



# Newsletter

**Reverend Charles J. Schwartz**

**September - December 2018**

St. Patrick-St. Anthony  
Parish  
920 Fulton Avenue  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
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## **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.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As I reflect on the past two years of my service at our parish, I continue to witness what an active and giving parish family we have here at St. Patrick – St. Anthony. Just two examples of this are the willing parishioners that have answered the call to serve on our parish councils and the many volunteers at our parish festival that served with enthusiasm.

I would like to extend a welcome and expression of appreciation to our new council members who have answered the call to serve in this capacity. Please keep them in prayer as they discern in their role of parish leadership.

### **Pastoral Council**

Becky Bowen  
Joseph Lathem  
Keri McCarthy

### **Finance Council**

David Bukala  
Angela Cariano  
Bob Wassick

Our parish festival was a great success! Many of our parish families and friends enjoyed all the fun that was had. This event served to bring us together as a parish as well as a welcome to the community to join us. In addition to the social aspect of the festival, over \$27,000 was raised to support the mission of our parish.

All that this event offered and provided would not have happened without the many hours of hard work and dedication from our volunteers and staff. The joy in which the volunteers served in this endeavor reflects the giving spirit here at our parish.

For certain all of our summers have been busy and hopefully included some relaxation and recreation. Amidst the busyness we need to remain rooted in our faith and grow our knowledge. I encourage you to take some time to remember our roots and learn something new about our patrons St. Patrick and St. Anthony. There is more to St. Patrick's legacy than folklore of leading snakes into the ocean and causing reason to color beer green. His story of conversion and fortitude is fascinating. In the same way, St. Anthony is more than a patron to help us find lost phones and keys or a man that preached in a city called Bologna. He was a man of humility and bravery. Challenge yourself to learn the way of these men and then imitate the goodness they lived.

Blessings,

Fr. Chuck Schwartz



**Avior and Nicole**

Dear Parishioners of St. Patrick - St. Anthony,

I received a letter today telling me of the large donation which was transferred to St. Vincent in Ain Karem just recently. The sum from the Good Friday collection came to two thousand and thirty dollars and fifty five cents. Yesterday I visited our home St. Vincent in Ain Karem and they are in the middle of their summer camp for the children and the young adults in their care. Perhaps this donation will be used to make their summer program more enjoyable.

At present they have 52 residents both Jewish and Arab and among them four of the children are Christians. They have groups coming in to entertain with music and puppets, outings and all different activities going on for the summer.



**John, John and Normita**

Know that any of you who may be visiting the Holy Land are always welcome to visit the home. There are three sisters present who are willing to welcome you. I will add some pictures of the children so you can have an idea of who you have helped the home to meet the individual needs.

Blessings, Sr. Susan Sheehan  
Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul

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## JOB SEEKER PROGRAM

The St. Patrick – St. Anthony Job Seeker Program applied for various grants this spring and was fortunate to receive four different awards in 2018.

**Westerman Foundation \$1,000:** This grant will assist the Job Seeker program to purchase a new copier/printer for use by both the office staff and clients searching for specific positions and development of resumes.

**JSJ Corporation; Grand Haven, MI \$5,000:** These funds are to be used specifically for the purchase of new computer equipment in the Job Seeker office, providing computer and internet access as a West Michigan WORKS! "Share Access" site.

**Catholic Campaign For Human Development - Catholic Charities West Michigan, Diocese of Grand Rapids - \$6,000:** This grant will provide networking opportunities, coaching, mentoring, resume and cover letter development, community resources and support to job seekers in their job search to obtain successful careers in the Tri-Cities and surrounding areas.

**Zenko Family Field Of Interest Fund of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (CCHD) - \$10,000:** Funds to be used to:

- Support Job Seeker Program salaries for "direct assistance" and assessment to the unemployed, underemployed, and those with barriers
- Maintain social media support for displaced workers looking for new employment opportunities
- Host a monthly networking breakfast bringing area businesses and job seekers together to meet both the employment and recruiting needs of all involved
- Meet the needs to assist Love In Action's Hope House and Harbor Hall sheltered housing residents obtain employment
- Supervise West Michigan WORKS! Welfare Reform Program Worksite recipients for the purpose of on-the job training in conjunction with their Food Assistance Employment and Training Program. This is a component of its overall welfare reform initiative
- Collaborate with Goodwill Industries of West Michigan providing clothing vouchers to job seekers in need of apparel during their job search and interview process

We acknowledge the foundations who are assisting the Job Seeker Program. Together with our local business partners, we work to find employment opportunities, prepare individuals for employment, remove barriers and support them until job seekers can get back on their feet.



## PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

### All Around Fitness

is an exercise class starting with a walk and stretching to warm up. Followed by a 25 minute low impact cardio session, 20 minutes of strength training, and ending with cool down stretches. Fitness bands, hand held fitness balls, resistance loops, and hand weights all in various abilities are incorporated throughout, making it a class for beginners all the way to long time exercisers! This is a good time to connect with friends and fuel your mind, body and spirit! The sessions meet twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00-10:00 am in Rm. 5 & 6, September - June. Cost is \$1 per class attended. All are welcome!



### Stretch, Balance and Strength

meet: Monday/Wednesday for chair stretching. Friday for mat stretching. 9:00-10:00am. Experience 45 minutes of stretching poses and chair work. Individuals should be able to hold poses comfortably while standing. Ladies and gentleman are welcome! Canned goods donation. Room 5/6. Instructor: Mary Starkweather

### Mind, Body & Spirit

Stretching and breathing with Kathi Skorupski. Thursday, 6:15pm-8:00pm, Youth Center

### Anointing of the Sick

will take place after mass on October 13 & 14. If you are planning a serious surgery or your health has changed and would like to be anointed, please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment with Fr Chuck.

### Mothers of Many Seasons

fellowship are mothers of any age or stage of mothering providing spiritual, social, emotional and practical support in the vocation of motherhood. Child care is provided during meetings. Activities and topics change from week to week. Open to the community. Starts September 13, 9:30-11:30am, Room 7/8.



### Blood Drive

Friday, December 28, 12:00-5:45pm. Save a life! Mark your calendar.

### Blood Pressure Clinics

Will be on Saturdays 6:00pm and Sundays 10:00am: September 15 & 16, November 17 & 18, January 19 & 20, March 16 & 17, May 18 & 19. Mark your calendar. If you are unable to attend, you can make an appointment by calling the Parish Nurse office. 842-0001, ext. 119. Thank you! Nancy Megley, RN.

## Thank you to all that attended and volunteered at the 2018 Parish Festival!

The Weather was amazing and all the activities were a huge success! You could not miss the festival with the American flag flying at 80' over the event!! We began our festival with the Community Garage Sale in the west parking lot with over 26 vendors renting spaces. The Main Hall was packed full of goodies and well over a 1000 people found awesome bargains. The Sweet Shop was busy taking in over \$900 for all the delicious baked goods that were donated by our parishioners! The concessions were also a huge hit Friday and Saturday for all the shoppers and vendors to enjoy!

The Saturday morning Car show brought in over 50 classic cars for our 2<sup>nd</sup> largest show ever here at St. Patrick – St. Anthony festival. Cars started to arrive at 6 am and were being polished and shined for the start of the show at 9 am which brought many car enthusiasts to check out these beauties. Noon brought Bingo under the big tent with many people playing and a lot of first time players coming out in hopes of being able to yell BINGO!! Under the new Church canopy Kids game were a huge success with spin the Bible, duck pond, the Fishing Game, mini golf, face painting and many other activities for our youngest parishioners and guests. The Knights of Columbus also brought the Tootsie Train with lots of rides for them. New this year we had the John Ball Zoo visit bringing a Box turtle, Horned owl, a salamander and opossum for the kids to learn about and enjoy petting. Also new this year were pickles on a stick which were a novelty to enjoy! Jay's Famous Grilled chicken started to cook at 3:00 pm cooking up 300 chicken half's for our guests serving at 5:00 pm and by 7:00 pm all were sold, no one left hungry with this awesome Chicken dinner and sides!!

Entertainment started at 4:00 pm with Dave Palmer and his only 2 friends followed by our Director of Music and Liturgy, Alex Navas, playing tunes on the piano. At 7:00 pm we were entertained by the very talented Plain Jane Glory. The Raffle took place after the Sunday 11 am Mass with Fr. Chuck drawing the 3 lucky winners of \$5000, \$1000 and \$500. Did you get a call? Me neither, maybe next year!!

Once again we thank you for coming out to the Parish Festival and we are already starting to think about next year's festival!!

