



Reverend Charles J. Schwartz

September - December 2017

St. Patrick-St. Anthony
Parish
920 Fulton Avenue
Grand Haven, MI 49417
616-842-0001

Mission Statement
*We are a welcoming
Catholic Community,
alive in Christ,
making present the
kingdom of God!*

Parish Core Values

Compassion: We lift up one another in compassion—listening to, praying for and walking with those who are in need.

Justice: We promote equality and are called by God to protect human life, to promote human dignity, to advocate for the poor and to be a voice for the voiceless.

Respect: We experience and reveal the living Christ as we embrace the richness we all bring to God's kingdom.

Empowerment: We are empowered to use our God given gifts to serve others and share the good news of God's love.

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. &
11:00 a.m.

www.stpatsgh.org

Greetings in Christ!

We find ourselves at such an exciting time in the life of the parish. We can see light at the end of the tunnel! Our building project is turning the corner and coming into the final stretch! As you know the parish offices have moved into the Family Center in preparation for finding our final home in the new Parish Office!

In the busyness and craziness surrounding the parish and surrounding each of our lives, we begin to feel set adrift or lost in the shuffle. When we are caught up in the chaos of the moment, we lose our sense of direction and even at times our identity. Therefore, let's call to mind our roots. Let's remember our foundations.

We have in our parish the privilege of having two patron saints: Saint Patrick and Saint Anthony of Padua. Do you know these men, our older brothers in the Faith? Do we see in them examples holy lives which inspire each of us to holiness? Do you know their writings or their words of preaching? For example to appreciate the life of Saint Anthony (and not invoke him only when we lose our car keys) here are some quotations from a true disciple of Saint Francis:

"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak."

"Earthly riches are like the reed. Its roots are sunk in the swamp, and its exterior is fair to behold; but inside it is hollow. If a man leans on such a reed, it will snap off and pierce his soul."

"Attribute to God every good that you have received. If you take credit for something that does not belong to you, you will be guilty of theft."

"Christians must lean on the Cross of Christ just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey."

"Damned money! Alas! How many religious did it blind! How many cloistered religious did it deceive! Money is the 'droppings of birds' that blinded the eyes of Tobit." Or hear the words from Saint Patrick's Confessions: I was then about sixteen years of age. I did not know the true God. I was taken into captivity to Ireland with many thousands of people—and deservedly so, because we turned away from God, and did not keep His commandments, and did not obey our priests, who used to remind us of our salvation...And there the Lord opened the sense of my unbelief that I might at last remember my sins and be converted with all my heart to the Lord my God, who had regard for my abjection, and mercy on my youth and ignorance, and watched over me before I knew Him, and before I was able to distinguish between good and evil, and guarded me, and comforted me as would a father his son.

Because there is no other God, nor ever was, nor will be, than God the Father unbegotten, without beginning, from whom is all beginning, the Lord of the universe, as we have been taught; and His son Jesus Christ, whom we declare to have always been with the Father, spiritually and ineffably begotten by the Father before the beginning of the world, before all beginning; and by Him are made all things visible and invisible. He was made man, and, having defeated death, was received into heaven by the Father; and He has given Him all power over all names in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue shall confess to Him that Jesus Christ is Lord and God, in whom we believe, an whose advent we expect soon to be, judge of the living and of the dead, who will render to every man according to his deeds; and He has poured forth upon us abundantly the Holy Spirit, the gift and pledge of immortality, who makes those who believe and obey sons of God and joint heirs with Christ; and Him do we confess and adore, one God in the Trinity of the Holy Name.

Friends, in this parish we have for our roots and foundation a great biblical scholar and a great missionary evangelizer. They not only preached Jesus Christ, but lived like Jesus Christ. I encourage each of us to become familiar with the lives and writings of Saint Anthony of Padua and Saint Patrick and return to our roots.

Blessings, ~Fr. Chuck

From the Parish Administrators Desk

Words of Farewell

Today as I write this article for the parish newsletter, I find myself lost for words, especially the right words! This will be my final communication to the parish via newsletters. My target date for retirement is December 2017 and the meter is running at full throttle, I have a lot of work to do in the next four months!

