

Saint Patrick Parish & School Annual Report

A full-length statue of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, stands in the center of the frame. He is depicted with a long brown beard and hair, wearing a tall, ornate mitre. His vestments consist of a white cassock with a wide green sash featuring a gold cross and fleur-de-lis pattern, and a green cloak. He holds a crozier (a staff with a cross at the top) in his left hand and a small object, possibly a book or a set of keys, in his right hand. The statue is positioned in front of a large, multi-paned stained glass window. The window features several tall, narrow panels with intricate designs in yellow, red, and green, and smaller circular and cross-shaped medallions. The church's interior is visible, showing a vaulted ceiling with decorative elements and a dark wooden railing in the foreground.

2021

2020-2021 Staff Directory

Parish Staff:

Pastor: Father Luis Mejia

Parish Office Manager: Barb Wolter

Religious Ed Director: Barb Wolter

Business Manager: Mike Wilson

School Staff:

2020-2021 School Year

Principal: Kandice Pattillo

Secretary: Blanca Cortes

Kindergarten: Dominique Gauthier

1st Grade: Amy Smith

2nd Grade: Bailey Finken

3rd Grade: Staci Carter

4th Grade: Jeff Grange

5th Homeroom & 5-8 Science: Anne Swanson

6th-Homeroom & 5-8 Math: Jessica Ott

7th Homeroom & 5-8 Language Arts: Stephanie Letsch

8th Homeroom & 5-8 Social Studies: Darcy Spellman

Physical Education: Kelly Anderson

Title I Reading/English Language Learners: Madonna Bloom

K-2 Associate: Maggie Knosby

Gingerbread Preschool (4-year-old): Cherri Johnson

Preschool Associate: Kayla Rothmeyer

Custodian: Clara Murillo

Maintenance: Bob Smithson

Lunchroom Staff: Ana Oliver and Diane Lansman

Letter from Father Luis



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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Saint Patrick Church and School,

The 2020-2021 fiscal year and school year provided our Church and School with an opportunity to adapt and still keep ourselves grounded in our faith. As a parish and school, we still found ways to participate in the sacrament of the Eucharist during Mass in person safely and from afar when it was not safe to be together. We found ways to gather and support each other all while still staying safely apart from each other in the midst of a pandemic.

The previous year was filled with lessons to be learned and growth to come from changes; all things that presented both fear and trust in the unknown. While the pandemic continued into 2021 we were given a reminder for us as a Christian community to be generous and forgiving at the same time. The uncanny contradictions seemed to be at every turn. However, through the loss we faced in the community, we still found joy and gratefulness.

These lessons are ones that our faith teaches us. If anything was taken from the pandemic it should be a lesson of being still and knowing that God is with us. Our faith cannot be taken away and in troubled or challenging times, that faith can be exactly what we need to see the other side of a story. The one filled with hope, a family, and peace. Psalm 46:10 said it best, "Be still and know that I am God."

As we exit the pandemic and look to the future, make sure you have not lost sight of the opportunities to be still, reflect, and listen to what God is saying, and what the future holds for you that he has provided.

Yours in Christ,

Father Luis Mejia

Parish History Story

St. Patrick Parish is blessed with a long and diverse history.

It all began with Father Brazil, a mission priest saying mass in the homes of area Catholics in 1871. These were later moved to a “wooden garage” located by the Jones building on 3rd and Otley.

As the parish grew, three lots were purchased at Third and Lucinda for \$15.00 per lot, and a small, frame church was built there in 1874. The building was very plain, having been built by the congregation. Because there were no pews, members brought their own chairs. On the day before the first Mass was said, members of the parish were building fencing to protect it from the numerous horses and cattle which roamed the countryside.

The parish soon outgrew this church, and plans were drawn for a red brick church that was completed in 1883. In 1900, the parish approved the construction of the present church. The red brick church was torn down and the cornerstone for the new church was laid on August 18, 1901. The current church was formally dedicated on August 10, 1902.

The makeup of the congregation is as diverse as its history. Originally built by Irish immigrants and home to their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, St. Patrick's continues to be home to a thriving immigrant community. Many of the current congregants hail from Latin America - Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica etc.



Red Brick Church—built 1883



Current Church—built 1902, circa early 1900s



Current Church—built 1902, circa 1980s



Current Church—built 1902, current pic

Letter from the Principal



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Greetings all!

The 2020-2021 school year did not disappoint with the numerous challenges and obstacles that we faced. Each one seemed to be something unexpected, yet at the same time not insurmountable. We balanced this as a staff by focusing on what grounded us, our faith, and remember that when all else fails, kneel. We were led into the school year with the reminder from one of Fr. Luis' homilies, Jesus walked on water, we can too by putting our faith in place over our fears. By doing so, we were able to provide in-person learning every day to our students through a modified schedule.