# FAITH FORMATION

## FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### **NEW— Alpha**

Alpha is a well-done, relevant and impacting course that leads people to a deeper relationship with the Trinity and helps you meet other friends on your journey of faith from the parish. Come alone or better yet, invite a friend or a spouse who needs to grow in faith. If you desire to grow in your faith or simply have lots of questions about what God wants to do in your life, please prayerfully consider signing up. Childcare is available. We will begin on **Wednesday, September 19, 6:15-8:15** and it begins with a meal each week! This eleven-week program will super charge your faith and experience of God through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Includes an overnight retreat on October 27-28. Register or check out more at [www.stpatsgh.org](http://www.stpatsgh.org) or call Jeff Andrini.

### **Small Faith Communities**

Here's a great way to meet others and grow in faith, once a month, October through April. Groups gather in parishioner homes and utilize faith-enriching materials. We are looking for new host homes and people, so pick your night and sign up this month! [www.stpatsgh.org](http://www.stpatsgh.org) or call Jeff or Mellan.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Open to all interested in learning about the Catholic faith and journeying to the Sacraments of Initiation. Resumes weekly on Monday, September 10, 7-8:30 PM.

### **Senior's Bible Study**

Open to all older parishioners and begins weekly on September 12, from 10-11 AM. We will start with a study on the Gospel of John, titled *The Turning Point*, by Dr. Allen Hunt."

### **Formed.org**

Check out this incredible gift from the parish to you! You will not believe the movies, books and video presentations that you can enjoy. The parish code is 77Q78C. We are considering renewing this gift for another year. Let us know if you're using it!

### **Fall Catechetical & Parish Ministry Conference**

All leaders in parish ministries or those who would like to grow in their faith are invited to the Fall Conference hosted by the Diocese at West Catholic High School on Saturday, September 29. Contact Jeff for a complete brochure including descriptions to the 90+ workshops. Hope you can join our parish team for this exciting event. Register with us before Sept. 15 for reduced rates and if you volunteer for a parish ministry, we will pay for you to attend!

### **SAVE THE DATE: Sr. Helen Prejean**

**Tuesday, October 23, 7 p.m.** at Lakeshore Middle School! Sr. Helen Prejean is a human-rights leader known around the world for her advocacy to end the death penalty. Her 1993 book, *Dead Man Walking*, is based on her experience serving as a spiritual director for death-row inmates. This is a fund raising event for Humanity for Prisoners. Tickets are available at the parish or the Bookman.

## MEN ONLY EVENTS

### **Men's Morning Bible Study**

Join other men on Wednesday mornings from 6:30-7:30 a.m. in the Family Center Small Lounge for prayer, study and accountability. Meets year round and we do a variety of Bible and Men's studies.

### **Man Cave Meetings**

Men, are you looking to grow in your faith and serve others? Our parish Man Cave meetings are designed to do just that. We meet monthly, share time with one another, watch a meaningful presentation and look for ways to serve others. We meet the third Monday of the month from 7-9pm, unless otherwise stated, in Room 148 at the Parish Center. Here is what is being offered for the rest of 2018:

- Monday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>- "Striving for Sainthood" Hosted by Mark Juodawlkis and Steve Zachar
- Monday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - "Who Am I To Judge" Hosted by Deacon Lance Walters and Pete Friar
- Monday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>- Men's Movie night presenting "Popieluszko" A powerful true story about a Polish priest who stood up to Communism. Hosted by Tom Godfrey & Bob Woodard
- Monday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>- "The Man Talk" Hosted by Mike Burdick and Dave Greiner

# FAITH FORMATION

## **Men's Breakfasts**

Join us on the First Saturday of the Month from 7:30-9 a.m. in the Parish Life Center. Our first gathering is on October 6. Other fall dates are November 3 & December 1.

## **SAVE THE DATE: Diocesan Men's Conference**

Saturday, March 9, 2019 Building a Legacy Men's Conference. Check out these speakers! *Elvis Grbac*— retired record setting U of M Football quarterback, Superbowl XXIX Championship and motivational speaker. *Matt Fradd*— prolific author and speaker who rallies men to live boldly and purely in our time. And *Matthew Leonard*— Catholic author, speaker, Vice President & Executive Producer at the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology.