I have had a remarkable opportunity to serve my home parish over the last fourteen years as the Parish Administrator. In the early years we were two parishes (St. Patrick, St. Anthony) with two sets of everything but only one priest. By 2012 we finalized the merging of two into one. Remnants of the struggle still resonate in our minds but with each passing day the “change” experiences additional healing. Our memories of Fr. Bill have survived a significant transition and we have been remarkably

resilient over that “change”. The good Lord always comes through in our times of difficulty; Fr. Phil Shangraw and Fr. Don Weber are prime examples of that.

The parish has grown over the past twenty years and I appreciate having been a participant with you during these times. The excitement continues with a new pastor, a new facility, and lots of new opportunity to enhance the Catholic presence in this community. Staff is looking forward to the convenience and efficiency of functioning as a team within the new Pastoral Services Building. Maintenance staff will not miss the challenges associated with basement flooding and the constant fixing and repairing of worn out plumbing and electrical in the Administration Office Building. Visitors will appreciate the ease of access to the new facilities. I will get a glimpse of the new space for a few weeks before I pack up my belongings and bid

farewell, however, I will be fully engaged in the project completion in some capacity. The search for my replacement will begin soon with the hope that the new person will be in place by late October to mid-November. Meanwhile I will be sorting out files and things that have been accumulated over time. I will also be making every effort to express my personal gratitude to so many who have made my work enjoyable thanks to their/your support, wisdom, and prayers. I am blest to be part of the best parish community ever!

Finally, spending the past fourteen months with Fr. Chuck has been refreshing and enriching. We are fortunate to have him as our pastor. All of us will be growing together with him and him with us. Let’s pray for him and watch how our God uses him to “Make present the Kingdom of God”!

Peace,

~John Strazanac



Buy-a-Brick Program Memorial Landscape

We are reaching great progress with our building project and are excited to offer our Buy-a-Brick Program. We will have 2200 pavers that can be custom engraved and professionally inlaid into prominent space by the new west entrance next to the adoration chapel. Please see center page for additional information.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Interested and concerned for the whole-person health and healing needs of the parish? We are requesting volunteers to join the **Health Committee** which is an advisory board for all health ministry programs. Non health professional are welcomed too. Meetings are 4x a year, second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Meeting dates are **September 12, December 12, March 13, May 8.**



NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

December 27, 12:00-5:45pm.

KID'S HOPE is a Pastoral Care mentoring ministry that matches a grade school student with an individual who can spend one hour a week with the student. If you are interested in mentoring please let me know, 842-0001 ext 119. You will make a difference in a child's life!

TITUS WOMEN are mentors to the MOMS Group. If you have a heart for young moms with children and are spiritually strong, this ministry is for you. MOMS group meets September-May, Thursday 9:30-11:30am. Commitment to attending one MOMS meeting per month is requested along with 4 mentor meetings. Please consider making a difference in a young mother's life. For more information call Nancy Megley, Parish Nurse, 842-0001 ext 119.

THE TRANSITION OF MOVING MY OFFICE

to the lounge will bring a few challenges to my nursing practice. Confidentiality is an important factor. I will have a cubicle in the corner, which will be more private. I will have the opportunity to make phone calls in private areas of the parish. Also, I can meet parishioners in meeting rooms, homes and restaurants. I wanted to reassure you that I'm available to talk and meet during this "camping" time. So please, if I'm out of the office, leave a voicemail and I will contact you when I return.

Thank you! ~Nancy Megley,
Parish Nurse
842-0001 ext 119.

Sister Caroline
just celebrated
50 years of being
a Catholic Sister
in Vietnam,
July 20, 2017.



She took her vows some 50 years ago when the Vietnam war was in full swing. The order is the Daughters of Visitation of Notre Dame. She is 1 of 4 sisters in her family. Sister has had many assignments within Vietnam during her 50 years. She experienced living her Catholic faith under Communism and during the 25 years of that time has received very harsh treatment for it. Many priests and religious orders suffered tremendously during that time. She described to my wife and I that 4 sisters lived on 1 egg cut into 4 pieces per day to survive at the most difficult of times. Since 2000 things have improved some to tolerate religion in some form in

Vietnam. During all this time Sister worked in the country side areas in Vietnam helping the poor, young women out of wedlock who got pregnant in an effort to save the baby from being aborted.