During the 2020-2021 school year, our students transitioned to staying in their classrooms, eating lunch in the gym, wearing masks, and having much less freedom than previous years provided. With that our students still achieved, they learned reading, writing, math, and grew in their faith. Our teachers found new ways to reach students and keep them engaged while also keeping their students distanced. We survived and adapted, supported and adjusted, and most importantly, we kept moving forward.

As the school year came to an end, we were able to look toward celebrating our centennial and all that St. Patrick School has offered to the Perry community over the last 100 years. We also began to make changes in our tuition model, parent involvement opportunities, and how our grade bands would be structured for years to come. All of this has provided a positive outlook for the next 100 years of offering educational choice in Perry and the opportunity for children to receive an education based on the Catholic faith.

Sincerely yours and God bless,

Dr. Kandice Pattillo

Principal

Nora O'Malley Founding Story

My mother, Nora O'Malley, wanted her sons to have a Catholic school education and when I was three years old, she began a campaign for a Catholic school. Mother was a spirited, outgoing person and had a plan which stirred up furor within the congregation of our church. She was instrumental in bringing a unit of The Catholic Daughters to Perry. As its President, a member of the St. Catherine's Circle, and of the Altar Society, she pressured them to back her cause.

My first recollection of my mother's campaign was when one day she took me to the Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad depot. When the train came in, two women, dressed differently than my mother, got off and met her. We took them home with us as they were invited by mother to discuss the ground work of starting a new school. They were Sisters of the Order of St. Francis. Every week she invited nuns to come from different localities that had Catholic schools to obtain suggestions and advice. Our local priest, James Cleary, was not in favor of the project or mother's nuisances at the time. She invited priests from various towns in Iowa that had Catholic schools to come to talk to him and also to speak to the church leaders. She made several trips to Des Moines to seek the advice of Bishop Drum who gave her much encouragement. No matter where or what an organization meeting was about, she was there to get support for her school project.



My mother became ill and the diagnosis of her illness was due to overwork on her school project and taking care of her family. She was advised to restrict some of her activities. Even though ill, she could not give up her educational desire for her children. Also her plans were beginning to take shape. During this time another boy, Bernard, was born. She was disappointed, as she had so wanted a girl. Shortly thereafter she was diagnosed as having cancer but this still did not stop her school plans. Surgery was performed in Des Moines and again at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Happily she had another child, the baby girl she wanted, Julia Elizabeth.

When I was going on ten, her illness became grave. Meanwhile the school was approved and built. On her deathbed she requested of our father that he see that all four sons graduate from St. Patrick's High School. Nora died and was buried on a very cold day, February 21, 1921. Ironically, it was the same day St. Patrick's School was dedicated.

My mother's dream and wishes and father's promise came true. I, George Garland, graduated from St. Patrick's in 1929; Martin in 1931; Charles in 1933; and Bernard in 1935. If Nora and George W. were alive today they would be very proud knowing that our mother's persistent hard work together with their prayers and religious fervor brought about this beautiful educational project.

By Dr. George O'Malley

Parish Financial Overview

Parish Statement of Activities

June 30, 2021

Account Description	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income			
Parish Administration			
Collection - Sunday Envelope	265,366.73	250,000.00	250,000.00
Collection – Christmas	3,025.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Collection - Easter	2,106.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Collection - Holy Days	809.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Collection – Plate	25,545.62	27,000.00	27,000.00
Collection - Children's	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Bulletin Advertising	1,350.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Fund Raising Income	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Interest Income	4.16	50.00	50.00
Offerings	5,042.00	2,050.00	2,050.00
Undesignated Donations	18,149.85	2,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	8,774.27	0.00	0.00
Designated Donations	18,222.49	0.00	0.00
Foundation Income	753.14	25,000.00	25,000.00
Mass Stipends	1,465.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Extraordinary Income or Rebate	139,157.44	0.00	0.00
Parish Administration Totals:	489,770.70	330,600.00	330,600.00
Building and Grounds			
Building Fund Income	4,300.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising - Auction			
Building Fund Income	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Capital Campaign			
Capital Campaign Income	93,860.65	120,000.00	120,000.00
Votive Stands			
Votive Stand	3,519.48	3,200.00	3,200.00
Income Totals:	591,450.83	463,800.00	463,800.00
Expense			
Parish Administration			
Priests	38,532.00	38,600.00	38,600.00
Priests - Extra Services	2,173.40	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bookkeeper/Accountant	30,250.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Professional Salaries - Other	2,222.45	20,800.00	20,800.00
Custodial Workers	401.70	8,800.00	8,800.00
Support Staff - Other	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Health Insurance	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Life Insurance	114.24	200.00	200.00
Disability Insurance	79.20	300.00	300.00
Retirement Benefit	1,438.50	2,300.00	2,300.00
FICA Tax	2,727.67	5,400.00	5,400.00
Contracted Services	2,323.44	1,000.00	1,000.00
Organization Dues	0.00	500.00	500.00
Other Expenses	1,738.06	47,000.00	47,000.00
Postage	797.65	1,200.00	1,200.00
Copier	3,100.18	1,900.00	1,900.00
Subscriptions/Publications	46.00	300.00	300.00
Office Supplies	1,981.76	1,800.00	1,800.00
Computer Supplies	0.00	200.00	200.00
Food Supplies	0.00	300.00	300.00

