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# Claver's Chronicle

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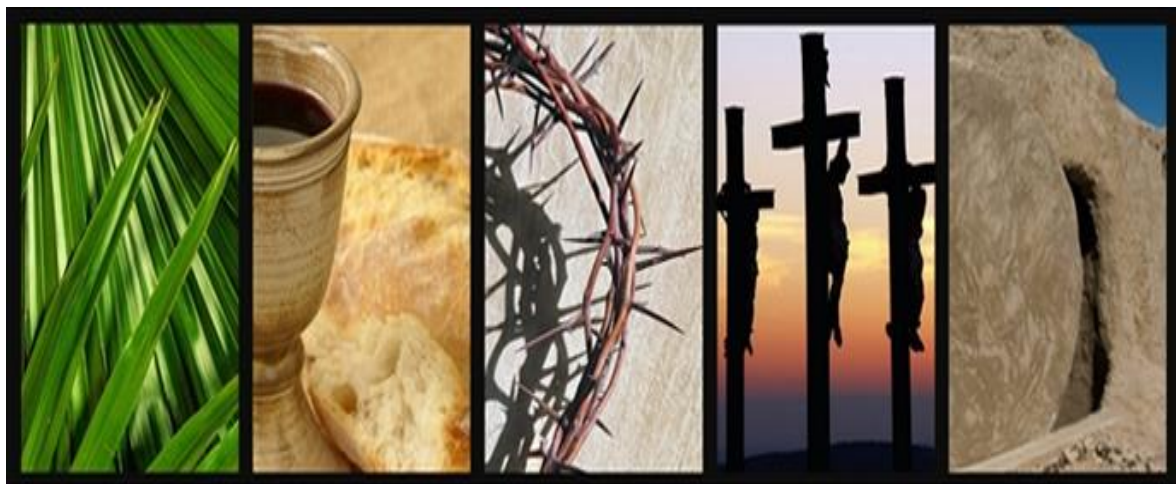
## March Milestones!

Can you believe our Auction is only eight weeks away! We are excitedly sorting out all the details and are looking forward to it! Please mark your calendars for April 27<sup>th</sup>! I am confident a good time will be had by all!

The children had a wonderful Ash Wednesday service with Father Mike. The children did a great job receiving their ashes and learning that it was a mark to show the world that God loved them. And He does!

Fall registration continues. I am so excited to say that we have had tremendous interest in our school with classrooms filling quickly! This response is due to your word of mouth to your neighbors and friends. The teachers and I are so very grateful for the publicity you provide! Keep spreading the word!

Please take a moment to read through all of this month's Claver Chronicle, so your family remains informed about what we have going on at the school! This month we begin with celebrating Dr. Seuss day on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Children in Rooms 1 and 2 are encouraged to wear their pajamas on both Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>. TK and Kindergarten may



Holy week

wear their pajamas on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> only.

Don't forget! Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 10. Move your clocks one hour ahead.

Lent started last month on Ash Wednesday. Let's not forget that Lent is a time for us to reflect and be reminded of Jesus' time in the desert. We are called to journey through our own desert and prepare our hearts for the dying and rising of our savior. Let us make sacrifices of our own, and add positive changes too. How can you grow closer in your relationship with Jesus? How can you as a family grow in each other's faith journey? Create a prayer space in the home, review the corporal works of mercy, or start each day with a simple prayer of gratitude for another chance to be who God created you to be.

On behalf of our great St. Peter Claver Family, we would like to thank you for your generosity!

Our Fundraiser for the McGarry Family Memorial Fund brought in \$1250.64!! A check was made and mailed to the family. Thank you again to all our families and God Bless.

### He Is Risen! Alleluia!

Happy Easter to you all!! Our Easter Break will start on Holy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and continue through Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. School resumes on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Easter is a celebration of life and rebirth! It brings renewed hope. It is the cornerstone of our faith as Catholics and Christians. Without Jesus suffering and dying on our account and rising - so that death is not the final word - our own hope for something beyond the grave is meaningless. But now Heaven is within our reach - thanks to Jesus. May this Easter celebration fill you with the love of God and the hope that is Jesus.