Sister now is stationed at the motherhouse in Hue, Vietnam which is central Vietnam. It was the old provincial capital many years ago. Sister has trained many younger sisters during her time there. I went to Vietnam in 2000 and 2001 for business and had the opportunity to visit Sister for the very first time. It truly was very special. In 2002 – 2003, Sister was able to visit us here in the USA. St. Patrick - St. Anthony parishioners got to meet her during her

stay here in Grand Haven, MI. Both parishes promised to help year on an annual basis and continue to this very day. Sister is very thankful and humbled by the parishes help and support. It does make a difference to help spread the word of GOD today. Sister does have email – carolinethuba@gmail.com. She would love to hear from you. We (Rose & Bill Butch) speak with sister every week via Skype, FaceTime, and Viber whichever works best at that moment. Sister wants you (the parish) to know that she prays for us as a parish everyday and asks the same from us.

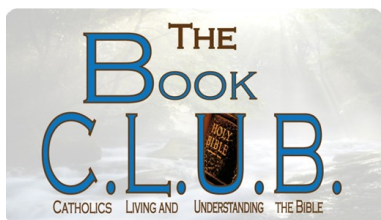
FAITH FORMATION

OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS OR COUPLES:

Senior's Bible Study

Open to all older parishioners and begins weekly on September 12, from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will start with Fr. Ron Rolheiser's study titled "Living in the Sacred."

Book C.L.U.B.



Here's a great way to meet others and grow in faith, once a month, October through April. Groups gather in parishioner homes and we are looking for New Host Homes and people, so pick your night and sign up this month! www.stpatsgh.org or call the Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Open to all wanting to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation. Resumes weekly on Monday, September 11, 7:00-8:30 PM.

33 Days to Morning Glory

Open to all wanting to participate in Consecrating themselves to Mary on the 100th Anniversary of Fatima on October 13. The study begins on Monday, September 11 and goes for five consecutive weeks, 7:00-8:30 PM.

NEW- Theology on Tap

September 11 Father Chuck will present "Catholic Culture at Home and at Play." Those 21 and up will gather on the second floor of the Grand Armory located at 17 S. Second and you are welcome to purchase a beverage of your choice and come up. Social time begins at 6:30 PM and presentation begins at 7:30.

NEW- Protect Young Eyes

A special one-night Parent Presentation titled "The Digital Culture of Kids Today." Explore the benefits and dangers of the internet and learn to protect your children. Thursday, November 9 from 7:00-8:30 PM.

FOR MEN ONLY:

Men's Morning Bible Study

Join other men on Wednesday mornings from 6:30-7:30 AM. in the Family Center Lounge for prayer, study and accountability. Meets year round, all are welcome.

Man Cave Meetings

Men are invited to meet in a parishioner's home on the Third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM to grow and learn about our Catholic faith. The topic this year will be on the Holy Spirit. Location will change each month, and the first session is September 19 at Pete Friar's home, 13367 Greenleaf Lane, GH.

Men's Breakfasts

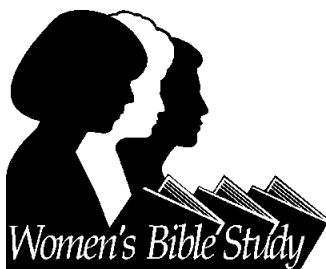
Join us on the First Saturday of the Month from 7:30-9:00 AM in the Family Center Lounge. Mark Juodawlkis is our first speaker, October 7. Other fall dates are November 4 & December 2.

Men's Retreat Day

Save the Date: Saturday January 6 with Father Phil Shangraw at Maranatha Conference Grounds, 8:30-3:30.

FOR WOMEN ONLY:

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study



Begins Sept. 14, 9:30-11:00 AM The study is titled "33 Days to Merciful Love." Childcare available.

Mom's Group

Begins weekly on September 14, 9:30-11:30 AM Childcare is available. Great for young moms. The first two sessions are off-site, please call Rachael Rudd, 810-955-9154 or Mary Kiley, 517-902-8962 for more information.

Women's Breakfasts

These are great opportunities to gather with other women for a faith-filled presentation. Join them in the Parish

Lounge from 8:30-10:00 AM on these Saturdays: September 23, October 21, Nov. 18.

Advent By Candlelight



The date is Tuesday, December 5, 7:00-9:00 PM Sign up to host a table or sign up individually.

