



Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center

March 2019

2019 FABULOUS LENTEN FISH FRY'S

MARCH 8, MARCH 22 AND APRIL 5

Please join us for our annual Fabulous Lenten Fish Fry's on Friday's During Lent.



Friday, March 8, 2019 is our 1st of 3 Fabulous Lenten Fish Fry's. Please be sure to get your tickets and join us for some Fabulous Fish Dinners! Dinner will be from 5:00pm to 7:15 pm. Take out is available.

Dinner includes Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits or Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and a Beverage.

Tickets: 10.00 for Adults / 5.00 for children under 10.

We always need volunteers for the Fish Fry so if you can't come to volunteer, consider sponsoring an ingredient. Please see more information on page 2 of the newsletter.

BASKET FUNDRAISER

Please bring in your donated Themed gift baskets for our annual Basket Fundraiser. We would like to display the baskets after the weekend Masses at church before the 2nd Fish Fry on March 22nd. All baskets will be raffled off at the FISH FRY. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are 1.00 each or 6 for 5.00. You may enter your ticket in the basket of your choice for a chance to win.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Ash Wednesday, March 6
- 1st Lenten Fish Fry , March 8
- 2nd Fish Fry & Basket Fundraiser Drawing, March 22



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Sat. Vigil: 4pm

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**Stations of the Cross
Lenten Fridays @ 6:00 pm**



SAINT PATRICK

St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland, he is known for using the Shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity.

"Patrick's Breastplate"

Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

Saint Patrick's Feast Day

March 17th

INFANT I

Where does time go? It's already March and the breeze came with it. The babies just love going to the flag in the morning to sing and say the pledge and pray for God's blessings on our day. Then we go for a nice buggy ride so they can enjoy the fresh air. They enjoy when the parents and school kids see them and stop to say hello.

In March, we will be painting with green and making our shamrock's and our hands and feet prints. We will also try a little finger painting and even try to use the brushes. The babies love eating so we want to have a bit of fun with green foods! (Examples-green beans-peas- green applesauce).

We will be working on reaching out for objects and holding on to them; lots of tummy time; and moving and crawling. We do lots of singing and reading during the day. The babies love it when you use puppets for finger play and talking to them. Please remember your donations of wipes each month. It is very much appreciated. If you have any questions please feel free to ask. Your input is very important to us.

Thank you

Mrs. Linda Ms. Maryanne

INFANT II

Welcome to March! This month we welcomed Tripp and Ember to our classroom. It will be great to watch them grow and experience new things everyday!

Last month, we celebrated Valentines Day. We did a few fun activities throughout the month. The children enjoyed the painting activities such as painting with red and pink. We also cut out hearts and stamped the children's hands on the heart.

During the month of March, we will be using the green paint to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. We will be painting a Shamrock green and letting the children free paint with the color green.

We worked with the children on their balance by having them stand at the green table in the classroom. The children have also enjoyed using the walking toys that they have been pushing and walking around the classroom.

Please check out our outside play pictures that I have posted up. Now that it has been warming up outside we have been able to make it outside more often. The children that are walking enjoy exploring the playground. If the older children are outside they love to watch them play from our fence. They love to swing in the swings.

Everyone who has been eating finger foods has enjoyed everything you have packed for them. It is good for their fine motor skills to be able to pick up food and eat it. Here are some suggestions on finger foods if you need some. I find that they love fruit so bananas, peaches, grapes, strawberries. The vegetables that the children enjoy eating are green beans, carrots, peas. Other foods I have noticed that they enjoy are mac and cheese, yogurt, pancakes, cheerios, crackers, applesauce. I hope these suggestions are helpful to everyone.

Ms. Katie Ms. Kaitlyn Ms. Amanda

ONE YEAR OLD ROOM

March is here and we have so much going on this month! I would like to start by saying thank you to all of our parents for the cute treats and gifts you brought in for us and the children for Valentines day. I truly appreciate how thoughtful and involved all of our parents are. I think the children enjoyed learning about shapes and were very good at using their nice hands to show kindness to each other. We will be moving on to learning about colors this month but will continue to practice ways to be kind to one another.

Our dates to remember for this month are as follows:

March 6th is Ash Wednesday which symbolized the first day of Lent.