## WOMEN ONLY EVENTS

### **Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Begins Sept. 12 9:30-11 a.m. The study is titled "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues" by Bishop Robert Barron. Please call Mellan to request childcare if needed.

### **Mom's Group**

Begins weekly on September 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Great for young moms. Contact Monique Hanson at 616-510-9944 or email [mo.hanson@hotmail.com](mailto:mo.hanson@hotmail.com) or Leslie Marvin at [l.marvin7612@gmail.com](mailto:l.marvin7612@gmail.com) for more information. Childcare is available.

### **Women's Breakfasts**

These are great opportunities to gather with other women for a faith-filled presentation. Join them from 8:30-10 AM on these Saturdays: September 22 and November 17, January 12 and March 9.

### **Advent By Candlelight**

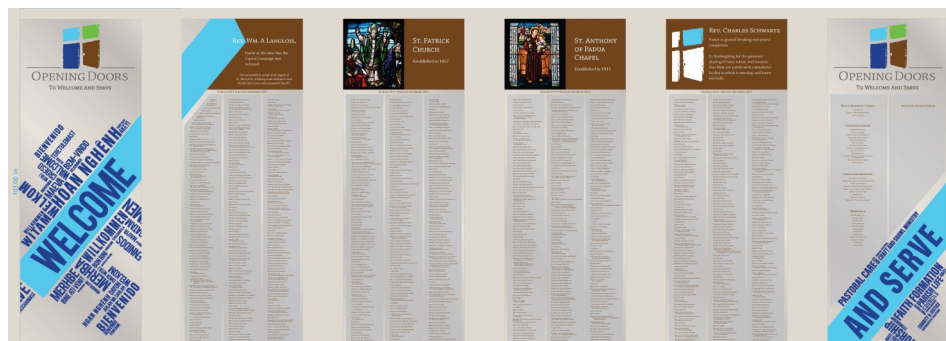
The date is Tuesday, December 4, 7 - 9 p.m. Chris Alfaro is our presenter and the title of her talk is "Like Mary, Surrendering to God's Will in All Things." Sign up to host a table or sign up individually.

### **Women's Gift Weekend**

The date is March 2-3 This is an excellent way to reconnect, refresh and renew your faith and relationship with God and other women from our parish community! Register now for a weekend for yourself! This will again be held at Maranatha Conference Grounds.



# DONOR WALL



The parish capital campaign, which formally launched in October 2014, is the largest financial commitment to the St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish in church history. Donors who made a pledge or a one-time gift were promised a suitable tribute for their sacrifice of treasure. In addition, those donors who wished to honor, or memorialize a loved one, were given an opportunity to do so when their gift was made. Over 1000 donations were received between 2014 and December 2017 and, these donors are named on the glass panels mounted to the southeast wall of the Gathering Space near the east entrance.

The glass panels measuring 36 inches wide, eight feet tall were formerly in the main entrance of Mercy Hospital in Muskegon. We were able to salvage and repurpose the half-inch thick panels and they look great in our space. We are thankful to Claudine Weber for helping to make the connection with Mercy Health. Bob Wassick made the framing material and mounted the panels with the help of volunteers. (Bob Butler handled the panels several times and can attest that they are extremely heavy.) The panels reflect the theme of the campaign, "Opening Doors to Welcome and Serve".

- Panel # 1 features the word "Welcome" in several languages to remind us of our diversity and welcoming spirit.
- Panel # 2 shares a statement in the dark brown header from Fr. Bill Langlois who was pastor at the beginning of the campaign and the inspiration for the project. Names of 250 donors follow.
- Panel # 3 features a picture of the stained glass window of St. Patrick located on the north side of the church balcony. Below the header, there is a second collection of 240 donors.
- Panel # 4 honors St. Anthony. This header reflects the stained glass window located on the south wall of the church balcony. Another 250 donor names are listed below the header.
- Panel # 5 reflects a statement on behalf of Fr. Chuck Schwartz, our current pastor who was installed at the parish in 2016 just prior to the groundbreaking ceremony for the project. Below the header are the names of the final 250 donors.
- Panel # 6 features the word "Serve" and highlights several ministries of the parish. Additionally this panel pays tribute to memorials of our parishioners who died during the capital project and chose the parish project as a memorial fund offering. Also featured are our Foundations, Corporate Donors, and Major Bequests.