Women's Gift Weekend

The date is February 24-25. This is an excellent way to reconnect, refresh and renew your faith and relationships with other women from our parish community! Register now for a weekend for yourself!

Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land

Christopher West has become "the world's most recognized teacher of John Paul II's Theology of the Body." As founder and president of The Cor Project, he leads an international outreach devoted to spreading this liberating teaching and empowering others to learn, live, and share it. Christopher's talk will tackle many of today's hottest cultural issues regarding marriage, family, and sexuality. Open to youth ages 15 and up and all adults. Wednesday, October 11 from 7:00-9:30 PM at Holy Spirit Parish in Grand Rapids.

Father Greg Boyle: Tattoos of the Heart

This incredible event will be held at Lakeshore Middle School. Tickets can be purchased at the bookman or on-line at humanityforprisoners.org. Father Boyle has worked for over 25 years with gang members in Los Angeles. His success validates the power of unconditional love and boundless compassion. His masterful storytelling will capture your heart and leave you uplifted. This event will support the work of Humanity for Prisoners. Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 PM.

Thank you!!

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TO ALL OUR FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS AND GUESTS

A very sincere Thank You to all of the wonderful Volunteers and guests that came out this year to make the 2017 Parish Festival a huge success! Without all of you, this could have never happened! St. Patrick -St. Anthony has such a wonderful Parish family, and we are so blessed!! Thank you again!



TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED PACK AND MOVE THE PARISH ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



A huge **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped pack and move the Parish Office, Job Seeker's and Food Pantry. Your help was greatly appreciated!!

Thanks to Paul Schunder, Bob Wassick, Bob Butler & John Zuidema who worked tirelessly to move heavy furniture from the Parish Administration Building into storage. They performed well beyond expectations!

Job Seeker's Program

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Job Seekers office will be moving to our temporary location in the Youth Center on Tuesday August 29 through November 28. The center is located at 915 Washington behind the Shell gas station near the corner of Washington Ave and Beacon Blvd. Please enter the building from the south entrance off Washington Street.

Due to this brief relocation of all parish offices, the monthly networking breakfasts have been discontinued until January 2018. Thank you for your understanding during this transition. The Job Seekers office may be reached at 616-935-7047 or 616-935-7467 during this time.



OPENING DOORS

TO WELCOME AND SERVE

As our beautiful new Parish facilities continue to take shape, we want to say "Thank You" to our St. Patrick-St. Anthony's Parish Community for all the sacrifices you have made on behalf of the "Opening Doors to Welcome and Serve" Capital Campaign. We also want to offer a special thank you to some of our legacy donors who have provided critical support (via bequest) for our project, including Dennis and Marguerite Mohler, Ms. Anne Lesar, Mr. Nickolas Wolf, and the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. Finally, we want to recognize those Parish committees and staff who have been so instrumental in planning and executing this project, including the Master Planning Committee, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, Leadership Giving Committee, our former pastor Fr. Bill Langlois and current pastor Father Chuck Schwartz. It's exciting and gratifying to witness the successful culmination of so much excellent effort, cooperation, sacrifice, and leadership.

As we approach the completion of our construction project, we are reminded of the ways our new facilities will enable us to live out our Parish Mission of being a "Welcoming Catholic Community, alive in Christ, making meeting spaces will

enhance our gatherings at Mass, and other Parish gatherings, community meetings, and outreach activities. Top-quality building present the kingdom of God!" Our new space will unite and energize our ministries, volunteers, and staff. The open sunlit welcoming space and materials and our handicap compliant facilities will enable us to welcome and serve our entire community for many years to come, fulfilling our stewardship obligations to those who will follow in our footsteps. Our worship space has been refreshed in many beautiful ways, with special renewed focus on the central tabernacle, the beautiful new baptismal font, and new lighting, sound systems, and music space. The new Adoration Chapel, to be completed in November, will provide wonderful new space for this beautiful and sacred Parish ministry. There is so much to be excited about as we look eagerly forward to the completion of these renovations.

Our capital campaign is also going well. We have received payments totaling \$4,433,788.84 on \$5.25 million of pledges and financial commitments, very nearly meeting our \$5.5 million capital campaign goal. We want to thank each of you for your timely and faithful

fulfillment of your pledge obligations. Your continued efforts to fulfill your pledges will ensure that the capital campaign may be completed with minimal impact on our parish operational budget. We continue to plan to memorialize all of your gifts and pledges in a prominent location in our new facilities.