Parish Financial Overview (cont'd)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Chaplaincy Expense	1,334.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Continuing Education Fees	0.00	2,900.00	2,900.00
Meals/Lodging	0.00	300.00	300.00
Property and liability Insurance	21,378.95	7,400.00	7,400.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	5,290.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Building Improvements	229.25	0.00	0.00
Maintenance - Supplies	596.22	0.00	0.00
Telephone	2,338.20	2,200.00	2,200.00
Internet service	913.78	900.00	900.00
Other Contracted Services	2,280.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	4,953.43	6,000.00	6,000.00
Gas	5,151.99	5,300.00	5,300.00
Water	1,670.62	1,200.00	1,200.00
Other Utilities	188.28	500.00	500.00
Technology-Hardware	151.96	1,700.00	1,700.00
Technology-Software	588.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
Technology-Services	265.45	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	3,449.59	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest Expense	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Other Parish Support	74.62	0.00	0.00
Parish Administration Totals:	138,780.59	209,600.00	209,600.00
Liturgy			
Liturgical Supplies	3,707.06	1,300.00	1,300.00
Program Services	0.00	6,800.00	6,800.00
Program supplies	327.50	0.00	0.00
Liturgy Totals:	4,034.56	8,100.00	8,100.00
Sacramental Programs			
Program supplies	0.00	500.00	500.00
Music			
Subscriptions/Publications	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Program Supplies	0.00	100.00	100.00
Music Totals:	0.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Rectory			
Program Supplies	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
RCIA			
RCIA	0.00	600.00	600.00
Building and Grounds			
Building Improvements	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Ordinary Repairs	1,331.12	4,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance - Supplies	0.00	600.00	600.00
Contracted Repairs & Maint.	841.42	3,000.00	3,000.00
HVAC Maintenance	0.00	800.00	800.00
Grounds Care	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Pest Control	0.00	500.00	500.00
Small Equipment Purchases	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Building and Grounds Totals:	2,172.54	17,900.00	17,900.00
Capital Campaign			
Other Expenses	15.00	0.00	0.00
Votive Stands			
Program Supplies	0.00	700.00	700.00
Stewardship			
Other Expenses	2,196.10	2,800.00	2,800.00
Hispanic Ministry			
Other Expenses	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

Parish Financial Overview (cont'd)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Communications			
Other Expenses	1,079.66	0.00	0.00
Faith Formation			
Administrator/Principal/DRE	26,839.00	32,800.00	32,800.00
Health Insurance	4,622.52	4,800.00	4,800.00
Life Insurance	76.44	100.00	100.00
Disability Insurance	106.20	100.00	100.00
Retirement Benefit	404.35	500.00	500.00
FICA Tax-REP	2,055.75	2,500.00	2,500.00
Other Expenses	14.22	400.00	400.00
Food Supplies	0.00	500.00	500.00
Program Supplies	0.00	200.00	200.00
Textbooks/Resources	89.69	2,000.00	2,000.00
Instructional Supplies	984.30	0.00	0.00
Faith Formation Totals:	35,192.47	43,900.00	43,900.00
Youth Ministry			
Support Staff - Other	0.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Program supplies	0.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
Youth Ministry Totals:	0.00	11,600.00	11,600.00
Vacation Bible School			
Program supplies	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Expense Totals:	183,470.92	301,600.00	301,600.00
Income - Expense:	412269.91	165600	165600
Expense Totals:	148,278.45	245,100.00	245,100.00
Income - Expense:	443172.38	218700	218700

School Financial Overview

School Statement of Activities

June 30, 2021

Account Description	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income			
School Administration			
Fund Raising Income	70.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Rental Income	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Undesignated Donations	781.70	2,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	2,485.24	5,000.00	5,000.00
Designated Donations	8,050.73	20,000.00	20,000.00
O'Malley Foundation Int	210,000.00	170,000.00	170,000.00
Tuition	201,846.58	265,300.00	265,300.00
Fees - Other	2,662.39	0.00	0.00
Fees - Registration	100.00	9,600.00	9,600.00
O'Malley Trust	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Tuition Assistance	59,665.00	96,300.00	96,300.00
School Administration Totals:	585,661.64	680,700.00	680,700.00
Lunch Room			
Fees - Cafeteria	6,443.73	14,800.00	14,800.00
Fees - Other	(17,489.92)	100.00	100.00
Fees - Preschool	17,554.86	0.00	0.00
Subsidy - Government Cafeteria	36,755.53	30,400.00	30,400.00
Lunch Room Totals:	43,264.20	45,300.00	45,300.00