We are all wearing purple this day to symbolize the start of lent.

March 8th will be our first Lenten fish fry.

Please sign up to donate supplies, help out in the kitchen the day of, and/or purchase dinner tickets for your family.

March 8th is also Dr. Seuss dress up day to mark the beginning of authors and illustrator's month.

March 15th is wearing green day to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We will post a list of things we would like for our party.

March 18th – 22nd is spring break. Please let me know if there are days your child will not be attending.

March 22nd is our second Lenten fish fry.

Please sign up to donate supplies, help out in the kitchen the day of, and/or purchase dinner tickets for your family

Just a reminder we are still in need of themed basket donations for our basket raffle. If you have any questions or need suggestions for popular basket themes, just let me know.

I would like to share that we have been very successful with only using our pacifiers at nap time and also with transitioning to sippy cups for our milk and having less bottles throughout the day. We appreciate your support in our helping your children to make all of these transitions as they are very important to your child's growth and development. We have already noticed that we are hearing more words being used. If ever you need help or have questions about how to reinforce these changes at home I am always happy to share what I have learned over the years and also to research more options if need be. We are here to help any way we can.

As always, thank you for allowing us the privilege to care for your child and help them grow.

Ms. Jennifer Ms. Kristi Ms. Sandy Ms. Nicole

Daily Bread with Sr. Donna

Your Children have been going to Church on Tuesday's and learning about Jesus' teaching about loving one another. March 6th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. During Lent we will talk about ways we can be kind, help others and prepare ourselves for the Celebration of Easter. Talk with your children about ways that your family as a whole can prepare and do works of charity and Mercy during this special time of year.

Future cooks of America are back. We will be making Lava Cakes and Green Eggs and Ham to celebrate Dr. Seuss! We are learning about kitchen safety, hand washing and different ingredients that are needed and how they work together. We are learning about math and measuring by counting and measuring ingredients. The children have expanded their vocabulary with cooking terms and what those words mean. The children are also learning to try different kinds of foods. They are so proud of themselves when they do!!

Two Year Old Room

News from Ms. Monic



March

What We're Learning!

~ As we move into the next month, the children will be learning about numbers. We will be counting things that we use on a daily in our classroom along with getting use to recognizing each number throughout our indoor and outdoor classroom.

Upcoming Events

~ **March 6th** – Ash Wednesday (Wear Purple)

~ **March 8th** – Fish Fry

~ **March 15th** – St. Patrick's Day (Wear Green)

~ **March 18th** – Fish Fry

~ **March 25th** – Luau Day (wear your favorite Hawaiian Attire)

Monthly teacher tips:

~ As the warmer weather begins, some days we will need to start putting on sun screen. If you would like to keep sunscreen in the classroom for your child, please bring it in labeled with your child's name along with a filled out medical form. Each child has one in their classroom folder.

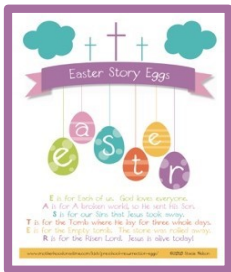
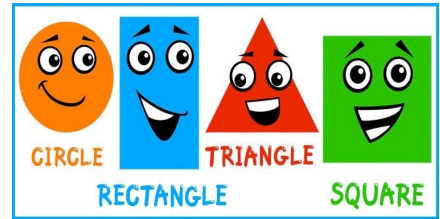
~ When you pick up your child, we encourage you to talk with your child about how their day was and what they did throughout the day.

~ Please check your child's folder daily. There is artwork and things that your child does throughout the day that gets put in there along with papers about upcoming events that I wouldn't want anyone to miss out on.

Ms. Monic Ms. Jodie Ms. Victoria

March Newsletter

Our Shape Unit is going very well. The children are seeing and identifying shapes they see in their environment. Circle, Oval, Square, Rectangle and Triangle are the shapes we are concentrating on during this unit. On Friday March 22nd at 3:30pm, we will have our “Shape Treasure Hunt”! One family member is invited to hunt for shapes on our playground and receive some “treasure” when all the shapes are found.



