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## **ALTAR SERVERS**

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- Serve at the altar by assisting the priest in a dignified manner in the spirit of the liturgy.
- Assist at Mass, Stations of the Cross and other liturgies
- Arrange for a substitute when not available.

**Time Commitment:** Serve 1-2 times per month, depending on the number of ministers.

**Training:** Adults and students in grade 4 or higher are invited to this ministry. New Altar Servers receive initial training on their role, the objects used in the celebration of the liturgy, and familiarity with the structure of the Mass. Ongoing formation opportunities are offered.

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## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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- Assist the priest at Mass with distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ.
- May take Holy Communion to the sick, the homebound, hospitals and care facilities.
- Arrange for a substitute when not available.

**Time Commitment:** Serve 1-2 times per month, depending on the number of ministers.

**Training:** This ministry is open to fully initiated parishioners who are at least 16 years of age and who regularly share in the Eucharist. They should embody a mature Christian lifestyle of faith and charity, service and stability, living in a way that reflects love for and desire to serve Christ in others. New extraordinary ministers receive initial training, and ongoing formation is offered.

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**LECTORS**

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- Proclaims the Word of God as a living dialogue that allows the assembly to hear and respond to God present among us at Mass.
- Arrange for a substitute when not available.

**Time Commitment:** Serve 1-2 times per month, depending on the number of ministers.

**Training:** This ministry is open to fully initiated parishioners who are at least 16 years of age. Lectors should have a good familiarity with the sacred nature of the texts proclaimed and be qualified to read aloud in public. They should be able to proclaim the scriptures with conviction, clarity and skill. New lectors receive initial training. Ongoing formation opportunities are offered.

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**SACRISTANS**

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- Be at church one half hour before Mass or other liturgy.
- Prepare all vessels and altar linens for Mass or other liturgy.
- Check ministry sign in sheet. Find substitutes if there are absences.
- Arrange for a substitute when not available.

**Time Commitment:** Serve 1-2 times a month, depending on the number of ministers.

**Training:** One on one training with a current sacristan

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**USHERS**

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- Exhibit a warm welcome to all.
- Greet, seat & assist the disabled.
- Gather the collection and place in safe as instructed.
- Assist with the Procession of the Gifts, Communion Procession, & distribution of bulletins/other worship aids.
- Straighten pew area following Mass.

**Time Commitment:** Serve 1-2 times per month, depending on the number of ministers. Arrange for a substitute when not available.

**Training:** This ministry is open to parishioners who are at least 16 years of age. New ushers receive initial training.

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**CANTORS**

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Cantors lead the assembly in song on Saturday evening and Sunday Masses as well as other liturgies throughout the year. The cantor also is the psalmist, proclaiming the psalm during the Liturgy of the Word. Formation and training is provided. Scheduling rotates and is flexible. Music reading skills, a pleasant voice and love for the Word of God are required.

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**ENSEMBLE  
MUSICIANS AND  
INSTRUMENTALISTS**

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Ensemble musicians are those who enjoy singing in a smaller group. Depending on the response, we will develop these group(s) and repertoire.

Instrumentalists enhance the music of the parish with their skills, whether as a solo instrument, in an ensemble or accompanying the congregation. Scheduling is flexible.

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**PARISH CHOIR**

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The Parish Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 8:45 pm. It is open to all youth (High School age) and adults. Rehearsals on Thursdays are in the Shepherd of Armagh room, with a brief rehearsal on Sunday mornings 40 minutes before Mass and occasional additional rehearsals for special programs and Masses. The Parish Choir leads and enhances the 10:30 am Mass most weekends and moves to the other Masses occasionally. The Parish Choir sings a wide variety of choral literature celebrating our great musical heritage as well as the most durable music of our time, with an emphasis on musical excellence and liturgical leadership. A sense of pitch, love of singing and commitment to regular attendance are essential; a music background is not required.