## Volunteer Hours

Remember! Everyone is obligated to do 20 Service Hours. At this point you should have completed 14 hours. The good news is there are about 3 more months left and more opportunities. Keep in mind, too, that service to our parish also counts!

## Bingo Night



Every Thursday evening. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact Paul Hopkins at (805) 390-7781 for Bingo.

## Fingerprinting

There will be a fingerprinting opportunity on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Youth Center. Please call Kyle to sign up (805) 526-0680 or email her at: [safeguard@saintpeterclaver.org](mailto:safeguard@saintpeterclaver.org)

## Spring Mini Photo shoot

If you are interested in Spring Mini Sessions 2024, our photographer Jennifer Carrillo will be here on Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be sending out an order form soon



## Questions



Do you have questions about our school? Office procedures?

Making payments and navigating Smart Care? Upcoming events? How you can volunteer?

On March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>h</sup> You can “Ask Ms. Rawd.” From 8:10 to 8:40 am you can come to the office.



Please come and join Mrs. Meyer in the staff room to discuss Principal matters or just stop by for a cup of coffee! You don’t have to be physically present. You could also join online through Zoom if you are unable to attend in person from 10:15 to 11:00 am on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

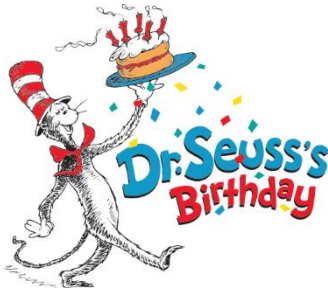
## Food Fundraiser!

This month’s food fundraising event will take place at Red Robbin. A 20% percentage of all sales will be donated to St. Peter Claver Preschool and Kindergarten. Don’t forget to bring your flier.



## Happy Birthday!!

Dr. Seuss! March 1<sup>st</sup>



## Early Dismissal

Please remember, there is an early 12:30 pm Kindergarten dismissal this month on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Followed by a 1:00 pm staff meeting. Extended Care is available until 5pm.

## Easter Break

Our Easter Break begins on Holy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and continues until Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. School resumes Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Father - Son Event

It will be on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the Youth Center. Watch out for more information.

## Irish Dancers

Irish Dancers will be here Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am in the Youth Center. Children who do not normally attend school on Fridays may attend accompanied by their parent or guardian.



# St. Patrick's Day



Did you know St. Patrick is one of the world’s most popular saints? Born in the year 387 in Britain, he was enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids and taken to Ireland. He turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built in the year 461. St. Patrick’s Day is Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The shamrock, a three-leaf clover, has been associated with Ireland for centuries. It was called the “seamroy” by the Celts and was considered a sacred plant that symbolized the arrival of spring. According to legend, St. Patrick used the plant as a visual guide when explaining the Holy Trinity. By the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## Dates to Remember

3/1	12:30 pm KG dismissal, 1:00 pm Staff meeting.	3/12	Food Fundraiser.
3/1	Happy Birthday! Dr. Seuss.	3/14	Coffee with the principal 10:15–11:00 am.
3/5 & 6	Ask Ms. Rawd 8:10 am to 8:40 am	3/15	Irish Dancers 8:45 am
3/6	Coffee with the principal 10:15–11:00 am.	3/17	St. Patrick’s Day
3/9	Father-Son event	3/19 & 20	Spring Mini photo shoot.
3/10	Daylight Saving. Spring forward.	3/24	Palm Sunday.
		3/28 – 4/5	Easter Break.

## Looking Ahead.....

Our biggest fundraising event of the year will be taking place on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Please join us for dinner, cocktails as well as a live auction/ silent auction.

On Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, there will setting up for the event and there will be 12:30 pm Kindergarten Dismissal on this day.

Are you in need of service hours? You may donate a \$50 gift certificate from Costco to receive a service hour.