March 25th will mark the beginning of our Easter Unit. The main emphasis of the unit will be on the Easter story. It is my hope that by the end of the unit, your child will know why we celebrate Easter and will be able to retell the events of Jesus’s death, burial, resurrection and ascension into Heaven.

It’s Fish Fry time of year again! Please try to attend these dinners to support our school. They are on Friday 3/8, 3/22, and 4/5. If fish is not your thing, you can sponsor an item which is used in the preparation of the dinners.



Please consider donating a basket for our Annual Basket Fund Raiser. The drawing will be held on March 22nd. Be creative! Chocolate Lovers. Italian Dinner. Mexican Fiesta. Reading and Relaxing. If you don’t want to actually put together a full basket, just donate some items and we will put it together for you.

Ms. Sally Ms. Eloisa Ms. Sytearia

MUSIC AND SOUND WALL

It's time to Spring Clean! We are looking for metal pots and pans that we can use to make a music and sound wall for the children. The discovery of the different sounds and tones that can be made from pots and pans is not only a great experiment and a cause and affect activity, it is also FUN!!



FUN PIPES

We are also on the look out for some gently used PVC Pipes of different sizes to make and outdoor xylophone on the playground!



PRESCHOOL II



Happy March to all our wonderful families. It has been a great winter and we are looking forward to a beautiful spring in full bloom! We are having a great time learning about community helpers and will continue throughout the month of March. The children are engaging in wonderful conversations about the important people in our community. We have set up a "doctor station" for dramatic play and also have some great sensory activities and art surrounding our theme. The children have done a great job with their classroom job responsibilities. Each week, the children have an individual job to perform in maintaining our classroom. They are taking their jobs very serious and have learned about contributing to their community! We are also focusing on nutrition, keeping our bodies healthy, and being safe. Besides all of these extra fun learning opportunities, we are also focusing on replicating, duplicating, and extending simple patterns in math. Our literacy focus this month is comprehension, and responding to simple questions about material read.

Thank you to all of our parents for contributing to our Valentine's Day party. The children and teachers had a wonderful time. We appreciate your daily involvement with our classroom and center.

Important reminders: Please make sure that you have extra clothing on hand at school that still fits your child and is weather appropriate. Also, please make sure you check your child's folder each day.

Ms. Angie Ms. Erica Ms. Ashley Sister Donna

VPK I

Welcome Spring! Spring is here and our class has a lot of exciting things to learn! It is hard to believe that we only have three more months left of VPK. The children in the first week of March will start learning all about Lent. We will explore and discuss what is Lent and why we practice it. We also will be advancing deeper into Lent through Sister Donna with church, and, in our unit, through “Discovering Gods world”

We will be learning about Saint Patrick and celebrating the day. We will discuss Who is Saint Patrick? What was Saint Patrick known for, and where did he come from? We will read many books about Saint Patrick and create many art projects that reflect this holiday and Saint.

Metamorphosis~ the biological process by which an animal physically develops after birth or hatching through the stages of development

We'll continue our study of Authors and Illustrators by celebrating Dr. Seuss Birthday. We will be reading his books and using all his rhyming words. We will have art that reflects Dr. Seuss stories. We will be covering Eric Carle books and the “Very Hungry Caterpillar” and “Brown Bear, Brown Bear”. Along with this, we will add to science the study of the stages of a caterpillar. We would like the children to understand the term “Metamorphosis”. This is the biological process by which an animal physical develops after birth or hatching through the stages of development. Our class will be discussing all about plants and insects. We each will be growing a little plant, this helps children understand the soil, seed, plant process.

The Early Childhood Development Domains that we are targeting for March are language and literacy development, cognition and general Knowledge. (Science), and approaches toward learning.

I would also like to remind families that our class is still learning about other countries and we are continuing to write to Michael Drago from the US Marines currently stationed in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The children are enjoying getting to know him. They are getting an awareness globally and an understanding of what Men and Women do in uniform. During our Circle time and along with our morning lessons of numbers, letters and sounds, Miss Riley goes over sign language with the children. Miss Riley is brilliant and the children love her as much as I do.

Spring Break (No VPK) March 18—26th 2019

Thank you for trusting us with your children. We are always here if you want to discuss any concerns or suggestions. We are truly here for your child.