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**RESURRECTION  
CHOIR**

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The Resurrection Choir is open to all friends and parishioners. This choir meets 30 minutes before funerals, which are usually held weekday mornings. This special group of singers ministers to those whose loved ones have passed on to eternal life. This choir is for those who have a love of music and a joy in ministering to those in need of comfort, healing and peace.

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**YOUTH CHOIR**

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The Parish Youth Choir will meet on a “seasonal” basis again this year. The choir will rehearse on Sundays after Mass the four weeks prior to Christmas and the five weeks prior to Easter. The Children’s Choir will sing at the 5:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass and the 10:30 AM Easter Sunday Mass. This choir is open to all children and youth through Middle School. A love of singing, a commitment to attendance, and the ability to match pitches are all that is needed.

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**HAND CHIMES CHOIR**

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With our first year of playing behind us, we are looking for more members to fill out the hand chime choir. With additional members we will use our full 3 octave set of chimes. Members need a sense of rhythm and enthusiasm. Music reading skills are not required but are helpful! We rehearse Thursday evenings from 6:00-6:45 in the Shepherd of Armagh Room.

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**ENVIRONMENT & ART  
MINISTRY**

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This committee meets to plan and enhance the church's sacred space for the seasons, feasts and celebrations of the liturgical Church year. Members plan, fashion, install and maintain the fabric art, flowers, and other symbols to prepare the sacred space for worship. Planning meetings take place 3 to 4 times a year and enhancing the décor in church takes place prior to the major liturgical seasons, feasts and celebrations.

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**CHURCH CLEANING  
CREW**

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This team meets to deep-clean the church in November (for Advent and Christmas) and again during Lent to prepare for Easter. This crew consists of men and women.

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**WEDDING  
COORDINATORS**

Wendy Hefferan 691-8541, ext. 10

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Wedding Coordinators assist couples in planning the wedding liturgy in accordance with parish guidelines, and facilitate the rehearsal and ceremony. Wedding Coordinators also represent our parish community in welcoming and hosting the couple, their families, and friends during a significant time in their lives. Plan to spend at least an hour at the rehearsal and about two hours at the wedding.

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**CHILD CARE PROVIDER**

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We have a need to provide child care during some parish events. This is a rewarding ministry that is greatly appreciated by our parents. All volunteers must attend the diocesan workshop "Protecting God's Children" and authorize a criminal background check before volunteering. Volunteer for one event or a series.

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**ADULT FORMATION**

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- **Catholicism** --- An ongoing program based on Fr. Robert Barron's documentary. Meets every other Sunday, following 10:30 Mass.
- **Guest Speakers** --- Guest speakers present on a variety of topics 3-6 times per year. Speakers are announced in the parish bulletin.
- **Scripture Group Study** --- 2, 6-8 week sessions per year, usually on Wednesday evenings during October-November and February-March, facilitated by Gary Venturo and Kevin Jurek.
- **Sunday Study Group** --- Facilitated by Mary Nugent, 691-8557. This group meets in the Erin Isle Room between the Sunday morning Masses for a discussion of the weekly readings using "Exploring the Sunday Readings" published by Twenty-Third Publications. Discussion takes place following the schedule of the Sunday Children's Religious Education classes. All are welcome to join and discuss how we can apply the readings to our daily lives.

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**ADULT SPIRITUALITY**

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- **Men's Spirituality Group** will be offered this year for men who would like to grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with God. We will be starting the Pillars of Steel program this fall, beginning with a short retreat and discussion groups to follow.
- **Women's Faith Sharing Group** gathers for discussions on various topics chosen by the group, to deepen our faith and relationship with Christ. We meet on a weekly basis from September to November and from March to May.
- **Annual Retreat** opportunities are offered at various times throughout the year. Schedules and contact information for retreats are announced in the parish weekly bulletin and on the parish website.

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**CHILDREN'S  
FORMATION**

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The ministry of catechesis (echoing God's Word) is rewarding and life-changing! It is an opportunity to hand on the faith we have received from others. The great news is that you do not need to be a theologian to engage in this ministry! One only needs to be a faith-filled Catholic with a passion for God and children to volunteer for this ministry. Our formation program meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., or Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. from October through the end of April. Volunteers are needed to serve as catechists and catechetical aides in the classrooms. Come and join us in this amazing ministry and grow in personal faith!