School Financial Overview (cont'd)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income - Expense:	443172.38	218700	218700
Before/After School Care			
Fees - Child Care	3,551.38	5,700.00	5,700.00
Preschool			
Grants-PCSD 4-Yr Old Pgm	56,662.03	28,100.00	28,100.00
Board of Education			
Home & School Account	5.00	0.00	0.00
Auxiliary Organizations			
Regina Guild	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Income Totals:	689,144.25	761,300.00	761,300.00
Expense			
School Administration			
Teacher	312,645.38	335,000.00	335,000.00
Teachers - Substitute	22,537.50	15,100.00	15,100.00
Teachers - Paraprofessional	12,939.49	12,700.00	12,700.00
Professional Salaries - Other	117,400.26	116,700.00	116,700.00
Custodial Workers	28,365.22	28,800.00	28,800.00
Support Staff - Other	0.00	12,400.00	12,400.00
Health Insurance	53,548.25	58,700.00	58,700.00
Life Insurance	988.43	1,000.00	1,000.00
Disability Insurance	1,447.25	1,900.00	1,900.00
Retirement Benefit	5,319.73	6,800.00	6,800.00
FICA Tax	32,668.84	39,800.00	39,800.00
Unemployment Taxes	75.60	0.00	0.00
Contracted Services	4,340.35	6,000.00	6,000.00
Advertising	90.99	0.00	0.00
Organization/Chamber Dues	663.00	600.00	600.00
Other Expenses	3,710.91	1,400.00	1,400.00
Postage	0.00	200.00	200.00
Printing	0.00	600.00	600.00
Copier	3,100.18	5,700.00	5,700.00
Office Supplies	586.33	200.00	200.00
Financial Assistance	61,686.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Food Supplies	0.00	200.00	200.00
Continuing Education Fees	151.00	500.00	500.00
Meals/Lodging	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mileage/Travel	0.00	800.00	800.00
Property and liability Insurance	0.00	12,100.00	12,100.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	41.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
Maintenance - Supplies	713.47	0.00	0.00
Telephone	1,133.44	1,200.00	1,200.00
Internet service	10,964.94	3,600.00	3,600.00
Contracted Repairs & Maint.	40.00	0.00	0.00
Janitorial Supplies	2,537.94	0.00	0.00
Electricity	15,845.07	16,700.00	16,700.00
Gas	5,074.47	7,100.00	7,100.00
Water	2,982.54	3,100.00	3,100.00
Textbooks	699.12	11,200.00	11,200.00
Instructional Material	1,337.32	0.00	0.00
Instructional Supplies	1,509.17	1,700.00	1,700.00
Testing	42.50	1,200.00	1,200.00
Student Activities	0.00	500.00	500.00
Enrichment	0.00	600.00	600.00

School Financial Overview (cont'd)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
School Administration Totals:	705,185.69	738,200.00	738,200.00
Library/Media Center			
Library/Media Center	744.83	0.00	0.00
Lunch Room			
Cafeteria Workers	29,059.12	26,400.00	26,400.00
Health Insurance	5,176.39	4,500.00	4,500.00
Life Insurance	76.44	70.00	70.00
Disability Insurance	73.92	50.00	50.00
FICA Tax - Cafeteria	2,120.46	2,020.00	2,020.00
Other Expenses	284.24	2,000.00	2,000.00
Food Supplies	26,035.29	24,100.00	24,100.00
Program Supplies	1,959.11	400.00	400.00
Janitorial Supplies	326.76	0.00	0.00
Lunch Room Totals:	65,111.73	59,540.00	59,540.00
School Technology			
Technology-Software	2,451.04	9,500.00	9,500.00
Technology-Services	8,775.88	7,900.00	7,900.00
School Technology Totals:	17,717.12	19,400.00	19,400.00
Before/After School Care			
Child Care Providers	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
FICA Tax	0.00	500.00	500.00
Before/After School Care Totals:	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Preschool			
Teachers-PreK	24,740.86	20,700.00	20,700.00
FICA Tax	1,441.98	1,600.00	1,600.00
Contracted Services	271.96	0.00	0.00
Program Supplies	716.14	0.00	0.00
Continuing Education Fees	450.00	0.00	0.00
Rent paid to St. Pat's	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Instructional Material	428.39	0.00	0.00
Instructional Supplies	69.30	0.00	0.00
Preschool Totals:	28,118.63	24,800.00	24,800.00
Building and Grounds			
Building Improvements	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Ordinary Repairs	149.75	5,000.00	5,000.00
Maintenance - Supplies	0.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
Contracted Repairs & Maint.	1,938.24	3,360.00	3,360.00
Grounds Care	486.70	0.00	0.00
Pest Control	212.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Small Equipment Purchases	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Building and Grounds Totals:	2,786.69	15,660.00	15,660.00
Auxiliary Organizations			
Regina Guild Expenses	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Expense Totals:	819,664.69	866,100.00	866,100.00
Income - Expense:	(130,520.44)	(104,800.00)	(104,800.00)