Finally, we welcome and encourage you to take advantage of our Buy-a-Brick Campaign, creating an additional lasting commemoration for your family, loved ones, community groups, and businesses. This opportunity will be available through late September for our first installation of pavers in November. Other dates will be opened for those wishing to delay their purchase at this time; details are available on the Parish website at www.stpatsgh.org.

In sum, a huge THANK YOU to all of you who have made this critical Capital Campaign Project possible. You are helping us to live out our Parish Mission to be "alive in Christ, making present the kingdom of God!"

~Jeff Beswick, Jim MacLachlan,
and Sheila Steffel

Project Co-Chairs



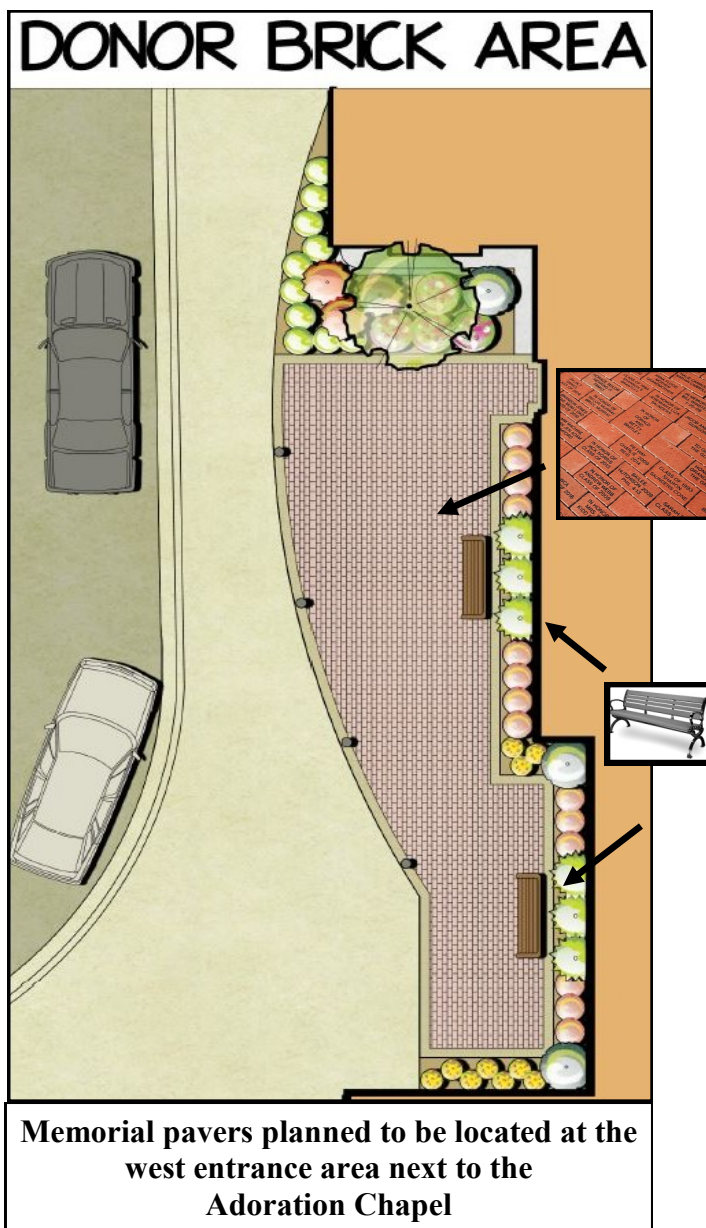
OPENING DOORS
TO WELCOME AND SERVE

Buy-a-Brick Program Memorial Landscape

We are designing for 2200 pavers to be custom engraved and professionally inlaid into prominent spaces in our site plan. Our primary design will be near the west entrance with potential to increase our memorial space at the east entrance.

- 4 X 8 Brick Cost is \$150.00
- 8 X 8 Brick Cost is \$350.00
- Bench Cost is \$3,000
- You can have up to 3 lines with a 4 X 8 Brick or 6 lines with a 8 X 8 brick, each line may have up to 14 characters.
- All letters are Uppercase only and you can use the ampersand symbol. (&)
- Bench will have an engraved plaque.