## Parish Easter Egg Hunt



Our parish will be holding the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the noon Mass on Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm on the west lawn. All kids, ages 2 through 12, are invited to participate! Please make sure your child brings an Easter basket to gather goodies. (The parish is still in need of individually wrapped candies. Donations may be left in the container inside the main entrance of the church or during business hours at the parish office).

## Holy Week and Easter Triduum

### Holy Thursday March 28:

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm

### Good Friday March 29:

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 12:00 pm (Noon)

Reflection of the Seven Last Words - 1:45pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 5:00 pm (Spanish)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:30 pm

### Holy Saturday March 30:

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets - 12:00 pm (Noon)

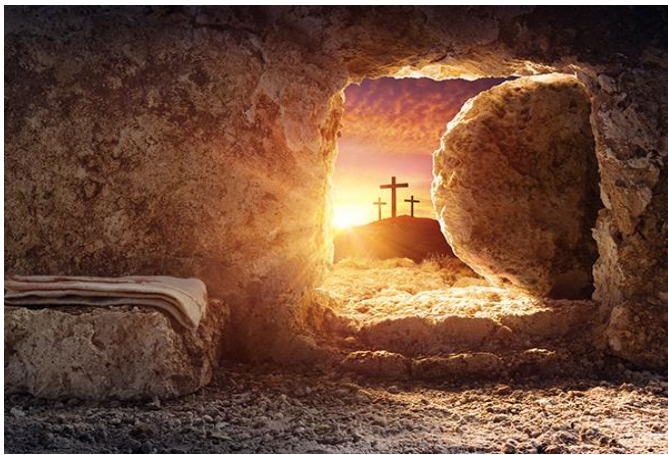
Easter Vigil Mass - 7:30 pm

### Easter Sunday March 31:

Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm (Noon) Mass at the church

12:05 pm in the Parish Hall in Spanish.

There will be no evening Masses.



Our parish will be having a community penance service on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm in preparation for Easter.

It is incumbent upon Catholics to receive this Holy Sacrament at least once a year. Several priests will be hearing confession.

Confessions will also be heard during Lent on Saturdays 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Saturdays of Lent (March 2,9,16 from 8:00-9:00 am and

March 23 from 8:00 to 10:00 am)

There will be **NO** confessions during Holy Week.



## Talk it up...

Taken from *Teaching Young Children*, Vol 7, No 3.

**Why** is a large vocabulary important for children? Because it's linked to their reading and school success.

Help your child learn new words through conversations, reading aloud, and singing.

Try these vocabulary-building ideas at home.

**Narrate your adventures in the car, at the grocery store, or on a walk.** *Look how many plums are in the bin. They are all round and purple, except for this one on top.*

**Talk about what your child is doing.** *Look how high you made that LEGO skyscraper. Let's count how many pieces are in your construction.*

**Read aloud to your child every day.** *What do you think it means that the spider wriggled and jiggled and tickled inside the old lady?*

**Describe what you are doing.** *I'm putting the food out for breakfast. I made scrambled eggs because we all like them. There is some tangerine juice to drink. Tangerine juices tastes a lot like orange juice that you think is so yummy.*

**Sing with children to introduce and reinforce new vocabulary.** *After we read the book I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly, we can sing the song.*

**Talk, Talk, Talk!** Ask your child open-ended questions and give him time to respond. *What was your favorite part of our trip to the zoo? How is the zoo different from the library?*

St. Peter Claver Preschool and Kindergarten provides a developmentally appropriate curriculum centered in faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We endeavor to deepen a child's awareness and love of God and nurture their natural love of learning.

We, the members of St. Peter Claver Catholic community, acknowledge and respect the uniqueness of each child. In partnership with parents, we provide developmentally appropriate Catholic instruction in an environment which supports each child's sense of self and nurtures a love of learning. Our curriculum incorporates a variety of learning activities designed to enhance a child's love of God, and promotes problem solving, creativity, self-expression, and social skills. We seek to stimulate children's learning in all developmental areas, while at the same time, allow for individual differences in learning styles. St. Peter Claver Preschool and Kindergarten affirms the worth and dignity of each child and fosters an understanding and sensitivity to all people by encouraging reverence and respect for each person.



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