



# IRISH EYES

## Week of MARCH 8, 2010

March POPS – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Topics for the Week

March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day  
Absences due to vacations  
Chastity & Safe Environment Program  
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### School Information

#### Reminder about School Calendar

Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>:  
Dismissal at 11:30 AM  
District 303 buses are available at arrival only

#### St. Patrick Alumni of the Year

At our St. Patrick's Day Mass – 9:45 AM on Wednesday – March 17<sup>th</sup>, we will honor St. Pat's graduates who are/have served in the military. Please call the school office at (630) 584-6367 if you know of a graduate in the military.

#### Absences Due to Vacations

St. Patrick Catholic School Policy:

- Please inform in writing to your child/ren homeroom teacher and the school office when you will be on vacation.

- If your child misses school due to a family trip or vacation, it is the parent and child's responsibility to get caught up academically. Teachers will keep all missed work, and present it to the child upon his/her return.

#### Christian Chastity and Safe Environment Program

This past Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> was the parent meeting on the new Diocesan Program: Diocese of Rockford Formation in Christian Chastity and Safe Environment Program. If you were unable to attend the meeting, but would like to learn about the program please go to [www.ceorockford.org](http://www.ceorockford.org). Then, do the following:

- Go to home page of Department of Educational Services
- Click on Child Safety on right side of top bar
- This will bring up the "Chastity and Safe Environments" program.
- Go to the grade level(s) of your child(ren) to review information.

Sometime in Religion class between March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, your child's Religion teacher will present a lesson on Chastity. This is for grades 1 – 8. Religion teachers in grades 1, 3, 5, and 8 will also present a lesson on safe environment. We hope that you will want your child to participate in the lesson. If you do not want your child to participate, please complete the opt out form. You can download the form at <http://www.stpatsirish.org/files/ChastityOptOutForm.pdf>

Please complete the form, sign it, and return the form to the school office by Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. If the office does not receive the form by Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, we will assume that you want your child/ren to participate. Thank you.

### **P.E. News**

#### **JUMP ROPE and HOOPS FOR HEART EVENT AT ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL A SUCCESS!**

During the week of February 22 – 26, students at St. Pat's jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope For Heart. The students raised more than \$9,000 for the American Heart Association.

Donations raised during Jump Rope For Heart help fund research to fight heart disease and stroke and also support the American Heart Association's public and professional education programs. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in America and stroke is No. 3.

Thank you for the time and energy you devoted to our event and it would not have been possible without your dedication.

St. Pat's very first Jump Rope and Hoops For Heart event was a huge success and I am very proud of all our jumpers.  
Mrs. Semenek

### **Internet Safety**

Please discuss with your child anything they may have posted on You Tube, Facebook, or other areas. If it is inappropriate, please remove it. You will soon be receiving more information on Internet Safety.

### **Student Council**

Student Council will be selling raffle tickets on March 10 for \$1 each and will be sold at lunchtime. The prizes will be a Terracycle Tote, pencil pouch or lunch box. The winner will get to choose first, runner up chooses second and third place chooses

third. These prizes are entirely made of juice boxes which is really cool and unique looking. The profits will go to the school for further enrichment. Please buy tickets and support your school!

Get ready for the annual 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance. The dance will be on March 20. The time is 7:00 – 9:30 PM. Please look for a flyer coming home on March 5, this Friday. The attire is casual dress. Be prepared for a night of music, snacks, dancing and fun!

### **U.S. Census**

The U.S. Constitution requires a count every 10 years of everyone living in the United States. This count is called a census, and it is taking place again this Spring, 2010. The 2010 census questionnaire will be mailed to your home in March, 2010. The form contains 10 questions, and can be completed in about 10 minutes. Please return the questionnaire by mail. If you do not return the form by mail, a census worker will come to your home to collect the information in person. You can find more information about the census at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

### **C.Y.A.H.**

We need more singers for our next CYAH Mass on March 14th @ 11:30 a.m.  
Crane Road.

**Mandatory Music Practice for 5th graders thru High School age who want to sing will be Thurs, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 5:30pm in the Fr.Carse Center (Downtown)**

Contact Mike Zak, Dir. of Youth Ministry  
Or For more information go to the Parish Web Site.

### **Sister Liz's Corner**

We are just about to start the third full week of Lent. Take time out this week end to take stock of your Lenten resolutions. You are still on time to readjust according to your need or even make new resolutions. Sticking to our resolutions helps us change into better people. Don't forget to include your children when reviewing Lenten resolutions. They

just might offers an idea or two that we didn't think of. Trust me when I say we have an awful lot to learn from our children!

So as you continue the Season of lent, don't forget to:

- ♥ Observe the commandments (Yes, all ten!)
- ♥ Do works of charity
- ♥ Turn away from all that is not God
- ♥ Make sacrifices
- ♥ Be generous
- ♥ Be cheerful
- ♥ Have a spirit of joy
- ♥ Be at peace with one and all
- ♥ Praise the Lord daily
- ♥ Read the Holy Scriptures each day
- ♥ Give alms
- ♥ Work to for justice
- ♥ Make this Lent the best you've ever made!