The last panel has an area that will honor pledges to the Capital Fund that are received after January 1, 2018. If you would like to become a part of the donor wall, contributions are still being accepted.

## DEDICATION BOOK OPENING DOORS TO WELCOME AND SERVE

The Dedication Book was produced to "historically" record the beautiful construction and renovation elements of our capital project, "Opening Doors to Welcome and Serve". Sheila Steffel, one of the campaign's three co-directors, and John Strazanac used the green velvet covered dedication book from 1957 as a model. Highlights from past church historical books, and as well as articles from various contributors were collected and compiled for this edition. Some key writers include the following:

- Liturgical Architect David Kulhman of JNKA
- Senior Project Architect Tom Sturr of TowerPinkster
- Senior Project Manager Mike Parker of Elzinga & Volkers
- Most Reverend Bishop David John Walkowiak
- Father Chuck Schwartz, Pastor
- Father Bill Langlois, retired

Feature articles describe the History of the Capital Stewardship Campaign, Highlights of the New Parish Life Center, and 160 Years in Grand Haven. A listing of all donors appears over eight pages, and several pictures complement many of the projects elements.

Graphic design was provided by Alaina Ekdom of Elzinga & Volkers and the donor listing was created by Jolene Nelson. Members of the Master Planning Committee, Fr. Chuck, and Campaign Co-Directors served as editors to the final production. Their work and dedication to the project was very much appreciated.

If you have not received your Dedication Book, copies are available at the parish office.



**St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish**  
of Grand Haven, Michigan

celebrates the  
**dedication of its new**  
**Parish Life Center and Church Renovation**  
and the one-hundred and sixtieth anniversary  
of the Catholic Church in the Grand Haven area.

**1857-2017**

December Thirty-First, Two Thousand and Seventeen



# PARISH HOSTS OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The community was invited to an open house on June 16, 2018. The occasion featured the newly completed Parish Life Center and renovations' to the church and Outreach Center. Fr. Chuck Schwartz, pastor of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish used this opportunity to welcome the neighboring residents, local pastors, members of the parish, and the community at large. "The community has been watching the process of our expansion since our ground breaking in August 2016 and we felt that it was time to open our doors and share the facilities with our friends and neighbors in the Tri-Cities" said Fr. Chuck.

Mayor Geri McCaleb joined in the ribbon cutting ceremony along with other honored guests who spoke of their participation in the success of the project. Participating with the mayor and pastor Fr. Chuck (from left to right) were Parish Administrator Jimmy Beauchamp, Sheila Steffel, the Architect from TowerPinkster - Tom Sturr, Construction Management – Mike Novakowski of Elzinga & Volkers, Mayor, Jeff Beswick, Fr. Chuck, Holly Cole of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, Dcn. Lance Walters, and Jeff Andrini, Director of Faith Formation. Beswick and Steffel were Co Directors of the Capital Campaign.

"We have been part of this community since 1857" stated Fr. Chuck. "I am pleased to be part of our Catholic presence of 160 years in Grand Haven, and this new facility and renovations ensure that we are able to continue the mission and ministry of the gospel for many years into the future".

Special thanks to the "Zenko Family Fund" and the "Greatest Needs Fund" of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation for their support in the renovation of the Outreach Center which houses the Food Pantry and Job Seekers Program. Thanks also to Pamela Blake of the Chamber for her role in the ribbon cutting ceremony!







## You are invited to be included our new Parish family directory



Be a part of our new Parish family directory! Our goal is to include everyone.

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph & directory for participating!



We are partnering with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families.

### Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our church. Sign-up for your photography session by visiting our website:

[stpatgh.org](http://stpatgh.org)

### Photography dates

September 25  
September 28-29

October 2  
October 4-6

October 9  
October 11-12

October 16  
October 18-20



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**Raising Kids in the Digital Age:** "Your family is under attack online, and your kids are counting on you to protect them." Don't wait, protect your entire family today with internet accountability and filters. **LEARN THE FACTS** – discover how the internet affects your life and the lives of those you love. [www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com).