Bricks can be purchased in Memory Of, In Honor Of, as a Dedication or In Recognition of a family member, children, grandchildren or even a business.



Memorial pavers planned to be located at the west entrance area next to the Adoration Chapel

To purchase a brick, fill out the order form on the back of this sheet and return it to the parish by **September 29, 2017**. Please indicate clearly on the form what you would like etched on each brick. Memorial pavers are in addition to the recognition planned for all donors to the Opening Doors Campaign.

For more information on the Buy-a-Brick Program visit www.stpatsgh.org or call Audrey Streng at the parish office: 616-842-0001 extension 110 or email parishoffice@stpatsgh.org.

Pastor
Fr. Chuck Schwartz

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK ORDER FORM

PURCHASER INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

4 X 8 BRICKS: _____ X \$150 = TOTAL \$ _____

8 X 8 BRICKS: _____ X \$350 = TOTAL \$ _____

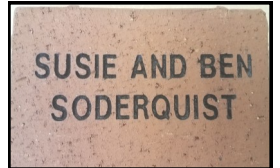
• MEMORIAL BENCH: _____ \$3,000 TOTAL \$ _____

(Office will contact for bench plaque engraving)

ARE THESE BRICKS TO BE PLACED TOGETHER? YES _____ NO _____ *BRICKS ARE PLACED RANDOMLY.

PLEASE USE ADDITIOANL FORM IF MORE BRICKS ARE NEEDED.

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8 X 8 BRICK PRINTING ON BRICK (ONE CHARACTER PER BLOCK, INCLUDING SPACES, UP TO 6 LINES):



RETURN THIS FORM
ALONG WITH CASH
OR CHECK TO THE
PARISH OFFICE.

Children's Ministry

Follow me...



2017-2018 Crew 1st-4th grade
begins October 2nd.

Registration online: stpatgh.org
or visit us at the Family Center

(616) 842-8230 x133

...& Experience the Glory!

Warmest greetings from the office of the Crew! My name is Andrea Williamson, and I am the Coordinator of Children's Ministries. I am honored to be a part of such a welcoming body of staff and parishioners here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony, and I am truly excited to team up with you as we spread the gospel and shine light on the world!

As I contemplate the upcoming catechetical year, I think of how we as sons and daughters of Christ were created in His image and likeness - complete with a divine ray of light! Jesus, in all of his divinity, is meant to be at the very center of our hearts and minds and the anchor of our needy souls.

When I imagine our catechetical team on a boat together with our youngest disciples at sea, I envision our crewmates working hard to keep our children unmasked and unveiled, so that the glory they experience reflects the constant glory of the Lord! It is an incredible responsibility to help form our youngest *Crew* members as they navigate the waters and become increasingly attuned to His presence. Through this endeavor, they are able to respond to the invitation to know, love and serve him!

Please consider joining our team as we celebrate the mysteries in the Liturgy, praying, and embracing the Christian way of life! May we be blessed!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Grades 5th & 6th Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:15pm Grades 7th & 8th Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:15pm

**5th/6th
Grade
ROCK
Kick Off:
SEPT 26!**



**7th/8th
Grade
EDGE
Kick Off:
SEPT 27!**

Register for ROCK and EDGE TODAY!

Pick up a form in the Family Center or register online at stpatsgh.org



October 21: 6-9th Grade Holy Fire Retreat in Chicago Firm Registration deadline is Oct 4.

All 6th - 9th graders are invited to join us on our 1 day retreat in Chicago! We will take a charter bus with other parish youth groups in the diocese. **Cost is \$45.00 before September 21 & \$55 after deadline.** Includes charter bus transportation,

registration fee, and lunch. Visit www.formedcatholic.com/holyfire for more details.

WHO GRADES 6-9		WHEN FRI. OCT. 20, 2017 9:00AM - 3:30PM DOORS OPEN @ 8:15AM SAT. OCT. 21, 2017 10:00AM - 4:30PM DOORS OPEN @ 9:15AM	
WHERE UNIV. OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO PAVILION 525 S RACINE AVE - CHICAGO, IL			
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HAITI TRIP REPORT 2017

Good Morning (Afternoon), Joyce Bies, Jose Astua, John Strazanac, Father Chuck, and I travelled to Haiti in April to visit our sister parish, Sts. Simon and Jude and its Pastor Fr. Roosevelt. Sts Simon and Jude is located half way up the mountains just outside the capital city of Port-au-Prince. St. Patrick and St. Anthony Parish has supported the church and school there since 1995.