Mrs. Ida Ms. Riley Ms. Heather



VPK II

Dear Parents/ Grandparents/Guardians,

May the peace and love of Jesus Christ be with all of you.

February was filled with love in our class room. The children enjoyed passing out Valentine cards to all of their friends and teachers and making cards for their families and friends. We had a great party. Thank you so much for your donations and gifts. We really appreciate everything you do for us.

March brings us the season of spring and the Holy season of Lent. March 6TH is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of our Holy Season of Lent. Lent is a period of time between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Well in to the Holy Season of Lent, we are reminded of the ongoing need all of us have for conversion.

During Lent, we try to work extra hard at being the best we can be by doing good works for others, sharing, praying, and trying to do what is right at home and at school. Each week we will add a different symbol around our cross and say a different prayer. These will help us focus on our journey to Easter.

We will discuss about the greatness of Jesus love for each one of us. Our big question will be what can we do to show our **Love** for **JESUS**?

We will begin a Unit on **Authors and Illustrators** by celebrating **Dr. Seuss' Birthday**. During this week we will read some of his books and practice our rhyming words, and enjoy Green Eggs and Ham. **Lois Elhert and Pat Hutchings** are a couple of the other authors and illustrators we will explore during this study. **When the Doorbell Rang, Rosie's Walk, Ten Little Caterpillars and Eating the Alphabet** are just a few of their titles we will be reading. These wonderful books offer us lessons on addition and subtraction as well as predicting the outcome in a story. **Laura Numeroff** and her books on "**If you give a...**" help us learn about making predictions and look for the outcome in all of our activities.

We will use some of the books by **Eric Carle** to help us practice our sequencing and days of the week with the book **Very Hungry Caterpillar** and review our color words with **Brown Bear, Brown Bear**. We will also taste our way through the week as we follow the Very Hungry Caterpillar on his journey. And we will discuss how a Caterpillar Becomes a Butterfly?

This month is going to be a lot of fun with our puppets, dramatic play, special art and crafts, songs, finger plays and cooking activities.

We will continue our learning by making patterns, Math activities for building Number sense to 1-20, Counting down numbers from 10-0 ,addition to 5, Learning Alphabet letter, sound and brain-storm to find the words that begin that letter sound, rhymes, sight words and Compound words.

We will be focusing on getting ready for Kindergarten. If you have any questions about your child and their readiness, please feel free to ask. We feel so blessed to be on this journey with you and your children.

March 18 to 25 –No VPK. Please come for our Lenten Fish Fry's which will be on March 8th, 22nd and April 5th.

Thanks again and God's abundant blessings to you all for your cooperation, support and generosity.



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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

We hope every one had a great February and we Welcome March!

The Children will learn about Ash Wednesday and the importance of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation and self reflection as we await the coming of Jesus and the Celebration of His resurrection on Easter Sunday! During this Lenten Season, we will talk about ways that we can do good works of love, Find time to talk to God through Prayer and ways that we can Fast from the things that lead us away from God and His peace and love.

Friday, March 8th is our first Fabulous Lenten Fish Fry. Please be sure to get your tickets and join us for some Fabulous Fish Dinners! Dinner will be from 5:00pm to 7:15 pm . Take out is available. Dinner includes Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits or Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and a Beverage. Tickets are 10.00 for Adults and 5.00 for children under 10.

We always need volunteers for the Fish Fry if you can't come to volunteer , consider sponsoring an ingredient. Please see more information on the last page of this month's newsletter.

Be sure to bring your Baskets in for the Basket Fundraiser as soon as possible so that we have time to display them at the center and after the Sunday Masses before the Basket Drawing at the second Fish Fry on March 22nd.

March is also Authors and Illustrators month. We will explore the literary world with wonderful authors such as Laura Numeroff and Walter Farley along with creative illustrators such as Eric Carle and Lois Ehlert.

St. Patrick's Day is Sunday, March 17th so we will Celebrate on Monday , March 18th as it is our First Day of Spring Break! Be sure to wear your Green. We will have a class party in the afternoon, please watch for details in your child's folder.

Spring Break is March 18-26, 2019. Please let Ms. Debbie know if your child will be attending during the break. We have fun activities planned for the children and need an accurate count for supplies.