Most of all, tell your family members how much you care for them; don't let a day go by without telling them you love them!

PS: Here is a site for a very useful Lenten calendar

<http://www.ascensionkettering.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/whws129-lent-calendar-2010.pdf>

## **Home/School Information**

### **BOOK FAIR**

Hours:

Monday March 8 Kindergarten 2-3:30

Monday March 8 Grand Event 4-7:30

Tuesday March 9 – Friday March 12

Open Daily 8:00 am – 3:30pm

Please contact Erica Zoretic @ [Nickzor@aol.com](mailto:Nickzor@aol.com) if you would still like to volunteer to help. Volunteer sessions are 8:00 – 11:30 and 11:30 – 3:30.

Please plan to come and bring a “Grand” person in your life and enjoy an evening of book browsing, story times by St. Patrick teachers and light refreshments. “Grand” people include Grandparents, Godparents, Mom, Dad, Aunts, Uncles or anyone who is special in your life. Attached to the information that will be sent home on Friday, February 26 is an invitation to send to your “Grand” to invite them to the event.

Storytime schedule:

4:30 Mrs. O’Neill

5:00 Mrs. Brewster

5:30 Mrs Pistilli

6:00 Mrs. Rensa

6:30 Sister Mary

7:00 Mrs. Zirlin

For more information please contact Erica Zoretic @ [Nickzor@aol.com](mailto:Nickzor@aol.com) or Alice Williams [alice@stcwilliams.com](mailto:alice@stcwilliams.com) .

### **SOS**

Please note that SOS has begun the process of emailing all service project information to every Jr High family in addition to sending out a hard copy with the students. If you are not receiving the email please check your spam and make sure you add [lisa@shockeyjewelers.com](mailto:lisa@shockeyjewelers.com) to your address book.

### **HOME AND SCHOOL POSITIONS**

If you would like to be more involved at school and meet more families, please consider one of the open Home and School positions. We are still in need of help with After School Enrichment (ASE), Emerald Evening co-chair, Math Club, Red Ribbon Week, and Website. Yes, we have an Emerald Evening Chair thank you Lynn Strickland for planning Emerald Evening 15. It will be an amazing event. Please consider managing one of the open positions next year. Contact Anne-Marie Woodrich [awoodrich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:awoodrich@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### **MARKET DAY**

March is a great month to place a Market Day® order. Receive a FREE 4-pack of All Natural Stain Erasers with a minimum order of \$40. It's also a great time to stock up on desserts for spring celebrations!

#### **Deals of the Week (3/1-3/6):**

Save \$1.00 on 2141 Garlic and Herb Shrimp - Enter Promo Code: VC9218

Save \$1.00 on 1244 Smoked Sausage – Enter Promo Code: VC9244

Save \$.50 on 4731 Root Beer Float Cups – Enter Promo Code: VC9225

**March Bonus:** Free *naturally* it's clean™ Stain Erasers with any \$40 purchase for March sale pick-up.

**Save \$8 on an \$80 order:** Save \$8 off of \$80 purchase\*. Enter promo code: MARSAVE at checkout when you submit your March order on line. (\*Pre-tax)

**Freequent Buyers Bonus:** Place a \$40 order 2 times between Feb & April and then again in May to receive FREE MiteNMighty step stool. It's awesome...view it here: [Market Day](#) | [About Market Day](#) | [Promotions](#) |

**Clearance:** Be sure to check out the clearance area online for low prices on specials that are out of this world!

**Facebookers:** "Become A Fan" and receive Deal of the Week notices and recipes on your homepage.

**Ordering Tip:** Sign up at [marketday.com](#) to receive the Deals of the Week e-mail newsletter from Market Day®. Begin placing your order online when you want a Deal of the Week (using the instructions/coupon codes in the e-mail), but check out as a COD order. Continue adding to your order online as the weekly e-mail comes in, then check out by the ordering deadline, as either COD or pay by credit/debit card.

**Online orders are due Monday, 3/15 by 11pm** for pick up on Thursday, March 18, 2-30-3:30 pm in the Fr. Carse Center. If you have any questions, call Kate Dzierzanowski, Anna Bolger or Norma Kuehl, our Market Day moms.

## **Calendar**

### **Monday – March 8**

POPS – Zoretic, Berg, Castoro

### **Tuesday – March 9**

9:45 AM Mass

Kindergarten to Hemmens

Hot Lunch – Pizza

Market Day Paper Orders are Due

POPS – Fernandez, Woodrich, Vainisi

### **Wednesday – March 10**

Student Council Raffle Tickets:

\$1 each sold at lunchtime

IMSA Math Contest

POPS – Kliment, Sweeney

### **Thursday – March 11**

Education Commission Meeting:

7:30 PM in Room 002

Hot Lunch – Sesame Chicken

POPS –Wallace

### **Friday – March 12**

Stations' of the Cross for Grades 1 – 8

at 2:00 PM in Church

POPS – Christin, Abele