Capital Campaign Update

Forward in Faith Campaign for the Future



The Forward in Faith Campaign started in January of 2019 and is scheduled to be completed by Dec. 31st, 2024. Since the beginning of the Campaign, we have collected over \$300,000 in pledges. These pledges have allowed us to address the 3 different phases of the Campaign originally established as our goals.

- 1. In the first phases of the campaign, we were to utilize \$150,000 to address the operating cost of the Parish. This phase was completed and we moved onto item 2.
- 2. The second phase of the Campaign involved us paying off over \$140,000 in debt and reestablishing a new line of credit which has recently been completed.
- 3. The 3rd phase of the Campaign, which we are currently moving into, has been targeted to address the addition of a handicapped accessible ramp to the church in order that everyone can enter our place of worship with ease.

St. Patrick’s Parish has shown an extremely supportive response to the Capital Campaign and to the future vision of our Parish. We look forward to moving into the 3rd phase of the Campaign and moving forward into the future of our Parish.


Strategic Planning Update (vision inclusion)

While full strategic planning took a back seat during the 2020-2021 school year, efforts were still put in place to help move the school forward and continue our long-range planning. Specific efforts were undertaken by our school building leadership team to create long-range academic school improvement plans and our strategic planning meetings regrouped to provide a centennial celebration for the school.

Specifically, the efforts identified by the strategic planning group were to increase the Church and School’s presence in the community and to make targeted moves toward marketing the school and its offerings. These efforts aligned with the Stewardship Tuition Model that was set to be implemented at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The group also expanded its membership to be more representative of the parish groups.

We continued our work as a committee to keep moving forward with the strategic planning

goals for the school. Below is a graphic organizer that details our hopes and expectations for the school over the next 10 years. Our goal is still to increase enrollment and continue to grow tuition assistance funds so that the choice of Catholic schooling is available to all who want it for their children. The strategic planning committee has been formed with members of various organizations which continue to support the school and parish; meetings are scheduled on a regular basis with various groups taking the lead on initiatives identified by the greater community.

St. Patrick School Vision			
Core Values Who We Are	Excellence Distinguished by Excellence in Academics and Behavior Community Rooted in Community Faith Driven by Faith Imagination Fueled by Imagination Integrity Always doing the right thing	3 year Picture: 6/30/2023	
		Measurables Annual fundraising \$150,000 Budget Balanced Community Engagement High, diverse involvement Enrollment 150, K-8	
Core Focus What We Are	Purpose: St. Pat's provides an excellent faith-filled educational foundation and diverse experiences that give students skills to achieve in high school and beyond. Our Niche: Faith-filled, values-based education in a small, rural, diverse community		
	Catholic Identity *St. Pat's is recognized as a vital part of the parish and community *Core values, focus, and target shared by all *The school's 100th anniversary is celebrated across the community *The diversity of the school and parish community is recognized as a strength and St. Pat's school is recognized as a beacon of hope		
Core 10-Year Target	Operating at capacity in a year-round school with students scoring at the 95% in reading, math, and science supported by extensive enrichment opportunities for every student		
	Access *Academic support for a wide range of ability levels *Ethnic and socio-economic barriers are minimized *Staff is trained on diversity issues *Tuition assistance continues to match demonstrated financial need		
Marketing Strategy	Target Market: St. Pat's parish parents and students who value a Christ-centered education Greater Perry area parents and students who value a Catholic Christian education		
	Our Uniques: Catholic Faith-Integrated Environment High Academic Expectations for each student Strong Sense of belonging in a Diverse Community		
	Commitment: Prepare each "Knight" to have, believe, and achieve their dream		
	St. Patrick's Experience: Welcoming - Forming - Preparing		
		Academic Excellence *Data and assessment validate and drive the teaching/learning work *Essential basic skills are identified and incorporated across the curriculum *Resources are in place to support professional growth *Technology is used across all grade levels to support blended learning *Multi-age ability grouping enhances student learning	
		Marketing *The strategic plan has strong community support and provides a vision and road map for the school *St. Pat's school has a strong brand and is well known in the community *Enrollment has increased at every grade level *The community is aware of and supports the vision of St. Pat's school	
		Stewardship *A financial aid program is in place and growing annually *Support of the parish is growing and the parish is financially sound *Increased engagement from parents, boards, alumni and community *A facilities master plan in place and enhancements to school have begun *Financial business plan funds educational initiatives, marketing, branding and communication	