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**CHILDREN'S  
INITIATION**

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Children's Initiation is a sacramental preparation process designed for families with children over 7 years old who are un-baptized. Children are prepared for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist which are celebrated at the Easter Vigil each year. Classes begin the first week of October and meet weekly until Easter. Volunteers are needed to serve as sponsors and catechists.

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION  
OF ADULTS**

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Christian Initiation is a process designed for adults who are searching for a deeper understanding of God and the mystery of faith in their lives. It is a spiritual journey open to baptized Christians, the un-baptized, and Catholics seeking to complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church. This journey includes weekly gatherings, prayer, study and building community. The process meets throughout the year. Persons interested in exploring Catholic faith are welcome to join the process at any time. Volunteers are needed to serve as catechists, sponsors, and to help with refreshments.



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**INFANT BAPTISM  
PREPARATION**

Parish office 691-8541 or contact  
Diane Hamel 691-8541, ext. 14

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Parents seeking to bring their child into the family of the Catholic Church through the sacrament of baptism are encouraged to participate in a one session enrichment meeting. These sessions meet on the third Thursday evening of the month throughout the year from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the parish activity center. Parents need to register for a session by calling the parish office. Volunteer couples are needed to facilitate infant baptism preparation classes.

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**VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL**

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VBS is an exciting, fun-filled week of faith formation activities for children ages 5 through 12 years of age. It takes place for one week during the summer months. Volunteers are needed for the following: VBS Coordinator, small group leaders, musicians, arts and crafts activity leaders, snacks and refreshment volunteers, and creative workers of all ages to help plan, decorate and build our props for the week.

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**PARISH LIBRARY**

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The parish maintains an adult faith formation lending library in the Erin Isle Room of the Parish Center. Books, CD's and DVD's on our faith and spiritual tradition are available for adults of the parish to borrow. Volunteers are needed from time to time to organize and catalogue materials, as well as to staff our "Book Mobile" at the monthly Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.

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**WOMEN'S EVENING  
OF REFLECTION**

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Held annually on the first Sunday evening in Advent, this gathering features music and a guest speaker to assist us in this season of preparation, as well as time for fellowship and refreshments. Volunteers needed to help plan, hostess a table, set-up.

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**YOUTH MINISTRY**

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This ministry is open to ALL 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students! Not only will you learn about your faith, but also put it into action while having fun and enjoying fellowship. Regular meetings are held twice a month on Sunday from 6-8 pm in the Youth Room. Additional service and fun events will be held monthly as well as our annual mission trip in the summer. Find our group on Facebook or contact Cheryl for more information.

**Time Commitment:** Whenever you can attend, September through May

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**YOUTH MINISTRY  
VOLUNTEERS**

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This ministry is open to any high school graduate/adult willing to work with teens as a chaperone, discussion leader, and role model. Volunteers should have an interest in working with teens and learning alongside them. Regular meetings are held twice a month on Sunday from 6-8 pm in the Youth Room. Chaperones are also needed for service and fun events that occur once a month. You do not have to attend every event in order to assist.

**Time Commitment:** varies based on availability

**Training:** All volunteers over age 18 must attend a *Protecting God's Children* training session (3 hours) and have a background check performed.

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**YACHT CLUB**

Arielle Proctor and Kate Feuerstein

**(Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together)**

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The YACHT Club offers anyone in their 20s and 30s, married or single, a place to connect with others sharing similar ideas and values. This ministry is committed to assisting the parish in the development of ministry to, with, by and for young adults. The YACHT Ministry upholds these values: 1) The giftedness of all young people. 2) The mission of the Catholic Church and the Parish of Saint Patrick. 3) The wisdom of collaborative leadership. 4) The importance of trained, committed adult leaders. Our goals are: To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today, to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community, and to foster the personal and spiritual growth of each young adult. Find us on Facebook for current information!

