



Dear Parents,

March 17, 2021

Blessed St. Patrick Day! Today we have the celebration of this wonderful Irish Saint to brighten our Lent. St. Patrick had a deep faith in Christ's abiding presence. He wrote the following prayer, the truth of which can be helpful all through our lives.



***Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of
me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of
me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.***

This prayer, which is actually just a section of the original, is popularly called St. Patrick's Breastplate. Like steel armor, it protected St. Patrick from Satan, sin and discouragement and strengthened him to live a holy life for Christ. May St. Patrick pray for us and all our children that we may be people armored with faith in the presence of Christ.

In the Heart of Christ the King,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.

Confirmation Retreat Day: Tomorrow, Thursday, March 18, is a retreat day for St. James 5th graders and CCD students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Children attending the retreat day may dress up for the day and are also asked to bring their own lunches.

St. Joseph Bake Sale: The sixth graders are putting on a bake sale this Friday, March 19. Proceeds will go to the Rice Bowl collection which supports hungry children around the world.

SFA Meeting: Please mark your calendars to join us for an important School Family Meeting this Tuesday, March 23 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Guest speaker, Colleen Richards will speak to give us all a better idea of what Catholic Liberal Education means and how it might benefit St. James School.

No School Monday and Tuesday, March 22, 23: Children will not have school on Monday and Tuesday, March 22 and 23. The teachers, however will be very busy attending a two-day workshop presented by Colleen Richards of the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education entitled ***Bringing Liberal Arts Education to Life in the Classroom***. Come to the SFA meeting on Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall to hear some of what the teachers learned during these days.

Good Shepherd and Sacred Heart Scholarship: The absolute deadline is coming up soon. All applications must be submitted by March 31. Please apply through FACTS application found at the bottom of the front page on our school website. Link. [St James Elementary School](#)

Living Stations: Our sixth graders will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 26 at 2:30 pm. Sixth grade parents are welcome to join us.

Calendar Lottery The calendar lottery is the MAJOR fundraiser for St. James School and replaces the need to do numerous fundraisers throughout the year. Since this is our biggest fundraiser, it is very important that each family participate! For every 10 tickets your family sells, your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to our SCRIP program. The winner can choose from various retailers such as Wal-Mart, Runza, Casey's, Amazon, etc! Imagine having an extra \$100 to spend! This year we hope to use the calendar lottery funds to fill our library and classrooms with high quality classical children's literature. If you have any questions, please contact Anne & Chris Hobbs (402) 321-6697 ahobbs@unomaha.edu

Upcoming Dates:

March 22 No school. Teacher in-service day
Confirmation 7:00 pm.

March 23 No School. Teacher in-service day
SFA Meeting 7:30 pm

Coming Home Today:

- Tuition Envelopes
- Scrip Order Form
- 6th Grade St. Joseph Bake Sale
- Summer Solutions Flier
- Crete annual Easter Egg-stravaganza