own accounts in our parish database. Their addresses remain the same as yours because we assume that they won't have their own permanent addresses for a few years. When they do establish their own homes, please contact Amy and let her know their new addresses.

All graduates and parishioners: If you move, please let us know of your new address.



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| 1956 Rita (Bauer) Cummings | 1983 Rich Strang |
| 1961 John D. Pung | 1983 Kirk Noren |
| 1961 Donald Mleko | 1983 Marilyn Tallmadge |
| 1965 Steve O'Leary | 1985 Scott Osmar |
| 1966 Mike Feldpausch | 1993 Darcy Hinds Vandecar |
| 1973 Mary F. Brooks | 1984 Thersa Schoenherr Fensom |
| 1975 Susan Thelen | 1993 Emily Burnham Hodgson |
| 1975 Patricia Cook Leppo | 1996 Paul Theuerkauf |
| 1976 Cathy Clark | 1997 Jenny Chamberlain Barbosa |
| 1977 Fred Tallmadge | 2000 Jeffrey Pung |
| 1977 Rick Bailey | 2002 John Carter |
| 1979 Harold Pierce | 2004 Don Volman |
| 1980 Angie Young | 2004 Cara Monks |
| 1980 Patrick Ellis | 2005 Anthony Fedewa |
| 1982 Jeff Strang | 2013 Dakota Bonner |



PUZZLE time

The words in the puzzle are words that can be found throughout this issue of *The Shamrock*. Find all 24 of these words, and the letters that are leftover will spell out the answer, a message that is more important than ever in these times we're living in.

ENTRY FORM AND RULES

Send this entry form by email, fax, or mail (see page 18) or drop in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked SHAMROCK CONTEST. Entries must be received by October 1, 2024. 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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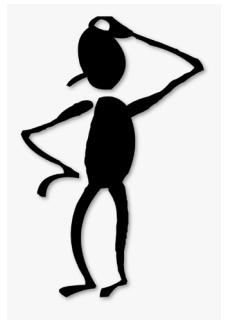
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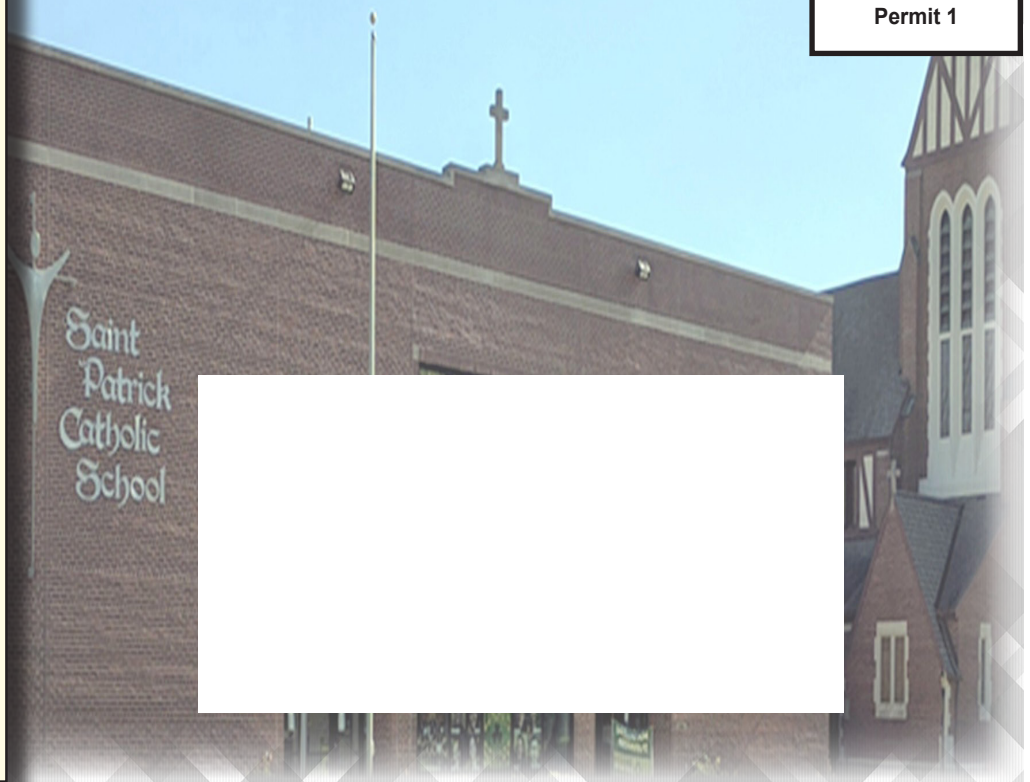
The hidden phrase in the last issue was, "He who gives while he lives also knows where it goes." The winner, drawn randomly from all correct entries, was Diana Burgoyne of Fenwick, who received \$50 for her efforts. Congratulations, Diana!

Keep playing the Word Search Puzzle and maybe one of these days YOU will be the winner!

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