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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** Cheryl Emmette 691-8541, ext. 41  
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*“For I was ill and you cared for me.”* Due to illness or disability, many of our brothers and sisters are unable to be with us as we celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday. Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound take Communion and the Word of God weekly or monthly to those who are unable to attend Mass because they are recovering from illness, are homebound due to disability, or are permanent residents in area nursing homes and assisted living facilities. If you are a positive, prayerful person, we need your help and compassion to serve these members of our parish. Training is provided. Commitment may be for a few weeks or ongoing, as the circumstance and your schedule dictate.

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**FUNERAL LUNCHEON COMMITTEE** Wendy Hefferan 691-8541, ext. 10

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This ministry provides the gift of food and comfort to our parish families grieving the loss of a loved one by arranging for a luncheon for the mourners following funeral liturgies held at St. Patrick. We need volunteers to be team leaders, callers, workers, and many volunteers to prepare a food dish to be served at the luncheon.

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**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY** Cheryl Emmette 691-8541, ext. 41  
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This is a support ministry reaching out to those who have experienced a loss through death or tragedy. Volunteers develop a supportive relationship with a fellow parishioner who has experienced recent loss by keeping in contact with cards, phone calls, and visits. Anyone who has a good understanding of the grief process and/or who has experienced losses in their own life and who would be willing to share themselves with others is welcome to volunteer. Training is provided.

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## PARISH PICNIC

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The Parish Picnic is usually held in the month of September. It's a fun-filled afternoon of fellowship and food for St. Patrick parishioners; young and old and anywhere in between. Volunteers of any age are always appreciated to help with planning, set up and clean up. Planning usually begins in early August and requires minimal time commitment. We are looking for a coordinator for this currently.

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## GOD'S GARDENERS

Mary Mankel 874-6955

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Do you like to dig in the dirt? If so, we have a ministry for you! *Hands in the dirt, heads in the sun* is a way of offering praise to God and bringing beauty to our parish campus at the same time.

**Time Commitment:** *God's Gardeners* meet once a month or so for 3-4 hours; May through October. Any level of involvement is encouraged.

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## KEEPING THE FEAST

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A group of volunteers who prepare and/or serve meals or refreshments for small parish functions throughout the year. Some examples of events include receptions at the rectory, All Souls Day gathering, St. Patrick's Day gathering, etc. Volunteer opportunities include setting up or decorating for an event, preparing a meal or casual refreshments (like baking cookies or appetizers), and clean up after functions. The time commitment is a few hours at various events throughout the year. Volunteer for one event or many, to be part of the team, or to be in charge! Everyone welcome!

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## FIESTA!

Jim Albert 794-1462

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Every September, in partnership with the Mid-Michigan Migrant Resource Council, our parish holds a Fiesta! In honor of Migrant Appreciation Month. Fiesta is an evening of food and fun. It includes a Marian Procession, dancing, children's' crafts and a dinner provided by our parish family. Many volunteers are needed to assist with the planning, collecting of door-prizes, hosting the meal, etc. Time commitment includes 2-3 meetings beginning in June, and/or bringing a dish to pass, helping with set up and clean up, etc.

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**PARISH FESTIVAL****Co-chairs:**

Frank &amp; Kirsten Marshall 897-2761

-- VACANT --

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Each June we host a parish festival for fun, fellowship and fundraising! Events take place Friday evening through Sunday evening including music, games of chance, activities for children, a Sunday chicken dinner, and a cash raffle. Proceeds help fund the work of the parish. Many people are needed to work as chairs for the various events and all parishioners are asked to participate in some way over the weekend. Planning begins in late February/early March.

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**PARISH HISTORIAN**

Pat Nugent 691-7162

If you have newspaper clippings, photos, artifacts, etc. pertaining to the history of St. Patrick Church, please contact our parish historian, Pat Nugent. Also, please feel free to contact Pat if you have questions about our history or would like to purchase a church history book.