While in Haiti we attended Mass everyday with Fr. Chuck concelebrating. We met with the elementary school teachers, who asked for an increase in compensation due to inflation and expressed a desire for continuing education and were very grateful for our support. The secondary school teachers were also very appreciative and showed great dedication to their students. We also visited all of the students who showed their gratitude with songs and clapping. We met with the Parish Council who, again, were very grateful for our support and for giving the children of the parish an opportunity to receive an education.

The day to day functioning of the church and the elementary school teachers' salaries are funded with our Christian Service Tithe. The elementary school services 383 students in preschool through 6th grade. We also finance the secondary school teachers' salaries with the special collection taken during

Father Roosevelt's yearly visit in the fall and with sponsors through our Haiti Scholarship Program. The secondary school, which has grown in size and reputation since 2012, services 223 students in 7th through 12th grade. In Haiti high school goes to the 13th grade. Currently, seventeen 13th graders attend school down in Port-au-Prince and their tuition, which is \$450 per student per year, is funded through the Haiti Scholarship Program. The Haiti Committee hopes to add 13th grade to our school up on the mountain for the 2017/2018 school year. This would reduce tuition to \$250 per student per year.

Joyce Bies, the director of the Haiti Scholarship Program, met with the scholarship recipients who shared their plans for the future, showed great commitment to their education and were deeply appreciative of Joyce's direction and the sponsors' generosity. Joyce also awarded a gift to the top students of the 1st through 12th grade classes. The Haiti Scholarship program has graduated 19 students. Four of them are teachers at our school.

Other highlights of the trip were visiting the boy's orphanage, the clinic, the sand mine down the road, and some of the parishioners' homes. We saw the bread bakery in action and the chicken farm which is producing 120 eggs per day. The bakery and chicken farm are

two examples of sustainability for the community and employ five people.

On behalf of the Haiti Committee I want to thank all who donated items for our yearly shipment such as the tools, cosmetology accessories, school supplies, medicines, personal care items and the boxes of brand new T-shirts! Thank you to those who donated towards the shipping cost and to all who packed the 113 boxes!

Thank you to all who donated to our "Buy a Brick" effort to fund the new classrooms as we add grades to complete our school. We have raised enough to build one more classroom! And thank you to the kids! Sunday after Sunday, year after year your donations to the Children's Collection for Haiti have helped buy school supplies, improve classrooms and assure that our school continues to serve the children of Sts. Simon and Jude. You raised \$7557 in the 2016/2017 school year! And, recently, during Vacation Bible School the children collected over \$500 – enough to send 2 more students to school! I wish you could all see firsthand what your kindness, generosity, and love are doing for our brothers and sisters in Haiti!

Thank you so much and God Bless you All!

~Chris Fojtik



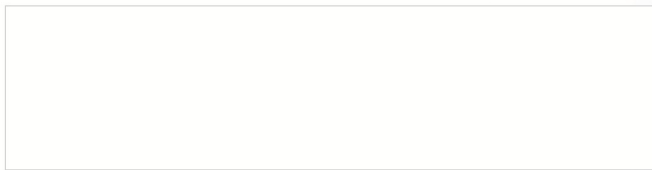


Win up to \$5000!

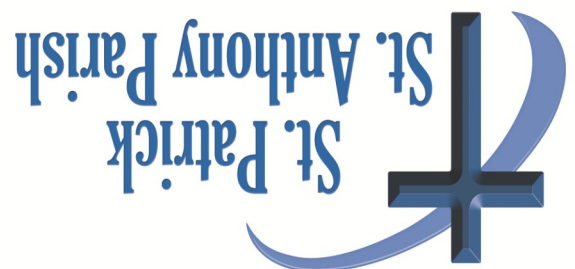
Drawing is September 17th

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS!

2017 Parish Festival Raffle Tickets are **STILL** on sale! The Raffle is the key fundraiser for our Parish Festival. We encourage all Parish Families to pick up a packet which consists of 5 tickets. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$5,000!! If you sell the winning ticket you receive \$100!! The big drawing will be held on September 17th, after 11:00 a.m. Mass.



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