



## St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish *Newsletter*

Reverend Charles J. Schwartz

September - December 2019

### **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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Greetings in Christ!!

Hopefully we are all rested and ready, as Summer transforms into Fall and we begin a new school year. There are exciting things on the horizon for us as a parish. As mentioned before the Pastoral Council and I have been working toward a pastoral plan based on who we are and what we are about in this parish. And so, we want to know our impact for Christ in the lives of people both inside and outside of the doors of the parish and how to *better* serve. We know who we are, a welcoming community, alive in Christ, making present the kingdom of God. And we know what we are about, Opening Doors to welcome and serve. Soon we will be asking each member of the parish to let your voices be heard. Using CARA, we will be conducting a parish wide survey in October and then in the months following we will have listening sessions. We NEED your voice and your participation.

Also on the horizon, with the other parishes in the diocese we will participate in a program called Healing Our Church. Recognizing that each of us has been affected by the scandals and cover ups in the Church, we have an opportunity to come together as a community and heal together. Each of the sessions are led by Lay-leaders. It is my hope that we will experience healing and renewal through this effort.

Knowing that this is a busy time of year, I wish to point out a place of peace, quiet rest and healing: our Adoration Chapel. Because it's so busy and all of us are being pulled in so many different directions at once, I want to encourage each of us to find solace and peace before the Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Unplug from busyness and find nourishment, strength, freedom and rest by being with Christ.

Finally, looking far, far ahead. I am happy to announce that next year, I will complete the Spiritual Direction Training program I have been attending for the last 3 years. With my new found time in the schedule, at the end of October 2020, I will be leading a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes for the parish. See next page for highlights!

Blessings, and as Padre Pío said, "serve the Lord with laughter!"

Fr. Chuck

# St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish presents... Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona October 25 - November 3, 2020

**Highlights:** Fatima, Aljustrel, Valinhos, Cathedral of Burgos, Monastery of Maria Real de las Huelgas, Lourdes, Grotto of Massabielle, Carcassonne, Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia.

- Worship in the most revered basilicas of Fatima and Lourdes.
- Spend time at the magnificent Cathedral of Burgos
- Visit Gaudi's masterpiece "La Sagrada Familia" and celebrate Mass.
- Travel back in time in the amazing medieval city of Carcassonne.
- View the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos.
- Gather for a memorable farewell dinner in Barcelona.

For more information contact the Parish Office at 616-842-0001.



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## HAITI TWINNING REPORT

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish supports St. Simon and St. Jude Parish, which is half way up a mountain outside the capital city of Port-au-Prince. We support the daily function of the church and parish school which serves preschool through 13th grade. Preschool through 6th grade is financed by our Christian Service tithe and 7-13th grade is financed through various fundraisers, the Haiti Scholarship program, and generous donations from our parishioners. The Haiti Committee is preparing for Father Roosevelt's visit the weekend of September 14/15th. He will be at all the

Masses and we will be taking a second collection to support the 7-13th grades. Our goal is to raise \$46,000 which will cover the 7-13th grade teachers' salaries (\$4,600/month for 10 months). Last year, through the Scholarship Program and your generous donations we were able to pay the teachers for the school year. The Haiti Committee thanks you for your generosity and love towards educating our brothers and sisters in Haiti! Also, our yearly shipment reached Father Roosevelt in June and he is very grateful for all of your amazing donations of school supplies, personal care items, and clothes. We would like to thank Mary Turner and friends who sewed cloth diapers for the children of our twin parish.

Also, thank you to Andrea Williamson and the CREW kids for your wonderful donations of shoes. Andrea also procured a donation from Under Armour and we sent 40 boxes of brand new clothes to our parishioners at St. Simon and Jude! Thank you to Claire Pinsonneault who packed most of the boxes for the shipment! So much time, talent and treasure from all of you!

God Bless you for your love and generosity!!

Chris Fojtik  
Haiti Committee

## PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY



### POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

Are you caring for an older adult with a chronic illness? Caregiving can cause stress on your physical and emotional health. Powerful Tools for Caregivers teaches you tools to help improve your caregiving experience. 6 sessions: Tuesdays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 1:30-3:00pm, Room 142, gathering space. Workshop is free. Preregistration is required by September 20. Register by contacting Christi Demitz, MSU Extension, at 616-632-7881 or [demitzch@msu.edu](mailto:demitzch@msu.edu).

**KID'S HOPE** is a mentoring program which has a rewarding

opportunity coming this fall. A grade school student is matched up with a volunteer, who commits to one hour per week during the school year. You could be that volunteer who makes a difference in a child's life! For more information contact Mary Ann Thelen at 616-846-1958.



**TEENS: DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY** presentation will be held on Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 pm. by a therapist from Mosaic Counseling (TCM). More information to follow.