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**PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Parish Office 691-8541

Parishioners who are good photographers are invited to submit pictures of parish events for potential use in parish publications and on our parish website, or to be placed in our parish historical archives.

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**HEALTH CARE  
MINISTRY**

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The mission of the Parish Health Care Ministry is to integrate the practice of faith with the practice of holistic health care within the parish environment. Health Care Ministers encourage the faithful to care for themselves and others as an expression of God's love.

The Health Care Ministry serves the faith community; to empower members of the congregation to live fully abundant and healthy lives. It collaborates, coordinates, and facilitates with the pastoral staff to enhance the health of the faith community. Any person with a health care background or interest is invited to be part of this future ministry.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Denny Brown, Grand Knight  
897-7611

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The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization open to all Catholic men 18 years or age or older. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Some of the activities sponsored by the Knights include ministering to the needs of the Church by raising funds for various groups through parish breakfasts on the first Sunday of the month (September-June), and a week-long food booth at the Kent County Youth Fair in August.

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**SENIOR LUNCHEONS**  
**Spiritual Vitality**

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Monthly senior luncheons are held on the second Thursday of every month, excluding July and August. This lunch continues to be a special event for our seniors. A guest speaker or some form of entertainment is scheduled for each luncheon. Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal.

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**BOOK GROUP**

Linda Emiley 616-446-7191

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If you like to read, this is a great way to enjoy good fiction and non-fiction, meet new friends, and share faith. Everyone in the group helps to select the books we read and discussions take place at the homes of various members. Come to as many of the discussions as your schedule allows. A new book is selected every 6-8 weeks.

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**THE WELCOME MINISTRY**

Claire & Mike Guisfredi  
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The Welcome Ministry provides a variety of experiences for new members of the Saint Patrick family, offering a warm and loving atmosphere during their first year here in our parish community.

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**PEACE & JUSTICE  
COMMITTEE**Ed Donahue 616-780-0580  
Cheryl Emmette 691-8541,ext 41

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The Peace & Justice Committee serves as a vehicle to enhance the parish's desire to be Christ to the world. The committee helps the parish to (1) develop and support leadership in social ministry; (2) create partnerships with Catholic social agencies and the wider church; and (3) strengthen its linkages to other faith communities and the larger civic community. Some of our current ongoing projects are listed below. Everyone is welcome to attend committee meetings held 1-2 times per year, to be included on our e-mail list to receive communications regarding current projects, to submit ideas for parish outreach, and to participate in any of the outreach efforts.

- Congregational Partnership Program
- Food Collections for area food pantries
- Fair Trade Christmas Sale
- Fair Trade Coffee & Tea Sales
- Flat River Outreach Ministries Support
- Habitat for Humanity
- North Kent Service Center Support
- Parish Garden
- Migrant Assistance and Support
- Military and Armed Forces Support
- St. Mary Pregnancy Resource Center Support

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**RESPECT LIFE  
COMMITTEE**Ed Donahue 780-0580  
[ejd5454@gmail.com](mailto:ejd5454@gmail.com)

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The Respect Life Committee at St. Patrick strives to keep the parish and larger community informed of pro-life issues and to encourage involvement in life issues activities. The committee adheres to the teaching of the Church that all human life is sacred from conception until natural death. Regular bulletin postings, seasonal bulletin inserts, participation in Life Chain and the March on Washington are some of the ways we work to achieve our goals.

**Time Commitment:** Quarterly meetings; participation in activities or projects of your choice.

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**BUILDING & GROUNDS  
COMMITTEE**Norm Czurak 691-8878  
Dan Blundy 897-8812

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A sub-committee of the Finance Council, this committee has the responsibility to oversee and make recommendations regarding the maintenance of all parish grounds and buildings and to relate building and grounds needs to the Finance Council.