O'Malley Foundation Update

The St Patrick School O'Malley Foundation is a non-profit corporation founded in 1992 for the sole purpose of providing financial support for the operation of St Patrick School. The foundation includes an endowment established such that funds donated to the foundation are invested and only the investment income may be spent. The vast majority of the funds in the foundation were generously donated by Charles O'Malley, a graduate of St Pats, whose mother was instrumental in founding St Patrick School. The Foundation now provides a substantial portion of the annual operating budget for the school. Also included in the foundation are the Ryan Miller Memorial and the Joseph and Arva Ruggle Memorial. Funds earned from both Memorials go towards tuition assistance for St Pat's students. The Foundation also sponsors the St. Pats Adopt-a-Student Campaign which raises funds to do provide tuition assistance to those families who otherwise could not afford to send their children to St. Patrick School.



Regina Guild Update

The Regina Guild had a successful 2020-2021 year! Adaptions were made to accommodate the demands of the pandemic. The end of the year saw a return of funeral dinners to St. Patrick School. Additionally, the Guild was able to host the summer Rummage Sale which turned a profit of \$2841.10 for the guild.



Most notably and thankfully, the Regina Guild helped cover the cost of a deep clean of the kitchen by Rainbow cleaning. This provided a new clean kitchen for the school at the start of the school year.

Throughout the year the guild accomplished the following:

- *purchasing baptismal frames and first communion rosaries
- *repaired the statue of Mary at the church
- *held the annual senior breakfast for graduates who attended St. Patrick church
- *Tree removal at the school



Knights of Columbus Update

The K OF C did have a good year from July 2020 to June 2021.

The Knights of Columbus had a successful year! The group was able to adapt to the demands of the pandemic and offer drive-thru fish fries during Lent.

The biggest project the Knights took on was the renovation of the Church. The Knights helped remove all the church pews so that the new blue carpeting could be installed.

Finally, the Knights received the Star Council Award and placed it in the vestibule of the church!



School News

Just as any school year, it seems as though we blinked and our students are another year older and wiser. This year was not any different despite the challenges. Our students and staff adjusted to the new COVID-19 protocols which kept us in in-person learning for the full calendar year! During the unprecedented times of the 2020-2021 school year, our students adapted to wearing masks in the classrooms, staying in their rooms with teachers rotating through the classrooms instead, and eating lunch in the gymnasium to ensure greater social distancing. Our students and staff adjusted their routines and found new ways to learn while staying apart.

While the 2020-2021 school year started off with many adaptations and challenges, one the greatest ones was the damage and debris left from the 2020 August derecho. Thanks to help from staff members and parents, the school campus was cleaned up and prepared for students to safely return just a few weeks before the students' first day of school! Volunteers helped fill several bags of leaves and sticks from around the school and playground; additionally, a pile of items to be collected by the city was created from the storm-damaged trees. Thankfully, we escaped with very little structural damage and did not have to delay the start of the school year due to the storm.

Academic Growth

To help continue growth for our students on standardized assessments and other screening measures, the teachers had three areas of focus for their own professional learning. These areas helped bring in a new math intervention instrument, continued focus on whole-class reading strategies, and continued work at the building level for professional learning communities.

Teacher Professional Development

1. Reading

- a. These efforts were led with assistance from Heartland AEA Reading specialists and focused on academic vocabulary and vocabulary teaching strategies in the classroom.
- b. With assistance from reading specialists, teachers refined their data review process and reading intervention analysis. This means teachers were consistently looking at data from students who were given extra support in reading to ensure the intervention was working. Adjustments were made each 6 weeks so that we continued to meet the needs of students in the classroom.

2. Math-

- a. Our building this last school year received differentiated math centers kits for grades K-5 through the Governor's STEM council grant program. To help teachers effectively utilize the kits, they worked with the Heartland AEA math consultant to align the kits to areas of their San Francisco Math program and map out when the centers should be used throughout the school year. Teachers were also given an opportunity each month to plan how they would implement the centers.
- b. The second area of math focus for the year was learning about the new state-approved Numeracy Project for math interventions and student growth. This tool allowed teachers

to identify gaps in math learning and help target those areas through age-appropriate routines that help students master skills and develop fluency in different areas of math.

