



# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

March 20, 2024

Our third graders recently had the wonderful experience of observing baby chicks hatch from their eggs. It is slow and excruciating work for the chicklets. They break free panting and fainting from exhaustion. Children almost always want to help by pulling away the shell but, as difficult as it is to see, the struggle is good for the chicks. Without the labor, the chicks would soon die for the work of pecking and pushing develops the chicks' lungs and other muscles.



You may know of people right now who are struggling with lack of finances, broken relationships, loved ones being far away, emotional or physical illness, and more. In my own life, I have two family members struggling with cancer and, far more painful to my heart, some not practicing their Catholic faith. As hard as it is to experience these things, God allows them that we may develop the spiritual strength necessary for a new life of faith in Christ Jesus.

We need to learn to trust in Jesus as our Savior like St. Paul who said, "I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given Himself up for me" (Gal 2:20). Jesus promised, "Whoever believes in me, . . . 'rivers of living water will flow from him'" (Jn. 7:38). To me this sounds like a foretaste of Heaven and that is exactly where our faith will lead us. (See Jn. 3:36).

We are now in the final days of Lent. The chicks, ever a great symbol for Easter, remind us to persevere in our struggles by believing in Jesus' love for us, His knowledge of what is best for us, and His promise to bring us to new life!

In the Heart of Christ the King,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.

**Calendar Lottery:** Parents, you should have received your calendar lottery tickets last week. If you have not seen them, please check your child’s backpack. Pre-K families are asked to sell 5 tickets per family. Families with children in K-6<sup>th</sup> grades are asked to sell 10 tickets per family. This money goes to the SFA and helps cover the cost of field trips, library books, PE equipment, professional development for teachers, guest presenters, and much more! Let us know if you would like extra tickets. We have more in the office!

**Opportunity for Selling Your Tickets:** Join with a calendar lottery team member to sell your tickets! Please contact the school, Jamie Louch, Jennifer Bridger, or Hannah Kubicek if interested. Dates: After the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday April 6, after the 9:00 am, 11:30 am, and 7:00 pm Masses on Sunday, April 7.

**Good Shepherd Scholarships:** The final day is March 31. You should qualify if your income falls in the range on the chart below. Please don’t wait. To apply for Good Shepherd go to:

% Poverty Level	
Family Size	225%
2	\$44,370
3	\$55,935
4	\$67,500
5	\$79,065
6	\$90,630
7	\$102,195
8	\$113,760
9	\$125,325
10	\$136,890

<https://www.st-james-crete.org/parents/grants-and-scholarships/>

If you need assistance, school personnel are happy to help you complete the application.

**Stations of the Cross:** On March 22 at 2:20 pm, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will present “Living Stations of the Cross.” You are very welcome to join us.

**Coming Home Today:** Summer Reading Skills Flyer, Enrollment Reminder, Tuition Reminders ( if needed), Lunch Balances ( if needed).

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

March 28, 29 Holy Thursday and Good Friday ( No school)

April 1, 2 Easter Monday and Tuesday ( No school)

April 3 School resumes

April 21, Calendar Lottery drawing in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 am Mass.