We hope that everyone enjoys this beautiful month of March and the beginning of Spring.

Ms. Debbie

Ms. Laura

Notes from Cindie...

Dear Parents,

What a beautiful spring we are having. I love to watch the children's faces light up as they see all of the new flowers bloom and feel the days get warmer. The children love to spend extra time outdoors during this time of year, as well as the teachers. This is fantastic picnic weather!

March 6, 2019 is Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of the Season of Lent.



Lent is a time of self-reflection, growth in faith and preparation for the coming of Jesus and His resurrection at Easter. We encourage the children "TO DO" something extra during this time of year. Become friends with a new playmate, help mommy and daddy around the house, do nice things for their siblings. We also talk to the children about praying. What is praying? How do we pray? What do we pray for? When is a good time to Pray? God wants us to share our thought and feelings with Him, He wants to help us with our problems, and He wants to rejoice with us when we conquer our fears and obstacles. It is important to make God part of all the moments of our life!

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will have Stations of the Cross on Friday's at 6:00 pm during Lent. All are welcome to attend. Please see the Church Website for Holy Week and Easter Mass Times.

Please plan to join us for our **Fabulous Lenten Fish Fry's on Friday, March 8th, March 22 and April 5th**. The Fish Fry's are in conjunction with the Sacred Heart Church and benefit both the Early Childhood Center and the Parish. During the Fish Fry's there will be a 50/50 drawing and the basket raffle will be held during the 2nd Fish Fry on March 22nd. We are in need of volunteers for all three of the dinners. If you are not able to help Volunteer at the dinners, please consider sponsoring an ingredient or supply item. Sponsorship forms are on the last page of this month's newsletter.

It is not too late to donate your gift basket for our **Basket Fundraiser!** Tickets are available in the front office! You do not need to be present to win. Drawing will be at the 2nd Fish Fry on March 22nd.

March 11th through the 15th we will begin work on our **Butterfly Garden** in memory of Mrs. Roxine Barthle. We are excited for the children to help plant the flowers and take care of the garden. Each family is invited to bring in your favorite butterfly friendly seeds or plants to help beautify our landscape. We are hoping that all the flowers will be in bloom for Easter!

Spring Break is March 18-22, 2019. There will be NO VPK during this week, we will be open for regular childcare and for the Before and After School Children. Please let the Staff know if your child will be attending during the Spring Break Week.

I hope that you have a beautiful month and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fish Fry's!!

Blessings,

Fish Fry Sponsorship!

Fabulous Lenten Fish Fry Sponsor Board

If you can't help at our FISH FRY'S, please lend your support by sponsoring an ingredient or supply item! You may choose to Sponsor ingredients for more than one Fish Fry Date.

2019 Fish Fry Dates: March 8th, March 22nd and April 5th

50.00 sponsors	25.00 sponsors	10.00 sponsors	5.00 sponsors
Propane	10Lbs of Fish	Velveeta Cheese	Flour
	Plates	Whole Onions	Grits
	Take Out Containers	Lemons	Milk
	Paper Towels	Baked Beans	Mayonnaise
	Aluminum Foil	Macaroni	Butter
	Large Trash Bags	Pepper	Coleslaw
	25lb. bag of Flour	Garlic	Apple Cider Vinegar
	25 lb. Bag of Corn-meal	Brown Sugar	Sugar
		Worcestershire Sauce	Tea
		Eggs	Salt
		Table Cover	Table Cover
		Lemonade	Creamer
		Plastic Ware	Food Service Gloves
		Relish	Artificial Sweeteners
		Coffee	Gallon Ketchup
		Gallon Ziploc Bags	Table Ketchup
		Aluminum Baking Pans	
		Dry Onions	

2019 Fish Fry Sponsorship March 8 March 22 April 5 Please return coupon with donation

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Thank you for your support!

The
Season
of
Lent



Lenten Resources

Loyola Press

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent>

Catholic Apostolate Center

<https://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/lenten-resources.html>

Catholic.org

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/>

Dynamic Catholic

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>

I Believe

<https://newsletters.ibelieve.com/gs-ib-easter-lent-prayer-devotional>

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