3. PLCs-

- a. In the Spring semester, teachers across the Diocese were given an opportunity to meet with Mike Mattos from Solution Tree learning. Mattos is considered an expert in all things intervention and teacher teams. The teachers met with Mattos virtually through zoom and were given follow-up time to work in their professional learning communities on how to best work in teacher teams to help support students in their learning journeys

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)



St. Patrick School's PBIS program is focused on school-wide pillars or expectations of being faithful, respectful, responsible, and safe. These expectations allow adults in the building to teach students behavior responses and expectations just as they would learn academic expectations in a classroom. Additionally, the program is focused on providing means to positively acknowledge students when they are displaying appropriate behaviors in a specific setting. At St. Patrick School, we recognize students with clovers that represent our four expectations. Students can shop with the clovers throughout the school year.



During the 2020-2021 school year, our PBIS program continued strong for its 2nd full year of implementation! The students heard through our building and during the day our expectations were for them to be faithful, be respectful, be responsible, and be safe! We were able to incorporate many of our COVID-19 pandemic adaptations into the pillar of being safe and help our students adjust to the

changes. These are also featured on our numerous expectations posters throughout the building. To help hold students accountable and acknowledge when students are meeting these expectations, we introduce our Shining Knight Awards. Each month students were nominated for the awards by classroom teachers and then recognized in front of the entire school during lunch. Students looked forward to the nominations each month!

Health Initiatives:

The school was the recipient of a SWITCH grant through Iowa State. The SWITCH program helped Mr. Lewis implement lessons on healthy eating habits and exercise in grades 4-8! This was the second year of the grant program at St. Patrick School. In addition to the SWITCH program, all



students in grades K-8 also participated in the healthiest state walk in October of 2020 for the first time! Students walked one mile or 4 laps around the block and were a registered organization with the Healthiest State Initiative program.

Technology Update:

During the 2021-2022 school year, the school received two opportunities to implement a coding program during the day and after school! Mr. Lewis took the lead on the implementation of the coding program for our students during their weekly health and technology classes. Slowly but surely our students learned how to problem solve and use code to complete tasks. Our youngest students were able to complete these tasks on the new Chrome Tablets purchased for their classrooms.

In addition to the new devices provided to students for use in the classroom, the school also upgraded its internet services during the fall of 2020. Thanks in part to discounts offered through the eRate program. Minburn communications was able to install a fiber-based internet connection to the school and significantly upgrade the internet speed for all devices used at the school. This structural upgrade has allowed teachers to use more technology in their classrooms with fewer headaches and worries of whether or not it would work properly. eRate is an annually awarded program provided through the FCC to schools and libraries offering discounted technology hardware and internet connections based on free and reduced lunch percentages in schools.



Religion/Catholic Identity Rosary Retreats

The school religion committee focused on praying the rosary with our students. To help accomplish this goal, the committee helped host 2 different rosary retreats for our students in grades K-8. These retreats both ended with an all-school rosary prayer in the school gymnasium. Each of the prayers was live-streamed on Facebook to allow for greater community participation.

The rosary retreats featured age-appropriate activities for two different groups of students: those in grades kindergarten through 3rd grade, and those in 4th grade through 8th grade.



2nd Grade First Communion

Despite COVID putting a damper on our gathering in large groups, we were still able to celebrate the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist with our students. This last school year these were celebrated separately from our religious education students! We welcomed 51 students into this new journey with the church this spring!

Adoration

The school has continued our efforts to help strengthen our students' relationships with Christ to ultimately get them to heaven. One of our continued efforts undertaken was our First Friday Adorations. Students in grades 5-8 participate in adoration throughout the entire school year starting in September and each trimester students from grades K-4 joined. Ultimately by May are students are able to quietly sit in prayer and reflection for a full hour.

Classroom Patron Saints

Again this year, our students in grades Kindergarten through 8th-grade selected Patron Saints for their classrooms. The students worked hard each month to learn about their classroom Patron Saint and then teach the other students in the building! This didn't stop when we transitioned to distance learning as first grade and kindergarten both created virtual slideshows to showcase their learning! Each classroom took great pride in their Patron Saints and created nine different role models of faith and being faithful for our students.

Grade	Saint	Month
8th Grade	Saint Sebastian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Saint Sebastian is the patron saint of athletes. Through the story of his life saint Sebastian teaches us that people can be incredibly resilient.	August/ September
7th Grade	Saint Peregrine <ul style="list-style-type: none">Saint Peregrine is the patron saint of those who are afflicted with cancer or significant ailments.	October
6th Grade	Saint Benedict <ul style="list-style-type: none">Saint Benedict is the founder of the Benedictine monastery. St. Benedict displayed a spirit of moderation and devotion of a life to Christ's teachings.	November
5th Grade	Saint Vincent de Paul <ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Vincent de Paul is the patron saint of charitable societies. He is most notably recognized for his compassion for the poor and charity.	December
4th Grade	Saint Joseph <ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Joseph was the father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. He is the patron saint of carpenters. St. Joseph is a reminder to stand up for the teachings of the church and defend your faith.	January