**Fall Programing:** Elementary Faith Formation grades K-4 begins on September 24 and 26 from 4:15-5:30. Choose Monday or Wednesday. Register online or in the parish office. *Sessions are rooted in the Gospel, follow the liturgical calendar, and CCC compliant. Extra emphasis is placed on the sacraments and their purpose.*

**Children's Christmas Choir:** We are excited to announce our upcoming children's choir led by our Director of Music and Liturgy Alex Navas. Rehearsals will be on Monday evenings from 5:45-6:20 beginning October 8 – December 17. Children in grades 1-6 will enjoy this wonderful experience in preparation for Christmas Eve Mass. Being able to read is an important element of singing – please discern if your child is ready.

**Atrium:** We are thrilled to announce the reestablishment of our Atrium and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. We will offer level one this fall for kindergarten.



# 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 25!**



**7th/8th  
Grade  
EDGE  
Kick Off:  
SEPT 26!**

**Register for ROCK and EDGE TODAY!**

**Pick up a form in the Parish Office or register online at [stpatsgh.org](http://stpatsgh.org)**

**Confirmation Registration Due: Wednesday August 22**

**Parent/Candidate Meetings 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Last Names A-K Sept. 9**

**L-Z Sept 16**



**October 26: 6-9th Grade**

**Holy Fire Retreat in Chicago**

**Firm Registration deadline is Sept 28.**

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 before September 28 & \$55 after deadline.** Includes charter bus transportation, registration fee, and lunch. Visit [www.formedcatholic.com/holyfire](http://www.formedcatholic.com/holyfire) for more details.

**TICKET PRICES/DATES**

\$33 - UNTIL AUGUST 15  
\$35 - UNTIL OCTOBER 1  
\$40 - UNTIL OCTOBER 22  
\$45 - FINAL WEEK THROUGH DAY OF

**WHEN**

**FRI. OCT. 26 OR SAT. OCT. 27, 2018.**  
9:00AM - 2:30PM  
DOORS OPEN 8:30  
MUSICAL CONCERT AT 9 AM

**WHERE**

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**Teesie Fritsch | Middle School Ministry | [tfritsch@stpatsgh.org](mailto:tfritsch@stpatsgh.org) | 842.0001 ext 124**



## Haiti Trip 2018

On June 9-16th Jose Astua, Joyce Bies, Maureen and Mike Scott, Katie, Mary and Chris Fojtik, and Jean Kowalski, from Gesu Parish, travelled to our sister parish in Haiti.

We met with the Parish Council after Sunday morning Mass. They related some of the needs of the church (12 batteries to complete the solar energy system, closet and countertop for sacristy, sound system updates, Humeral Veil and Cope, monstrance, altar clothes and linens w/ liturgical colors, pews, electronic bell, seal door to stop rain from getting in, choir loft floor needs finishing (tiles). ) They expressed their gratitude for all we do for their Parish. Joyce met with the scholarship students in the afternoon who were also very grateful for our support.

We were pleased to meet Father Simon Jonas who is assisting Father Roosevelt to run the school. We were also very happy to be told that Father had hired a preschool teacher and three school support employees with tuition dollars collected from those families who can afford it – a big step in sustainability!

We visited the elementary school and met with the teachers after school. Some of their needs are: games for the Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms, trash cans, boom box/portable sound system, teacher desks, roof repair.

We met with the secondary school teachers as well. Their greatest needs were: transportation to and from Port-au-Prince (2 motorcycles), materials to help learn English, French, and Spanish, sports uniforms and soccer balls. Jean Kowalski met with the nurses at the clinic, visited the chicken farm and the water purifying system all of which are funded by Gesu.

Joyce gave the top students in each class a gift for their efforts and the top teachers in the elementary and secondary school were also rewarded while we were there. We all enjoyed spending time with parishioners and also were able to hand out some of the items you generously donated to our Haiti shipment.

Father Roosevelt will be visiting us September 14th-19th. There will be a second collection at all Masses to help cover the cost of the secondary school, which totals \$46,000 for the year. Or, if you would like to sponsor an individual student in the secondary school (cost is \$250/year, which will be applied to the \$46,000) please contact Joyce Bies at [beezer22@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beezer22@sbcglobal.net) or 616-847-1382. On Saturday we will have a potluck dinner after the 5pm Mass where parishioners will have an opportunity to meet Father and ask any questions. On Sunday there will be a pancake breakfast after the 9 and 11am Masses. Please help us educate the children of Sts. Simon and Jude! We were able to fund the 2017/2018 school year because of your generosity and hope to do the same for 2018/2019. God Bless You for your kindness and support!







# Parish Festival 2018



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