**MOTHERS OF MANY SEASONS (MOMS)** began September 5 with a welcoming and potluck. Please join the moms and Titus

women at 9:30-11:30am, in Room 7 & 8. Child care is provided during meetings. **\*\*MOMS** bake sale to support nursery, Sept 14 & 15 after Masses.

The **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will take place after all Masses on November 16 & 17.



### BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

will be on Saturdays 6:00pm and Sundays 10:00am: November 16 & 17, January 18 & 19, March 14 & 15, May 16 & 17. Mark your calendar. If you are unable to attend, you can make an appointment by calling Parish Nurse office. 842-0001, ext. 119.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Blood Drive, Friday, December 27, 12-5:45pm, Room 142.

Thank you! Nancy Megley, RN.

## Job Seeker Program

During the fiscal year, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 the Job Seeker Program assisted 339 individuals who benefitted as a result of visiting our office for various services. In addition, we hosted 10 networking breakfasts as well as a Spring Job Fair in early May 2019.

#### Noted Outcomes

- Those verified as obtaining employment surged by 80% compared to same time frame the previous year
- Average number of job seekers attending the monthly networking breakfast increased by 50%
- Volunteer/Mentor hours grew by 15% during that interval. This included assisting clients with online applications assistance, scheduling appointments and completing follow ups calls to those not active with the program in previous months who may have required continued assistance in finding employment
- New clients to the Job Seeker Program rose by 7%
- Number of occurrences we provided support to Job Seekers totaled over 500; Those occurrences included: resume assistance, interviewing guidance, goal development, skill clarification, community resource awareness and job search event knowledge

The St Patrick – St Anthony Job Seeker Program looks forward to continue in serving the unemployed, underemployed and those with barriers with various job readiness services in the Tri-Cities area. The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and provides for a friendly atmosphere to meet clients.



## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE 2019 PARISH FESTIVAL!!

We had a very fun filled jammed packed 2 day event that was very well attended! Friday the Community Garage Sale and the Parish Garage Sale took place with lots of bargains. The concession food booths served good food while shoppers browsed.

Saturday we had an amazing turn out for the Car show with 67 cars registered!! All cars were shined up and looking spiffy for all to see! We also had an amazing Pancake breakfast during the morning! At 11am Kids games started and were enjoyed by all! The dunk tank was a huge

success. It was fun to take turns dunking some of our favorites of the Parish, including Fr. Chuck! At noon we had BINGO under the big tent that brought many BINGO enthusiasts, and fun was had by all! The Parish garage sale continued until early afternoon, with a lot of items finding new homes!! At 4pm the beer tent opened with musical entertainment by our very own Alex Navas (Music director of SPSA) performing some great, old time rock and roll. At 5pm our Chicken dinner opened and was DELICIOUS!! Over 330 of Jay's famous grilled chicken were served. Great news...

Jay's famous grilled chicken will be returning again next year!! At 7pm we welcomed Sweet Justice Band with their amazing music, which brought a lot of dancing and enjoyment for all. At 9:30pm the \$5000 grand prize ticket was drawn and the winner of that was David Blank. The second \$1000 winner was Mariann McNally and third place \$500 winner was Carole Harken. Congratulations to all!! Thanks to all our Parish family volunteers and sponsors for making the 11<sup>th</sup> annual festival a huge success!! Mark your calendar for next year's festival August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>!

## THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS!!

### Thank you to all the Car show Sponsors

Awards Plus Laser Engraving  
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Rockauto.com  
Southtown Car Wash  
Papa Murphy's Pizza  
D&W Fresh Market, Grand Haven  
Hagerty Insurance  
Lisa Franklin @Home Reality  
Culver's, Grand Haven

### Thanks to all the volunteers that went into the Dunk Tank, you are brave souls!!

Dylan Dault  
Teesie Fritsch  
Fr. Chuck x2  
Tony Allen  
Kyle Koestner  
Grant Wyatt  
Alex Navas  
Noah Thelen  
Keri McCarthy

### A HUGE Thank you to the Raffle Ticket Sponsor

City Auto Body

#### Platinum Level

Grand Haven Custom Molding  
West Michigan Roofing & Construction

#### Gold Level

Tri-Cities Broadcasting Foundation  
Langlois Furniture  
Alex Fricano  
Muskegon Catholic Central

#### Silver Level

Paul & Lori Zelenka  
Oddside Ale

#### Bronze Level

Angelos & Laura Marasco  
Roger & Mary Starkweather  
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Mark & Phyllis Ventocilla  
Joan Grillo  
John & Michelle Strainer  
Ray & Esther Breiding  
Ron & Mary Jane Mass  
Global Auto Works, LLC  
Klaassen Family Funeral Home  
Mike Heck - State Farm Insurance

Thank You to Alpine Rent All & Sales for another great year for our 2019 Parish Festival. Your service was outstanding & for being a Platinum sponsor for the festival once again!!