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Grade	Saint	Month
3rd Grade	Saint Micheal <ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Michael is an archangel who is considered to be a healer of the sick and a guardian of the church. St. Michael is a patron saint of the military. He is considered an intercessor to God on behalf of military members.	February
2nd Grade	Saint Monica <ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Monica is best known as the mother of St. Augustine. She is the patron saint of mothers. Her faith and dedication to motherhood was a pivotal role in St. Augustine's spiritual growth.	March
1st Grade	Saint Pope John Paul II <ul style="list-style-type: none">St. John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in over 400 years. He was declared a patron Saint of Catholic sports when he was considered a blessed. During his time as Pope, he was known for his efforts to create a greater understanding between countries and regions.	April
Kindergarten	Mother Teresa <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mother Teresa was born in Macedonia on Aug. 10, 1910. She taught in India for 20 years. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She was known for her kindness and love for the poorest of the poor. Saint Teresa of Calcutta died on Sept. 5, 1997.	May

Enrollment

During the 2020-2021 school year we also saw our enrollment numbers change, but we are always looking forward with a growth mindset and keeping our eyes set on the first enrollment goal of 150 students in grades K-8; this number still keeps our average class size small at 16 students per grade.

Here were our final enrollment numbers by grade level:

Grade	# Enrolled	Grade	# Enrolled
Gingerbread AM	17	4th Grade	17
Gingerbread PM	16	5th Grade	12
Kindergarten	10	6th Grade	6
1st Grade	13	7th Grade	5
2nd Grade	15	8th Grade	5
3rd Grade	9		

Home and School

Home and School in 2020-2021 attempted to accommodate the students and faculty during the pandemic as much as possible. The committee is made up of 5 parents that meet once a month. At the start of the school year, we provided each teacher with \$100 to spend on getting their classroom started. Throughout the year we assisted with trying to provide the students and faculty assistance in any activities they were able to have, or classroom needs. Example of events we were able to assist with were creating a Halloween activity, supporting the Light Up the Knight Fundraiser, and providing teachers a wonderful teacher appreciation week. This committee strives to continually grow the St Pats School in all aspects. In the upcoming year we have planned a Scratch Cupcake fundraiser and look forward to continuing to work with the faculty to make this a great school for all.

Light Up the Knight

Due to Covid restrictions in the fall of 2020, we were unable to hold our annual fundraiser, Light Up the Knight (LUTK). Wanting to continue our tradition and still raise some funds for Home & School, we did a mini, revamped version of LUTK in the spring called Color the Knights. Students still collected donations from family and friends to earn prizes and the celebration event was held on one of the last days of school. Instead of lighting up, the students wore white t-shirts and walked by four stations where colored powder was thrown at them. Raccoon Valley Radio provided music and the kids loved getting completely covered with color and not getting in trouble for it! In total, Color the Knights raised \$6,171 for Home & School.



Parent Ambassadors

The mission of The Saint Patrick's Parent Ambassador group is to be a constant presence in the community to support and promote Saint Patrick's School through volunteering our time participating in monthly events at both school and local levels. The Parent Ambassadors sponsor school-wide events throughout the year, in person, in the classroom, and virtual events that can be attended by all. The Parent Ambassadors are made up of parents and families of Saint Patrick's School students, who want to make a positive impact on the students and Saint Patrick's School as a whole.

REP News

The Religious Education Program for St. Patrick's is broken down into three different categories - elementary/middle school, high school, and adult faith formation.

The elementary/middle school program is offered to all children of the parish who attend public school.

2020-2021

K-8 - 58 students

9-10 - 45 students

10 Catechists

K-8 Curriculum

Alive in Christ

High School Curriculum

Altarations & Chosen

Sacraments

The Religious Ed program celebrates sacraments with the school students. In 2021 51 students in grades 2 through 8 received their First Communion.

Confirmation is celebrated at the end of a student's sophomore year in high school.
10 high school students were confirmed

Adult Faith Formation

One adult who was raised in another faith tradition joined the Catholic Church and completed their Sacraments of Initiation and were brought into full communion with the church.

One adult received all of the Sacraments of Initiation and was brought into the church.

Religious Education/Faith Formation

Kindergarten/First Grade	Lourdes Sweet and Angie Farley
Second Grade	Jeanne Hill
Third Grade	Noemi Castro
Fourth/Fifth Grade	Ervin and Alfanid Hernandez
Sixth/Seventh/Eighth Grade	Kelsey Hughes Eileen Splendore
Ninth grade/Confirmation Prep year 1	Tom Fickbohm
10th grade/Confirmation Prep year 2	Jim Archer
RCIA	Barb Wolter Juan Cisneros