

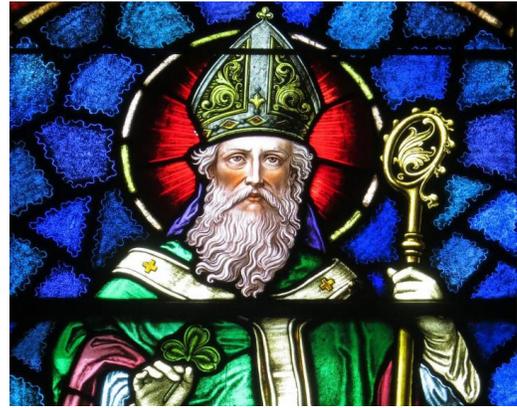
TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

THURSDAY BULLETIN

March 17, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy St. Patrick's Day! The classrooms were filled with green attire to celebrate the occasion! Several of the classes have been working diligently on traps to capture a leprechaun. We sure have some creative kiddos and future engineers in our community!



A reminder that there is no school or Educare tomorrow for teacher inservice and training. School is closed on Monday, with Educare available to those who register in advance. Finally, Friday, March 25th is an early dismissal for our accreditation meeting with the visiting team. School will dismiss at 11:30. Educare is available with pre-registration required.

Next week is our accreditation visit. A team of highly qualified educators from across the state will be spending three days with us to affirm the many wonderful things happening at Trinity and to help set goals for future growth. Trinity is accredited through the Western Catholic Education Association. Thank you to the parents who agreed to participate in the panel discussion on Wednesday evening. We will also select a few students to share their perspective with the team. Please help to ensure that your children are dressed in full uniform next week, as we want the team to admire how sharp our students look!

Our 8th graders are selling hanging baskets and potted plants for Mother's Day to raise funds for their class field trips. If you would like to support a student (or two), please contact Mr. Chambers at cchambers@trinityspokane.com so he can connect you with a student.

The 4th grade class will be presenting Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 1st at 2:00 in the church. All are invited to attend this Lenten presentation.

Finally, Spring conferences are scheduled for Friday, April 15th. There is no school, and conferences will be held between 8:00-2:00. Spring conferences are by request, so if you would like to meet with a teacher, please reach out to schedule a time. If you receive a request from a teacher, please schedule a time as well. Virtual or phone conferences are available if so desired.

An Irish Prayer: "May God give you...For every storm, a rainbow; for every tear, a smile; for every care, a promise; and a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share; for every sigh, a sweet song; and an answer for each prayer."

Blessings,

Stacie Holcomb

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Flower sale. Just in time for Mother's Day! Purchase a 14 " hanging basket or 12" planter to help fund 8th grade trips and activities. Over 25 varieties and pot selections to choose from when you pick up your flowers on Thursday, May 5, at Wilson Hall.

Contact Mr. Chambers for inquiries and questions at cchambers@trinityspokane.com

An order for is attached.



TRINITY LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

As a service project for Lent, the 2nd grade will be coordinating donations to help CAPA (Childbirth and Parenting Assistance - Catholic Charities).

We are asking each classroom to collect the following items:



baby shampoo
teethers
diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6)
new clothing (tags on) newborn through 6t
baby wipes
diaper cream
new washcloths
new socks
new baby blankets



RE-ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

There are two ways to access and submit this application:

Login to your Sycamore account. Click on MY SCHOOL, click on ENROLLMENT, click on ONLINE PORTAL.

or

Go to our website, trinityspokane.org. Click on CURRENT FAMILY ENROLLMENT.

FINANCIAL AID / TUITION ASSISTANCE

To apply for tuition assistance:

Go to our website, trinityspokane.org. Click on FACTS MANAGEMENT, click on PARENTS, click on FINANCIAL AID

REMINDER:

Friday, 3/18: No school (and Educare)
Monday, 3/21: No school (Educare open)
Friday, 3/25: 11:30 a.m. dismissal (Educare open)

ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE TIME

Students should not arrive until 5 minutes before the bell or be picked up no later than 5 minutes after afternoon dismissal. Educare is available for early and late pickups.

ST. PATRICK

Who Was St. Patrick?

Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. He is credited with successfully spreading Christianity throughout Ireland.

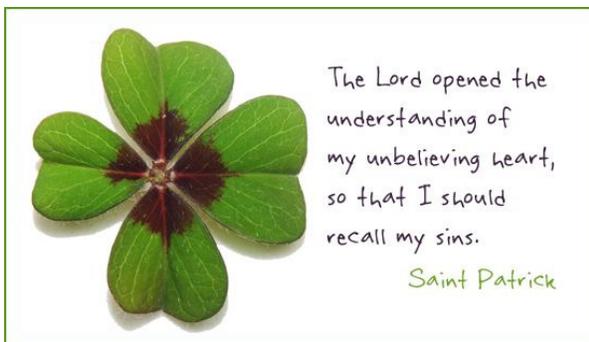


The man who would eventually become St. Patrick was born in Britain (part of the Roman Empire at the time) as Maewyn Succat in the late 4th century. His family was Christian, but it's said that Maewyn himself was an atheist throughout his childhood.

That would change at age 16 (around A.D. 400), when Maewyn was kidnapped from his home on the west coast of Britain by Irish pirates, who proceeded to carry him off to Ireland and force him to work as a shepherd herding sheep. After six years, he escaped his captors, walking nearly 200 miles through the Irish landscape and convincing a ship to carry him with them back to Britain. This harrowing experience certainly had an effect on Maewyn, who was convinced it was the Lord who protected him and delivered him safely home.

Upon returning home, Maewyn received his call (in a dream) to preach the Gospel—in Ireland, of all places! He spent the next 15 or so years in a monastery in Britain, preparing for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patricius, and he returned to the land of his captors to begin his teachings.

Although some Christians already lived in Ireland at the time, the country was largely pagan, so spreading a foreign religion was not an easy task. Patricius traveled from village to village to share the teachings of the Lord, and was successful enough to eventually found many churches there.



WHY IS THE SHAMROCK ASSOCIATED WITH ST. PATRICK'S DAY?

We wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because, legend says, St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity in his teachings with one leaf representing the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, respectively. More recently, the four-leaf clover has also come to represent the Holy Trinity, with the fourth leaf symbolizing God's Grace.

Traditionally, four leaves were considered lucky because they reflected the shape of a cross and were thought to be magical or sacred. Eve supposedly took a four-leaf clover with her when she was banished from the Garden of Eden, too.

HOW RARE IS A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER? WHY ARE THEY LUCKY?

A four-leaf clover isn't a special variety of clover; it's just an unusual mutation of a three-leaf clover, but it's a "lucky" symbol because it's so hard to find. In fact, **your chances of finding a four-leaf clover are 1 in 10,000!** That's where the luck comes in, apparently.

According to popular lore, if you do find a four-leaf clover, giving it to someone else doubles your luck.



How do you greet someone on March 17?

"Irish you a happy St. Patrick's Day."