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**EDUCATION  
ENDOWMENT  
COMMITTEE****Co-chairs:**Kevin Nugent 616-430-2132  
Gary Venturo 616-874-3426

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A sub-committee of the Finance Council, the Education Endowment Committee administers the funds of the St. Patrick Parish Education Endowment Foundation. This foundation provides funds to assist in meeting the operating costs of the parish school and parish religious education programs. The committee is responsible for reviewing the financial statements of the foundation, accepting grant applications for endowment funds, deliberating on the merits of all grant applications, and approving or declining requests for funds. Committee members serve 3 year terms and are appointed by the Pastor. Meetings are held 2-3 times per year. Current members are Stacey George, Lynnea Glinzak, Kevin Nugent, Gary Venturo, and Frank Wigda.

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**FINANCE COUNCIL**Chair: Jeff Agar 874-5062

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The Finance Council's role is to advise the Pastor on financial matters and the administration of the parish property, assist in the preparation of the general parish budget, provide the necessary annual reports, review the parish financial, personnel and administrative operations, review the care and maintenance of parish property and buildings, and develop long range planning for operational and capital needs. Finance Council members serve on a long-term basis (may serve consecutive three-year terms) and are appointed by the Pastor. Knowledge of finances and money management principles is required of those asked to serve on the Finance Council. The Finance Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month, or as requested by the Pastor. Current members are: Jeff Agar, Jay Walsh, Cheryl Czurak, Joe Mark, Mike Pniewski, and Julie Davis.



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**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Chair: Jim Albert

794-1462

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The Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners who pray, reflect, and dialogue in order to help the Pastor in his role of governing and leading the parish. The Pastor consults with the Pastoral Council and seeks their advice regarding the spiritual life of the community. Members of the Pastoral Council are appointed by the Pastor, serve for three-year terms, and meet with the Pastor at various times during the year per his request. Current members are: Jim Albert, Lynette Gasper, Mike Lally, Ken Trupke, Joan Weeber, Robin Welsh and Frank Wigda.

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**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL**

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Choosing Catholic education enriches your child's spirit, mind and body. Faith formation that is begun in the family is reinforced in an academic and social environment that strives to reflect God's love for each person. In practice and in learning, St. Patrick School seeks to instill in our families and children their role as Disciples of Christ.

- Weekly Mass, Daily Prayer, Religious Instruction, Christian Service Projects
- Fully Accredited Curriculum for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Favorable Student Teacher Ratios
- Looping & Multi-Year Classrooms and Experienced, Dedicated Teachers
- Art, Music, Gym, Computer, Accelerated Reading, Writers Workshop, Library, Educational Assemblies, Field Trips, IXL Math
- Special Education Services provided by Lowell Area Schools
- Minutes from Forest Hills, Lowell, Rockford, Greenville and Belding Schools
- Exceptional technology tools: Bea Byrne Media Center
- School Athletic Program for grades 5-8
- Extracurricular Activities including Ski Club, Mileage Club, Scouts, Student Council, Challenge Girls Club, Seasonal Performances, Science Olympiad.
- Unique Rural Location and a Long Heritage of Catholic Education
- Facilities include Bea Byrne Media Center, Cafeteria, Gym, Classroom Smartboards, Large updated Play Ground Area

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**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Penny Spanbauer 635-0385

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The St. Patrick School Board of Directors is a policy and advisory body which guides the educational programs at St. Patrick School. This body operates under the regulations that proceed from the Bishop and the Diocesan Board of Education and the approval of the pastor. The board has up to 17 members; members are appointed by the pastor and serve for 3 years. Subcommittees of the Board include: Parent Teacher Organization, Athletic Association, and committees for Marketing and Grants, Technology, Finances, and others as needs arise.

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**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC  
PROGRAMS**

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The purpose of the athletic program at the elementary school level is to complement the home, church, and school in the development of the "whole person". Activities of the program are for the benefit of the children, suited to their age and physical growth.

Saint Patrick School is offering 5th through 8th grade sports to parish members. The goals are: 1) To recognize the need of physical fitness in the wholesome growth of the child, and 2) To provide enjoyable recreational activity which develops Christian attitudes of sportsmanship and fair play that can be sustained beyond the elementary level.

If you have any questions regarding the athletic programs in general please contact Frank Marshall.

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**Notes:**