## TRI-CITIES UNITY GOLF CLASSIC



In picture left to right:  
John Strazanac, Bob Wassick,  
Joe and Carla Laethem

On Monday, August 19th a great time was had by all who participated in the Tri-Cities Unity Golf Classic held at Spring lake Country Club. This was a newly combined event between St. Mary's Parish and St. Patrick - St. Anthony Parish to help benefit St. Mary's school. Participants were able to take part in various activities across the course. The activities included: Hit the Green and Double your Raffle Ticket Chances on four holes and Can a Third Grade Teacher Help Your Team? In which teams made a donation in exchange for Tricia Suchecki, St. Mary's 3rd grade teacher, to tee off for the team. The day wrapped up with a putting contest, winning team announcements and a taco bar dinner. Keep an eye out for the bulletin in May 2020 announcing next years date.

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<h2>...&amp; Experience the Glory!</h2>	

**STAY WITH US:** The USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis chose the 2019-2020 theme "Stay with Us" in response to an "increasingly secularized society and the dynamics of disaffiliation in young Catholics." It was noted that many of the young people "stop identifying themselves as Catholics" because they really never had a strong attachment to the Church in the first place. Our mission here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Elementary Faith Formation is to provide an extraordinarily rich and peace-filled environment where children can learn and encounter our Lord and Savior. This experience includes a Gospel centered curriculum in which the kerygma is developed through the nucleus of the Paschal Mystery and growth in continued love and service to God's people – the Body of Christ. Emphasis is put on the life giving nature of the sacraments, prayer, Adoration, and the Mass.

**FALL 2019 PROGRAMMING:** Our K-4 faith formation program will begin on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15-5:30 beginning September 23 and 25! Families choose the day that fits best with their schedule. Kindergarten children will experience the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium – a methodology approach to religious formation based on scripture and liturgy and grounded in Montessori philosophy and pedagogy. Catechists for this program have a CGS certification which includes at least ninety hours of training and additional reading, study and material making.

**OUTREACH UPDATE:** By the generosity of this parish, children who attended VBS this summer, in just one day, made 50 lbs. of trail mix, 5 lbs. of decorated bags, and 17 lbs. of wish list items. Additionally, VBS families raised enough money to send several Haitian children to school, and those children will also benefit by all the school shoes that were collected throughout the year and sent over to Haiti!

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:** As of July 15, Virtus-Protecting God's Children Sessions are now offered online. Visit [gdiocese.org](http://gdiocese.org) and click on Protecting God's Children, or call us for answers. This training is for anyone and especially for those working with children.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

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

**5th/6th  
Grade  
Kick Off:  
SEPT 24!**



**7th Grade  
Kick Off:  
SEPT 18!  
8th Grade  
Kick Off:  
Sept 25!**

**Register for ROCK and EDGE TODAY!**  
Pick up a form in the Parish Office or register online at [stpatsgh.org](http://stpatsgh.org)



**October 19: 6-9th Grade**

**Holy Fire Retreat in Chicago**

**Firm Registration deadline is Sept 25.**

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**

**\$55 . Includes charter bus transportation and registration fee. Permission Forms available on the parish website.** Visit [www.formedcatholic.com/holyfire](http://www.formedcatholic.com/holyfire) for more details.

**Confirmation Registration Due: August 31**

**Preparation now a 2 year process!**

**It begins in 7th grade and continues through 8th grade.**

**For more information, contact Teesie.**

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# LIFE TEEN

## 2019 FALL SEMESTER

SUNDAY NIGHT 7-8:30PM DROP IN @ 6:30PM

### September

8 Fall Kick Off  
15 Social Night  
22 Parent Night  
29 Fiat Lux

### October

6 Mary's Fiat  
13 Thy Will  
20 Be Done  
27 Youth Bash

### November

3 The Annunciation  
10 The Visitation  
17 Birth of Jesus  
24 The Presentation

### December

1 NO Life Teen  
8 Finding in Temple  
15 Christmas Party

### Other Dates

March 13-15 Spring  
Retreat  
June 22-27 Restore  
Mission Trip  
July Steubenville



# Arts & Crafts Show

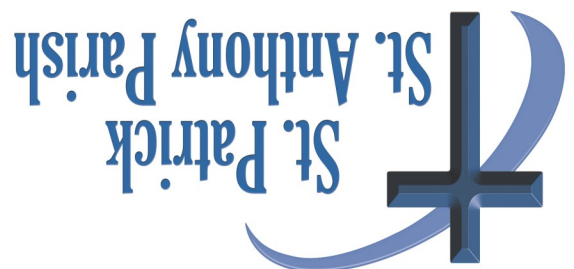
Friday, November 8, 2019  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday, November 9, 2019  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

*Unique handcrafted items, artwork,  
quality baked goods & coffee, specialty  
lunch menu and much, much more!*

**Volunteers needed** to help vendors set up,  
relieve them for a break, bring them lunch  
if they order, basic hosting duties.  
Call the parish office at 616-842-0001

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